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### INSIDE TODAY

Newman's Kobey Rogers (from left), Anna Harkness and Kate Castang, all 14, capture some final memories on the last day of school. **Metro, E1**

Best bets for what to do and where to go for holiday weekend fun. **Living, D4 or [ajc.com](#)**

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# Senate gives Hayden CIA job

By KATHERINE SHRADER  
Associated Press

Washington — Gen. Michael Hayden won confirmation to be the 10th CIA director Friday in a lopsided Senate vote, placing a career Air Force officer in charge of the civilian spy agency that is grappling with intelligence reform at home as well as al-Qaida and other international threats.

The Senate approved Hayden, who is expected to be sworn in next week, by a vote of 78-15. Among supporters were Georgia Sens. Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson, both Republicans.

But one key Republican — Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter — broke with the White House to vote against the four-star general. The Pennsylvania senator said he was protesting the administration's failure to inform Congress of intelligence operations, particularly its warrantless surveillance program, which started at the National Security Agency when Hayden was its director.

"I have no quarrel with General Hayden," Specter



Gen. Michael Hayden, whose nomination sparked some controversy at first, was confirmed easily on Friday.

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### SCORE

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### INSIDE TODAY

Regrets, I've had a few, but then ...

A world away from smoky bars and slurred remembrances of "My Way," it's a karaoke machine that can work miracles for churches stuck without an organist. **Faith & Values, B1**

### Depot board on milk cartons

We're sure all those Home Depot board members had good reasons to skip this week's shareholder meeting. But they didn't share them with us. **Business, F1**

### One house full of smart guys

With all the mortarboards flying around this Commens home, it's a good thing Mom's a nurse. Dad and two sons have grabbed diplomas, and there's one to go. **Metro, E1**

### But can we keep the Sugar Bowl?

Repair crews have extra incentive to get the Superdome ready for the Saints' first game there since Hurricane Katrina: They're playing the Falcons! **News, A3**

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## BATTLE OF THE SEXES

### The jocks can grumble but men vs. women sports spectacles generate big box-office buzz



Indy driver Danica Patrick makes her second run in the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. After a fourth-place finish last year, she's established herself as a serious contender in a male-dominated sport.

# SKIRTS VS. SHIRTS

By STEVE HUMMER  
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Indianapolis — Uh-oh, here we go again. Right up to the top of his boots, NASCAR legend Richard Petty entered the muddle that has been gathering since Babe Dikrikoon Zaharias golfed with the guys and Billie Jean King ran down Bobby Riggs' forehands and Michelle Wie stopped hitting from the red tees.

The topic: Women competing against men. Petty's stance: If they aren't late getting the kids to soccer practice, then just slow down. "I just don't think [racing] is a sport for women," NASCAR's all-time winningest driver said Thursday. "And so far, it's proved out, it's really not."

That, on the eve of a second Indianapolis 500 run Sunday by Danica Patrick. WHS her

fourth-place finish a year ago, Patrick became the most recognizable woman in the male-dominated sport of racing.

And now, Petty has joined such other voices on the other side of the aisle as Vijay Singh, who before Annika Sorenstam played the PGA's Colonial Open in 2003 pronounced she did not belong and that he would refuse to play with her in a men's event. "I hope she misses the cut," Singh said back then. "Why? Because she doesn't belong out here. ... She is the best woman golfer in the world, and I want to emphasize woman."

Singh can grumble all he wants, but the spectacle of women competing against men is certainly good for business. Crowds have flocked around Sorenstam and Wie during their forays onto the men's tour.

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Free Funk laughs as he pulls on a skirt given to him in 2005 by Annika Sorenstam (left), who outdrove him.



"I just don't think [racing] is a sport for women"

RICHARD PETTY  
NASCAR driver

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THROUGH HELL AND HIGH WATER

Two mothers, finally free from Charity Hospital, try to put their lives back together. One nurtures her still ill son. One honors her son's memory. **CHAPTER 21 IS ON A10**

## Big crisis fell flat, but Capitol bloggers reported it like pros

By BOB KEMPER  
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Washington — In the online age, anybody can be a reporter — even someone accustomed to being a news source.

Trapped inside a House office building Friday while Capitol Hill police investigated reported gunshots, staffers for Georgia lawmakers turned the tables and started reporting the news to those outside. In an Internet blog and through e-mails, staffers for Reps. Jack Kingston of Savannah and Charlie Norwood of Augusta kept the world informed about life on the inside of the Rayburn Office Building during the nearly daylong lockdown.

"First and foremost, Congressman Kingston is back in the district [in Georgia] and all of his D.C.-based staff — and interns — are OK," David All, Kingston's press secretary, wrote on Kingston's blog.

He also reported that a member of Kingston's staff was taken to the hospital after suffering what police

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**NATION IN BRIEF**

**Confessed bribery broker gets 8 years**

A former aide to Rep. William Jefferson was sentenced in Alexandria, Va., to eight years in prison for his role in a bribery scandal. Brett Pfeiffer, 37, pleaded guilty in January to helping broker deals between the Louisiana Democrat and a Virginia investment executive for whom Pfeiffer then worked. Jefferson, an eight-term congressman, has not been charged and has denied any wrongdoing. Meanwhile, House leaders conceded Friday that FBI agents with a court-issued warrant can legally search a congressman's office, but they said they want procedures established after agents with a court warrant took over Jefferson's office last week.

**Vets worried about ID theft calling VA**

More than 120,000 veterans concerned that their personal information was stolen have called the Veterans Affairs Department with questions about what to do about it, a department spokesman said Friday. The VA on Monday revealed that a laptop containing the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of 26.5 million veterans was stolen from an employee's home on May 3.

**Priest guilty of emptying coffers**

A Roman Catholic priest pleaded guilty to grand larceny in New York for financing a lavish lifestyle of vacations, country clubs and fancy clothes with more than \$800,000 looted from his parish. Lawyers for Monsignor John Woolsey, 68, pastor of the Church of St. John the Martyr, entered the plea as part of a deal in which the judge promised him a minimum sentence of one year in prison and a maximum of five years.

**Man avoids jail due to short height**

A Nebraska judge's decision to sentence a 5-foot-1 man to probation instead of prison for sexually assaulting a child has angered crime victim advocates who say the punishment sends the wrong message. But supporters of short people say it's about time someone recognizes the unique challenges they face. Cheyenne County District Judge Kristine Ceava told Richard Thompson his crimes deserved a long prison sentence but that he was too small to survive in a state prison. Though he could have been sentenced to 10 years in prison, he ended up with 10 years of probation instead.

**Magazine must give info to defendant**

A federal judge in Washington ordered Time magazine to turn some internal documents over to former vice presidential aide L. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's lawyers because the evidence could help his defense against perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges in the CIA leak case. U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton said Libby is entitled to drafts of an article by Time reporter Matthew Cooper, and accompanying office correspondence, because they may help Libby challenge Cooper's testimony when the reporter is called as a witness.

**Kissing papers published — online**

The United States reached out to hostile Arabs three decades ago with an offer to work toward making Israel a "small friendly country" of no threat to its neighbors. "We can't negotiate about the existence of Israel," then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told Iraqi Foreign Affairs Minister Saddam Hammadi in a high-level meeting in December 1975, "but we can reduce its size to historical proportions." Their conversation is included in 28,000 pages of Kissinger-era foreign policy papers published in an online collection Friday. George Washington University's National Security Archive released the collection, drawn from papers available at the government's National Archives and obtained through the group's Freedom of Information requests.

**Women: Men seem reluctant to open doors**

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Patrick was responsible for a 40 percent leap in television ratings in last year's Indy 500, the largest year-over-year increase for the race in 10 years. The battle of the sexes is guaranteed box office.

Friday, Patrick responded diplomatically. "We were joking today, [Richard] who? That didn't really fly. For the most part, women haven't been consistently up front. I think I would like to make that happen. I would hope that last year I showed I had speed and I showed I could race. For the most part, I have to wonder why he said it."

Regardless of any objections from racing royalty, Patrick plans on starting in the 10th position Sunday. And with the command, "Lady and gentlemen, start your engines," a fascination will be fed once again.

**'Iron sharpens iron'**

It's a different sports world than 1971, when King whipped Riggs in a made-for-TV tennis match witnessed by 40 million viewers. Women like Patrick are popping up more and more across a sports landscape previously dominated by men.

They officiate NBA games now. They kick field goals for college football teams. They make cuts at men's golf tournaments (Wife), kick the guys' butts in aerial races (Patty Wagstaff) and drive racing fans nuts by leading the Indy 500 with seven laps to go (Patrick).

They're not beating all the boys, but they're beating enough of them to make millions take notice.

"Iron sharpens iron," Cheryl Miller, one of women's basketball's all-time greats, said of playing against men. "It's how you get better." Miller, now an NBA sideline reporter for TNT, holed his game playing against her three brothers, including former All-Star Reggie Miller. After a standout career at Southern Cal, she was drafted by the United States Basketball League, a men's league. She bristles every time she hears someone like Formula One chief Bernie Ecclestone pop out with a chauvinist remark, as he did a year ago after Patrick's run at the Brickyard.

"You know, I've got one of these wonderful ideas that women should be all dressed in white like all the other domestic appliances," Ecclestone said at the time.

Atlanta psychologist Dr. Barbara Rubin, a former pro basketball player, said comments like these are part of the nation with women competing against men — stem from fear. "There's chauvinism and

fear and ego and all of that," she said of comments criticizing Patrick, whose performance statistics show that she is good enough to race against the best. "That's why Title IX got started — that thinking that women should be barefoot and pregnant and in the kitchen."

Part of the fear, Rubin believes, is that a woman competitor will take earnings away from men.

"Change is very threatening to people, and that's understandable," Rubin said. "Gender can be threatening to folks — sort of, 'There goes the neighborhood.' Fear can make change seem like it's out of control, where a reasoned response is called for."

They'll be following Patrick's Sunday run from cyberspace (home of a new video game in which, according to the promo, Danica will "show the boys who's boss") to Charlote (usually NASCAR country).

Geoff Mills, a construction supervisor from Albany who's in the North Carolina city for this weekend's NASCAR Coca-Cola 600, is curious to see if Patrick, or another female driver, can break through in a big way.

"The women drivers in the past haven't been that successful," he said. "It'll be interesting to see whether Danica or the next one can make it."

Scott Ruyssse, a Tony Stewart fan from Colma, Ill., will also be keeping one eye on the Brickyard.

"It's something different, something new," he said, adding that on the IndyCar circuit, Patrick brings another element to the sport. "She's not had to look at."

"For women to be good-looking to an extent is beneficial [for fan interest]," agreed Sarah Cook, an associate psychology professor at Georgia State University.

**Rooting for underdog** There's also the underdog factor. Atlanta public relations and marketing executive Bob Hope saw it firsthand in the mid-1990s, when he owned a women's professional baseball team, the Colorado Silver Bullets, that toured the country playing against men's teams.

"It was so funny how the crowds would react," said Hope, a member of the executive committee of the Women's Sports Foundation. "Everything the Silver Bullets did, the crowd would cheer like



Teen golfing sensation Michelle Wie (bottom front) leads a large contingent of spectators on hand to watch her play in the John Deere Classic Pro-Am in Silvis, Ill., in 2005.

cray. And if the other team, the men's team, did something, the crowd would hardly cheer at all."

It's getting to be that way on the links, too — especially when Wie, the 16-year-old wunderkind from Hawaii, steps up to the tee box against the guys.

"I watched her play at the [men's] John Deere [Classic] last year and I felt like she was the only person in the field," said Torrey Geare, tournament director for the LPGA's Florida National Charity Championship. "The only time they didn't show her was when she was walking to her ball."

"Sports fans want to watch the best in the world compete against the best in the world," said Keith Hirschland, who heads up all the live tournament production for The Golf Channel. "The fact that one of those best in the world happens to be female just adds to the fascination."

Ray Stosik, the tournament director for the PGA Sony Open, said attendance this year for the first two rounds increased 25-30 percent over a year ago when Wie was not in the field.

"If she ever makes the cut," Stosik said, "we'll really have our hands full."

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**SOME DIFFERENCES ARE INESCAPABLE**

- Height:** The average woman is 4 inches shorter than the average man.
- Body composition:** The average woman is 28.5 pounds lighter and has 11 percent more body fat and 6 percent less muscle mass than the average man.
- Lung capacity:** The average woman can breathe in a maximum of 2 liters per minute of oxygen, compared with 3.5 liters per minute for the average man.
- The heart:** Women's hearts are two-thirds the size of men's and have smaller arteries. Women's heart rates are higher than men's, even at rest.
- Bones:** Women have less bone mass at peak maturity than men.
- Blood:** When comparing the same volume of blood, a woman has 10 percent less hemoglobin than a man. Hemoglobin is a blood protein that carries oxygen from the lungs to the rest of the body, such as to the muscles.
- Overall:** The average woman's body strength is about two-thirds that of a man. Even after correcting for their smaller size, women still have less muscle mass, smaller hearts and less lung power than men.



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**SPORTS MOMENTS IN BATTLE OF SEXES**

Women in a man's game:

**1902: Alexandra Williamson** Stirling becomes "the girl who beat Bobby Jones." As historian Rhonda Green noted, "(Alexa) was the only female to defeat Bobby Jones in serious competition. Admittedly, it was early in Jones' career and Alexa had the distinct advantage of maturity and advanced skills — she was twelve, he was six."

**1945: Babe Zaharias** (left) plays in the 1945 Los Angeles Open, the first woman to compete in a PGA Tour event.

**1949: Sara Christian** becomes the first woman driver in a NASCAR race when she competes at the Charlotte Fairgrounds Speedway, finishing 34th.

**1970: Diane Crump** becomes the first woman jockey to ride in the Kentucky Derby, aboard Fathom. She finished 15th out of 17 starters.

**1973: Billie Jean King** is challenged to a singles match by self-proclaimed "male chauvinist" Bobby Riggs. In front of 30,492 spectators and a worldwide television audience estimated at 50 million people in 37 countries, King beat Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in the Battle of the Sexes.

**1977: Janet Guthrie** becomes the first woman to participate in the Indianapolis 500 auto race. She qualifies for the race in 1978 (finishing in eighth place) and 1979, as well.

**1992: Manon Rheaume** makes sports history by being the first woman to play in one of the four major sports leagues in the United States. She goaltended for the Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League in a preseason game against the St. Louis Blues. She became the first woman ever to play in a regular season professional hockey game with the Atlanta Knights on December 3, 1992, against the Salt Lake Golden Eagles.



**2002: Katie Hnida** (above) was the first female player in a Division I-A football game. Hnida, a place kicker for New Mexico, missed an extra point. She redeemed herself the next year by kicking 2 extra points in a rout over Texas State-San Marcos.



Driver Janet Guthrie is shown at the track in Concord, N.C., in May 1976. Thirty years later, she says she's dismayed at how few women followed in her tracks.

**2003: Golfer Annika Sorenstam** plays in a men's PGA Tour event. The Colonial — making her the first woman to play a PGA Tour event in 58 years. She missed the cut by 4 strokes.

**2005: Danica Patrick** becomes the first woman to lead the Indianapolis 500. She led for 19 laps, the last time with 7 laps to go in the race, and finished 4th.

**2006: Violet Palmer** (below) becomes the first woman to referee an NBA playoff game.

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Sources: Encyclopedia of North American Sports History, American Association of American Women, World Almanac Book of Records, News Sources

