

## ECU professor attends workshop on bio-terrorism, global security in Beijing



While in China for a workshop on global security and bio-terrorism, Anderson also got to visit local sites.

### Government officials, educators discuss bio-terrorism

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A professor in the ECU College of Health and Human Performance recently returned from her visit to China, where she attended a workshop on the country's perspective on global security and bio-terror-

ism. Alice Anderson left for the East two weeks ago. The ECU Center for Security Studies helped to fund the trip because they were also working to get a grant together so they could begin training.

"I was surfing the Net and came across this opportunity and thought that this would be a good way to have this information for the center," said Anderson.

While Anderson was the only professor from ECU to attend the

conference, which was held at China Foreign Affairs University, there were also attendants from Australia, Canada, Tank and different regions of the United States including Oregon and Florida.

The conference focused mainly on concerns dealing with maritime issues, economic security, radiation security and energy. The event was taught by Chinese scholars and government experts, who focused on China's desire to create an industry together that would main-

tain their countries' income level, food supply and environment.

According to Anderson, these topics all involve environmental health components, and she learned how another country with such a big population looks to protect their citizens from threats to human health.

China, as well as the United States, is interested in working on clean burning coal. Anderson said 80 percent of China's energy comes from the use of coal, which in turn causes the air pollution from which China suffers.

"Two days of my trip, the smog was so strong that our eyes burned," Anderson said. "Some people even had reactions."

Anderson, who is a member of a Center for Disease Control task-force for leadership in all hazards response, plans to take what she learned in China and share her newfound knowledge with her students and colleagues.

"Students need to know more about the world they live in, and things in the world that need their help," Anderson said.

"Everyone is the same and we all have meaningful goals."

Anderson said that she wants to go back to see other areas of Asia and would look into their different environmental problems.

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## Wal-Mart robbery leads to fatal crash

*Two injured, one dead after police pursuit*

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An unarmed robbery at the Greenville Wal-Mart led to an accident that killed a local teenager. The suspect, 16-year-old Christopher Satterwright, stole a purse from a woman in front of Wal-Mart, then left the scene by car. The driver was 19-year-old Shonte Nicole Sutton. A witness reported the incident to Greenville police at 10:09 p.m.

Authorities spotted Sutton's Suzuki on Hooker Road near Concord. Blue lights and sirens were activated, but Sutton failed to stop and was chased northbound on Hooker Road for about a mile at speeds between 45-60 miles per hour.

Sutton eventually ran a stop sign at the intersection of Howell and Evans Streets at 10:18 p.m. and a 1988 Honda collided into the passenger side. Satterwright was killed when his body ejected from the car - he was not wearing a safety belt.

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## Ballard names another interim vice chancellor



**SHEERER**

### Sheerer will oversee division of university advancement

**CHRIS MUNIER**  
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Marilyn A. Sheerer, professor and dean of the college of education, has taken the position of interim vice chancellor of university advancement, effective June 1.

Sheerer will be taking over for Bill Shelton, who plans to work with the college of education.

Sheerer's role as interim vice

chancellor will last at least through this summer and for however long it takes ECU to find a permanent vice chancellor. Her main objective will be to survey the division of university advancement and make modifications.

Chancellor Steve Ballard applauded Sheerer's abilities when she was first named.

"Dean Sheerer is an immensely capable leader who is respected and admired throughout the campus," said Ballard.

"She will provide first-rate guidance for the division, and I am grateful that she has agreed to take on these additional duties."

The division of university advancement handles four general areas of administration: fundraising, development, alumni and marketing.

"I've done a lot of work in the area of development," said Sheerer.

"I've done some fundraising in the college of education, I have a lot of contacts with alumni and I also know the university well."

Sheerer said she is trying to meet with every employee and get their feedback on administrative issues. She wants to know what problems exist and

what areas they think need improvement.

"During this interim period we are going to review everything, make some recommendations and when we bring this permanent person in, some of these things will work out," Sheerer said.

"The question is: should we change anything before we bring this new person here?"

Sheerer said she would be spending June 9 and 10 in Asheville for a professional development meeting for members of the UNC system.

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## Announcements

**Today is the last day of classes for the first summer session!**

### Safe Ride now available

Safe Ride vans are clearly marked white 12 and 15 passenger vans. They will be available between 9 - 9:30 each night and will be stationed at the new annex of Rivers to serve those taking classes in Brewster, Howell, Fletcher Music, Austin, Speight and Rivers. Another van will be at Bate to serve Graham, Bate, Ragsdale, Flanagan and the Science & Technology building. Transportation is available to those who park some distance away from campus and who would like a ride to their vehicles after evening classes.

### 'Grease'

The theatre classic *Grease* will be performed June 21 - 25 at 8 p.m. in the McGinnis Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for the general public, \$27.50 for senior citizens and current ECU faculty and staff and \$20 for youth or ECU students in advance, or \$30 at the door. For more information, visit [ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/mcginnis/SummerTheatre.cfm](http://ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/mcginnis/SummerTheatre.cfm) or call 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

### Driving for a Cure

The Marley Fund will hold its third annual "Driving for a Cure" golf tournament June 23 at Ironwood. Registration and lunch, provided by Outback Steakhouse, will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Coastal Beverage Company and Minges Bottling Group. There will also be a \$20,000 putting contest and prizes including a Harley Davidson and Nissan Altima for hole in ones. Anyone can sign up for a four-person team with a \$400 donation. For more information, call Marley Fund at 215-0925.

### Bridge dedication ceremony

The city of Greenville will hold a dedication ceremony for the Greenville Bridge, the old Greene Street Bridge, June 30 from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Town Commons.

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## News Briefs

### Local

**Duke to tell patients more about hydraulic fluid used on surgical tools**  
RALEIGH, NC - Thousands of patients whose surgical instruments were mistakenly washed in hydraulic fluid at two hospitals should soon be receiving more information on potential risks and an offer of help from Duke University Health System.

Carol Svec, who said she has suffered lingering pain after her rotator cuff surgery last fall, provided The Associated Press with copies of e-mails from a top Duke official promising the effort to reach out to nearly 4,000 affected patients.

"We are sending a letter to all 4,000 patients updating them of the situation and informing of a center that we have established with physician experts in environmental health to provide consultation to all those who remain concerned of their health status," Dr. Victor Dzau, chief executive officer of Duke University Health System, said in an e-mail exchange with Svec.

Dzau said in a later e-mail Monday that "the physician and staff at the center want to be completely prepared to serve those who call or to see the patients." "I expect the patients to receive them on Wednesday," Dzau wrote.

A health system spokesman did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

The exchange comes a week after

the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a report saying the hospitals put patients in "immediate jeopardy" by not detecting the problem, despite complaints from medical staff about slick tools.

### National

**Jury ends first day without verdict in case of 1964 civil-rights murders**  
PHILADELPHIA, Miss. - The jury deliberating the fate of an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman is split 6-6 on whether he is responsible for three murders he is accused of masterminding in 1964.

After a few hours of work, panelists ended deliberations Monday evenly divided on the fate of Edgar Ray Killen, the sawmill operator, part-time preacher - and, prosecutors say, Klan organizer. The judge told jurors to resume deliberations Tuesday - 41 years to the day after James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner disappeared, bringing national attention to the state's Jim Crow code of segregation in the South and helping spur passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

During closing arguments, prosecutors made an impassioned plea for a conviction, saying the victims' families have waited too long for someone to be brought to justice.

"Because the guilt of Edgar Ray Killen is so clear, there is only one question

left," District Attorney Mark Duncan said. "Is a Neshoba County jury going to tell the rest of the world that we are not going to let Edgar Ray Killen get away with murder any more? Not one day more."

Killen could get life in prison if convicted of murder or up to 20 years on each of the three counts if convicted of manslaughter.

During closing arguments, defense attorney James McIntyre said that while events that occurred in 1964 were horrible and he has sympathy for the families of the victims, "the burden of proof does not reflect any guilt whatsoever" on the part of Killen.

McIntyre acknowledged that Killen was once a Klan member, but added: "He's not charged with being a member of the Klan, he's charged with murder." He then pointed out that no witnesses could put Killen at the scene of the crime. Killen did not take the stand.

### International

**Iraqi justice minister says U.S. trying to delay interrogations of Saddam**  
BRUSSELS, Belgium - Iraq's justice minister said Tuesday that U.S. officials are trying to delay interrogations of Saddam Hussein.

Justice Minister Abdel Hussein Shandal, in Brussels for an international conference on Iraq, also accused the U.S. of concealing information about the ousted Iraqi leader.

"It seems there are lots of secrets they want to hide," he told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview.

Shandal also said Saddam's trial would be over by the end of the year. American officials have privately urged caution about rushing into a trial, saying the Iraqis need to develop a solid judicial system. They also worry it could interfere with the important constitution writing process and inflame sectarian tensions.

Though Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's Shiite-led government is determined to put Saddam on trial, circumstances may not allow it.

His government earlier this month said Saddam's trial would be held within two months, but later backtracked. No trial date has been set for Saddam or any of the other former regime officials being held in custody.

Saddam's trial could be a highly divisive issue in already turbulent Iraq. If court proceedings begin in two months, they will coincide with the crucial process of drafting the constitution. The draft must be finished by mid-August and approved in a referendum two months later, clearing the way for December elections.

Saddam, 68, is still being interrogated, the justice minister said.

"The process requires collecting evidence but the rule of Saddam was for 35 years, and it needs a lot of evidence, a lot of interrogations," he told The Associated Press.

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She thinks it is important to learn more about her position before she does things.

Sheerer will also be talking to alumni, potential donors and making recommendations to the chancellor. She said the chancellor is very committed to studying this division.

She is also interested in maintaining good relations with alumni and increasing ECU's endowment.

ECU is also approaching its 2007 centennial celebration, and her division will be preparing for that as well.

Sheerer has been with the college of education since 1998 and said she took this position to help with the transition to a new vice chancellor. She said she is glad to do it because it is in the best interest of the university.

Sheerer will remain as the dean of the college of education throughout her tenure as interim vice chancellor.

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Jason David Lloyd, who drove the Honda, was treated and released from Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Sutton also received injuries from the accident, but did not sustain anything life-threatening. Both Sutton and Lloyd were wearing seat belts.

The purse Satterwright stole was not found at the accident scene, but some of the victim's items were. Police found a cell phone and an address book.

Police are still investigating the crime in order to determine the proper charges against Sutton. Nobody at Wal-Mart was hurt when Satterwright stole the purse, and police are still trying to determine what exactly occurred there. However, Sutton will likely face charges, including a felony for fleeing the Wal-Mart robbery and the pursuing officers.

"This is what we call a strong-armed robbery where there is no weapon involved," said Major Kevin Smeltzer, operations bureau commander for the Greenville Police Department.

Smeltzer made the distinction between what happened at Wal-Mart and larceny. Larceny is when a thief steals something, but an incident is considered a strong-armed robbery when force is used against the victim to obtain the object.

Smeltzer called this a random incident and noted that the best thing to do in this situation is to let the law handle those who perpetrated the crime. He said there will be directed patrol around the area for a few days but no special security measures will be implemented at Wal-Mart.

Authorities did not know if any of the individuals involved in the accident were ECU students, but they suspect Lloyd may be a student.

Greenville police do not know about any witnesses who saw the car accident. The person who called the authorities to report the robbery requested anonymity.

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## Guidelines

Guidelines for personal safety:

- Always let a family member or colleague know your plans, appointments, or outings.
- When walking appear confident. Do not show fear. Trust your instincts.
- Always carry your purse close to your body and keep a firm grip on it.
- Carry a whistle on your key chain.
- When using an Automated Teller Machine try to use one in a well-lit, busy, public place.
- Know the area you are in. Beware of dead end streets.
- Make sure your car stays in good operating condition and be aware of the fuel level. Keep a flashlight, spare tire, and jumper cables with you.
- Leave only your ignition key with an attendant.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Stay in your car if it breaks down. If someone stops to help, lower your window only slightly and request they telephone a police officer for you.

From [greenvillenc.gov](http://greenvillenc.gov)



## Pirate Rants

I'm not your ex. Quit comparing us. that's good enough.

Well I am here in London as it is my hometown (until I get back to g' Vegas) and though I must admit cricket is a little on the boring side, we Brits love it. It's more interesting than baseball!

Chill out! If people want to rant about hot bus driver boys or station wagon drivers or whatever they want to, let them be. I think it's hilarious. Have some fun. It's the summer - don't be so uptight.

I would like to say thank you to ECU Parking for towing my car at 7:05a.m. and leaving the two cars parked illegally next to me ticket free. If I set up a toll free number to report parking violations, will you refund me the absurd \$140 in towing charges it cost to get my car (towed less than two blocks from campus) back?

Don't be mad that I'm talking about the hot bus driver instead of you. Post whatever you want, it makes other people laugh and

It could be 5,000 degrees outside but it's still unnecessary for it to be so cold in class when I'm already wearing jeans and a sweater.

Are the incoming freshmen getting younger and younger? I'm scared to even look at them, I might go to jail.

I feel like a sperm going into cryogenics lab every time I go to chemistry class in the Science and Tech Building. Must it be 30 degrees inside?

There is nothing worse than someone who goes around saying how bad someone else is at something. If you are so great, why not get off your butt and do it yourself? Until then, respect other people's work.

I Really Love Monkeys!

Who kidnapped Tony? Last week's opinion actually made sense!

## In My Opinion

# Marijuana: no longer a legal medicine

*Federal government can prosecute users of medicinal marijuana*

TONY MCKEE  
CONSERVATIVE CORNER

*I noted with interest all the recent "rants" about my voice of reason being the only opinion appearing in TEC.*

*I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that I was presently the only Opinion columnist and suggested that some Liberal true believer submit an application to TEC office. The last I checked, nobody had done so. This leads me to believe that there is no one courageous enough to publicly stand behind their Liberal beliefs. Am I right?*

*If I'm wrong, go submit an application. If I am right, quit your whining.*

*That said, here is this week's column.*

Two weeks ago the United States Supreme Court decided a case concerning medical marijuana by a 6-3 margin. This decision established that the Federal government has the authority to arrest and prosecute anyone who possesses marijuana for medicinal purposes. This reversed a trend in court decisions granting more power to the states and also seemingly conflicts with a 2003 decision that doctors cannot be punished for prescribing medicinal marijuana in states where such laws are enacted.

This is a bad decision.

No, I am not going soft or Liberal. I still firmly believe that marijuana should not be legalized for a myriad of reasons. Primary among them is that there has been very little discussion by advocates, or anyone else for that matter, on one very important issue - public safety.

Marijuana affects judgment, reaction time, mood, emotion and other aspects of brain chemistry. If marijuana were legalized, we would have thousands upon thousands of doped up people driving, operating equipment, handling our money, teaching our children, the list goes

on and on. With all the restrictions on drinking in conjunction with daily activities, I find it hard to believe that more attention has not been focused on issues such as these. But these discussions are for later consideration.

I have family, friends and acquaintances that could potentially benefit from using marijuana medicinally. I know most of these people would, probably, use it intelligently and not take unnecessary risks. Even so, I still have the same qualms about marijuana's non-medicinal effects. As with legalization, however, this is an issue for later discussion.

My objection about this decision is simply the reasoning behind it.

The court ruled that the Federal government can prosecute medicinal marijuana users for possession under the power granted to it by the Controlled Substance Act. This was enacted, and upheld, pursuant to the interpretation of Congress' authority to "regulate commerce" among the states. By basing their decision on this interpretation, the Supreme Court has potentially opened the door to a much bigger problem.

The Federal government argued in this case that simply possessing marijuana has a "substantial" effect on interstate commerce and they have the right to regulate and prosecute such possession under the Controlled Substance Act. This included marijuana grown in the home for personal use, not for resale. That was a disingenuous argument.

Congress has used its power to "regulate commerce" to stick their nose into the states' business for decades. They have enacted laws, created taxes and used the commerce clause to regulate what individual farmers can plant on their own farms. As onerous as these and other actions are, they pale in comparison to what has happened here.

The United States Constitution clearly delineates the authority of the State and Federal governments: any power not specifically granted to the Federal government

resides with the states (to freely paraphrase). The states have (or should have) the right to make laws concerning the welfare of their people, no matter how misguided or ill-advised, without interference from the Federal government so long as such laws do not affect the security or safety of the country as a whole. This decision may ultimately invalidate that Constitutional provision.

For those of you who were alarmed, rightly or wrongly, by the implications of the Patriot Act, this decision should outright scare you. Taken to a not too unrealistic extreme, this decision has just validated the position of many big government advocates that there are no public or private endeavors that Congress cannot regulate. That is a dangerous concept, since every conceivable activity you engage in can ultimately be considered to have an effect on interstate commerce. Grocery shopping, going to the movies, drinking beer, smoking, driving down the road, even sex and having children may ultimately fall under government purview because of this ruling. There is some hope though.

The Supreme Court essentially tossed the whole issue back into Congress' (and therefore your) laps. Part of their written decision stated that Congress needs to act to resolve this issue. And resolve it they must.

The Constitution rightly limits the power of the Federal government to ensure that no one ideal or political mind set can be forced upon the American people. This needs to be upheld, and you can do something about it.

Contact Governor Easley, or the governor of whatever state you come from, and express your dismay. Contact your Representatives and Senators in Washington and do the same. The old adage that the "squeaky wheel gets the grease" is true, especially in politics. Make some noise about this. You have more power, and more to lose, than you think.

If nothing is done to resolve this issue you, your children and grandchildren will reap the results.

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# Get caught reading.



# Acquitted Sept. 11 suspect returns home to Morocco



Morocco's Abdelghani Mzoudi is welcomed by his mother upon his arrival at the Agadir airport, Morocco, Tuesday.

AGADIR, Morocco (AP) — A Moroccan man acquitted of charges he helped the Sept. 11 hijackers was welcomed home Tuesday by his family and security agents after Germany deported him.

Abdelghani Mzoudi, 32, was acquitted in February 2004 of charges he helped hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah in their plot to attack the United States. He faced

charges of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and membership in a terrorist organization.

"I'm happy because I'm in my country, and I thank God for that," Mzoudi told The Associated Press in his first comments to the media since his arrest in October 2002. "Before anything, I have to decide about my future. I have not yet decided what I'm going to do."

His mother and brother greeted him at the airport in this southern coastal town after he arrived from Hanover, Germany, accompanied by his German lawyer, Michael Rosenthal.

Sitting next to him at the terminal, his mother, Aicha Ajda, said they would celebrate her son's return later in the day when they reached their home in Marrakesh to the east. And "God willing, I'll marry him to my sister's daughter," she said.

According to trial testimony, Mzoudi traveled to Afghanistan, where he stayed at a guest house in Kandahar run by Osama bin Laden and was close friends with the suicide hijackers in Hamburg. German judges ruled that it was not proven he knew anything about their plot.

After his acquittal was upheld earlier this month, Hamburg's top security official, Udo Nagel, said his office was still ordering him expelled from the country because it "stands by its view that Mzoudi threatens the free democratic order and supports terrorist organizations." Following Mzoudi's departure, Nagel said he would not be permitted to return.

"Mzoudi was part of the Islamist

scene, endangered the security of Germany and supported a terrorist network," Nagel said. "Such people are not welcome in Germany."

Mzouodi said he was innocent. In Morocco Tuesday, he refused to talk about his time in Afghanistan.

"They arrested us just because we knew the guys. I wasn't the only one who knew them in the whole of Hamburg," he said, referring to the hijackers. "All Arabs knew each other."

He said the three men he was accused of helping plot the Sept. 11 attacks, "were my neighbors." Atta, suspected leader of the hijackers, was a fellow student at his university, said Mzouodi, who was an electrical engineering student when he was arrested in 2002.

The Egyptian-born Atta was "ordinary. I guess we were friends, but I didn't know what was inside him," said the soft-spoken Mzouodi, who sported a black beard and was wearing a dark suit.

"I knew I was innocent from the beginning and I believed in the German justice system and in my defense team," Mzouodi said.

Rosenthal, his lawyer, said Mzouodi's presence in Afghanistan

didn't mean he was guilty.

"We assume he was in Afghanistan, but it's never been established he took al-Qaida training there. We know he was in Afghanistan, but so were tens of thousands of other Muslims," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal said his client spent a year and a half in jail in "a very weak case" and based on "circumstantial evidence."

Before he was deported, another of Mzouodi's lawyers said her client was afraid of being apprehended and interrogated once he returned to Morocco.

But on Tuesday, Mzouodi said he was not worried.

"I wouldn't have come if I were afraid" of arrest, he said. "I wanted to leave [Germany]. Wasn't it enough what they did to me for a year and a half?"

Before Mzouodi's plane touched down, a Moroccan security official at the airport said they had no intention of arresting him.

Another security official chatted amicably with Mzouodi as he waited for his papers and shook his hands as he left the airport terminal. Another official escorted Mzouodi and his family to their van before they headed to Marrakesh.

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# Judge rules former NCSU cop discriminated against

RALEIGH, NC — Sexual discrimination resulted in a denied pay increase and a reassignment to night patrol for a former campus police sergeant at North Carolina State University, an administrative law judge ruled.

Ann Trochum, who now works for the State Capitol Police, should have been paid the same amount as eight male sergeants working at the university, Administrative Law Judge Augustus B. Elkins II ruled.

In his decision, Elkins said Trochum's claims of sexual discrimination were legitimate based in part on several comments made to her by her former supervisor, Lt. Rich-

ard Potts. In one case, he reportedly told her she was nothing more than a secretary and in another case he taunted her after a disagreement over a rape investigation.

Potts denied making either statement.

Assistant Attorney General Katherine Galvin, who is representing the university, argued the comments aren't germane to the case because Potts did not set Trochum's salary.

Elkins' decision, which was released in May, must still be approved by the State Personnel Commission.

Trochum's back pay would

total about \$28,000. The university would also be responsible for other costs such as retirement benefits and attorney fees. A hearing before the personnel commission is expected in July.

Trochum became a law enforcement officer in 1999 and was hired by the NCSU Campus Police Department in March 2000 as a patrol officer. Before that, she worked for the State Bureau of Investigation for 24 years. Her duties included supervision of a clerical unit. She did not supervise officers.

She was promoted to sergeant at NCSU in May 2001, the only female sergeant on the force.

# Autopsy shows NC student's blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit

HIGH POINT, NC (AP) — A High Point University student whose body was found face down in a shallow creek more than a month ago had a blood-alcohol level that was more than twice the legal limit for drivers in North Carolina, according to an autopsy report.

Terrence McCann, 20, of Glenside, Pa., had a blood-alcohol level of 0.2 at the time of his death, the chief medical examiner's office reported. Drivers in North Carolina are considered intoxicated if they have a level of .08 or higher.

The autopsy and police investigation found no signs of foul play.


McCann was reported missing by his parents May 9, one day after they arrived in High Point to take him home for summer break. McCann's friends told

police they had been drinking alcohol the afternoon of May 7 and continued drinking at a bar later that evening.

Police say McCann's friend, Brandon Michael Wright, 21, of Laurel Springs, N.J., bought malt beverages and passed them along to McCann. He has been charged with aiding and abetting giving malt beverages to anyone under 21, a misdemeanor.

McCann's body was found in a creek on May 10. Police believe McCann was headed home when he cut through a steep wooded area and lost his footing before falling into less than 2 inches of water. McCann had several small abrasions on his arms, hands and face, but the scratches were not sufficient to cause death or suggest foul play, according to the autopsy report released Monday.

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# No better 'Batman' has ever been made

'Batman Begins' ranks among the year's best films

TREVOR KIRKENDALL  
STAFF WRITER

*Batman Begins* is the best adaptation of the *Batman* comic book series ever made. Forget the previous four movies directed by Tim Burton and Joel Schumacher. Christopher Nolan's vision of the Dark Knight is the darkest and most complete *Batman* film yet.

Christian Bale, famous for his role as crazed serial killer in *American Psycho*, outperforms everyone who came before him, including Michael Keaton. His commanding onscreen presence shines on both ends of the spectrum as both Bruce Wayne and as Batman. He is made to look less as a comic book hero and more as the dark vigilante he was originally conceived to be by creator Bob Kane.

There's nothing in *Batman Begins* that reflects in any way that this is a comic book adaptation. Some may say that Tim Burton's 1989 adaptation was very dark. However, there were still light and goofy elements that made that film



'Batman' cast Gary Oldman, Michael Caine, Christian Bale, Katie Holmes, Morgan Freeman and Liam Neeson

look like it was taken right out of a comic book. Jack Nicholson as The Joker was a great casting choice, but he didn't have the evil sinister appearance that Nolan's villains have in *Batman Begins*.

Don't get me wrong, the first *Batman* was a great film, but look-

ing at it now in retrospect to this latest installment, there is no comparison. *Batman Begins* has the sinister look and an overall darker tone that was missing from the original. This film does not even come close to being compared to the latter two films *Batman Forever* and *Batman &*

*Robin*. Those two adaptations rank among the worst comic book and superhero adaptations in history. *Batman* was made to look soft and not at all intimidating, while his villains, Two-Face, the Riddler, Mr. Freeze and Poison Ivy, were made to look like clowns with no clear

ambitions. They wanted to kill Batman, but why? The villains in *Batman Begins* are evil and have sinister plans to destroy Gotham City. Batman is not a factor in the beginning.

As *Batman Begins* opens, we meet Bruce Wayne as a prisoner, locked away in a prison far away from the likes of Gotham. He is approached by a man named Henri Ducard (Liam Neeson), who claims to work for Ra's Al Ghul (Ken Watanabe). Ducard releases Wayne and brings him to train with him and Ra's Al Ghul. When he's finished training, Wayne is a fierce martial arts expert who returns home to Gotham City with vengeance and justice in his eyes.

Through flashbacks, we see parts of Wayne's past, such as the murder of his parents and the reason why Wayne chose to dress up like a bat while he fights crime. He also sees that Gotham is controlled by an evil mob boss named Carmine Falcone (Tom Wilkinson), whom Wayne has an extreme distaste toward.

The cities of Chicago and New York were used as backdrops for Gotham, as opposed to filming it

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# Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell bewitching together

Magical Preview

MEREDITH STEWART  
STAFF WRITER

*Bewitched* began as a sitcom based on the misadventures of a housewife and witch, Samantha (Elizabeth Montgomery), and a mortal husband, Darrin (Dick York and Dick Sargent).

At first glance, Samantha and Darrin appeared to be the average suburban couple with one slight difference - Samantha was a witch. The sitcom tension began as Samantha agreed not to use her supernatural powers at Darrin's request. The show was well crafted with skilled script writers, advanced special effects (for the time) and an outstanding cast.

*Bewitched* soon became one of the most beloved sitcoms in television history and aired on ABC from 1964-1972. The show was an immediate hit and was consistently in the "Nielsen Ratings Top Twelve" for its first five seasons.

This sitcom continues to capture those of all ages on Nick At Nite due to



Will Ferrell plays one of his usual wacky roles as Darrin in the movie.

its high production values, cleverness, diversity and American culture.

Now 33 years after the last season of *Bewitched*, director Nora Ephron (*When Harry Met Sally*, *You've Got Mail*) has created a movie that is sure to recreate the fun and fantasy of this classic comedy.

"I'm really looking forward to the movie coming out because as

a kid, I loved watching re-runs of *Bewitched* on TV Land," said Steven DuPre, accounting major.

Nicole Kidman (*Cold Mountain*, *The Stepford Wives*), stars in *Bewitched* as Isabel/Samantha. She plays a naive, good-natured witch who is determined not to use her supernatural powers and just live a "normal" life.



Nicole Kidman steps outside of the "drama" box for this fun-loving film.

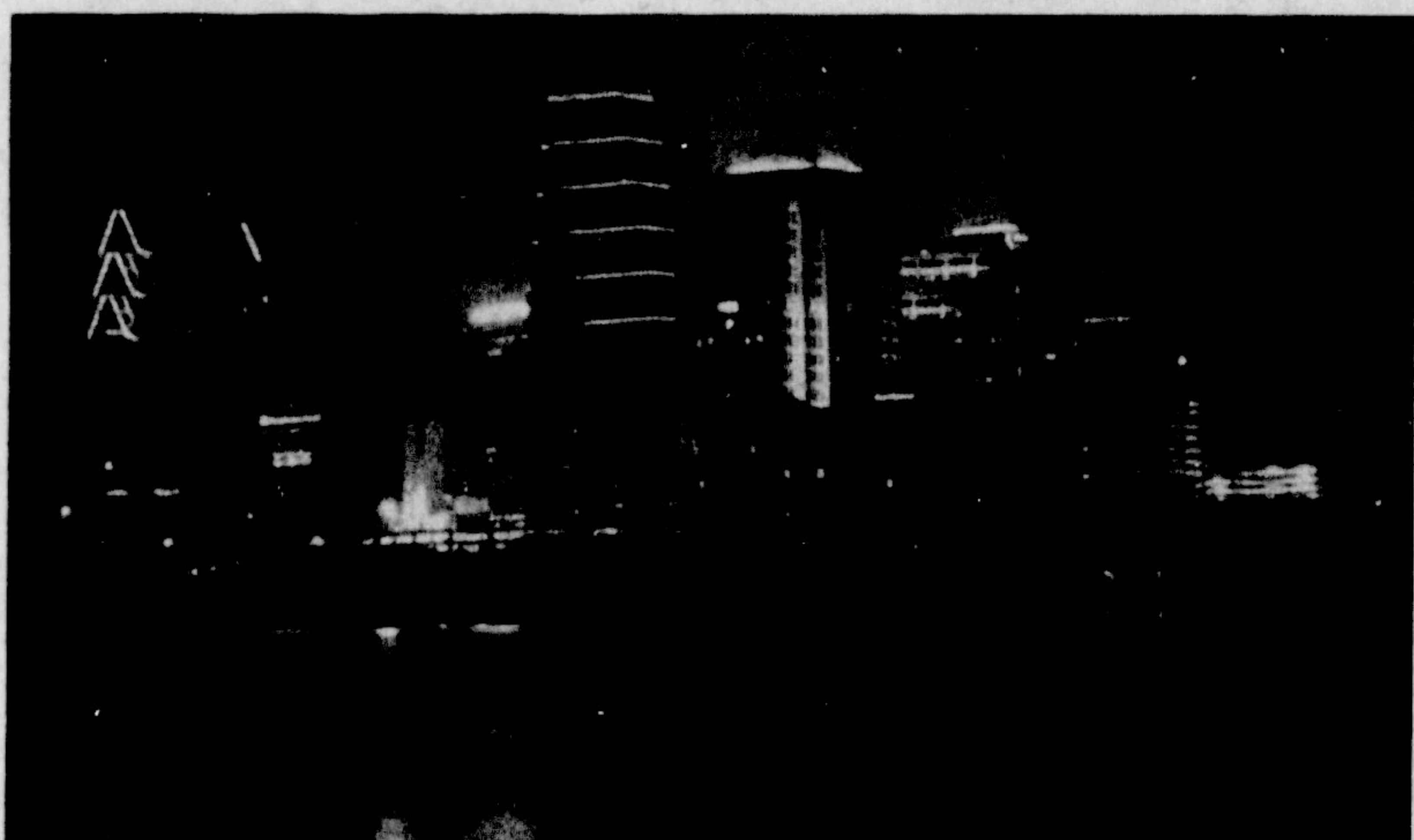
Will Ferrell (*Elf*, *Old School*), also stars in this romantic comedy as Jack Wyatt/Darrin, a tall and charming actor who is trying to get his career back on track. He sets his sights on landing a role on an updated version of the beloved late 1960's comedy *Bewitched*. He lands the role of the mere-mortal Darrin, but gets more than he ever

bargained for.

Fate steps in when Jack runs into Isabel and is immediately attracted to her nose, which resembles the nose of Elizabeth Montgomery. He convinces her to play Samantha in the updated version. At the same time, Isabel is taken with Jack,

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# Don't mess with the real Austin, Texas



Austin, Texas is the most recent city to fall victim to reality television.

## The Real World: Austin

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As a plethora of reality television shows start popping up, we have the option of watching everything from "Iron Chef America" to "I want to be a Hilton." With so many exciting alternatives, will young America still tune in to watch the granddaddy of reality shows?

This season, MTV's "The Real World" series is set to take place in the city of Austin, Texas. A city that most of us probably know very little

about, but MTV will soon expose us to all of the bars and clubs that Austin has to offer.

Let me introduce you to the newest batch of seven strangers picked to live in a house.

Rachel is a 21-year-old Iraq war veteran with a sex drive as strong as her will to help our country. Her hero is porn star Jenna Jameson, but she has a boyfriend. MTV wants us to tune in to see if she'll stay faithful, which she probably won't.

Nehemiah is a 19-year-old African-American man from California. He has a mother in rehab and his MTV profile says

he's a "bright, charismatic young man" but was forced to "grow up quickly." Sounds sort of like this season's version of Karamo from RW: Philadelphia.

Melinda is a perky blonde from Wisconsin. Apparently she's an "ugly duckling turned swan," as if that would make us ugly ducklings tune in to watch her. She's a down home girl. Think American Idol winner Carrie Underwood without the accent, good looks and singing voice, but that would still probably be an insult to Ms. Underwood.

Next is Wes, a 20-year-old from Kansas. MTV lists him as being "obnoxious," a "super-competitive jock," a frat boy and "bright." Wes is basically a spitting image of "Road Rules" infamous star, Abram. The two guys will undoubtedly be mistaken for the same person all season.

Lacey, 24, is your token "unique" person. She was born to hippies, and has lived a sheltered life. She's Frankie from "Real World: San Diego," minus the colorful hair. I predict drama spouting from her direction.

Johanna is a 21-year-old Californian who MTV lists as "fiery," "highly opinionated" and "argumentative." Once again, I think MTV is trying to draw viewers in

by making us believe that every one of these characters is volatile and capable of creating life-altering drama at any second.

Last is Danny, a 21-year-old from Massachusetts. As the only attractive male character, I immediately assume he's gay, only because all gay men on "The Real World" thus far have been drop-dead gorgeous. MTV lists Danny as a "great debater," once again insinuating that he's a drama creator.

From the previews running on MTV, it looks like there will be more drama in this season than ever before. Will it be worth watching? No. The story is old, and right now it just looks as if all the drama is staged. Running the same show with the same story line for 16 years might have worked before, but this season it's just looking a bit lame. MTV attempts to make their characters look deep and admirable, but also wants us to expose us to as many infrared sex scenes and incessant boozing and puking as possible. It's just a bit over the top now. However, if you're one who happens to like this season, I suggest tuning in to "I want to be a Hilton" as well.

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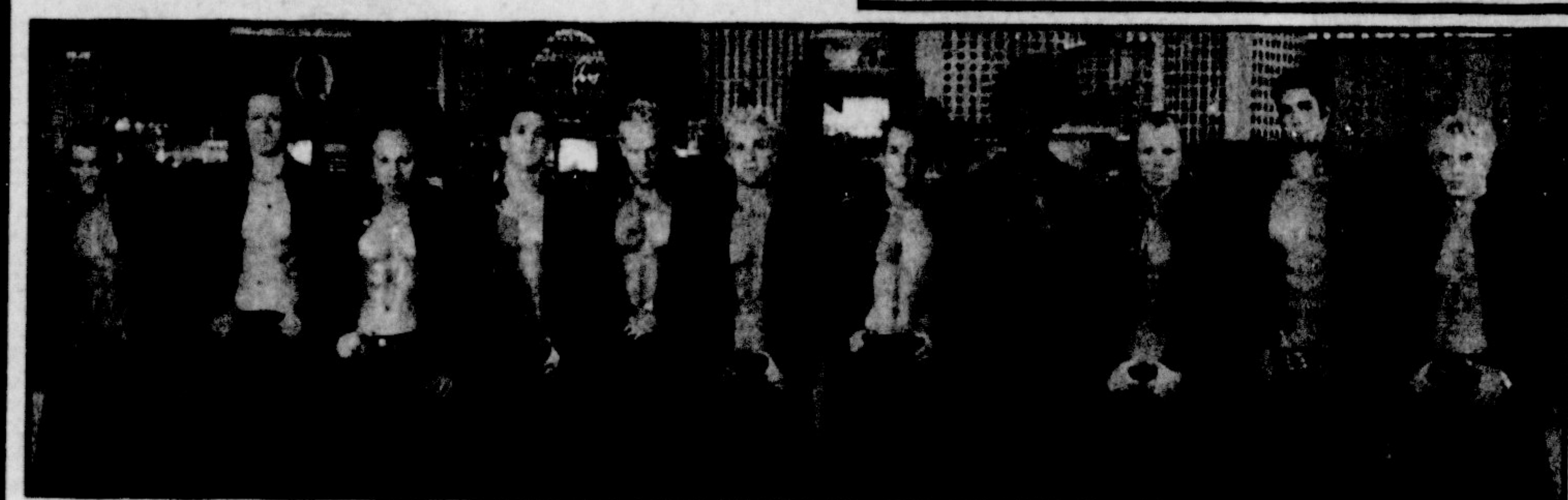
on a soundstage like the previous four films. This gives the city of Gotham a real look and character. The city looks less like something out of a comic book and more like the real cities that we all know, making the events in the film more and more believable.

Upon his return to Gotham, Wayne is assisted by the faithful family butler Alfred (Michael Caine). He also shows up at the business his father owned, Wayne Corp. to find it is being run by a corporate slug (Rutger Hauer). He is assigned to work in the development department with Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman), who later becomes Batman's equivalent to James Bond's Q. We also meet Wayne's childhood friend Rachel Dawes (Katie Holmes), who now works as an assistant District Attorney. She has problems of her own because all of Falcone's thugs who are arrested are pronounced legally insane to withstand trial by the mysterious Dr. Jonathan Crane (Cillian Murphy), who has a sinister plan of his own. Also appearing in this film is Gotham's future commissioner James Gordon (Gary Oldman), who at this time is only a sergeant and Gotham's only honest cop.

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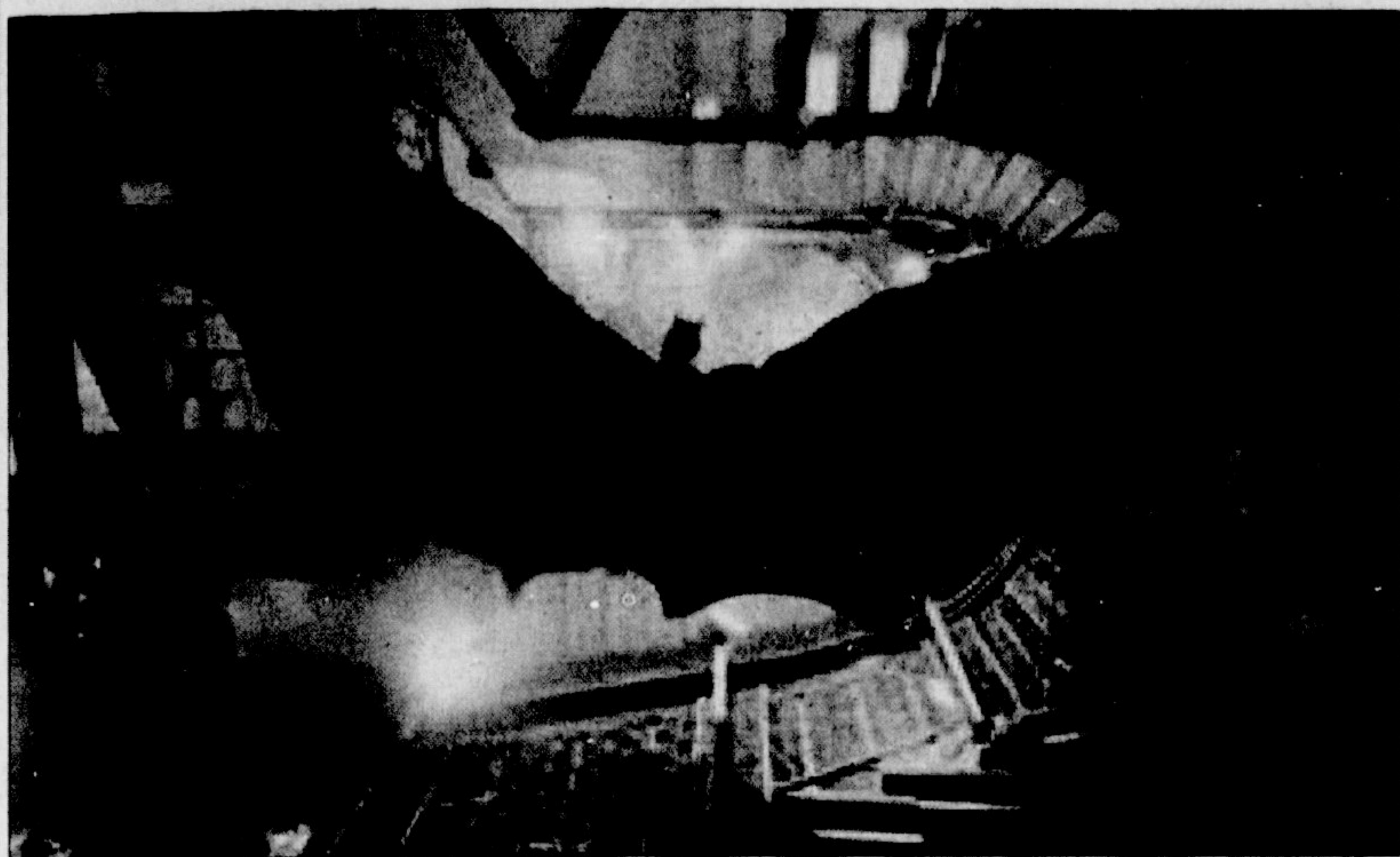
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**Batman** from page A10

Christian Bale, above, follows a long line of crime fighting Batmans.

*Batman Begins* has one of the year's best-assembled casts. Every single person brings their acting expertise to the table and brings all of these characters to life in a way that no other *Batman* film has been able to do. Katie Holmes (by her age a mere amateur compared to the seasoned veterans she acts alongside) even holds her own against everyone in the film. But it is Bale who steals the show. It is over an hour into the film before we catch our first glimpse of Batman. Up until that point, we are getting to know Bruce Wayne in a way that we have not seen before. This film is more about Wayne than Batman.

This is the same formula that made last year's *Spider-Man 2* work so well and why the TV series "Smallville" is so good. We get a sense of who the man underneath the costume is rather than just seeing the superhero.

Although this film is based on the DC Comics character, the story does not come from one specific volume. It is a story written by both director Nolan and David S. Goyer. Their screenplay is one of the year's most polished that leaves little to no unanswered questions at the film's finish. Very rarely do we find films that do this to us. Those that do will rank among the

year's best.

Nolan, who has already made a name for himself with *Insomnia* and *Memento*, brings his unique style of directing to this series. It does not need to be compared to the previous four *Batman* films; instead, it should be considered the start of a new franchise. Nolan keeps the use of computer generated effects to an absolute minimum, which is great. In an age where filmmakers can do whatever they want with the use of a computer, Nolan keeps authentic filmmaking his priority. The film's many car crashes and a spectacular train derailment scene look even better than the space wars we were treated to in *Episode III*. There's nothing wrong with using CGI as long as it is not overused, which Nolan does not do.

*Batman Begins* is the best *Batman* film ever made. It is also one of the best comic book adaptations and one of the best superhero film adaptations ever. It is one of the year's absolute best films. Never before have we been given such a complete film about Batman. This is the film that fans of the *Batman* comic book have been waiting for.

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Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell have perfect chemistry for this remake.

seeing him as the quirky mortal man whom she can settle down with and lead her desired "normal" life. Turns out they are both right, but in ways they never imagined.

This magical comedy also stars Shirley MacLaine (*The Evening Star*, *Joan of Arc*) as Endora. She's the right height, age and is a redhead, but most importantly she is kooky and charming. Michael Caine (*Shiner*, *Around the Bend*) plays Maurice, Endora's husband.

After fate steps in and brings Isabel and Jack together to play TV couple, real life begins to set in as Isabel unfolds her dream life of

being a "normal" housewife. In real life Isabel has come from her magical world to Earth to find a mortal husband and coincidentally she lands a TV role of whom she really is and what she has been searching for in real life all along. It's a TV show within a movie based pretty much on the same TV show. This seems to be a confusing concept. Be sure to catch Will Ferrell being funny as always along with Nicole Kidman continuing her wonderful charm June 24 in theaters everywhere.

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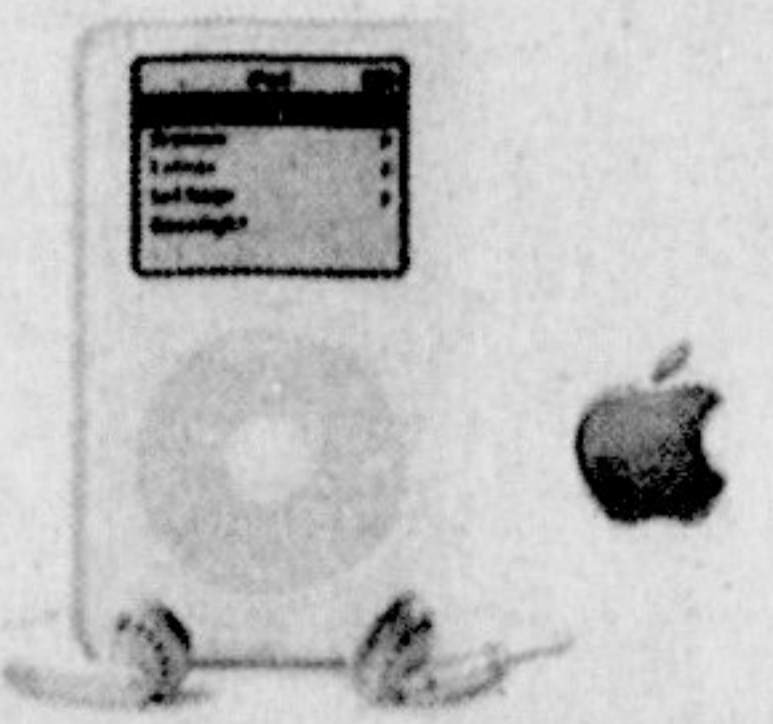
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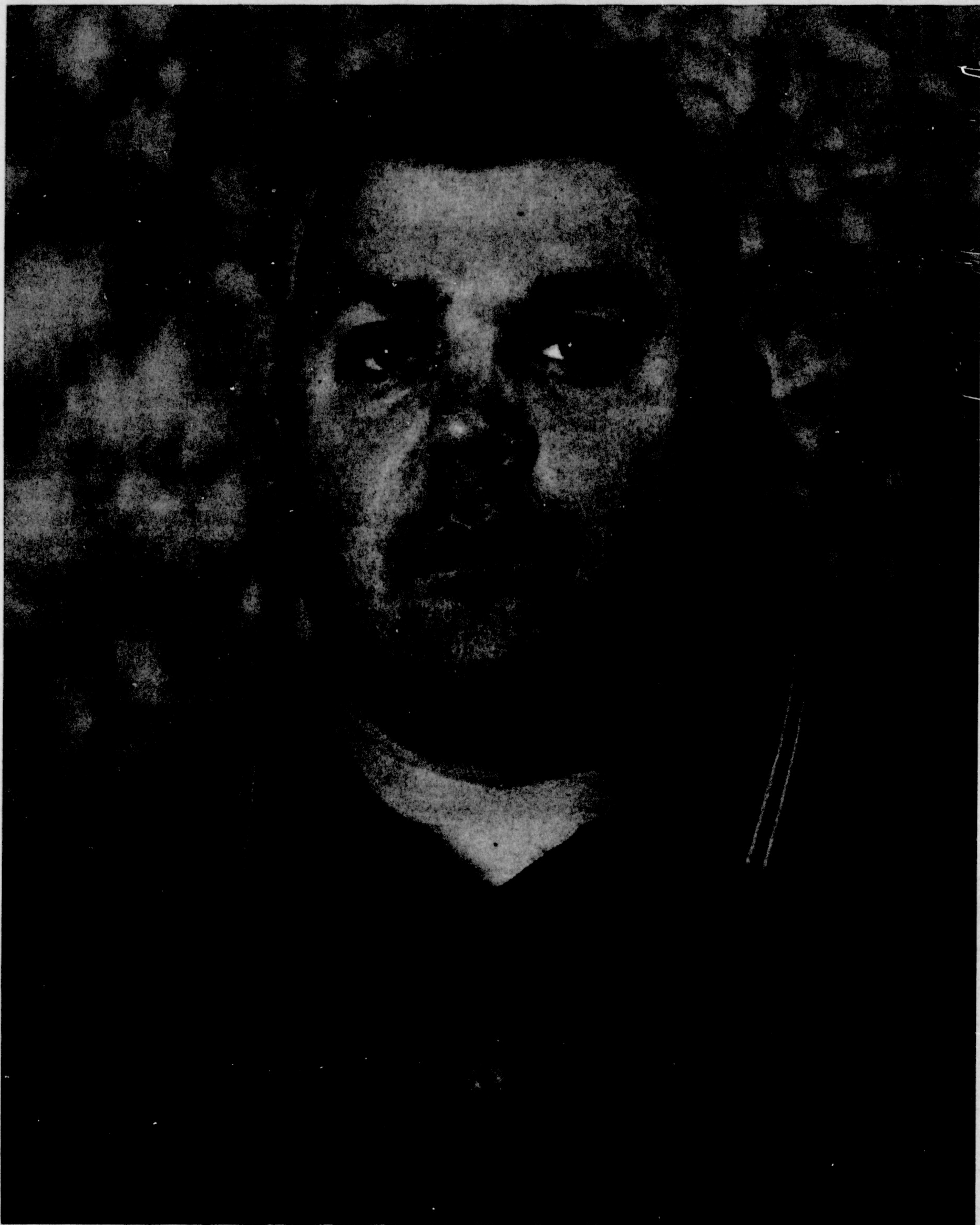


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## Golden key for success

*New strength coach building football team*

**ERIC GILMORE**  
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Newly hired strength coach Michael Golden has been working with Skip Holtz for years. Once Holtz was hired to be head football coach in December, it was only a matter of time before Golden made the now-familiar coaching transition from Columbia, SC to ECU.

"I don't follow him just because I like him," said Golden.

"We work real well together and

have a great working relationship. He's behind me 100 percent."

Holtz first hired Golden as the head football strength coach at the University of Connecticut. Golden, who was working at a local high school at the time, immediately impressed Holtz over collegiate candidates. Golden had spent the last three years at the University of South Carolina where Holtz' father, Lou, was head coach.

"It was an easy decision for me because the people I talked to said the kids would work hard," Golden said.

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The 36-year old replaces John

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## Pinehurst produces dramatic finish...again

*Retief Goosen's collapse a real head scratcher*

**MATTHEW SAUNDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

Six years ago, the first U.S. Open ever held at Pinehurst No. 2 yielded some of the most exciting action ever seen in golf's National Championship. With Phil Mickelson leading the field and Tiger Woods on his tail all day, the late, great Payne Stewart delivered with a dramatic tie breaking putt on the 72nd hole to secure his second U.S. Open victory.

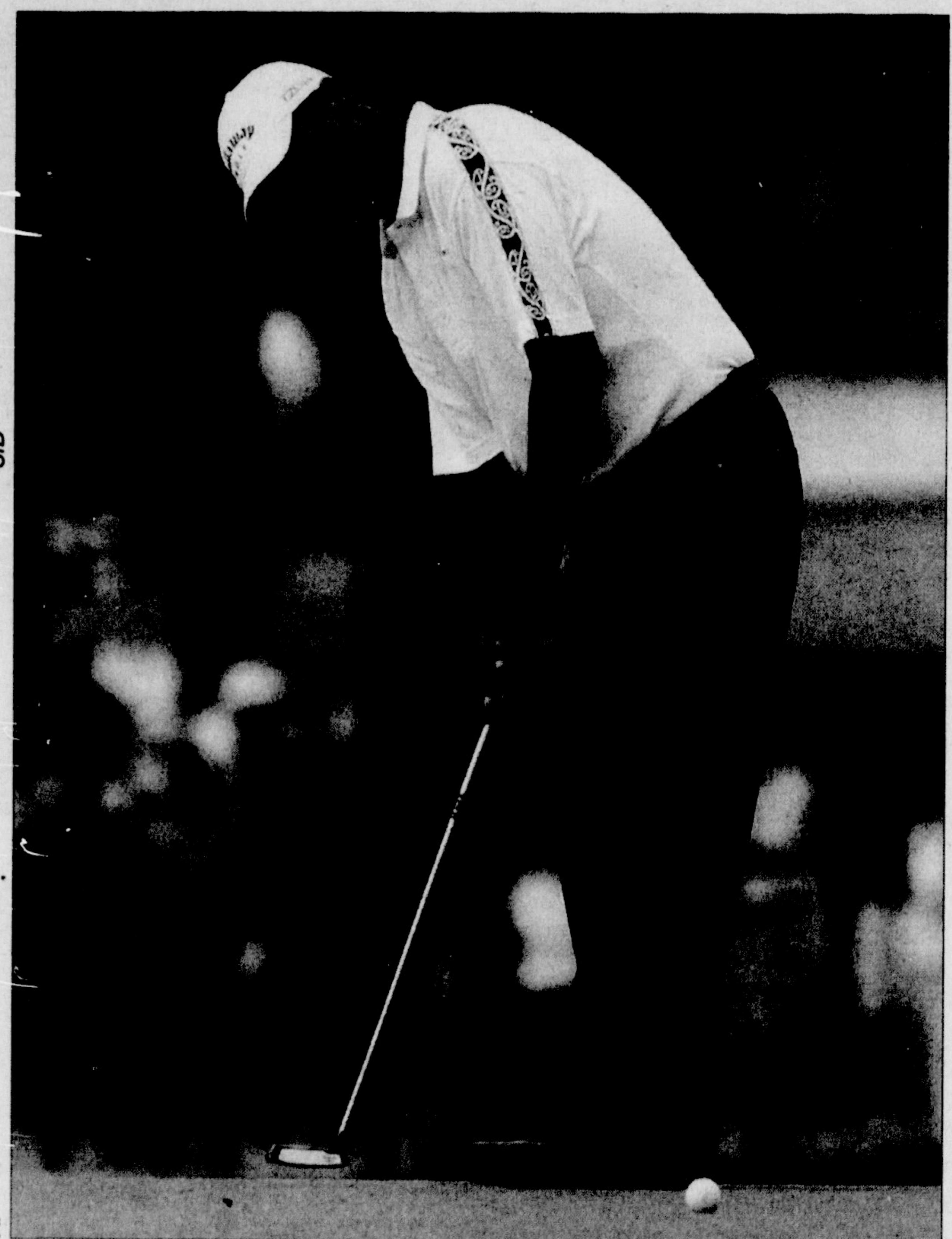
Sadly, he never got to defend his title. Stewart died tragically in a plane crash only four months later. With the lasting image of Stewart's great victory in '99, both in our minds and outside the course in a statue of his winning pose, the U.S. Open returned to Pinehurst No. 2 with a plethora of exciting storylines, and by the end of the tourna-

ment, something no one believed could have happened did.

In the first three rounds, last year's Open winner and the world's fifth-ranked player, Retief Goosen, appeared to be headed for his second Open win in a row and his third in all. It appeared that with an almost insurmountable lead heading into the final round that Goosen's third Open victory would be a forgone conclusion.

With a three-stroke lead heading into the final round, experts were saying that Goosen only needed an average round to secure victory on the treacherous Pinehurst No. 2 course. But like many golfers, even the world's best struggling at the grueling No. 2 course, Goosen would finally succumb to the course's conditions ... and at the worst possible time. It started out rough, and in the rough, for Goosen, with a double-bogey on the second hole, and things would

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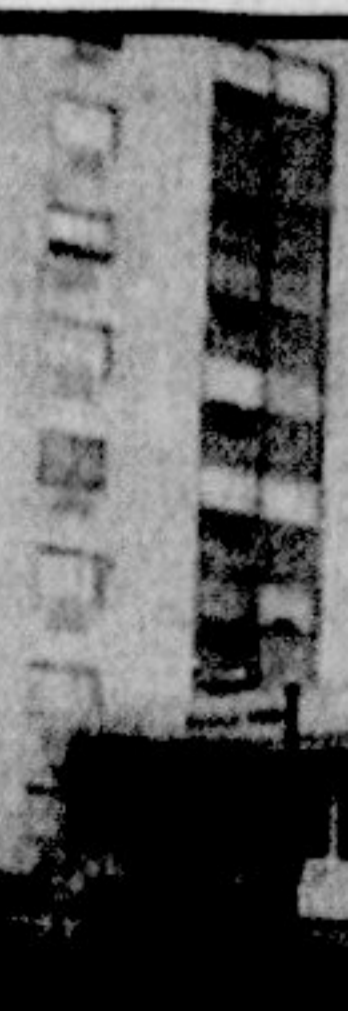
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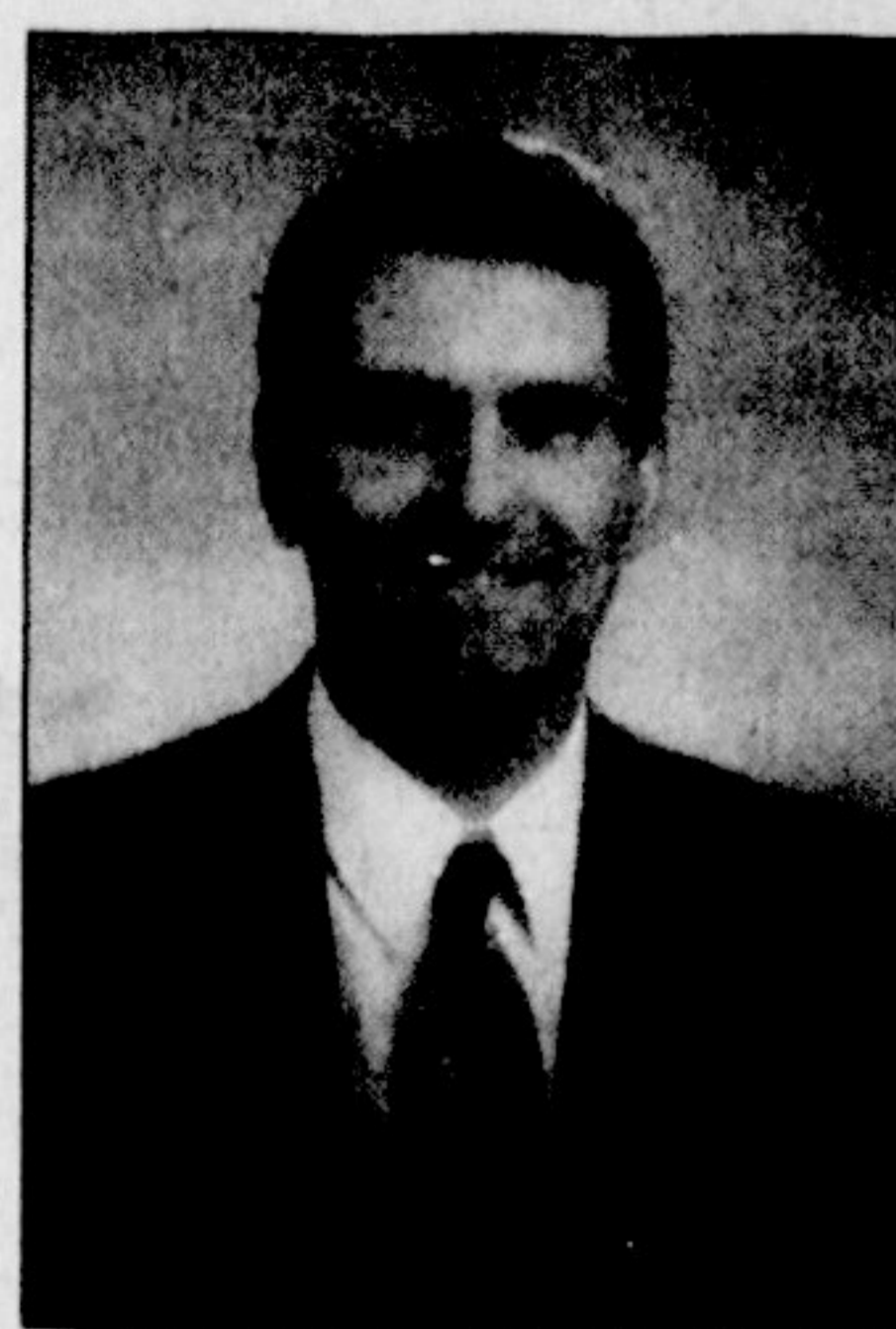
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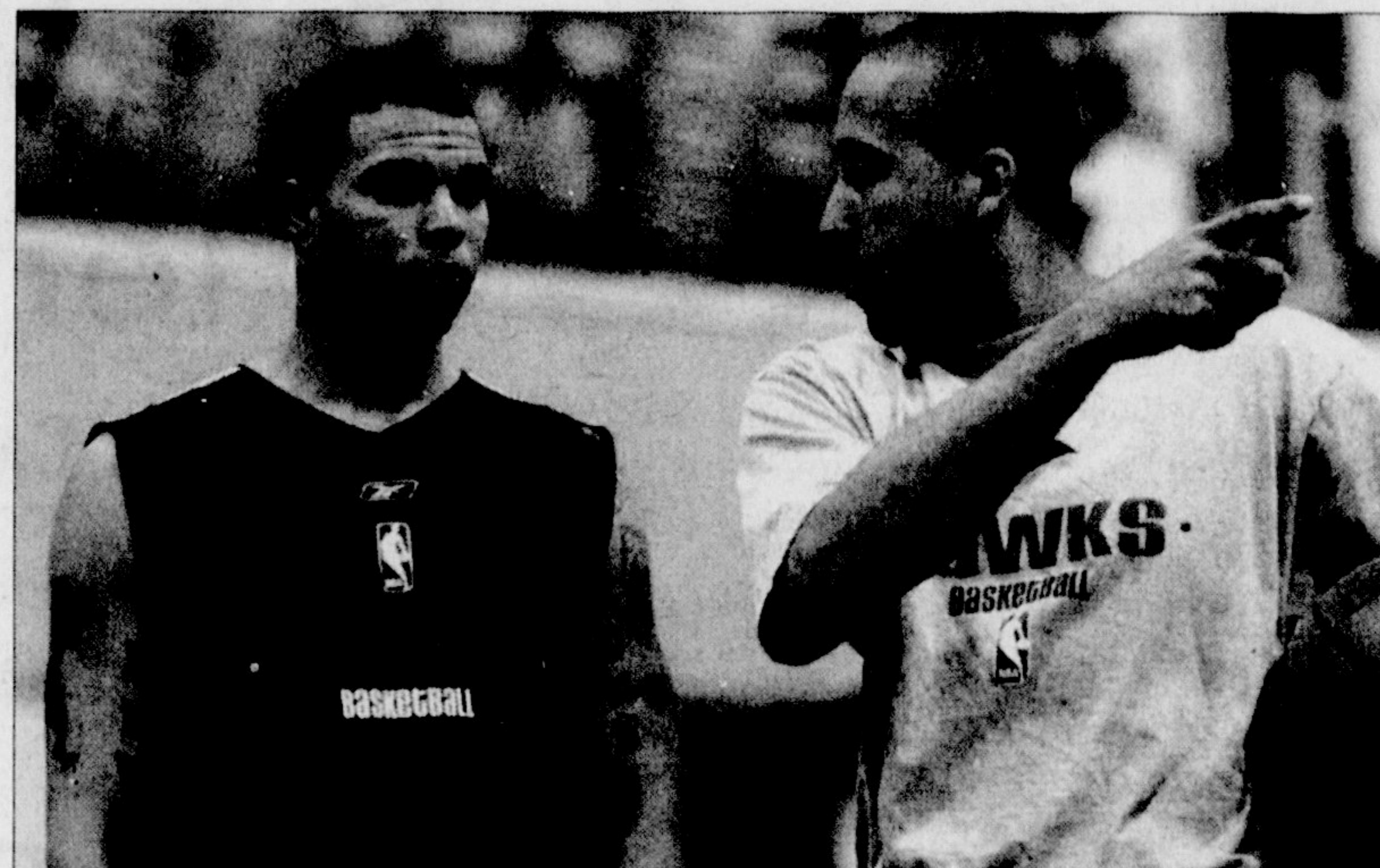
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# NBA, union agree on terms of new CBA, avert lockout



Atlanta Hawks assistant coach David Fizdale, right, talks with Deron Williams during Hawks pre-draft workouts in Atlanta Tuesday.

(AP) — NBA owners and players agreed to a new collective bargaining agreement Tuesday, averting the possibility of a lockout.

The league called a news conference in San Antonio prior to Game 6 of the NBA Finals, with commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter announcing their agreement.

The deal came on the fourth consecutive day of talks between

the sides. The league's old seven-year agreement is due to expire June 30.

Details of the new six-year agreement were not immediately disclosed, but the sides had been trying to reach compromises on several key issues. Among them were the owners' desires to raise the minimum age for draft eligibility to 19, reduce the maximum length of long-term contracts from seven years to six and reduce the size of annual

salary increases in those long-term contracts.

Among the main items the players were seeking was a reduction in the so-called escrow tax, under which 10 percent of their salaries are withheld if the amount of revenues devoted to players' salaries exceeds a specified percentage.

Owners had already offered to raise the salary cap from slightly more than 48 percent of revenues to 51 percent, thereby increasing the amount of money each team can spend on player salaries.

The NBA has a system known as a "soft" salary cap, allowing teams to exceed the cap threshold to retain their own free agents and to sign free agents under the so-called midlevel exception that was added to the labor agreement in 1999 after the sides went through a seven and a half month lockout.

Another lockout could begin July 1.

The agreement will still need to be ratified by the league's Board of Governors and by the members of the players' union at their annual meeting in Las Vegas next week.

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Greico, who had worked directly with the football team for the previous year. Greico is still employed by ECU, but will not be serving the main role for football.

"The staff has been great," Golden said. "It's not about 'me' or 'you.' It's about getting this thing in the right direction. We're an organized bunch. We are all on the same page and I believe it shows with the athletes."

Golden will oversee the entire strength and conditioning program. At South Carolina, he worked directly with women's volleyball and tennis. He also has worked with hockey and rugby. However, he will be working directly with football until approximately December to allow for a smooth transition.

"I like my athletes, especially my football players, to work at a high tempo. We have to do an hour and a half's work in 45 minutes. That just brings the intensity. When these guys are done working out here, I don't want them to say that they could have done more. That's every day that they have to feel like that."

For conditioning, the players have been separated into different conditioning groups staggered

in the middle of the day. Golden wants the players to understand being tired in the elements to simulate game day.

"I look at it like a military approach. The military hammers kids into the ground. Once they are at the same level, you build them back up. During the summer, it's my job to bury them and get them in shape. Once camp comes, it's X's and O's. That's where Coach Holtz takes over."

Golden plans to establish a Strong Man competition in the latter portion of the summer. He believes that the players' pride will help to create competition. With a team that has been 3-20 over the past two seasons, any extra advantage helps.

"I have a plan in place. All we have to do is implement the plan. The workouts are supposed to be hard and the games easy."

Golden doesn't lack the experience in the weight room. In addition to Connecticut and South Carolina, he served as head strength coach at his alma mater Central Connecticut State. He also interned with the Cleveland Browns and with Harvard University.

"I wanted to get a lot of different angles getting into this busi-

ness. It helped in a way because with so many different things, you put your plan together."

He also served as assistant coach for the five-time World Powerlifting Champion USA Men's Team. The powerlifting competition has 11 different men divided by weight class who have to lift the most they've ever lifted in a day.

"Of those 11 guys, everybody has a different way of motivating themselves. I've seen it all. It helped me to know that every athlete on your team cannot be motivated the same way. Everyone has a trigger and once you find that button, you will be a much better coach."

Not even a month into his reign of the Murphy Center, Golden has command of the warriors of the Pirate Nation. With the lush view of the field in his office, Golden is ready to watch his players outlast their opponents physically and mentally.

"I'm impressed with the direction so far. These kids really want to win. It makes my job easy. If things are going the way they are now, you will see a team that will give great effort. Hopefully it's enough."

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## US Open *from page A12*

only get worse as the day went on.

After an amazing collapse by the man they call "Ice Man," Goosen would go on to shoot an 11-over par, 81, to put himself well out of contention to collect his third U.S. Open title. It was a collapse of gigantic proportions, only mirrored by Greg Norman's dramatic collapse at the 1996 Masters and Jean Van de Velde's meltdown at the 1999 British Open. With Goosen's dramatic collapse, the door swung wide open for the world's number-one player, Tiger Woods. It appeared that with Goosen out of the picture, Woods would turn on some of that old Tiger magic that we have seen so many times in the past and continue his quest for golf's grand slam, but the long forgotten Michael Campbell had other ideas.

Campbell, a player who almost won the British Open in 1995 when he was considered a rising star, seemed to come out of nowhere on the final day with a final round reminiscent of Payne Stewart's resolve in 1999. Campbell, a player long given up as a waste of talent, charged along in the final round as he battled Woods tit-for-tat.

With Woods collecting a number of birdies and hitting spectacular shots in his final round outing, Campbell would be the only player to stand in his way ... and stand in his way he did. With consistent play throughout the week, Campbell brought his A-game to Sunday's final round. For a lesser player, Sunday's spotlight would've been a huge deterrent with the

world's greatest player breathing down your neck and playing on one of the world's toughest courses. Campbell, however, would remain undeterred and seemingly relish the spotlight.

With a spectacular putt on the 71st hole, Campbell's first major championship was secure. For a player who considered quitting the game of golf altogether only seven years ago, the victory was all the more sweet for Campbell.

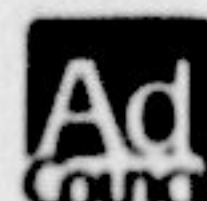
Campbell wasn't the only good story on the course. In this open, we learned the names of golfer's that most have never heard of before, like Jason Gore, the 818th ranked player in the world, who came out of nowhere to be in the final pairing in Sunday's final round. He even dubbed himself the "Nationwide Nobody" on the second day of the tournament. Unfortunately, much like Goosen, Gore fell apart Sunday and finished in double digits over par. But his finish was bittersweet. Although he fell out of contention for the title, Gore made over \$20,000, almost more than his entire 2005 earnings on the Nationwide tour.

As usual, Pinehurst No. 2 produced great storylines and a dramatic finish as the backdrop for the U.S. Open. Hopefully, however, the Open will not be remembered for Goosen's collapse, but rather for Campbell's unflappable nerve, an attribute needed to win any major, but most of all this one.

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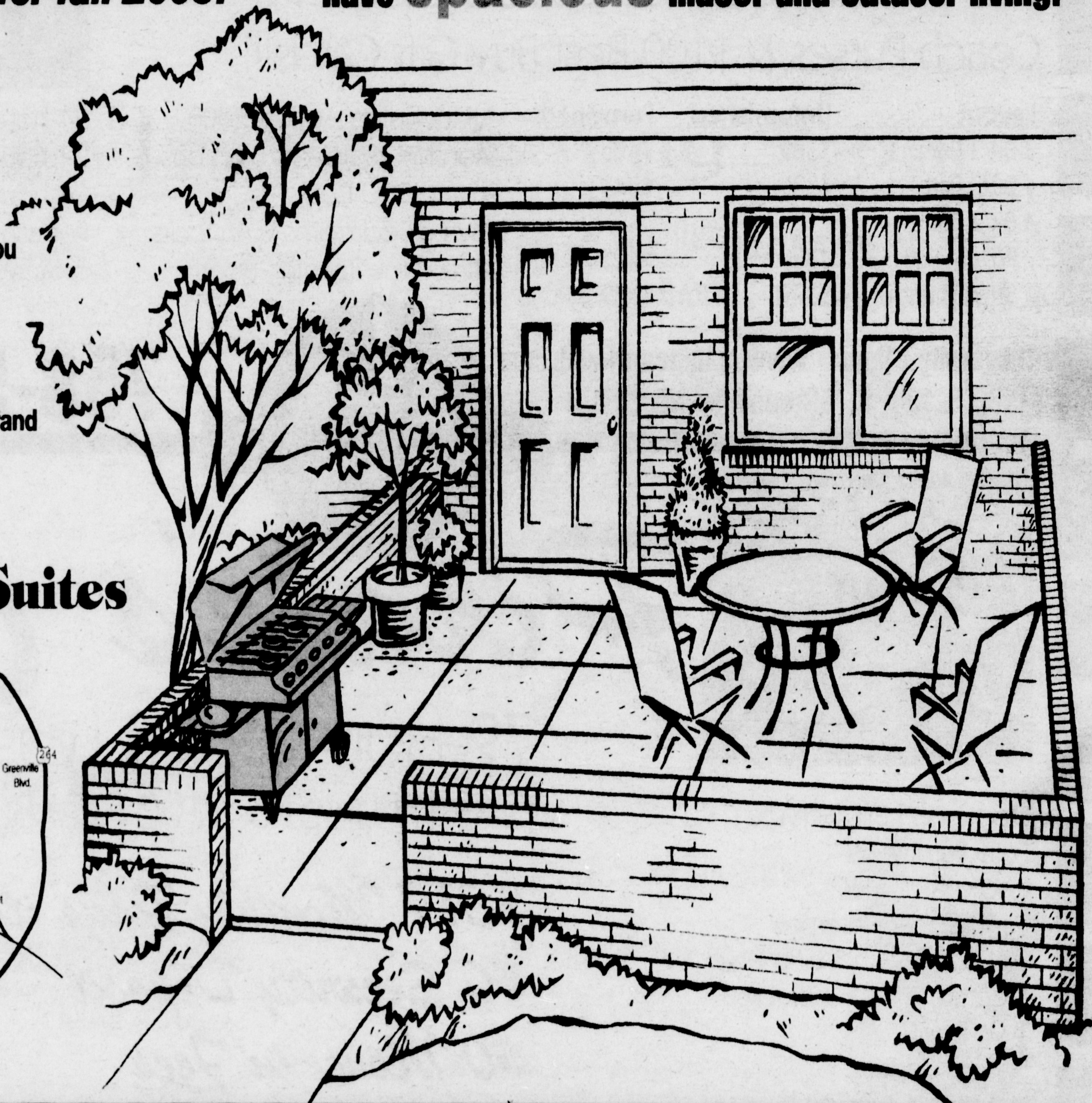
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