

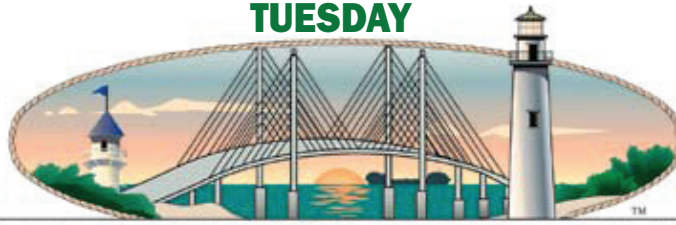
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Joe Rooker with Eastern Excavating Company uses an excavator to clear land on the College of Coastal Georgia campus for the construction of the new health and science building. Ground was broken in August for the building, which will be the first academic building constructed on the campus in 30 years.

Savannah college plans to open campus overseas

By DORIE TURNER
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Savannah College of Art and Design will open a campus in Hong Kong where students can major in everything from animation to advertising.

The private school, which already has campuses in Savannah and Atlanta and an international campus in Lacoste, France, will

know this will be something very exciting for students."

The student body will include local residents, as well as students wanting to study abroad, Rhame said. And the faculty will be a mix of professors from the area and instructors from SCAD's campuses in the United States, she said.

The college has long had ties with Asia through work with interactive toy maker Vtech, based

Senators: Health bill costs too much

The Brunswick News

Targeted tax increases, Medicare cuts and a formula that leaves millions of Americans out in the cold are enough to convince Georgia's two Republican senators that health care reform as proposed by Democrats is not in the best interest of the Peach State or the rest of the nation, they say.

Sens. Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss say the package pushed by Democrats in the U.S. Senate costs too much for what it does and they are against it in every way.

Both plan to vote against the 2,733-page bill.

Isakson said the measure will cost the nation an estimated \$2.5 trillion over 10 years, once it is fully implemented in 2014.

"Democrats cannot hide the fact that when you're raising the type of revenues in this bill, that money is ultimately going to be paid by the consumer," Isakson said. "Any time government raises taxes it raises the cost of living for the American people.

"It's a ruse and a masking of the actual fiscal effect on the United States of America. This has not been a thoughtful process, and it is an unfortunate way to do business."

Among other things, the bill calls for \$518.5 billion in tax increases and upwards of \$470 billion in Medicare cuts, he said. That includes \$120 billion in reductions to Medicare Advantage, a Medicare option.

Isakson said he is opposed to creating new programs with the Medicare "savings" rather than making a commitment to preserve and improve Medicare and prevent its bankruptcy, which will happen by 2017 without the intervention of Congress.

"We're going to take \$470 billion from Medicare and we are going to put it in a plan to pay for somebody else's health care," Isak-

son said, of exempting the state of Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., from having to contribute to what he says will be billions of dollars in unfunded mandates necessary to cover the cost of the proposed expansion of Medicaid. He said a provision has been inserted in the bill that would exempt Nebraska from the mandate, which would save its taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

Chambliss railed against the bill on the Senate floor.

"Federal taxes will increase by almost \$26 billion under the ... package," said Chambliss. "Still, under the Reid amendment, there will be 23 million Americans left uninsured."

As proposed, the Community Living and Assistance Services and Supports Act, or CLASS Act, will throw the nation deeper into debt, he said.

"The CLASS Act is a new Medicare — a new health care entitlement program that has been included in this bill," Chambliss said. "The Congressional Budget Office recognizes that when these benefits start paying out, this is going to blow the budget. How anyone can say with a straight face that we are going to reduce the deficit by passing this legislation is beyond me."

Chambliss, describing himself as pro-life, also is distressed by the about-face the federal government would be taking on abortion if the measure is passed.

"The law of the land for well over 30 years has stated that no federal funds should be used to fund abortions," Chambliss said. "We should not compromise on the sanctity of life.

"We've reached a new day in this body. There have been deals cut behind closed doors that are going to provide benefits for individual senators and their states, whether it's Vermont, Nebraska, or Florida. That's going to require those of us who didn't have the opportunity to

Theft

• 3900 block of Habersham

Street, Brunswick: Complainant reported Wednesday someone broke into the cafeteria of the school and removed a computer. The suspect reportedly gained access to the cafeteria by breaking the glass out of a window. The computer was valued at \$1,000.

• 2000 block of Norwich

Street, Brunswick: Complainant reported Wednesday someone stole his vehicle. He told police he ran out of gas and parked the vehicle in the parking lot of a store a few days ago. He said the car had been missing for a few days. The police asked the man while he waited several days to report the missing car and he thought it had been towed. He called local towing services and they said the car was not towed. The store also said they had not had the car towed. The value of the vehicle was not listed in this report.

• 2700 block of Glynn

Avenue, Brunswick: Complainant reported Thursday someone broke the window out of her car and removed her wallet. She said she was parked under a security light and her wallet was not in plain view. She said it was stuffed between the passenger and driver seats. She said the wallet contained money. The total value of the items taken was \$225. The damaged to the vehicle was estimated at \$400.

• 200 block of Redfern

Village, St. Simons: Complaint reported Dec. 11 someone broke the window out of her car and removed her purse. She said the purse contained her prescription sunglasses, her wallet, her key ring and various credit and identification cards. After the cards were reported stolen, they were used at several different locations. The total value of the items stolen was \$766. The total damage was estimated at \$150.

-Louie Brogdon
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