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Only In America

Two pit bulls rescue woman from red chow

OMAHA, Neb. - Two dogs whose breed has a reputation for being mean played the roles of rescuers for a woman who was being attacked by another dog.

A red chow was on top of Angie Pecoraro, 22, in her yard on Monday when two pit bulls jumped over a fence and fought off the chow, Nebraska Humane Society spokeswoman Pam Wiese said.

Witnesses said the chow had bitten Pecoraro several times on her hands, arms and stomach, Wiese said.

An ambulance took Pecoraro to a hospital, where she was treated and released, Wiese said.

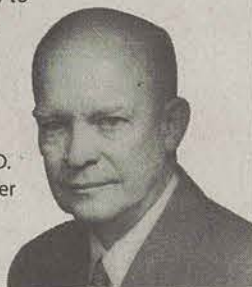
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Quote of the Day

"An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower



Weekend Weather

Friday



Mostly Sunny

HIGH
69°
LOW
43°

Saturday



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
68°
LOW
45°

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New parking plan announced for fall semester

As the transit system goes into effect, on-campus parking will be cut back to approximately 7,000 spots

Special to the G-A

Getting to and from class will be markedly different for Georgia Southern students next August. New parking regulations will modify the way parking permits are issued to the lots in the inner campus; a new transit system will move students around on buses; and students will be encouraged to walk or bicycle for transportation and exercise.

Look at page 2 for a map of the new parking lots and transit routes for fall semester

Under the new plan, permit sales for the commuter lots closest to the central campus will be restricted to approximately 7,000 vehicles and will be issued for specific lots. Permits will be sold for each individual lot until the lot is sold out. Students will

then have the opportunity to get on a waiting list, select another lot or park at Paulson Stadium. If they elect to get on a waiting list, they will be allowed to park at Paulson Stadium until their name comes up.

"Students are concerned; now they have to hunt from one lot to another to find a parking space. Under this system, we'll only issue as many permits for a particular lot as we reasonably expect it will hold at peak times," said Wendy Hagins, director of auxiliary services.

Parking permits will go on sale Monday, April 18. Students will be notified by EAGLEgram (e-mail) when they can begin purchasing parking permits. For the first time, students can purchase annual parking permits online.

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Katie Anderson/STAFF

Next fall, students will pay to park in assigned plots around campus or will have to ride the transit system.



Rachel Weeks/STAFF

Veazy Hall residents threw the building a goodbye party. This will be the last semester that Veazy will be a residence hall.

Students say farewell to historic Veazey Hall

By Rachel Weeks

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Veazy Hall residents gathered in front of their historic home to say an early farewell. The Closing Cookout Celebration was a chance for the residents to talk about the changes and renovations that will happen over the summer.

The residence hall will be transformed into a building to

house the Communication Arts department, the Academic Success Center, and Graduate Studies.

Veazy Hall was completed in 1959, and originally it was a woman's dorm. The dormitory was named after Mamie Veazy, Dean of Women and has housed thousands of students in the 46 years since its completion. It is currently a co-ed residence hall that is home to approximately 150 students,

according to Resident Advisor (RA) Beth Feagain who says she will miss her friends.

"I've lived here for two years and I'll miss the sense of community. We don't have cable and the internet doesn't always work so you have to come out of your room to socialize," she said.

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Eric Rudolph pleads guilty

Rudolph admits to Olympic bombing and three other attacks

By Kristen Wyatt

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Right-wing extremist Eric Rudolph pleaded guilty Wednesday to carrying out the deadly bombing at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and three other attacks across the South, admitting to one of the crimes with a hint of pride in his voice and a wink at prosecutors.

Rudolph, 38, entered his pleas during back-to-back court appearances - first in Birmingham, Ala., in the morning, then in Atlanta in the afternoon - after working out a plea bargain that will spare him from the death penalty. He will get four consecutive life sentences without parole.

The four blasts killed two people and wounded more than 120 others.

When asked in Atlanta whether he was guilty of all the bombings, Rudolph politely and calmly responded, "I am."

He offered no apology or explanation in either court appearance, but his lawyers said he would eventually release a written statement explaining how and why he committed the crimes.

The bomb that exploded at the Olympics was hidden in a knapsack and sent nails and screws ripping through a crowd



Dave Dieter/AP Photo

Eric Rudolph is led from federal courthouse in Huntsville, Ala., March 29, 2005, following a court appearance.

at Centennial Olympic Park during a concert. A woman was killed and 111 other people were wounded in what proved to be Rudolph's most notorious attack, carried out on an international stage amid heavy security.

Rudolph also admitted to bombing a gay nightclub in Atlanta which wounded five people in 1997 and attacking a suburban Atlanta office building containing an abortion clinic that same year. Six people were wounded in that attack, which consisted of two blasts: first a small one to draw law officers, then a larger explosion.

At times Rudolph rocked in his chair, but otherwise sat stonefaced and stared straight

See BOMBING, page 8

Study finds racism in French Quarter bars

By Mary Foster

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Head to Bourbon Street any hour of the night or day and you'll find music, booze, strippers and a party atmosphere. If you're black, you run a better than even chance of also finding discrimination, harassment and price gouging.

Those are the findings of a study done for the city in the wake of the death of a black Georgia Southern student who suffocated in a scuffle with white bouncers outside Razzoo Bar and Patio on the famous French Quarter street.

"One would think that more than 40 years after the Civil Rights Act of 1964, discrimination against African-Americans in public accommodations would have subsided," said James Perry, executive director of the Greater New Orleans

Fair Housing Action Center which conducted the study. "The audit, however, provides concrete evidence that it has not."

The study paired black and white men - dubbed mystery shoppers - of the same type, body style, dress and manner, sent them into 28 Bourbon Street bars within minutes of each other to evaluate the treatment they received.

In 57 percent of the bars, the blacks received less favorable treatment than their white counterparts. In 40 percent of the test blacks were charged more for drinks. In 10 percent, they were told there was a drink minimum which they would have to buy, while the whites weren't. In 7 percent of the bars, blacks were told they would have to meet a dress code, while the whites, dressed in the same fashion, were not.

"The thing that we saw most often

was different drink prices based on a person's race," Perry said.

A white tester bought a Long Island ice tea for \$7.50 while the black shopper was charged \$9, Perry said. In another bar, a pair of whites drinks cost \$15.50 while a pair of blacks, also ordering a vodka and tonic and gin and juice, were charged \$18.25.

The authors of the report recommended the city take a number of steps, including increasing investigations into discrimination in Bourbon Street bars and enforcing civil rights laws through litigation.

"This is 2005, not 1964, and this will not be tolerated," said Larry Bagneris, executive director of the New Orleans Human Relations Commission.

Names of the bars in the study were not released. They will be notified of the findings, however,

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Special to the G-A

Protestors hold up signs outside the bar where Lavon Jones was killed. In a recent study of French Quarter bars, researchers found that black males were charged more for their drinks than white males who were dressed the same.

GSU's Damelin awarded visiting professorship at U. of Minnesota

Damelin to work in university's Institute of Mathematics and its applications

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern faculty member Steve Damelin has been selected to participate in an elite program that will take him to the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) at the University of Minnesota.



Steve Damelin

An associate professor in GSU's Department of Mathematical Sciences, Damelin is one of only two people in the entire country to receive a New Directions Visiting Professorship for the 2005-2006 academic year at the IMA.

Damelin will participate in the 10-month-long thematic program on imaging science, a field of study that involves the processes of image formation and the use of data from sensors to form images.

"Many of the leading researchers in imaging science and the related mathematics will be in residence," IMA Director Doug Arnold said. "The thematic programming, we believe, will be the nexus of mathematical imaging science research in 2005-2006."

Established by the National Science Foundation in 1982, the IMA seeks to increase the impact of mathematics by fostering interdisciplinary research that links mathematics with scientific and technological problems from other disciplines and industry.

The New Directions Visiting Professorships program was created in 2003.

The national pool of applicants for the two annual positions are judged on criteria that include scientific background and accomplishments; soundness of research plans; and potential to contribute to the advance of science in new areas.

"The selection of Professor Dame-

lin obviously reflects very well on him and on Georgia Southern University," Arnold said.

Part of Georgia Southern's faculty since 2000, Damelin focuses much of his research on applied analysis and finite fields.

He has written or co-authored over 42 papers and given more than 72 talks at conferences, universities and mathematical institutes.

"My main reason for applying for the visiting professorship was to establish strong collaborations with numerous other researchers as well as to learn about new fields related to my own work," Damelin said. "I aim to bring my experiences back to GSU so that they can be used to broaden the scope of courses offered to both graduate and undergraduate students."

"I also hope that my future research programs will benefit, not only for future publications, but for future grant proposals, too. In addition, I hope to increase the visibility of our university."

Damelin will participate in the visiting professorship program from Sept. 1, 2005, until June 30, 2006.

During that time, he will conduct research as well as take part in a variety of workshops, tutorials, lectures and panel discussions.

"By enabling Professor Damelin to immerse himself in the environment provided by the thematic program on imaging science, the visiting professorship will provide him with an extraordinary opportunity to move quickly towards cutting edge interdisciplinary research," Arnold said.

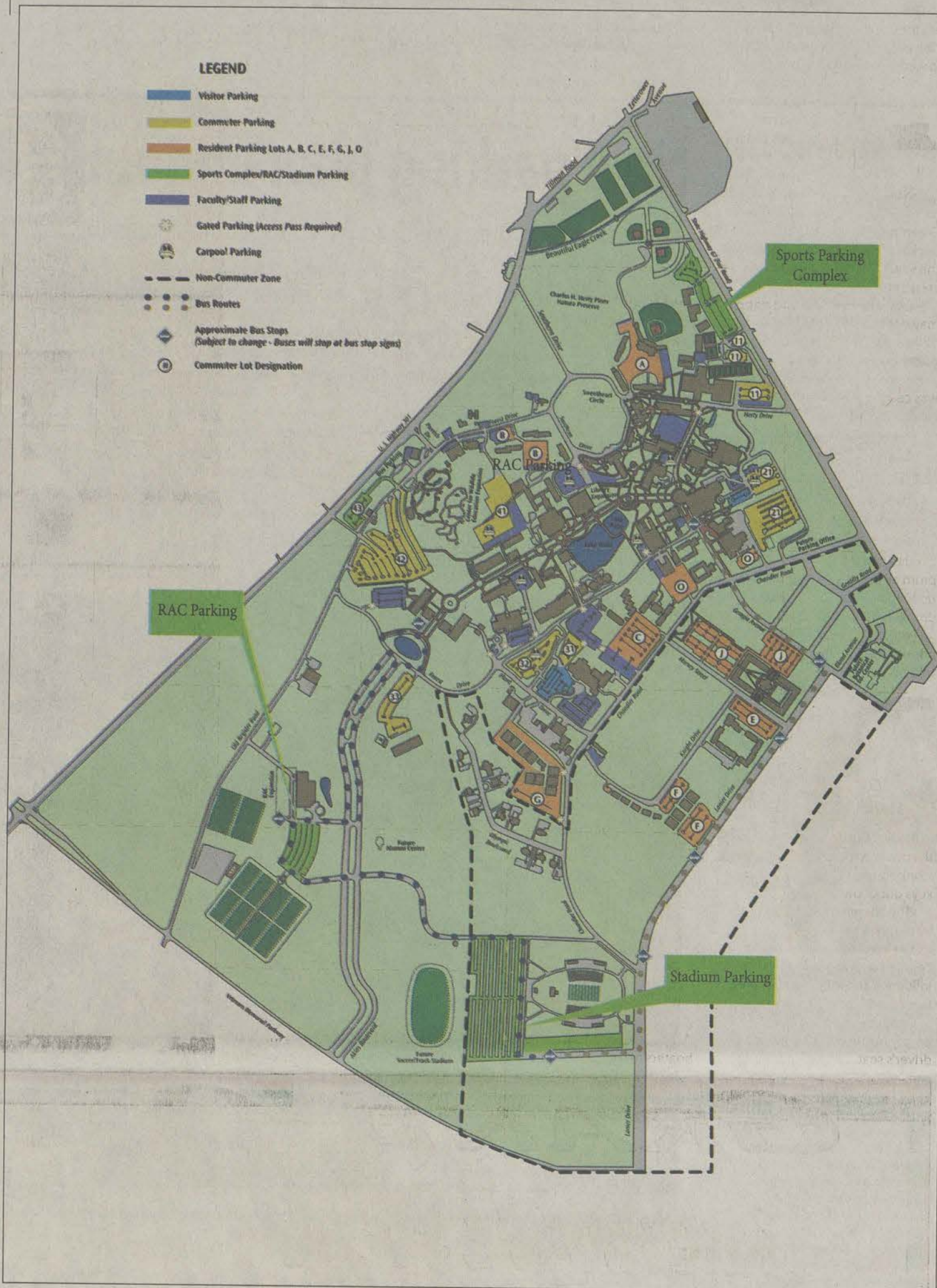
Prior to coming to GSU, Damelin served at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa.

He has held visiting positions at Pennsylvania State University, the University of South Florida and Katholieke Universiteit in Belgium.

Damelin holds a B.S., an M.S. and a Ph.D., all from the University of Witwatersrand.

Map of parking changes shows new set up

The map below shows the parking changes that take effect in the fall of 2005. Shown on the map are the parking lots for campus residents and commuter students, as well as the routes for the transit system. All students and faculty/staff will be able to use the new bus system. But those living on Lanier Drive will not be able to drive to campus and will have to find another option, which includes the new system.



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GSU's 'Club Mud' sale May 5-7

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern art students will sell their ceramic and jewelry creations in the popular "Club Mud" sale.

The popular event, which is held at the end of every fall and spring semester, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

The sale will take place in the Ceramics and Sculpture Building on the corner of Akins Boulevard and Forest

Drive on the GSU campus.

The ceramics will include home-made bowls, cups, plates and sculptures.

The jewelry is handmade with copper, brass, nickel silver, sterling silver, enameling and semiprecious stones.

The proceeds from the sale will help students raise money for supplies, visiting artists and seminars.

For additional information, call (912) 486-7473.

POLICE BEAT

04-08-05

- Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted seven motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

04-09-05

- A purse was taken from a vehicle in the Southern Pines residence hall parking lot.
- Officers issued one traffic citation and two traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

04-10-05

- A Southern Pines resident reported receiving harassing emails.
- Officers assisted three motorists and one sick person and responded to one fire alarm.

04-11-05

- Kristopher Jordan Crosse, 19, of Southern Pines residence hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Jared Chambliss Hall, 19, of

Veazey Hall, was charged with DUI (refused test) and driving with an expired tag.

• A case of harassment was reported at the Southern Pines residence hall.

• A computer was taken from Southern Courtyard.

• A Johnson Hall resident reported a case of financial transaction card fraud.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted five motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

04-12-05

• A case of criminal trespass was reported at the Southern Pines residence hall.

• A case of harassment was reported at Johnson Hall.

• A wallet was taken from the Hanner complex.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings and investigated one traffic accident.

Only in America

Shoplifter walks off with bird in pocket

GREENBURGH — This shoplifter's for the birds. Suburban New York pet-shop owner Ira Hertz says someone swiped an exotic baby bird, worth \$1,600, from his store.

According to Hertz, a man walked into the Bird Jungle in New York

Greenburgh, put the bird in his pocket and walked out. Hertz says the valuable bird is a lesser sulphur crescent cockatoo.

Hertz is worried the bird-napper may not know how to take care of the little guy. Hertz has some pretty good evidence.

He says the whole bird-napping was caught on a security camera video.

Limo driver charged with drunk driving

WINTER SPRINGS — Ten teens hired a limo so they'd get to their prom all in one piece — but ended up helping bust their chauffeur on drunken driving charges.

Patrick Curley used his cell phone to call home Saturday and told his parents the driver had

ignored stop signs, cut off other vehicles and veered onto the wrong side of the road.

Robert Curley told his son to tell the driver to pull over. When she stopped, the students grabbed the keys out of the ignition.

The students got to the prom 90 minutes late.

Christina Tomacelli, 49, was charged with driving under the influence and refusing to submit to a blood-alcohol test.

Deputies said they found a half-empty bottle of vodka next to the driver's seat.

911 dispatcher offers to shoot unruly child

WATAUGA — A 911 dispatcher was reprimanded for responding to a mother's plea for help with an unruly child by saying: "OK. Do you want us to come over to shoot her?"

The woman said she recently phoned authorities after coming home to find her daughters fighting. She said her 12-year-old

daughter kicked a hole in the wall. After Forbess' comment, the woman fell silent for about five seconds.

"Are you there?" Forbess asked. "Excuse me?" the woman asked.

Forbess, a dispatcher for five years at the Watauga Department of Public Safety, told her he was joking and apologized.

But the woman was offended, and Forbess immediately told his supervisor what happened.

Young whale ends up in Delaware River

TRENTON — A young beluga whale that apparently took a wrong turn and wound up in the Delaware River, 80 miles from the open sea, appeared to be making its way back downstream on Wednesday.

State officials said the 10- to 12-foot white whale was spotted near Beverly, about eight miles south of the point where it was first spotted

around noon Tuesday at Trenton, where it drew hundreds of camera-toting spectators.

State police and environmental officials said they hoped the whale would find its own way back south to open water, and were keeping boaters away.

Scientists scramble to destroy flu strain

WASHINGTON — Countries around the world were destroying vials of a nearly 50-year-old killer flu virus Wednesday that were sent to thousands of labs as part of a routine test kit, raising fears of a global pandemic.

The World Health Organization said Canada, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore had already destroyed their samples, while Japan was doing the same.

Taiwan and Germany also announced that they had destroyed all their vials.

Pianist Johnnie Johnson dead at 80

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Johnnie Johnson, a rock 'n' roll pioneer who teamed with Chuck Berry for hits like "Roll Over Beethoven" and "No Particular Place to Go," died Wednesday. He was 80.

Johnson died at his St. Louis home. The cause of death was not immediately known, said publicist Margo Lewis. He had been hospitalized a month ago with pneumonia and was on dialysis for a kidney ailment, said John May, a friend and fellow musician.

Though he was never a household name, Johnson and Berry's long collaboration helped define early rock 'n' roll. Johnson often composed the music on piano, then Berry converted it to guitar and wrote the lyrics.

After he and Berry parted ways, Johnson performed with Keith Richards, Eric Clapton, John Lee Hooker and Bo Diddley, among others. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001.

Johnson was born in Fairmont, West Virginia, and began playing piano at 4. He moved to Chicago after World War II, where he played jazz and blues in clubs. He moved to St. Louis in the early 1950s, forming his own R&B band, the Johnnie Johnson Trio.

Johnson is survived by his wife and children.

National News Briefs

House votes to end federal estate taxes

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to eliminate federal estate taxes in 2010 and beyond, a repeal that Republicans hailed but

many Democrats said would reward the richest families at the steep cost of deeper federal deficits.

House lawmakers voted 272-162 to prevent the tax on inherited estates from reappearing after its one-year disappearance in 2010.

The bill would end the tax at a

cost of roughly \$290 billion over the next decade.

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



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Editorials from Around the Nation

Hillary says Dems need security blanket

The following editorial appeared in the New York Daily News on Tuesday, April 12:

It's not news that the junior senator from the State of New York has been making a point of distancing herself from her party's way-out-there-in-left-field flank ever since November's election debacle. She has talked about the importance of prayer, and of finding common ground on abortion, and of the depredations of the media on children.

Monday, though, sitting down with the New York Daily News Editorial Board in the wake of the weekend Minneapolis speech that point-blank posited her as the future of the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton made things even more crystal-clear: Too many Dems just plain don't get it. And that's why they lost the presidential race last year.

Party leaders had it wrong all along, she said: It really was about national security, stupid. National security post-9/11 trumped all, and was far more important to the outcome of the contest than the widely accepted belief that the Republicans had won the day based on being in touch with red state "values."

Said the senator: "Security was the issue. It was the issue from the beginning. How could it be anything else after 9/11? It was the paramount issue. If you are not secure and if you can't persuade a majority of people that you are going to be strong and tough where we need to be to protect America and our interests, you can't cross the threshold."

Said the senator: "What I am doing is helping to frame some of these security, international issues in a different way, so that other Democrats can say, 'Well, that makes sense.'"

Dead right, senator. The election was about about waking up alive and breathing in cities that were not reduced to heaps of smoking cinders. That's what it was about. That's what it's still about.

If the Deans and the Boxers and the Kennedys and the Kerrys somehow cannot bring themselves to comprehend the elegant simplicity of this, Clinton has, we observe, just officially staked out her claim to the sentiments of most of the American people.

And, whether or not she intends to unveil herself as a presidential candidate three years from now – and the lady isn't saying – we think thoughtful Dems would do well to listen up.

More government secrecy means less security for us all

By Rick Blum
OpenTheGovernment.org

Beware all you parents, firefighters, scientists, librarians and others who care about public health, safety and information: Last year, the federal government classified information as secret more times than ever before.

In 2004, Washington bureaucrats kept secrets a record 15.6 million times, 10 percent more times than in 2003, and nearly twice as many as in 2001, according to National Archives data released April 5.

Imagine you're a citizen activist or a firefighter concerned about the threat to your community from toxic pollutants or explosives from a nearby chemical plant. Imagine the government denies you the data to verify the nature and extent of the danger. How can you push local officials to fix the problems so your children can be safe at school and home?

Suppose you're an FBI translator who was fired because you blew the whistle on agency incompetence in not acting on evidence that may have prevented the 9/11 attack – and the Justice Department's own inspector general backed up your claims. How can you get the documents you need to get your job back when your entire case has been declared a secret?

Such cases make up the thousands of such denials every year. And ironically, while government hit a record for secrecy, the public made its own record. To gather data from government, the public is using the Freedom of Information Act more today than at any point since its passage: Last year the public filed a record three million requests. Perhaps there's a connection. Denied more data from government, the public is forced to resort to using this cumbersome law to get information agencies routinely deny us.

Of course in wartime a few more secrets would be expected, but officials and institutions are too quick to classify information without fully considering the public's need to know it. Often secrecy is used as a smokescreen to prevent embarrassment or hide wrongdoing,

as in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal.

A few more numbers: The new data show that government has also been releasing fewer old secrets. Declassification has dropped 70 percent from 100 million pages in 2000 to 28 million in 2004, the lowest point in nearly a decade.

And secrecy is very costly to taxpayers. In 2003, the executive branch spent \$120 to make and keep documents secret for every \$1 spent to declassify others. The overall federal budget crunch will make it all worse unless new controls and resources are put in place. (Openness, by contrast, can save money: Whistleblowers helped recoup \$1.5 billion in tax money in 2003.)

On top of all this, federal bureaucrats have for years been keeping some unclassified information from the public by merely labeling it "sensitive." However, if revealing such information could harm national security, it should be classified – and if not, it must be made public. Too often "that's sensitive" or "that's a secret" really means "I have something to hide."

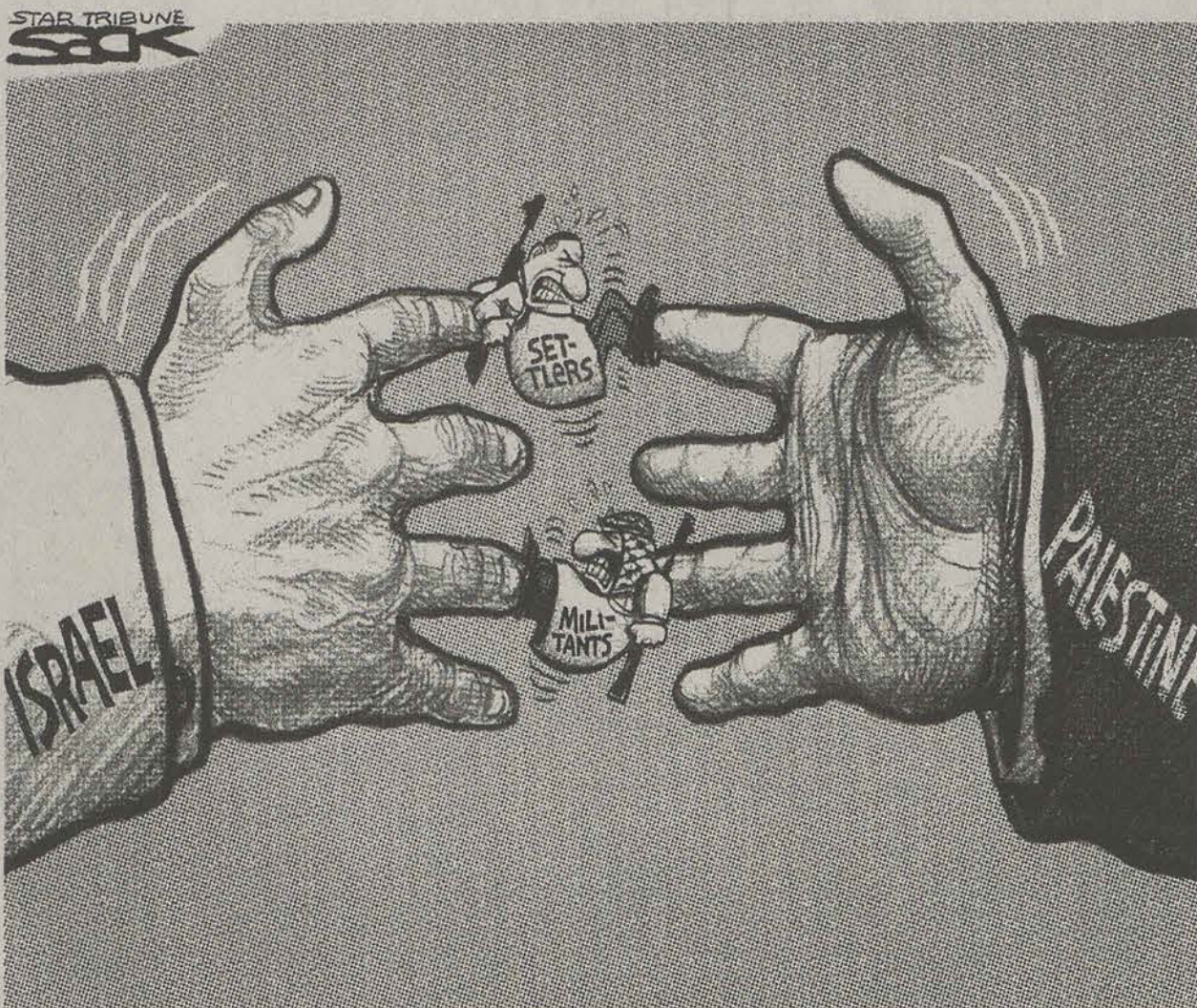
So how do we fix this? Congress and the executive branch must overhaul the way the government keeps secrets. The safety and security of our democracy – from threats to national security and public health – depend on the government's keeping secret only what is necessary and ensuring the public has access to all the rest. Americans deserve a system that holds government employees accountable for decisions to keep secrets, eliminates abuse of secrecy by calling information "sensitive," and reduces overall secrecy.

It is past time Congress and the executive branch put adequate checks and balances on secrecy.

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Relationships & Sex

SPEAKING OF... Gossip

As an advice columnist, I'm willing to bet that gossip is hardwired into most humans, both male and female, and may have evolved as a survival skill.

Back in the old days, it may have been useful to know where the nearest sources of food and clean water were, and what social events you quietly needed to be aware of. People who provided positive information would have been valued highly. To this day, gossip can still be good, although sometimes it can take a turn towards ugly.

When gossip is good

A little bit of chit-chat can keep most social group running smoothly, and often helps to cement friendships. Tiny bits of trivia can be very entertaining; just look at how many of us read out celebrity gossip columns to our friends for a laugh (yes Brandon, I'm talking about you!). It can also help your career: you can find out informally where there are new job openings, have warnings of impending redundancies or skirt your way discretely around assorted office affairs without putting your foot in it or hurting anyone's feelings.

In its most positive form, gossip shows that you're taking an interest in what's going on around you. Gossip even allows us to bring something new and interesting to our small talk, and also into more elaborate conversations.

Sometimes it's good for sparking off creative ideas or keeping an eye on new trends that might affect our lives (like fashion). Most of us have the common sense to know that idle gossip is a bit of

fun and has its place, but should not be taken too seriously... most of us!

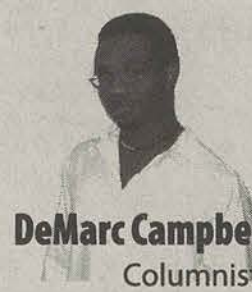
When gossip is bad

Sometimes the facts behind the gossip go through a process of 'Creative Realignment', being re-told incessantly and eventually becoming grossly distorted or even having the original meaning reversed. We have all laughed when someone said, "It was in the paper so it must be true," and the same goes for tidbits we might hear from our friends and co-workers. Sometimes, you have to take gossip with a pinch of salt, and go to the source if you want to get it right.

Gossip becomes downright bitching if the person telling the story has a hidden agenda. They may want to make someone look bad in front of their friends, or steal their job/friends/boyfriend/social position, just to name a few things. It is generally considered to be childish, and often backfires when people eventually realize what's going on. Let me repeat that: Childish.

Often, the person spreading malicious gossip is very insecure, or jealous, and can't deal with their feelings in a healthy, less psychotic way.

From my mouth, to your eyes, always be very careful when passing on negative information. Someone could be using you in a 'realignment campaign' to get at another person unfairly. Silly or 'funny' bitchiness may simply be due to an individual's sense of humor. But if it gets to you, don't be scared to ask them to tone it down - they may not realize they've overstepped the mark.



DeMarc Campbell
Columnist

Making America's tax laws fairer, simpler and more efficient

By Rep. Steny H. Hoyer
U.S. House of Representatives

The one thing that millions of Americans will not be saying at the end of this week is, "Thank goodness, it's Friday."

That's because Friday is April 15, the annual deadline for filing federal income tax returns – a duty of citizenship that provokes anxiety, confusion and anger in many taxpayers every year.

Without question, the Internal Revenue Code has become a maze of complexity that confounds millions of Americans. It treats many taxpayers unfairly. And it creates an opportunity – some would say an incentive – for those who would exploit its complexity to avoid compliance.

As Nina Olson, in the National Taxpayer Advocate, stated in December in her Annual Report to Congress: "The most serious problem facing taxpayers and the IRS alike is the complexity of the Internal Revenue Code ... The only meaningful way to reduce these compliance burdens is to simplify the tax code enormously."

Anyone who doubts that observation should consider the facts.

The IRS now prints more than 1,000 publications, forms and instruction booklets. The tax code and regulations have grown to more than 60,000 pages. And despite repeated pledges by Republicans to simplify our tax laws, the tax code and regulations actually have increased by more than 10,000 pages over the last four years.

Four common forms – Form 1040 and Schedules A (Itemized Deductions), B (Interest and Ordinary Dividends) and D (Capital Gains and Losses) – take an estimated 28 hours and 30 minutes to prepare, according to the IRS. In 1988, the paperwork burden for these forms was 17 hours, seven minutes.

Even the simplest form in the IRS inventory, the 1040EZ, requires three hours and 43 minutes to prepare, up from 1 hour and 31 minutes in 1988.

Not surprisingly, the costs of tax complexity are staggering – more than \$100 billion a year in accounting fees and the value of taxpayers' time to complete their returns, according to Joel Slemrod, a tax expert at the University of Michigan.

Equally unsurprising is the fact that millions of Americans, when confronted with such a complicated burden, hand off their tax preparation to professionals. Nearly 60 percent of individuals do that today, as do more than 85 percent of businesses.

Clearly, our tax system must be made simpler, fairer and more efficient. That is why every American should closely monitor the work of the Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, a bipartisan group appointed

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See Rudy. See Rudy run.

By Michael Goodwin
New York Daily News

With Rudy Giuliani often saying he'd probably run for office again, there were three options: governor, senator, president. When an aide said last week the first two were out, only one choice remains standing.

Rudy's running for prez. It's unofficial, of course, but there's no other way to read Giuliani's decision to skip the governor and Senate races next year. Win or lose, running for either would have made it impossible to run for president in 2008.

The development brought to mind a conversation with a Giuliani friend in 1988, when Giuliani was a Manhattan U.S. attorney. Amid chatter even then that Giuliani had his eye on Washington, his friend argued he was already a national player. "If you had to name 100 people who have a chance to be president, Rudy's name would be on the list," the friend said then.

When I reached the friend last week and reminded him of our conversation, he quickly said, "The list is now down to five."

That sounds about right. In fact, Giuliani's already the front-runner for the GOP nomination. A recent Marist poll put him the top choice among likely candidates, with Arizona Sen. John McCain second.

The same poll put Sen. Hillary Clinton as the top Democrat, meaning she and Giuliani could finally finish

that 2000 Senate race aborted by his prostate cancer. Only now the stakes would be as high as they could be.

Nobody gets an easy shot at the Oval Office, Giuliani included. Polls aside, he's to his party's left with support for gun control and gay rights. Having been married three times won't help.

But the biggest barrier will be his pro-choice stance. As former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman notes in her book "It's My Party, Too," the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion remains the party's biggest fault line. Whitman writes that except for Gerald Ford in 1976, "every subsequent presidential and vice-presidential nominee - Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Dan Quayle, Bob Dole, Jack Kemp, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney - supported efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade at the time they were nominated."

Perhaps Giuliani could break that string, but he denied that he had even decided to try. "No, no," he told me by phone. "The only thing I've decided is not to rule it out." He said the decision would depend on "how important it is, now necessary it is."

"That's how I decided to run for mayor, based on how much of a difference can you make. I wouldn't run just to get noticed, which some people do. I would do it because I thought I could make a big difference. You really have to believe in that to run."

Would national security be a big issue again?

"Given what's going on in the world, national security, foreign policy and the global economy will be big issues permanently. The old line from 1992, 'it's the economy, stupid,' meaning domestic issues, was permanently changed by Sept. 11."

Will we be attacked again? "My answer is always we are safer, but we are not yet safe."

When I asked whether the Democrats were moving too far left with Howard Dean as boss, his answer could serve as a warning to his own party, too.

"Most elections are won in the middle. Especially in a presidential election, you need broad appeal to be successful."

"Values are important," he added, "but who makes us feel safer is dominant...if you're a Democrat, you have to find some way to deal with that."

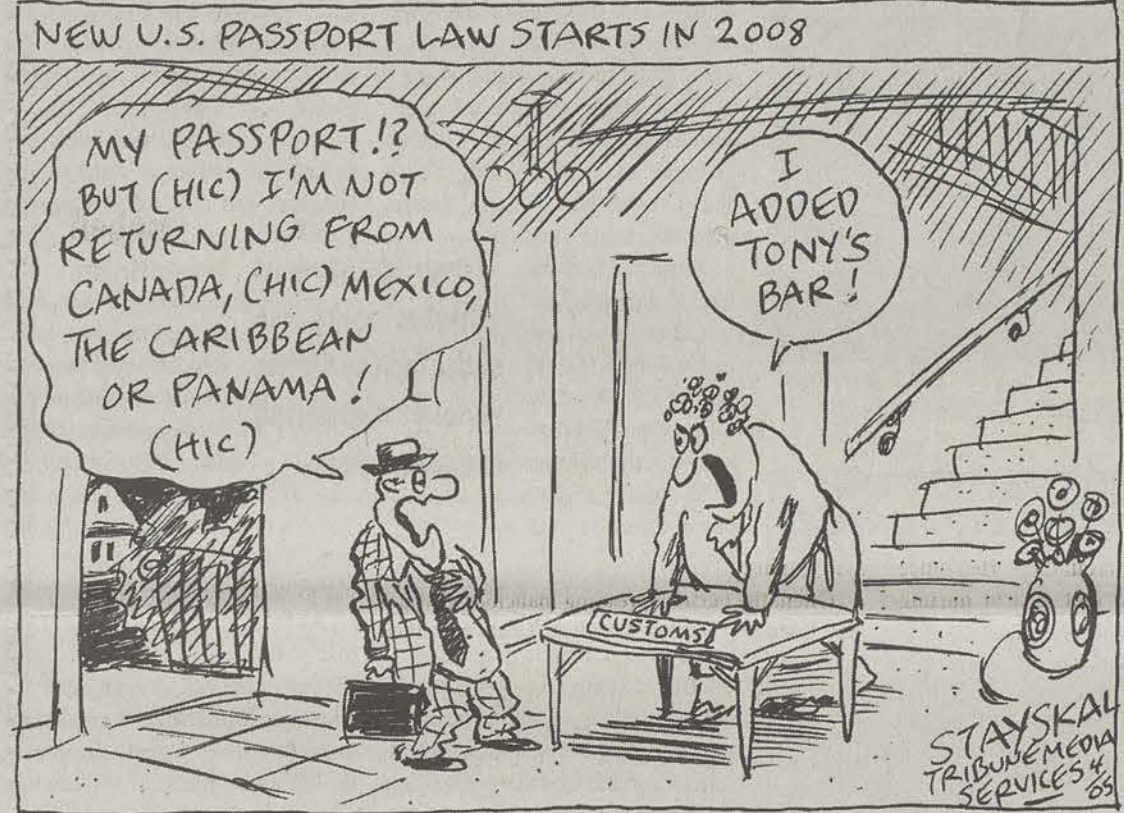
His health?

"My health is terrific, I feel great and I'm cancer free."

Since Hillary is clearly running for president, we might finally get the Big Showdown?

He laughed, long and loud. I take that as a yes.

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Passport, please, and with a smile

The following editorial appeared in the Seattle Times on Friday, April 8:

Requiring passports for re-entry into the United States after regional travel to Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean is a bother, but a tolerable one.

Nations have the right to control their borders. If the point were ever in doubt, the discussion ended Sept. 11, 2001, for most Americans. The requirement will be phased in, first for air travelers and then by 2008 for anyone crossing the long borders by land.

The flip side, of course, is that our neighbors will be expected to have secure identification as well. If Canadians were inclined to be annoyed or insulted, their indignation was neatly trumped by a pre-emptive snit, a perfectly timed tantrum from a Canadian official.

On the same day U.S. intentions were announced, Canada's federal auditor-general, Sheila Fraser, went ballistic about the shabby state of Passport Canada and its role in border security.

Bush should engage youngsters in honest debate

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Wednesday, April 6:

President Bush is more than halfway through a 60-day, taxpayer-funded tour to promote his plan to overhaul Social Security.

Having failed to win over many seniors in a series of staged "town hall" meetings, Bush now intends to turn his powers of persuasion toward younger audiences.

Here's an idea for the president and his handlers: In what's left of this cross-country tour, how about allowing young people to present an honest exchange of differing views? The president likes to say he is holding a "conversation" with Americans about Social Security, but so far the dialogue has been tightly scripted to support Bush's proposal for private accounts.

Every president prefers to speak to adoring audiences. But it's cheesy to call an event a "town-hall meeting," invoking the nation's finest tradition of rambunctious democratic dialogue, then script it down to the last comma.

It's understandable to take steps to ensure that the president gets his message across without being heckled. It's another, undemocratic thing to suppress any hint that some reasonable people might hold opinions other than the president's. Is the nation's chief executive so insecure in his ideas that he can't handle being asked fair questions in a civil manner?

The public is paying for this tour; the public ought to be able to hear multiple sides of this important issue.

Instead, the "feel-good" result of these whitewashed events adds virtually nothing to the public's understanding of his sketchy proposal for addressing a complex problem.

For example, how much would the president propose to cut traditional benefits as he sets up private accounts invested in the stock market? What rate of return would an investor need on his or her personal account to make up for this loss of traditional benefits? Is that rate of return likely, or a reach? Why has the president ruled out some ideas advanced by experts - such as raising the payroll tax rate - while saying others are on the table?

Fraser laid it on thick about the sorrowful state of criminal-record checks and incomplete watch lists. Officials of Canada's passport agency, a part of the foreign-affairs department, calmly responded that the most grievous problems were being addressed.

All the subsequent talk was about how to make a decent working relationship continue for both sides. Cooperation is essential and indicated. Something on the order of 80 percent of Canada's export market is to the United States.

The numbers back and forth across the border are huge, with 1.2 million crossing at Blaine in the last quarter of 2004. Requiring travelers to have uniform pieces of ID may speed up lines on both sides.

Passports are not inexpensive to obtain, but they are valid for 10 years. If the U.S. government is going to require the document, it falls to the State Department to make the application process as predictable and user-friendly as possible.

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by President Bush in December.

The Advisory Panel must present options for reforming the Internal Revenue Code before July 31. I believe it is imperative that Congress act on tax reform during the 109th Congress.

For example, we must defuse the Alternative Minimum Tax, a parallel tax structure imposed on top of the regular tax structure. The AMT was enacted in 1969 to ensure that high-income Americans pay their fair share. But it increasingly ensnares middle-income taxpayers because the amount of income exempt from the AMT is not indexed for inflation.

The AMT is hard to anticipate, complicated (taxpayers must fill out a 65-line form to determine whether they owe the AMT at all), and growing. More than 3 million Americans will be subject to the AMT in 2005. In five years, that number will explode to nearly 35 million!

We also must consider overhauling the corporate income tax, and focus on eliminating tax breaks that encourage American companies to move jobs overseas rather than create jobs here at home.

In addition, we need to simplify tax rules for small businesses, which along with the self-employed bear the greatest tax compliance burden - nearly 60 hours per return. The Joint Economic Committee reported in 2000 that small businesses face tax compliance costs that are more than three times larger than taxes paid.

And we must streamline tax incentives for education and retirement savings. For example, the tax code provides more than a dozen tax-advantaged retirement planning vehicles that are subject to varying rules that govern eligibility, contribution limits, tax treatment of contributions and distributions, withdrawals, the availability of loans and portability.

Each of these plans was created to encourage taxpayers to save for retirement. However, as the National Taxpayer Advocate warns, the complexity of rules may actually discourage employees from taking advantage of such opportunities.

The American people are acutely aware of the unnecessary complexity of our tax laws, as well as the dire need for reform today. This is not an issue that Congress can tackle on its own; Presidential leadership is essential. The time for tax reform is right. We must seize it now.

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Baseball gears up for three-game series against Elon

By Eric Powell
airicc8@hotmail.com

The Georgia Southern baseball team plays host to 3-game conference series this weekend against Elon.

In Southern Conference play the Eagles (22-10, 9-2 SoCon) have started the 2005 campaign red hot winning their first eight games and find themselves in the No. 2 spot in the league.

The Phoenix (21-14, 11-7) rest as

the SoCon's fourth place team and are coming in riding a four game winning streak including a 10-3 thumping of North Carolina, who at the time was ranked sixth in the nation.

Juniors Chris Price and Drew Davis are two of the team's leading hitters with .376 and .347 batting averages respectively.

Price also boasts a tremendous .490 on base percentage due in large part to his team high 28 walks.

Elon's ace is emerging sophomore Matt McSwain.

The right-hander has made nine starts for the team and currently has a 5-0 record on the season.

McSwain leads all starters with a 2.25 earned run average and 67 strikeouts while allowing opponents to hit a paltry .231 against him.

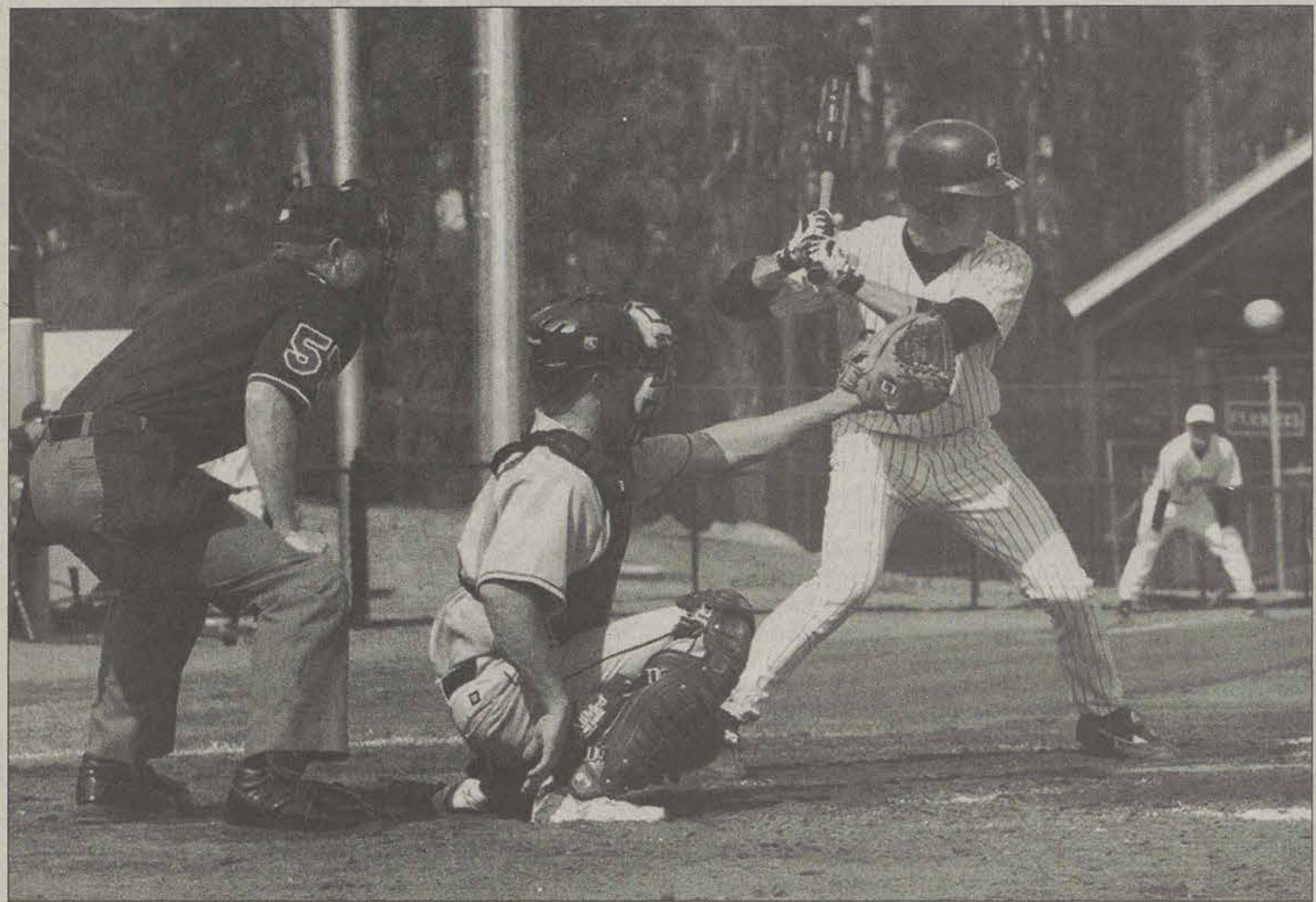
Junior Lance Cole is another possible starter for the Phoenix, and despite his 6.05 ERA he has managed

to record a 4-1 record.

After dropping their first weekend series of the season, the Eagles will relish the opportunity to play once again at the friendly confines of J.I. Clements Stadium, where they are 16-4 in 2005.

The first pitch against Elon is 7 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's game begins at 4 p.m. and the weekend capper starts at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.



GSU senior Logan Phillips focuses on a pitch. Phillips and the Eagles look to shut down the Phoenix this weekend.

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GSU's Iron Works has been recently remodeled to help Eagle Athletics continue their winning tradition.

Iron Works gets pumped up

GSU student athletes enjoy the newly renovated workout facility

By Eric Powell
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"Through these doors pass future champions."

Entering the Georgia Southern University Iron Works facility, the school's student athletes read this mantra on a regular basis.

With this goal of being on top of their respective sports, coupled with the expansiveness and quality of the equipment in the facility, it is no mystery why Eagle athletics experience many of the successes that they do.

"The weight room is an extension of the playing field," Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Mike Bewley said. "These athletes use it to enhance their performance and the level of their play."

Officially opened in 1989, the \$250,000 project sponsored by the Southern Boosters immediately made the GSU training facility one of the best in the nation.

The 5,400-square-foot facility helps to train all 15 of the Universities intercollegiate athletic programs.

"The work ethic for all of the teams is pretty amazing," Graduate Assistant in the facility Matt Lombardi said. "They all understand that preparation has a lot to do with how they perform during their seasons."

Over 300 student athletes make use of the facility during various times during the school year.

On a daily basis, all of GSU's teams can be seen entering Ironworks and working side-by-side with teammates

and members of other teams.

Much of the behind-the-scenes work of these athletes may go unnoticed off their respective fields of play.

But the effort they give in preparing for their athletic events is not lost on their coaches and those who help them in the facility.

"You always like to see athletes work hard and see it translate on the field," Strength and Conditioning Coach Tom Melton said. "Look at (football player) Richard Murphey—he worked extremely hard in the offseason and now he's one or two on the depth chart for receiver."

Having coached at universities like Wofford, Colorado State and Clemson, Melton has been a part of and visited many different training facilities and he is one of the first to recognize

Iron Works as one of the premier places to train in the nation.

As other schools aim to upgrade their training facilities, Melton and the rest of the GSU training staff are allowed to focus their energy on more important tasks; namely improving the skill and fitness of the school's athletes.

"This (facility) is as good as it gets," Melton said. "My focus is on what we're doing inside the building."

Based on the mantra above the entrance, Melton and those involved with Iron Works are focused on helping create those future champions.

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PLAYERS TO WATCH

Georgia Southern Eagles

Record: 22-10

SOCON: 9-2; Home: 16-4

Jason Hurst, lf- .420 AVG, 5 HR, 29 RBI

Greg Dowling, 1b- .413 AVG, 5 HR, 32 RBI

Derrick Smith, of/dh- .321 AVG, 12 HR, 27 RBI

Everett Teaford, p- 5-1, 3.88 ERA

Josh Lairsey, p- 6-1, 5.37 ERA

Steve Cogswell, p- 6-2, 7 SV, 4.70 ERA

Elon Phoenix

Record: 21-14

SOCON: 11-7; Away: 6-10

Chris Price, of/1b- .376 AVG, 1 HR, 23 RBI

Drew Davis, c- .347 AVG, 1 HR, 27 RBI

Evan Erickson, 3b- .325 AVG, 7 HR, 37 RBI

Kevin Regan, p- 0-1, 1.83 ERA

Matt McSwain, p- 5-0, 2.25 ERA

Matt Chastain, p- 3-1, 1 SV, 3.38 ERA

Weekend games

Friday, 7 p.m.
vs. Elon

Saturday, 4 p.m.
vs. Elon

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
vs. Elon

Wednesday, 4 p.m.
vs. Charleston Southern

Tony Stewart shares NASCAR lessons with college class

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, SC - Tony Stewart has gotten many lectures during his time in Nextel Cup. Giving them? Now, that's something new for the former NASCAR champion.

"All right everybody, straighten up," Stewart, a grin on his face, told the 30 students as he began his guest professorship Tuesday in NASCAR Marketing at the University of South Carolina.

Stewart's time in NASCAR has been marked by skilled driving and a hair-trigger temper. It's hard to say where the 2002 Nextel Cup champion has visited more - Victory Lane or the NASCAR trailer for a post-race talking to.

Stewart shared all aspects of his insider's experience - at times perhaps a little too inside - with the prospective motorsports marketers.

"I don't know how much you're really going to learn from me," Stewart said. "I barely graduated high school. You're in college. You're a lot smarter."

Stewart answered about two dozen questions - everything from his biggest struggle in the sport (finding adequate funding) to his coolest experience so far (when Kid Rock brought Pamela Anderson by Stewart's trailer in Bristol a few years back).

"This has been my entire life since I was 8," Stewart said.

The class is taught each spring by members of Darlington Raceway's staff. So far this year, car owner Ray Evernham and NASCAR chief spokesman Jim Hunter have appeared.

Stewart, though, is the focus of a semester-long project.

Darlington public relations director Cathy Elliott assigned students her actual PR budget of \$200,000 and asked them to design a publicity campaign for the upcoming Dodge Charger 500 around Stewart.

Stewart quickly seized on a couple of ideas he hated. One called for him to spend six hours working in Darlington's ticket office. "Not going to happen," he said.

Another had Stewart at the wheel of the No. 20 Home Depot school bus picking up first and second graders a couple of mornings.

"You two guys are flunking this course something awful," Stewart said. "You thought you were going to get praise for it, didn't you?"

Stewart didn't hold much back. He said relationships between drivers are better than you might think, calling NASCAR "the Waltons on steroids. ... It's 43 brothers every weekend that race against each other, unless Shawn Robinson makes the race and it's 42 brothers and one sister."

Then Stewart recounted how his pal, Jimmie Johnson, knocked him out of the running at this year's Daytona 500.

Stewart told the students he felt like "killing" Johnson and went right up to him, saying "That was pretty stupid for sixth place." Johnson answered, "But it's the last lap of the Daytona 500."

"I think (NASCAR president) Mike Helton knows if I get mad



Rich Glickstein, The State/AP Photo

NASCAR drivers Tony Stewart, left, and Jeremy Mayfield look on as South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, right, speaks during their visit in Columbia, S.C. Tuesday, April 12. After the visit, Stewart began his guest professorship in NASCAR Marketing at the University of South Carolina.

at somebody it might last awhile," Stewart said.

Stewart recalled how he punched a photographer after the Brickyard 500 during his championship season. "He took his shot and I gave him a shot of my own," he said.

Or how during his first try at finishing the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day, he steered with his knees during a caution period of the latter race as he tried to cram a melting piece of a protein bar under his helmet for some quick nourishment.

Stewart also flashed his humility, remarking how he was struck that the Coke machine he used as a young racer now carries his picture on it;

and his vulnerability, regretting that he'd seen his nearly 2-year-old niece only three times because of his racing schedule.

Throughout the session, though, Stewart brought out the fun he has in racing.

"It's just amazing that someone like Tony Stewart can come here and talk to us," said Stewart Blanchard, a junior from Charleston.

At the end, Stewart was presented with a plaque commemorating his guest lecture from Tom Regan, who heads the university's Department of Sport and Entertainment Management.

Stewart was thrilled.

"I'm just honored you called me professor," he said.

Then he was off to Texas Motor Speedway, where his racing family reconvenes this weekend.

Nationals beat Braves, 11-4

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) - Jose Guillen homered twice, becoming the first player in the major leagues with five this season, and the Washington Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves 11-4 Wednesday before heading home for their first game at RFK Stadium.

After winning the last two games of the three-game series, the Nationals play their home opener Thursday night, the capital's first regular-season game since the expansion Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season. President Bush, the Rangers' former owner, is scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Tomo Ohka (1-1) won despite walking six in six innings. He gave up three runs and four hits, leaving with a 5-3 lead.

John Thomson (1-1) allowed four runs, seven hits and four walks in six innings.

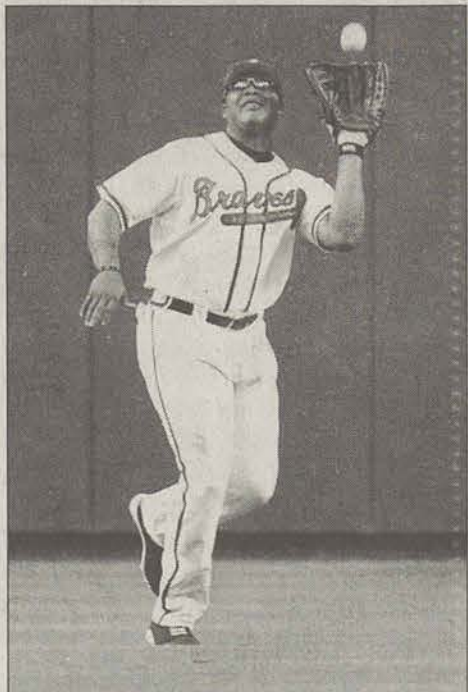
Braves manager Bobby Cox was ejected by plate umpire Randy Marsh in the first inning, his first ejection of the season. Cox and Thomson were upset about Marsh calling a ball on a close 3-2 pitch to Nick Johnson for the second walk, which loaded the bases. Cox continued to complain while standing on the dugout steps after the third out. Ryan Church followed with a two-run single for a 2-0 lead.

Chipper Jones' third

homer cut the margin in half in the bottom of the inning, and Atlanta went ahead 3-2 in the third on Johnny Estrada's two-run double, but Washington went ahead for good in the fifth when Jamey Carroll and Jose Vidro hit back-to-back triples and Guillen followed with a sacrifice fly.

Guillen homered off Adam Bernero in the seventh for a 5-3 lead, but LaRoche hit an RBI single in the seventh. Mondesi, who stranded six runners, then struck out.

Guillen added a two-run homer off Roman Colon in the ninth. Pinch-hitter Termel Sledge had a three-run triple off Kevin Gryboski and scored on Brad Wilkerson's single.



Gregory Smith/AP Photo

Atlanta Braves outfielder Andruw Jones catches a fly ball hit by the Nationals' Brian Schneider for an out in the sixth inning, yesterday.

Students put colleges in copyright war

By Joel Currier
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Universities are finding themselves trapped at the center of a bitter battle over bandwidth—caught between the entertainment industry's crusade to end copyright piracy and tech-savvy students' casual sharing of songs and movies.

The competing interests converged at a Digital Expo at Washington University, bringing together representatives from entertainment and technology with seven companies that market "peer-to-peer" file-sharing networks to colleges. The goal of the vendor fair and panel discussion Thursday night was to educate students about legal alternatives to trading copyrighted materials.

Students said the perception is that there's little risk of getting caught downloading copyrighted music and movies (they call it "ripping" or "burning") online. Some said they would be more willing to pay if their schools made it cheap and convenient.

"If (the university) were to sponsor something, I think it would make it more of an approachable option for us," said senior Jeffrey Dorr, 21, a senior pre-medical student from Miami.

That's what some schools, including Washington University and the University of Missouri at Columbia, are doing. They seek to weed out illegal sharing by arranging deals with a bevy of new digital wholesalers licensed to provide libraries of digital music and movies to colleges.

Recording and film industry representatives at Thursday's event said they embrace innovation and encourage technology companies to pursue legal alternatives to Internet piracy.

Technology has changed the entertainment business model by forcing it to cater to changing consumer demands for digital music, said Mark P. McKenna, a St. Louis University law professor representing the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco digital rights group.

As a result, universities face the challenge of balancing academic freedom against a duty to police digital piracy on campus, explained Rebecca Brown, Washington University's associate general counsel.

Several large institutions, such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Pennsylvania State University, Purdue University and the University of Maryland, recently partnered with file-sharing companies to provide students legal access to digital media.

On March 29, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the closely

watched Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. v. Grokster Ltd. case, a test of whether copyright holders can sue digital file-sharing networks that allow people to freely download and distribute songs and movies. A ruling is expected this summer.

Technology companies fear that a ruling for the studios could stifle innovations, such as digital television recorders and music players. In the past, lower courts have said that technology companies cannot be held liable for how customers use their products, even if it's illegal.

Those decisions relied on a 1984 Supreme Court ruling in the case of Sony Corp. v. Universal City Studios—the "Betamax case"—in which the court rejected the studios' attempt to block the sale of the home video player/recorder.

"In the dorms, you've got kids who love music, kids who understand technology on a regular basis and kids who have access to high bandwidth," said Jonathan Whitehead, 37, a Washington lawyer representing the Recording Industry Association of America. "It's sort of like a perfect storm."

It is no coincidence, Whitehead said, that the industry has seen a 22 percent drop in record sales since the file-sharing program Napster hit the market in 1999.

Research suggests that fee-based digital downloading is growing in popularity. A survey released last month by the Pew Internet & American Life Project said about 36 million Americans—an estimated 27 percent of all Internet users—have downloaded music or video files. The survey also showed that the percentage of Internet users who have paid to download music has increased by 4 percent since January.

A one-month survey released in February by the consumer research firm Ipsos-Insight said nearly half of American downloaders 12 years and older, or 24 million Americans, had paid to download music.

So far, at least 45 colleges and universities have signed deals with file-sharing companies. By subscribing, students benefit from discounted rates and don't have to worry about breaking the law. Schools save money on the cost of bandwidth—the speed of data traveling over the Internet—by storing digital content on campus computer servers. Schools also save time otherwise spent investigating complaints from the record and film industries.

Companies represented at Thursday's fair were Ruckus Network, Cdigix, Movielink, Apple, Napster, Sonicswap and Peer Impact.

Washington University students approached the school's administration about finding legal downloading alternatives after a popular campus file-sharing program was shut down in February last year. That spurred an overnight protest and a spontaneous early morning rock concert outside a campus residence hall. Since then, students have turned to a slew of other file-sharing programs on campus, said Margaret Bauer, 21, a junior from Florissant and editor in chief of Student Life, the student newspaper.

"It's so hard to go from not paying to paying," said Ben Rapaport, 20, a Washington University sophomore from Scarsdale, N.Y., who has collected about 8,000 songs on his computer.



Dawn Majors/St. Louis Post-Dispatch

David Dye (left), 20, and Mike Lazzaro (center), 19, both freshmen at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, listen as Sarah Kays, a Peer Impact representative, talks to them about the benefits of choosing her firm's "peer-to-peer" file-sharing network.

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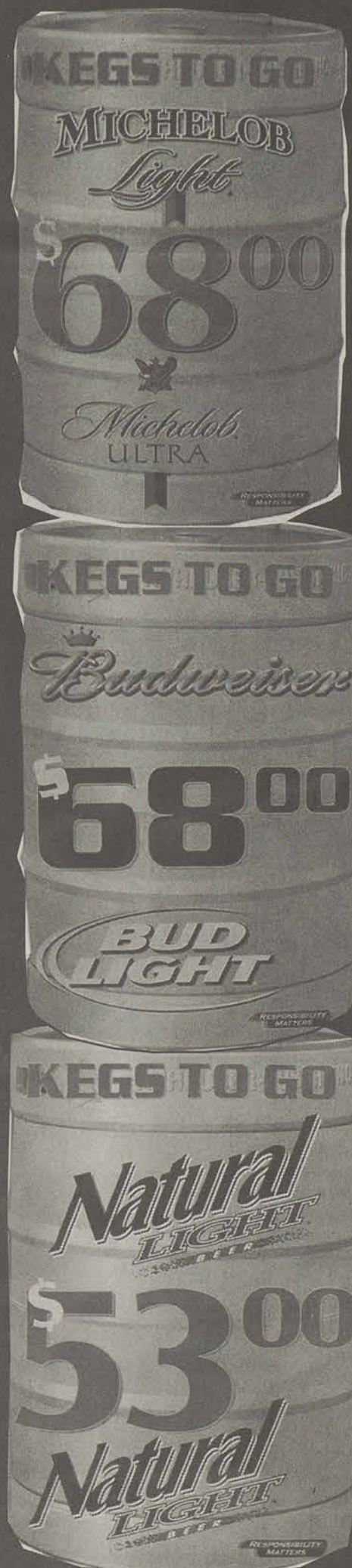
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What kind of comments/compliments do you get on your outfit? Mainly "Can I have that?" or "Where did you buy that?"

How do you take care of this outfit? I wash it, but let it air dry rather than putting it in the dryer.

When you are in this outfit, how do you feel? I feel different, but in a good way.

If there was one thing that you could change to better your style, what would it be? Perhaps broadening my horizons to more fashion styles rather than the ones I mainly stick with.

Would you like to be featured in the Fashion File? E-mail Krystle Jackson at krystlenite@yahoo.

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Sweet onions, bitter feud: Vidalia growers in court over sweetness labels

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

CLAXTON - A bitter feud among growers of sweet Vidalia onions has resurfaced over whether farmers can legally market their crops with a sweetness guarantee offered by a private company — for a hefty fee.

For the past seven years, Georgia-based National Onion Labs has been

prohibited by a court order from contracting with growers to market Vidalia onions as certifiably sweet. But a judge ruled Wednesday that the order has expired.

The ruling came just before Vidalia onions — reputed to be mild enough to be eaten like apples — go to market April 28. But some farmers oppose paying an outside company for scientific testing to label their onions as sweet

or extra sweet.

Opposing growers, who say the program costs about \$100 an acre, call it a gimmick to milk profits from the \$75 million crop. They fear those who don't pay for the voluntary labels won't be able to compete.

"National Onion Labs is telling produce buyers that if you don't certify these onions, you can't be sure they're really good Vidalias," said Delbert

Bland, who owns one of Georgia's largest Vidalia onion farms.

"They're trying to say a certified Vidalia is better than a regular Vidalia — and they're really one-in-the-same," said Bland, who grows onions on 1,800 acres in Reidsville.

The company debuted its guarantee labels in 1998, using tests developed by the University of Georgia that measure pyruvic acid in onions. The lower the

acid content, the sweeter the onion.

Several growers sued. They said the for-profit combo of science and marketing misleads buyers and makes unlabeled onions harder to sell. A judge ordered a stop to the labeling while the case was pending.

The lawsuit was never resolved, and Superior Court Judge Robert Russell ruled Wednesday that the order lapsed after five years. Growers have filed a

suit, hoping to halt the labels again, but Russell declined to impose a new restraining order.

David Burrell, president of National Onion Labs, said the testing and labels help farmers compete by giving produce buyers and consumers more confidence in their crops. The company guarantees sweet onions in six other states and in Central and South America.

BOMBING, FROM PAGE 1

ahead as federal prosecutors detailed the Atlanta-area bombings down to the brand of nails, duct tape and plastic food containers used to make the bombs.

In Birmingham earlier in the day, Rudolph pleaded guilty to an abortion clinic bombing there in 1998 that killed an off-duty police officer and maimed a nurse. A much more defiant Rudolph winked toward prosecutors as he entered court, and said the government could "just barely" prove its case if it had gone to trial.

With his head tilted back, Rudolph looked down his nose slightly as U.S. District Judge Lynwood Smith in Birmingham asked whether he detonated the bomb.

"I certainly did, your honor," Rudolph said in a tone that struck some victims as arrogant and proud.

With his admission, the nurse began weeping in the front row of the courtroom.

"He just sounded so proud of it. That's what really hurt," said Emily Lyons, who was nearly killed in the bombing and lost an eye.

Believed to be a follower of a white supremacist religion that is anti-abortion, anti-gay and anti-Semitic, Rudolph hid out after the attacks for more than five years in the mountains of western North Carolina, apparently using the survival skills he learned as a soldier.

He was captured in Murphy, N.C., in 2003, scavenging for food behind a grocery store, after becoming something of a folk hero to some people in the countryside for his ability to elude an all-out manhunt by the government.



AP Photo/Ric Feld

Eric Rudolph is hurried from a single engine aircraft to a waiting van on the tarmac at Fulton County Airport Brown Field as he is transported from the courthouse in Birmingham, Ala., to the federal building in Atlanta for a second court appearance Wednesday, April 13, 2005. Rudolph pleaded guilty Wednesday to setting off a deadly blast at an abortion clinic, the first of a string of bombings that will send him to prison for life.

As part of the plea agreement, Rudolph told authorities where to find more than 250 pounds of dynamite buried in North Carolina. The government said some of the explosives were near populated areas and could have become unstable and blown up.

In court in Birmingham, he drummed his fingers on the side of a lectern as a prosecutor told of the Wal-Mart hose clamp that was found inside the body of the off-duty officer, then described pieces of a remote control receiver found in the nurse's body.

Rudolph's most elaborate statement was about the lawyers who helped him cut a plea agreement to save his life: "They're very, very good, superlative attorneys."

Outside the courthouse, Lyons said

she was "nauseated" that Rudolph's plea will allow him to dodge the death penalty.

"We've always felt the death penalty is what he deserved. The punishment should fit the crime," Lyons said. "It's just a sickening feeling."

Deborah Rudolph, Rudolph's former sister-in-law, said he is hardly getting off easy.

She said being kept in solitary confinement with only one hour a day of fresh air is a fitting punishment for an outdoorsman who hated the government.

"Knowing that he's living under government control for the rest of his life, I think that's worse to him than death," she said from her home in Nashville, Tenn.

PARKING, FROM PAGE 1

"We are encouraging students to take advantage of this service," said Hagins. "They can complete the entire purchase process at their convenience."

Students can purchase their permits by visiting the transportation services Web site at www.aux.georgia-southern.edu/park/. Student permits will be mailed during the summer to the address the student provides at the time of order. For those who do not wish to take advantage of the online service, parking permits may still be purchased at the transportation services office.

In the past, GSU has used a multi-tiered system of parking permits and fees. For Fall 2005, all close-in parking lots will be classified at the same level with the same rate of \$120/year.

There are no changes planned for faculty and staff parking or for students who live in the university residence halls.

Earlier this semester, university officials announced a plan to begin a transit system in the fall. Under the plan, students will be encouraged to park for free at Paulson Stadium and use a system of buses to ride to campus. The buses will run on two routes. The first route will pick up students at Paulson Stadium; run down Lanier Drive; turn onto campus on Georgia Avenue; and reach the end of its route at the University Store. It will retrace its route back to the stadium. The second route will also start at the stadium; drive to the Recreation Activities Center (RAC); and turn down Akins Boulevard to the driveway-loop at the

College of Education.

The buses will run approximately five minutes apart from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

The bus system will be paid through student fees, pending approval by the Board of Regents. There will be no per-ride fare to use the bus system and parking at Paulson Stadium will not require any permit. Bus stop shelters are planned at Paulson Stadium and near the University Store.

The buses are planned to run on compressed natural gas, which is much more environmentally friendly than the more traditional diesel engines.

The second part of that plan will be to expand the zone of apartment complexes whose residents will not be eligible to obtain a commuter permit for the close-in parking lots. Currently, residents of a number of complexes near the campus are not allowed on-campus permits for daytime on campus parking. That area will now be expanded to include complexes adjacent to Paulson Stadium and along Lanier Drive.

"On one hand, we will be restricting the student parking on campus during the day, but on the other hand, we will run a bus route near those apartments to pick up the students and take them to campus," said Hagins.

Faculty and staff will also be allowed to ride the buses.

The third part of the plan will be to encourage students to use alternate means of transportation such as bicycles or their feet. In 2003, the Student Alliance for a Green Earth (SAGE) created an Alternative Transporta-

tion Program (ATP) for the campus community to promote a healthier lifestyle and reduce dependence on automobiles.

"The goal of the ATP is to get students out of their cars and to use their own bodies to move around campus," said Lorne Wolfe, faculty advisor for SAGE. "The options are many: walk, bike, skateboard, roller-blades. The benefits are huge; students will save money, get exercise and save themselves all that stress and time that accompanies the great parking space hunt."

Walking or riding a bicycle can be a great way to relieve stress, according to Angie Frederick of the University Wellness Council.

"Studies have shown that stress can lead to numerous physical and mental conditions," said Frederick. "Taking an extra 10 minutes to walk or ride from your home or from a lot further away can be the perfect opportunity for you to think about your day ahead or reflect on the class you just left."

Over the last year, university administrators participated in discussions with and consulted the Student Government Association and the Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Student Advisory Board. Following the campus master plan, Georgia Southern has made great strides to create a pedestrian-friendly campus, a process that continues, including constructing walkways throughout the campus and closing Herty Drive.

For more information, visit www.aux.georgiasouthern.edu/park/.

VEAZEY, FROM PAGE 1

Sophomore RA Alvie Coes said Veazey Hall is the last traditional residence hall on campus, but not all students are going to be too sad about the move.

"Since Veazey Hall is a traditional residence hall, it's more friendly, close-knit and more communication oriented. I think that most residence halls are already moving toward suite or apartment-style living and fewer residents want to live in a traditional style building like Veazey."

The overall feeling from students is that they'll miss the friendships they've built through days of getting by without entertainment such as

cable television.

"I won't miss having to share the showers, having no cable, the internet not working and no heat or air, but I will miss being able to walk down the hall and talk to all my buddies," said freshman Eric Miller.

Most students agree the building should be renovated.

The move to Veazey Hall will be a temporary solution for those in Communication Arts, Academic Success Center and Graduate Studies trailers, but plans are on the horizon to remove the two old trailers and construct a Multi-discipline Academic Building in their current

location between the Information of Technology building and the Carroll Building.

According to Bob Delaar, Director of the Physical Plant, Veazey Hall must be updated in several ways during the renovation, including updating the mechanical and electrical systems, making the building wheelchair accessible, adding an elevator and removing some walls to create space for classrooms.

Currently, the University System of Georgia is reviewing architects and construction managers to contract for the job, and construction is scheduled to begin over the summer.

RACISM, FROM PAGE 1

and invited to workshops in May that will stress not only the laws but sensitivity.

Mystery shoppers will continue to check the bars for compliance and if they are found to discriminate after the workshops, their names will be made public and litigation will follow, Bagnieris said.

"We have to make it clear that in New Orleans we do not tolerate discrimination against anyone in any form," said Mayor Ray Nagin.

The New Orleans city attorney is also working on an ordinance regulating mandatory sensitivity training

for all bar employees, use of force standards and the need for bouncers to immediately turn any situation over to New Orleans Police Department officers, Nagin's office said.

The report was also to be forwarded to the Justice Department.

"Some people might say why all the fuss over a little discrimination in a New Orleans bar," said Diana Dunn, board secretary for the Fair Housing Action Center. "Because we don't want another young African-American killed in a night club here."

Levon Jones, 25, a flag football player at Georgia Southern was in

New Orleans on New Year's Eve with teammates for a tournament. He and a friend went to Razzoo, a popular French Quarter club.

The friend was allegedly denied admission because he did not meet the club's dress code.

A scuffle ensued and Jones died after one bouncer held him in a headlock for 12 minutes, while another pushed down on his back and a third held his legs.

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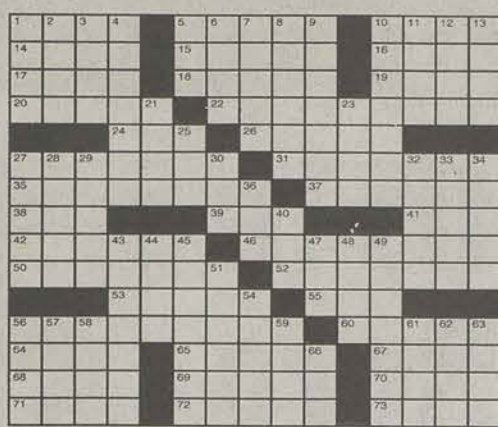
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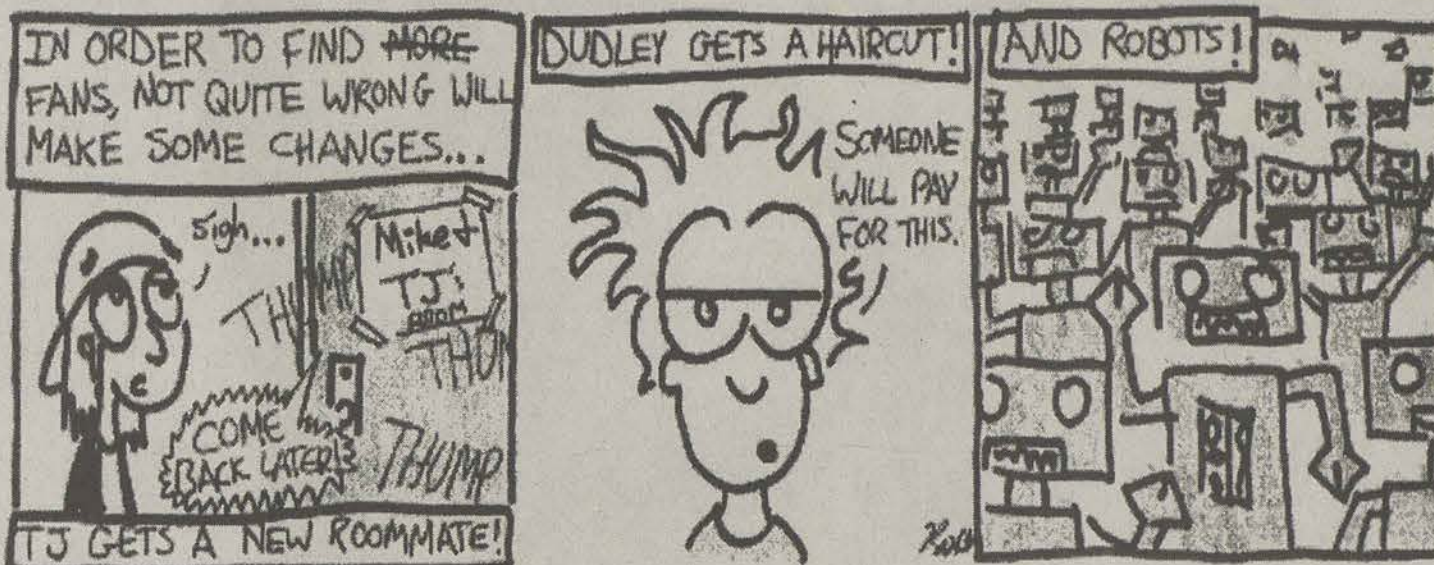
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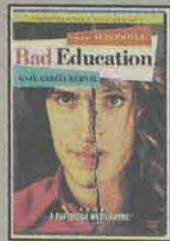
'Hotel Rwanda'

After years as an under-sung supporting player, Don Cheadle scored a breakout role with this grim drama set amid the 1990s Rwandan genocide. Cheadle and co-star Sophie Okonedo earned Academy Awards nominations for the film, based on the true story of Paul Rusesabagina, who became a hero by using the hotel he managed as a shelter for refugees from the violence. DVD extras offer just the right mix of fact and fiction, highlighted by audio commentary with Rusesabagina and director Terry George, plus a featurette following Rusesabagina and George's trip back to the Rwandan capital. Cheadle and Wyclef Jean, who wrote and performed a song for the film, provide commentary for some scenes. Cheadle, Rusesabagina and George also contribute interviews on how the story was adapted for the screen. DVD, \$26.98. (MGM)

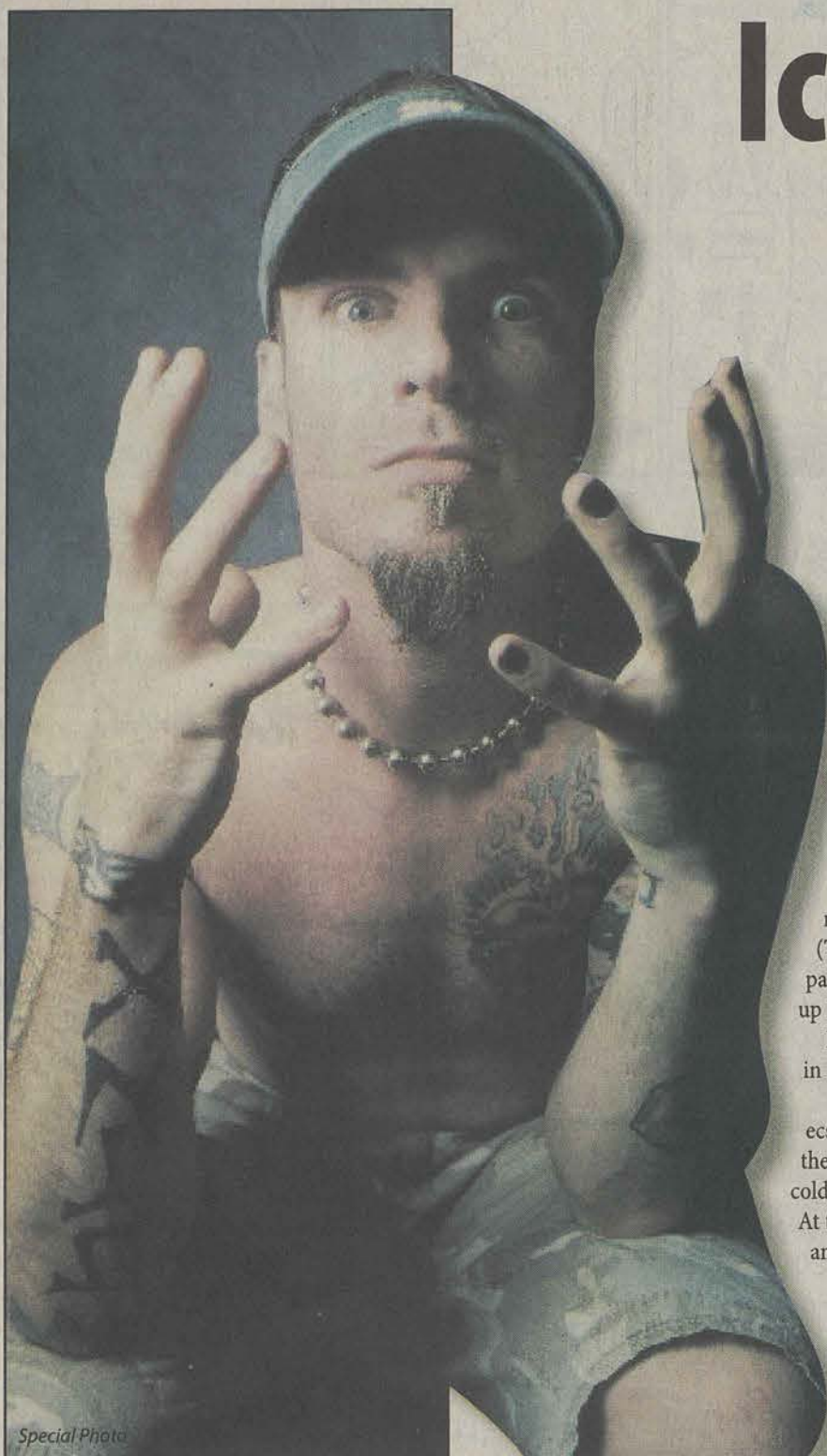


'Bad Education'

Pedro Almodovar ("All About My Mother," "Talk to Her") crafts a twisting tale of dashed, young love centering on two boys at a Roman Catholic school, a jealous priest who ruins their budding romance and a strange reunion among the players years later. The film features a dazzling performance from Gael Garcia Bernal ("The Motorcycle Diaries") in dual roles. Almodovar provides audio commentary, and the DVD also comes with deleted scenes and a making-of featurette. DVD, \$26.96. (Sony)



Associated Press



Special Photo

Ice chills in the 'Boro Friday

By Chuck Thomas • tawvgs@yahoo.com

Early 90s icon and Trivial Pursuit answer Vanilla Ice (a.k.a. Rob van Winkle) is heading to Statesboro on April 15 at Legends.

Ever since the rapper's fall from grace over 10 years ago, he has been in and out of the public spotlight, with mixed results. Releasing three albums (one rap, one heavy metal, one mixed), appearing on many television shows (The Farm, The Surreal Life, Celebrity Boxing), popping up in movies (The New Guy and the recent Matrix parody The Helix...Loaded) and taking up Motocross.

He also appeared in the news briefly in 1994 when he attempted suicide.

"I tried to kill myself by overdosing on heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, and anything I could get my hands on," Ice says about the incident. "At one point, my friends were dumping buckets of cold water on me as I lay on my bathroom floor in convulsions. At that point, I had over eighteen million dollars in the bank, and I still couldn't find happiness in being rich or famous."

The "Ice Ice Baby" star says the later music in his career reflects a new outlook on life.

"The music is for myself, not to be rich or famous. The new sound is also much harder and darker because of the issues I am writing about."

For more information, call Legends at 871-5349.

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VANILLA ICE TIMELINE

'Ice Ice Baby' topped the charts beginning late 1990, and he began filming 'Cool as Ice,' which was a failure at the box office.



Ice also had performed in the 1991 movie Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze.

Ice returned to music in 1994 with 'Mind Blowin'. The album quickly fell off the charts, as did 1998's Hard to Swallow.

Ice has enjoyed tempered success with recent appearances on MTV's 'The Surreal Life.' He's in Statesboro this Friday with a new, harder sound.



Get your kicks, bodyslams with the GSU Jiu-Jitsu Club

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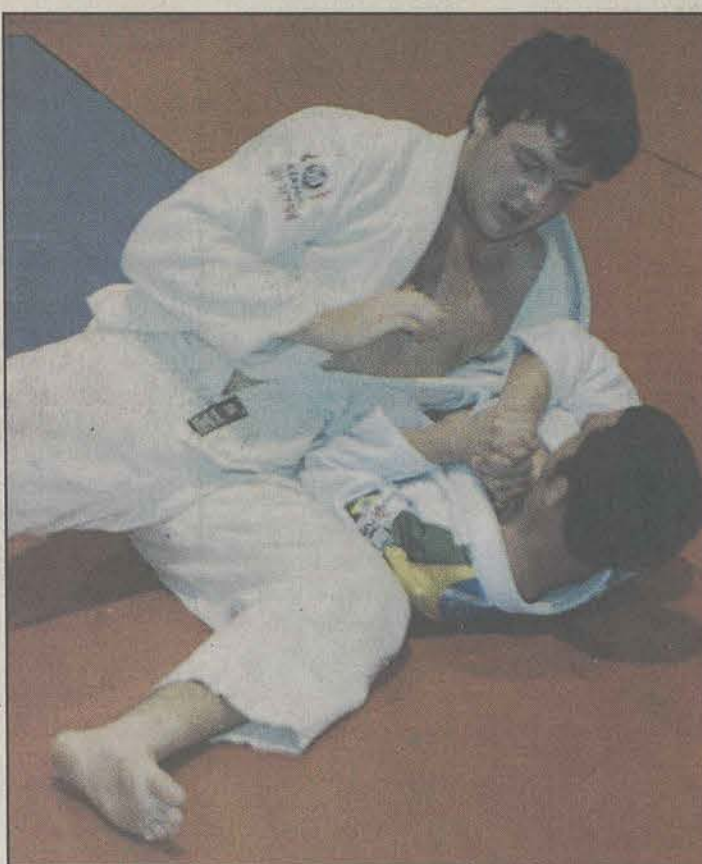
Do the words "arm bar," "grappling" or the "Gracie family" mean anything to you? Well, if they do, (or even if they don't), then there is a club for you on campus: the Jiu-Jitsu club.

Jiu-Jitsu is a type of martial arts that has its origins in Japan, and involves mainly submission grappling and overpowering your opponent while punching and kicking on the ground. However, the form of Jiu-Jitsu practiced by the GSU club is mainly that of Brazilian Jiu-jitsu, which was pioneered in the 1920s by Carlos Gracie, who was taught Japanese jiu-jitsu by a Japanese master indebted to his father.

"I never had any martial arts experience," said Vince Rowland, who transferred here in his sophomore year and said he was just looking for a sport when he joined the club.

The members also agree the club offers other benefits than learning a style of fighting. Rowland also believes that Jiu-Jitsu is "Real fun.

Getting involved
The jiu-jitsu club meets every Tuesday and Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Marvin Pittman Gym.



Katie Anderson/STAFF

GSU students practice during a recent meeting of the Jiu-Jitsu Club.

Just rolling, we don't call it fighting. It really builds you up," said Rowland. Jiu-jitsu is also not about strength, but it is about strategy and fighting

tactics. "It was interesting," said Matt Lewis, who has been training for about a year and a half. Technique, not power, is what makes a great

Jiu-Jitsu athlete, he says.

While anyone can come to the club, participants will eventually leave with some sort of athletic skill. For example, the current advisor to the club, Garth Spendiff, became interested in Jiu-Jitsu after playing baseball, and desires to stay in shape. He has trained for 10 years, and Jiu-Jitsu has become more than just a martial art.

"I'm definitely not motivated by money," said Spendiff, when asked why he still trains with the club. "It's a pure sport. It's black and white. You either know what you're doing or not. Either you win or you lose."

The club competes in several competitions, from the NAGA competition in Jonesboro, GA, representing GSU, to the Arnold Schwarzenegger World Gracie Submission Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

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Special photo

Matthew McConaughey as Dirk Pitt in Paramount's 'Sahara.'

'Sahara' should have stayed in the desert

This movie's plot is as dry as its desert setting

By Heidi King

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Ever have the feeling that you have seen this movie before? With cliché phrases and macho bullet-proof heroes, this movie unfortunately will stack itself among the unrealistic action films that blend in with all the rest. Debuting with the intent to fulfill the next "Mummy/ Tomb Raider" spot, this movie lacked in every scene and category. The one exception would be the beautiful African landscapes and ancient villages that were shown as mere background.

Actually based on the best-selling novel by Clive Cussler, "Sahara" attempts to be the next good ole American film with enough bangstoblowyour eardrums (literally).

Matthew McConaughey stars as the rough ex-Navy Seal who has an insatiable interest in underwater treasures and boats. On his journey to find a Civil War Ironclad ship in Africa, he runs into a helpless doctor played by Penelope Cruz. Trying to save Africa from a spreading plague, Cruz tosses all inhibitions aside to save the lives of everyone. Teamed and ready for a mission, they find both of their solutions and something much bigger.

This movie left many questions unanswered. The audience is given a scene with no connection or explanation as to why it is there, or the importance of it. Another thing—why must every earth-shattering plague be from Africa? That cliché is getting old and cheesy. With a horrible music soundtrack, the audience can expect to hear good, ole American tunes such as "Sweet Home Alabama" and "American Man" played to African terrain. Yuck! Also, the action was too loud; the gun shots and bomb explosions hurt my ears! And the movie theater did not help with this movie either. They left boxes and crates in front of the screen like a storage room.

Stranded in the desert
1 out of 4 stars: A movie to never see again; the African scenery is the only thing that entertains.

Playing locally

'Sahara' is playing at Carmike Cinema 9 in Statesboro at 4:00, 7:00 and 9:45.

CALENDAR

April 14-20, 2005

14 Asian/Pacific Culture Festival, Union Rotunda, 11 a.m.

"Family Discovery Series: Botanical Gardens," Wildlife Center, 6:30 p.m.

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

"Zatoichi," Union Theater, 7 p.m. Sponsored by Asian/Pacific Week

Baseball, GSU vs. Elon, J.I. Clements Stadium, 7 p.m.

Spring Doo-Dah Stepshow, Union Ballroom, 8 p.m.

16 Eagle Student Athletic Trainers Association yard sale, Hanner 8 a.m.

United in Christ cookout, Landrum lawn, Noon

Softball, GSU vs. Furman, Sports Complex, 1 p.m.

Baseball, GSU vs. Elon, J.I. Clements Stadium, 4 p.m.

17 Softball, GSU vs. Furman, Sports Complex, 1 p.m.

Baseball, GSU vs. Elon, J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

18 Faculty Recital, Magellan String Quartet, Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 1 p.m.

Cinema Arts "Late Marriage," Union Theatre, 7:15 p.m., \$2

19 Creative Writing Club, Newton RM 2216, 6 p.m. Come out and share your writing. Also, members will vote on next year's officers.

Percussion Ensemble Concert, Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

20 "Art from Found Objects," Earth Day Workshop, Henderson Library, 10 a.m.

"Star of the Morning," Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. For tickets, call 486-7999.

Estoteric: Enchanted Night of Poetry, William Center Dining Hall, 7 p.m.

New Mustang takes a trip back to the glory days

By Rachel Weeks and Jimi Hendricks
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With its retro-styled body and 2005 technology, the new Ford Mustang offers the best of both worlds. Having sold over eight million since 1964, the Ford Mustang has sustained its status as an icon of American muscle cars even through decades of changing styles and technology. The new Mustang base model is an affordable, but classily, styled car with great handling, acceleration and appearance.

The Mustang's appearance is reminiscent of the 60s and 70s Mustangs, adding that timeless look with additions like fish gills behind clear plastic headlight lenses, moon-sized driving lights on the grill and the bold chrome medallion on the trunk. The standard model is available with 16-inch aluminum rims, but a wheel upgrade would make the appearance sleeker, and there are plenty of options.

The rear lights are unique with three wide, red lights and two small white lights for reverse. The blinkers are red instead of amber, which can be confusing sometimes to other drivers. The wide lights create a narrow entrance into a decent sized trunk, and every new Mustang comes standard with a trunk lock opener that glows in the dark.

The interior of base model Mustangs has a nostalgic feel with chrome trim around the instrument cluster. The base model offers steering wheel tilt, driver airbag with option to turn off the passenger airbag, A/M stereo with CD player, power locks and power windows that lower automatically when the door is opened and raise when closed to provide a tight fit.

Cruise control is conveniently located on the wheel and it is easy to set. The CD player is high in the console to prevent interference with the shifter, but the climate controls are small and blocked by the shifter. There are two small overhead lights located at the windshield, but there is not a dome light for looking in the back. One option that appeared to be really cool is the Interior Upgrade Package,

which allows the driver to choose between 125 different colors for the instrument panel.

The backseats of Mustangs are traditionally cramped, with little headroom. The stylishly small quarter windows can create large, blind spots, but the larger, stretched mirrors help with visibility. An adjustable seat height really helps with visibility when driving as well.

The cab is well insulated to prevent road noise and it drives so smoothly at high speeds that it is difficult to gauge the speed without watching the speedometer.

The automatic transmission, however, was too quick to downshift at low speeds and hesitated to downshift when merging with traffic. Acceleration was brisk, despite the lazy upshifts from the transmission. The current six-cylinder engine has more power than previous versions.

Unfortunately, the base model's exhaust does not have the traditional rumble of the V-8 and is actually almost too quiet. One thing that puts the Mustang above its main competitors such as the Mitsubishi Eclipse is that the car is rear wheel drive. The handling is very predictable and is easy to push to the limits without getting out of control.

The Ford designers chose to use the basic layout that defined the Mustang since its beginning, front engine, rear drive and a solid rear axle. The solid, rear axle instead of independent rear suspension is one of the reasons that the base model 2005 Mustang sells for as low as \$19,570. The 300-horse power GT version sells for about \$25,000.

The base Mustang is a good combination for price, fun, gas mileage, handling, reliability, acceleration and has great styling. There are plenty of upgrades available to make the Mustang exactly tailored to fit your needs and wishes, like an upgrade that offers the industry's first available driver-configurable MyColor instrument panel lighting that lets you choose from 125 colors.

Thanks to Brian Ballagh at Rozier Ford in Statesboro for providing the 2005 Mustang for this review's test drive.

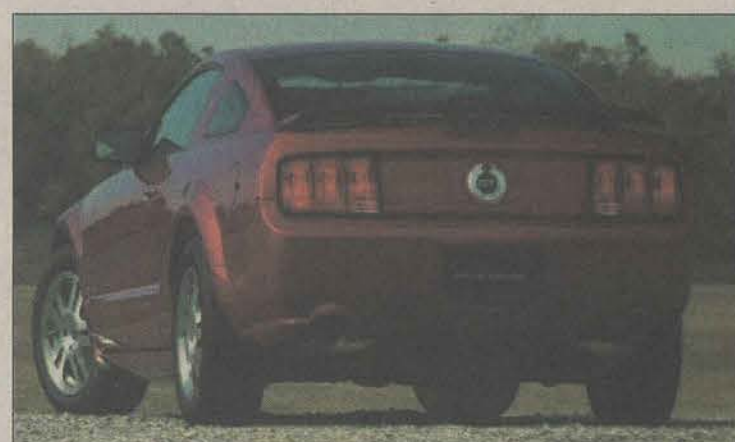


AP Photo

The Front grill of the new Mustang is reminiscent of the 1960s and 1970s model of the Ford Mustang.

QUICK FACTS

Base price
\$19,570
Wheelbase
107.1 inches
Turning Circle
38.0 feet
Fuel Capacity
16 gallon
Fuel Range
302 miles



AP Photo

Rear view of the Mustang sporting a large Ford emblem on the trunk.

GSU Preview

Cinema Arts showcases last film of semester

By Heidi King
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"Late Marriage," a charming Israeli film about love and differences, will premiere at Georgia Southern. With a splendid story much like "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the plot revolves around a middle-aged man, his traditional parents and his love interest. Still following the cultural tradition of arranged marriages, the parents showcase their choices for marriage. Already in love, the son counters every choice.

"Late Marriage" is a story about breaking away from the cultural tradition and following your heart—no matter what culture you belong to. The movie debuts at 7:15 p.m. in the Russell Union Theater on April 18. Tickets are \$2 each.

Garland's 'Oz' dress goes on display

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A blue-and-white gingham dress worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" has gone on display at Bonhams & Butterfields in advance of an auction in London.

Bonhams said the dress, which also will be displayed in Los Angeles prior to the sale, could fetch from \$50,000 to \$70,000 at the April 26 auction.

The dress was custom-made for Garland, who was 17 in 1939, the year the film was released. It has a 27-inch waist and her name on an inside hem label. The auction house didn't identify the previous owner.

"This dress represents the quintessential magic of childhood in the most beloved film of the 20th century," said Jon Baddeley, group head of Bonhams collectors' department.

"It has become a cherished memory for millions of fans worldwide and was worn by one of the most talented and respected stars in Hollywood."

Other items featured in the auction include John Lennon's handwritten lyrics for "Revolution" and a jacket worn by Mick Jagger.

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