

Changing face of South Georgia



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Hispanics are the largest and newest ethnic group in the region. Some leave the migrant stream and settle in local communities, working in construction, food processing, and service jobs. Especially during the past ten years, **local businesses and organizations** have begun to cater to **the needs of this group**. Local markets serve as unofficial community centers for Hispanics, providing foodstuffs, lunch counters, bilingual newspapers, music recordings, phone cards, informational flyers, devotional candles, and a gathering place.



Pilar, the Guatemalan-born cook at RJ's Food Mart in Echols County, makes gorditas for sale to local farmworkers.

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