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DO THE EVOLUTION

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OFF TO A STRONG START

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Mitch Hedberg brings laughs to Ferst

By Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

Mitch Hedberg is unlike any other good stand-up comic out there. In fact, he probably has more in common with the bad ones, except for one thing; he's still really funny.

Watching one of his stand-up routines is somewhat like sitting around at 3 a.m. talking with a bunch of friends while they're all drunk. It's hilarious, but it makes absolutely no sense. Still, it's a good time.

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Having been featured on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and Comedy Central, among others, Hedberg has gathered quite the cult following and is becoming an increasingly big name in stand-up comedy.

For those unfamiliar with Hedberg's style, his stand-up routine is mainly comprised of one random one-liner after another combined with a bit of aimless wandering around the stage and the occasional funny story without a punch line.

Regardless of this rather unfavorable-sounding synopsis, his reckless



By Hillary Lipko / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Mitch Hedberg signs a CD for a member of the Student Center Programs Council. The council was responsible for organizing Hedberg's sold-out performance at the Ferst Center on Monday. Despite some last-minute logistical problems, the show was a resounding success.

and random style somehow not only works but also has earned him massive popularity.

This past Monday, Hedberg performed in front of a sold-out crowd at the Ferst Center. Local comic Stewart Huff warmed up

the audience with his high-energy storytelling style of comedy.

Huff's style is a contrast to that of Hedberg's in that Huff follows a more traditional formula for stand-up by telling a series of jokes and stories which segue well into each other.

Huff was not originally scheduled to perform, but Hedberg's flight into Atlanta was delayed and an opening act had been added to the billing at the last minute.

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Gold Diggers scrapes bottom for laughs

By Erich Hansen
Contributing Writer

Any movie in which a nun and a rabbi rob two old ladies at gunpoint has got to be funny, right?

Wrong.

But surely if you add in an alcoholic preacher, it'd be funny then?

No, not at all. In fact, both of

these elements were present in National Lampoon's *Gold Diggers*, a film which is at best the worst film of the year.

Gold Diggers is just another demonstration of how un-funny National Lampoon movies have come to be. The glory days of *Animal House* and *Vacation* have all but faded from memory, and National Lampoon

has all but died.

The movie is the supposed-to-be funny tale of two grossly incompetent criminals who are fed up with their failed attempts at crime. In a last-ditch effort, the two decide to marry two wealthy old ladies in the hopes that the two women will soon die.

The plot twists, however, at the discovery that the two old ladies are not wealthy and in fact plan on killing their two younger (and recently insured) husbands.

The rest of the film is basically a series of failed attempts at murder, a few mildly humorous antics and the sort of ending that makes a trip to the dentist for a root canal seem pleasant.

After watching the film, you leave wondering how hard it really is to make a movie in Hollywood. You could probably make your own about a director with an idea for a bad movie that some unwitting producer produces. In fact, that sounds like it could be the *Gold Diggers* sequel.

One scene in the movie, in which one of the older ladies wears a nurse's

outfit and does a sort of provocative dance leaves you feeling dirty, like you need to shower and pray for forgiveness at the same time.

The only redeeming quality of the movie is Nikki Zierling. Though credited as one of the five stars of the film, she only appears for about 10 minutes or so—not at all enough to carry the weight of the film.

In case it is not already abundantly clear, I would not recommend this film, even as a form of torture.

Its predictability, general lack of humor, poor character development and overall awfulness make it sure to be an almost-straight-

to-video classic.

Many of the people leaving the theater were of the same opinion. I talked to a few movie-goers, all of whom agreed that they did not like this movie.

So if you want to catch a movie, miss this one. See *Garden State* or *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* instead. Trust me, you'll be glad you did.

Gold Diggers is in theaters now.



Photo courtesy Delfino Entertainment

Gold Diggers stars Will Friedle and Chris Owen as incompetent criminals who get taken for a ride by the old ladies they try to scam.

Al Green plays Chastain Park

That's right. You heard me correctly. Al Green is coming to town. He'll be performing this Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Chastain Park Amphitheater. So, grab your make-out buddy (or church group, depending on his mood) and head on down. Tickets range from \$43.75 to \$68.75.

Hop on pop art at Jackson Gallery

Through Oct. 4, the Ann Jackson Gallery (932 Canton Street, Roswell) is hosting a retrospective exhibit of the 70-year career of Theodor Geisel, otherwise known as the one and only Dr. Seuss. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and admission is free, so you can relive your childhood without going hungry.

'Tis the season for funnel cakes

This weekend, you can't swing a dead cat around without hitting a local fair. There's the Gwinnett County Fair, the North Georgia State Fair, the Alpharetta Fun Fest and a fairly ridiculous number of others. If you've got an itch to eat some cotton candy, ride the Tilt-a-Whirl and play some impossible-to-win carnies games, this weekend is probably your best bet.

Need some Far East flare?

Stone Mountain Park is hosting JapanFest Weekend. They offer flower arrangement demonstrations, music, candy art, bonsai workshops and more. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and admission is free for children under two.

They might be coming to Atlanta

On Saturday Sept. 25, your favorite nerd-rock duo is coming to the Variety Playhouse in Little Five Points. They Might Be Giants, for those of you not in the know, is the Boston-spawned pairing of John Linnell and John Flansburgh. The show starts at 8:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$20.

Tap your feet to political satire

Friday and Saturday, the political/musical comedy team the Capitol Steps will be performing at Agnes Scott College at 8 p.m. in Gaines Chapel, Presser Hall. Tickets cost \$30 for general admission, and \$25 for senior citizens and area college students. So if you're in the mood for a toe-tappingly satirical look at modern politics, give the Capitol Steps a shot.

Wan Santo Condo searches for success with debut

By Halley Espy
Contributing Writer

“If Freddie Mercury was straight and sang for Led Zeppelin, if Robert Plant moved to Seattle, if Texas had no cowboys – then Wan Santo Condo. If a quartet was an orchestra and the conductor on Lithium – then Wan Santo Condo...”

This poetic biography of four-piece rock band Wan Santo Condo conveys a distinct style wrapped around a rocker image. With clever lyrics backed by heavy guitars and haunting piano themes, the band is searching for success with their self-titled debut album.

The black and white cover tinged with red sparks initial interest. The original artwork by Laurent Fetis blends abstract drawings illuminating a rock star theme, a subtle reference to the band’s idiosyncratic personality.

Merging intricate piano passages and drawn out vocal patterns, Wan Santo Condo parallels a sound char-

acteristic of Cold Play and Our Lady Peace but with heavier bass lines.

The album opens with powerful guitar chords that taper to a single

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Adam Fitzgerald
CS freshman

bass line and picks up oscillating vocals; “A-Hole” captures an alternative rock feel that flows into the second track “Down.”

“Down” combines a persistent

cymbal-tapping drum line and raw emotion that is carried by a strong bass theme.

Progressing through the next few tracks, Wan Santo Condo continues to develop recurring chord and vocal patterns, dragging through the back half of the album. The style falls into repetitive mellow vibe accentuated with carefully crafted lyrics.

“Undone” redeems the middle lull as an expressive rock ballad with a driving drum beat.

Adam Fitzgerald, a first-year Computer Science major, commented on the sound of the unreleased album. “[It] combines depressing music with a catchy beat. It’s not just the guitars that are good, or just the drums. Everything mixes well.”

Hailing from Austin, Texas, the band has worked to grow a local fanbase, playing music festivals and small venues. Wan Santo Condo anticipates their upcoming album with Everloving Records, with the freshman release date set for Oct. 26.

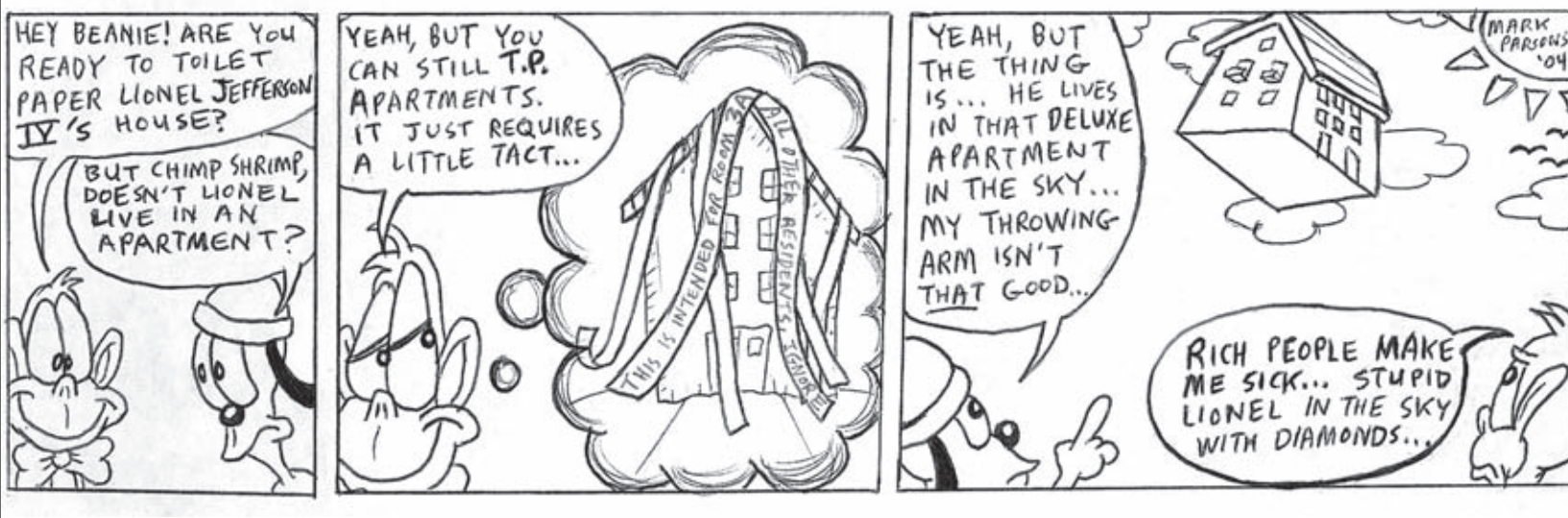


CD cover courtesy Everloving Records

Wan Santo Condo is an alternative rock band from Austin, Texas that is self-described as a warped fusion of several musical styles. Their self-titled debut is set for release at the end of October.

CHIMP SHRIMP & FRIENDS

Original
Comic
Strip



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SLIVER

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Hurricane. UGA closes. Spelman closes. Georgia Tech: still open. Please explain.

CS is so much better with a few shots of soco - hh

I need beer.

yo homie, dat my briefcase?

i win, you lose

Bush/Edwards '04

I've wondered why I've heard nothing of the environmental record of Mr. Bush, the worse of any President in history. I was blaming environmental groups but now I know the real reason. Th

What the hell is this crap?

How the heck are people replying to slivers in the same issue?

And why are slivers not online?

OK, homework sucks ... time to porch party.

Wang Chung in my pants.

single white male seeks viewable online sliver

It's all about DeviantArt.com

Theory: girls = evil Proof: girls = time*\$ time =\$ \$ = root of all evil therefore: girls = evil

www.sliverbox.com is available. I was going to get it but I spent the money on beer.

Not only does class begin at 5 mins AFTER the hour, it ends at 5 mins. BEFORE the hour (or half hour if appropriate).

Tinted windows and a bike rack are gay.

I can't wait until I finish my CS program and take over the world. Then the women will have to love me.

My Sony Remote Commander says for you to be quiet, tard boy who keeps being stupid in class.

dammit...where's my slide rule.

What would you do with \$1 million worth of bubble gum?

Thanks Tech for a diploma that looks like it came off a freakin' ink-jet printer!!!

I like moocows!

I just smelt the tips of my fingers and almost threw up

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Evolve larger ears, stay cooler, save the world from British cyborgs

The other day, I was thinking about New Orleans. No, I'm not an obsessive-compulsive sort who dwells incessantly on such things. (The doctor said the pills would help with that.)

However, what with the whole Ivan-nearly-squashing-it-thing, New Orleans has been on everybody's mind a little bit more than it otherwise would.

I went on vacation to New Orleans right before summer semester started and even in May the city was uncomfortably hot. With the overwhelming humidity, I spent the whole trip running back to my hotel to cool off.

May in New Orleans is like the

worst August days in Atlanta. It was so hot and muggy that all I wanted to do was drink frozen beverages.

Whoa! So, that's the connection between New Orleans and boozing!

Of course, it didn't really take me much time to stop thinking about New Orleans. You know how thoughts are: one moment, you're thinking about New Orleans, the next, you're thinking about evolution.

The way I see it, New Orleans is probably a lot more humid now than it was when beings first started to in-

habit it, so evaporative cooling is pretty much a joke.

You go to New Orleans, stand outside for a few minutes, and you look just like you've been in a wet T-shirt contest, except there's no \$500 prize. In fact, sweating is pretty much a pointless waste of time in the Southeast.

For those of you who are unaware, the Two Bits Man is a Darwinist. After all, this is an engineering school, and we're here because we believe in making things better.

If I can engineer a better toaster, then dammit, I want a more thermodynamically sound me. I feel that surely this whole evaporative cooling fad will disappear soon enough.

I was explaining my theory that evaporative cooling is just a fad to the Two Bits Man Emeritus who chose me to follow in his footsteps and he agreed. "Clearly, in the future we will all have elephantine ears to catch the wind."

The more I think about this view, the more I agree with it. Essentially, he is proposing that we will develop heat exchangers no different than what you'd find on a furnace or CPU.

It's all about getting better and just look how well we're doing with keeping CPUs from catching fire.

This leads me to one conclusion: The British royal family is comprised of super beings from the future. Think about it, I mean, have you seen Prince Charles's ears? They're huge!

The only logical conclusion that anyone could make from that is that he's a highly-evolved human from the future.

Up until now, you're probably

used to whatever lies that your high school history teacher fed you about great Saxon leaders conquering each other in Great Britain, but you were misled.

The British royal family came back from a time in the distant future to save humankind from the cyborg Tony Blair. (Please note that this Two Bits is in no way influenced by *Terminator* 3.)

It's preposterous, you're thinking, that the Two Bits Man would suggest that Tony Blair is a cyborg, but I am positively certain of it.

He has a relatively low approval rating, and there are at least three pages on the Internet that state that British people do not like cyborgs, so it must be true.

Also, I would assume that anyone who has ever suffered a bout of insomnia and watched Prime Minister's Questions on C-SPAN at 3 a.m. would be privy to this little factoid.

Furthermore, when's the last time you saw Tony Blair remove his face? It's because he doesn't want the wires to show. I know that if I were a cyborg trying to fool the citizens of a global power, I wouldn't remove my face either.

I don't think it will be long before Tony Blair reveals his cyborg powers and turns into a 30-foot-tall metallic

monster walking the streets of London and tossing Minis at passersby. Only then will Prince Charles use his superior future intellect and lack of perspiration to save civilization.

With his gigantic ears flapping in the air as he defends good in this apocalyptic battle, Charles won't stop until he has banished Tony Blair to a be a tour guide in a science and technology museum, a waiter at Hard Rock Cafe or some other kitschy job sufficiently demeaning for

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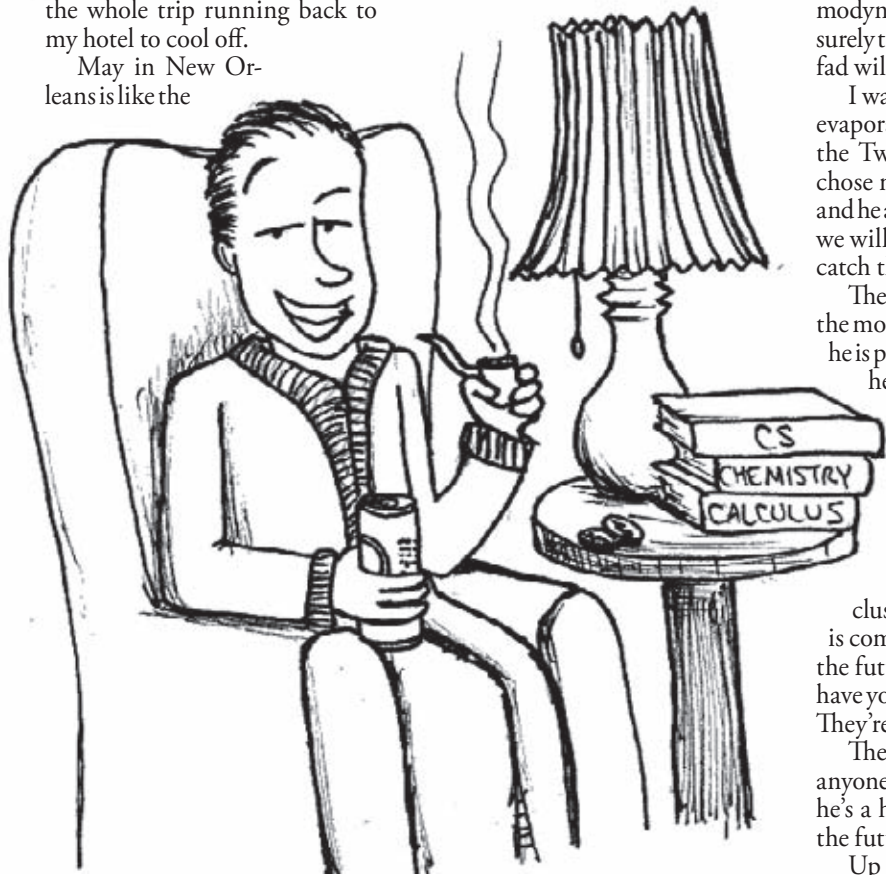
the cyborg that tried to destroy civilization.

Only then, will the British royal family be able to return to the future from whence they came.

As they make their way towards the swirling wormhole through which they will travel, I will stand here in Atlanta and scream, "Please Charles, give me some of that DNA, so I can go back to New Orleans and enjoy it."

But he won't hear me. His ears are big, but not *that* big. Until overwhelming evidence indicates that other world leaders are evil cyborgs or peaceful emissaries from the future, I'll still be resigned to sweating like the inefficiently cooled being that I am.

Until next time, this is the Two Bits Man asking you, "Which came first? The chicken or the egg?"



SLIVER

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GO TEAM VENTURE!!!

Okay, Two Bits Man rocked last week. Agreed 100%. it tastes like burning!!!! Welcome to Brittain dining hall. Silly Boy!!!

Why is it cold already?

I swear the playboy ad girl DID go to my high school!!!

How do I obtain my sliver box prize?

It would be really nice if anyone at GT actually made a slight attempt at feigning to pretend to care about students.

Boycott Mcdonalds, Burger King is a Jackets best friend Gamefaqsascii.com Message boards for friends and family, post on the main board today!

Sliver me timbers is where

GT dining halls: the bastions of bad food and poor-spelling-due-to-migrant-labor-or-poor-education

Yeah that was mean, but the Sliver box is a venting type institution, is it not?

We have the tools, we have the talent. It's MILLER TIME!

Some professors here... they must be homunculus!

with my elvis sunglasses I have the world at my hands

This isn't new. Why does football hang with the good teams but lose to UNC and Duke? F

You know you're at Georgia Tech when the -girls- talk about Halo....

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phreaking fysics is phun...a bag of gummy bears has a stange way of making your day better.

orderin? no i'm not orderin. why you gotta be a skirt, greer?

Did anyone see that boxing match? I can't believe Geibel won in under a minute!

Yeah, that kid is crazy! Kinda scares me.

what ever happened to shaftnews.com????

Bingo! Give Brainiac a fluffy doll.

It's beer o'clock. Where's my riot?

Here's to hurricane holidays!

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Mitch from page 23

What could have been a logistical disaster was nicely handled and the crowd was treated to two comics for the price of one.

After Hedberg took the stage, the audience enjoyed a show that included a lot of tried and true material and some newer stuff, some of which was a hit, but most of which fell flat by comparison.

“I’ll have to work on that one,” Hedberg said every time a joke didn’t receive much response.

There is also something markedly unique about Hedberg’s stage presence.

He wanders around the stage often acting surprised that he’s in

front of an audience and hides his facial expressions behind his hair and the microphone.



His almost shy demeanor makes it difficult to anticipate a punch line or guess where his next joke is going to lead, and it does take a while to get used to the lack of rhythm in Hedberg’s routine. All in all, however, it makes for an act that keeps the audience laughing.

Hedberg may not have been in exceptional form Monday night, but the show was still enjoyable.

His tendency to randomly blurt out quips and observations is really what makes most of the things he says so funny.

In fact, this has become Hedberg’s trademark and if the sold-out show at the Ferst is any indication, his fans love it.

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Echo Lounge (551 Flat Shoals Rd.)
(404) 681-3600
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9/25 The Butchies
9/28 Wheat
9/29 Incredible String Band
9/30 Minamina Goodsong

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www.atlantaconcerts.com/cottonclub.html
9/26 Matt Nathanson
9/27 Brand Nubian with Cunninlynguists
9/28 Breaking Benjamin with Thornleys

The Earl (488 Flat Shoals Ave.)
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www.badearl.com
9/17 Sixtoo featuring P-Love & Matt Kelly
9/24 Dropsonic

Live in Atlanta

9/25 Creative Loafing’s Best Of Atlanta Party
9/29 The Bill Nayer Show
9/30 The High Strung

Variety Playhouse (1099 Euclid Ave.)
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www.variety-playhouse.com
9/24 Delbert McClinton, Steve Forbert
9/25 They Might Be Giants
9/28 The Tragically Hip
9/29 Ottmar Liebert
9/30 Hakim

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9/25 40 Below Summer, Slitherin,’ Nik Turner & Spaceseed, Lust, Dig your hole, Weerd, Line of Sight
9/27 Cartel, A Second Chance, All Rights Reserved, The Sophomore Year

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9/25 Will Hoge, DJ Movement
9/26 Dave Alvin & The Guilty Men
9/27 The Superlatives, Lindsay Rakers Band, Zach Brooke
9/28 King’s X

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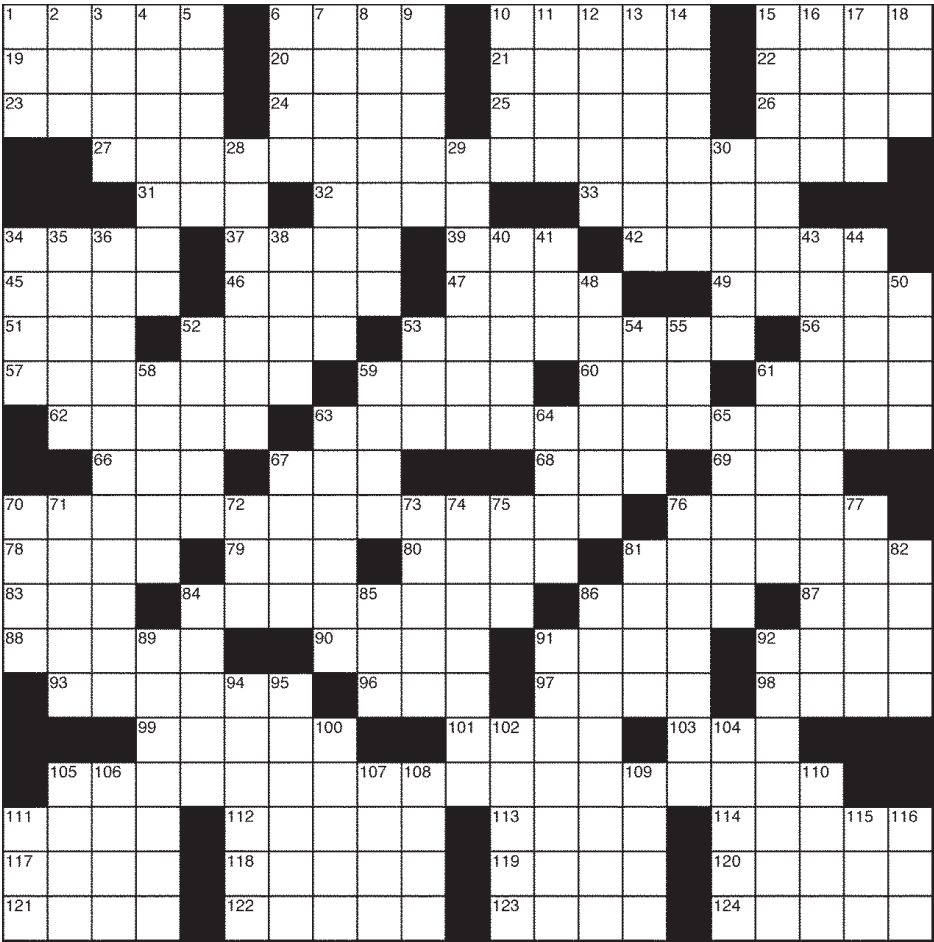
1. Closes down
6. Boat's berth
10. Domesticated
15. Afrikaner
19. Stage show
20. ___ colada
21. Like some skirts: hyph.
22. Part of the forearm
23. Whoop it up
24. Biblical shepherd
25. Kingdoms
26. Means of restraint
27. Start of a quip by Joan Rivers: 5 wds:
31. Bearded animal
32. Put freight on board
33. Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II)
34. Appetizer fare
37. Secular
39. Hydro
42. Old tires made new
45. American composer
46. Tilt
47. Ankara native
49. Hanging screen
51. Camp bed
52. Pile of dough
53. Work by Wagner
56. Catchall abbr.
57. Kind of emergency mission
59. Presume to
60. Near-grad: abbr.
61. Home to billions
62. Market section
63. Part 2 of quip: 4 wds.
66. Topper
67. Nosh
68. Long fish
69. Means of enlightenment
70. Part 3 of quip: 4 wds.

DOWN

76. Slogan
78. Gets spliced
79. Black cuckoo
80. Lupino and Kaminska
81. Kind of roof
83. Poet's "always"
84. Rocklike
86. Concern
87. Exclude
88. Comical
90. State, in Strasbourg
91. "Star ___"
92. Countertenor
93. Prying ones
96. Biblical judge
97. Desire
98. Percolate
99. Black tea
101. Witness' assertion
103. Fitting
105. End of the quip: 4 wds.
111. Dry measure
112. Recesses
113. Rich supply
114. Piqued
117. ___ homo
118. "To ___ human ..."
119. Atmosphere
120. Tendon
121. Scan
122. Word in place names
123. Paparazzi prey
124. Golf score

8. Not precise

9. Grew ashen
10. Soapstone
11. Jai ___
12. Capital of Belarus
13. Cause to be loved
14. Fancy
15. Second-story man
16. Margarine
17. Sir Geraint's wife
18. Operated
28. Invalidate
29. PC cure-all
30. Most important
34. Printing measure
35. Shun
36. Solid figure
38. "___ Misbehavin"
40. Tomato soup
41. ___ gratia artis
43. Ready for inspection
44. Glossy
48. Fate
50. Small fish
52. Gaiety
53. Creature of myth
54. Sense
55. Certain "farmer"
58. Storytellers
59. Information
61. Helps in doing wrong
63. Polynesian girl
64. ___ ex machina
65. Environmental concern
67. Best or Ferber
70. Unpaid
71. Turns sharply
72. Play it by ___
73. Absolutely necessary
74. Print version
75. ___ -Man arcade game
76. Bring together
77. Speak



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81. Painter ___ Chagall
82. Little bit
84. Despondency
85. Native of: suffix
86. Bishop's throne
89. Having rounded parts
91. Sans
92. N.Y.'s Waldorf- ___
94. Calls

95. Lady of Spain
100. Beautify
102. Reference book
104. Aplomb
105. Casino cubes
106. Quechua
107. Short comic sketch
108. Peak in Thessaly
109. Phobia

110. Sounded
111. Apiece
115. ___ Aviv
116. Ovine animal

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Technique: making Friday lectures more interesting

SLIVER
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Man... 124 points in three games. And they gave up zero!
HEY Pontiac! I'm desperate and in dire need of a brand new 2005 Pontiac G6!! GIMME GIMME GIMME
OK, I know I didn't deserve an A. But a 46?!
Does anyone else have a girlfriend who likes Star Wars more than them?
Keep in mind that I bought the DVD set today.
www.gatechboard.info <--- check it out
so I'm the only one that got an F on that programming test... "gg no re" said the night elf.
drew > kiem | wc3
Deepest Sympathy towards the Hensley Family.:(
WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE!!! STOP THE RUTHLESS KILLING ALREADY...>
I miss shaftnews.com
TAKE A SHOWER!!! You smell like you died.
alphabet Zoo, Gamefaqascii, see you there
ACP Pacemaker Finalist baby!!!
the nique is really kicking butt this year
What happened to all the pirate talk on the sidewalk that there was last year for International Talk Like a Pirate Day?? Argh...someone ain't gettin the booty tonight...
What's up with the Icelandic Coast Guard?
Who do they think they are?
Two times in two days I have encountered a male in a women's restroom on campus, and no... they were not janitors. What is WRONG with these people?
Why are all engineers such smart asses? You really don't know EVERYTHING.
Engineers especially don't know much about being social.
I love Woody's, it gives me diarrhea!
higher tuition = more blowers
Study first, freak later.
Stop raising my tuition
make a form email that students can paste their name into and lets all email our stae senators and sonny perdue about this tuition thing...
out-of-state students can register to vote in GA too so dont