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Albany leaders have decision to make in replacing 70-year-old fire station



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Albany Fire Chief Cedric Scott, left, and Michael A. Johnson, president and CEO of SRJ Architects Inc., present information on two potential sites for the move of Fire Station 2 from 1500 Palmyra Road. The station was occupied in 1956 and is slated for replacement.

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ALBANY – Albany's Station 2 firefighters are in need of a new home, and choices have been narrowed down to two locations in the vicinity of the aging structure on Palmyra Road.

Albany city commissioners have a decision to make on whether it will be at the corner of Palmyra Road and Seventh Avenue or a few blocks to the east at North Jefferson Street and Seventh Avenue.

The new facility also will house the city/county 911 center, which will be moved out of the Dougherty County Judicial Building to make room for other operations. One possibility is making space to house Albany Municipal Court, which was moved out of the courthouse building last year when a fourth Superior Court Judge was added and that courtroom was transferred to his use.

One potential drawback for Commissioner Chad Warbington is that the Palmyra Road site would place the fire station at the corner of Tift Park.

"What kind of value are we taking away from ourselves if we put that structure on this national historic site?" he said.

There were no doubts raised as to the need for a new fire station to replace the 1500 Palmyra Road facility, which was opened in 1956. The issue has been under discussion for several years.

The triangle at the southwest corner of Tift Park would seem to be a "wise choice," said Michael A. Johnson, president and CEO of SRJ Architects Inc., which was enlisted to evaluate the two sites. Having firefighters at the site also could help encourage residents to make use of the park, for which the city is considering a major makeover, Albany Fire Chief Cedric Scott said.

See **STATION**, 2A

Absence of post office drop box inconveniences customers

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ALBANY – Most U.S. post offices around the Albany area have a drop box where customers can drive up and drop off their mail. But the drop box at the post office on Meredyth Drive in Albany was removed about a year ago.

Two postal workers, who asked not to be named for fear of retribution at work, confirmed that the drop box was removed due to repeated vandalism and theft. This situation isn't unique to the site at Meredyth Drive. A worker there confirmed the problem became consistent about three years ago. A postal worker at the main branch on Slappey Boulevard said it's an issue at several locations across the city.

Repeated arrests have been made in Albany due to stolen checks, debit cards and other documents from mail collection boxes.

The employee said people use an instrument to break the lock and get into the box. Customers had checks and other sensitive items stolen. USPS employees said the only reason the drop box at Meredyth Drive was removed was because that location has an indoor drop box with 24-hour access.

Since the drop box was removed, The Albany Herald has received more than 100 complaints. On Monday, the day before the 2024 tax season deadline, David Krantz, said the line to mail packages was backed up out the door. He said he had to wait about 25 minutes to see the one person who was working.

See **DROP BOX**, 2A



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The Meredyth Drive post office branch in Albany has self-service stations inside with 24-hour access.

MAILING ADDRESS LABEL

'VECTR' center gains momentum as Albany Tech looks to assist veterans

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ALBANY – A proposed center to assist veterans exiting the military to gain work and life skills gained more support this week from the Dougherty County Commission.

Albany Technical College President Emmett Griswold addressed the commission on Monday after outlining his proposal for a veterans education career transition (VECTR) center earlier this month to the Albany City Commission.

Albany commissioners are set to vote on releasing $250,000 in sales tax funds collected that are earmarked to Albany Tech for the effort, and their county



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Col. Matthew Mckinney, left, speaks with Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission President and CEO Jana Dyke outside the Dougherty County Commission meeting on Monday.

See **VECTR**, 2A

City of Edison looks into ordinance regarding low-speed vehicles

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EDISON – Dennis Henderson was using his side-by-side vehicle to tow another vehicle for his job in Edison when he was stopped by local law enforcement Friday.

He was questioned about his vehicle's insurance. The interaction, which Henderson said happened so fast, ended with him arrested and brought to the jail in Morgan.

The 30-year-old's side-by-side wasn't insured, which he said he now understands was illegal, but he said he felt targeted as a young, black man, especially because he sees others using similar vehicles around town.

"I think me going to jail was a little excessive," Henderson said. "I think it was more than I should've gotten. A ticket – I would've accepted and gone on my

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An Edison man was jailed for driving a work vehicle on the city's main street.

From 1A

EDISON

way, but I was taken to jail."

The use of golf carts, UTVs, ATVs and low-speed vehicles has grown in popularity in recent years. Some cities have specific ordinances allowing these different vehicles. Others, like Edison, never developed any local laws to address them. But Edison Councilman Curtis Adams said he's noticed more and more on the streets. This prompted discussion on potential ordinances during Edison's council meeting Monday night.

Georgia has state laws for these vehicles. In the state, to drive an all-terrain vehicle, registration, a driver's license and a proof of insurance is required. There are exemptions for vehicles used for agricultural purposes.

Henderson uses his UTV to tow vehicles for his job working on cars because he said it's more convenient. He said he had been led to believe that the only form of registration or insurance proof he needed was the orange, triangular tag on the back of the vehicle.

However, Edison Police Chief Donnell Bryant stopped him once he was already parked. Bryant said he had stopped Henderson and given him a warning about his vehicle before. On Friday, Bryant said he saw Henderson crossing Edison's main street, which is a state route.

Henderson said he did not have his driver's license on, in addition to the side-by-side not being insured. When Bryant began to write him up, Henderson said he asked questions and mentioned being told different requirements for his vehicle by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

Henderson said the conversation between the two became heated.

"He didn't give a reason, he just stopped me and asked me for my license," Henderson said. "I'm younger so he was like, 'Boy, put your hands on top of the car,' even though I'm a man. I felt disrespected."

Henderson was brought to the Calhoun County Jail, where he said he was told they couldn't hold him. He had to pay $730 in fines and tickets in order to leave.

"I don't think that was fair," Henderson said. "That set me so far behind. All I was doing was working and trying to take care of my family."

Henderson said he's in the process of getting the side-by-side vehicle properly insured. He brought his concerns to Monday night's city council meeting, where he was told by Adams that his arrest was between him and the police chief.

Henderson pointed out that he sees multiple people using similar vehicles throughout town without being brought to jail.

"If the law applies to me, it should apply to everyone," he told The Albany Herald.

Bryant addressed him during the council meeting, saying he's handed out warnings to every driver he sees and hasn't seen them repeat the offense of driving uninsured.

Adams said he added ATV ordinance discussion to the council meeting's agenda to address legal confusion.

"I wanted us to take a look at it because we've got a lot of people breaking the law," Adams said. "If they're doing it, then it's up to our police department to enforce it. But at the same time, if there's something we can do to help make part of it legal …"

However, by the end of the discussion, Adams said his interest in a potential ordinance is gone.

Edison City Attorney Tommy Coleman brought golf cart ordinance examples and plans to help the city leaders look more into ATVs as well.

New nonprofit targets state energy policies

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA -- An energy watchdog has launched a nonprofit organization aimed at bringing transparency and accountability to energy regulation in Georgia.

The goals of Georgia Utility Watch, the brainchild of Patty Durand, a former candidate for a seat on the state Public Service Commission, is to advocate for fair electric rates, a more transparent PSC, and more accountable state leadership on energy issues.

"Decisions are made with complete disregard for the state mandate to set rates that are just and reasonable," Durand wrote in her new organization's inaugural newsletter. "Never, ever are people prioritized or protected."

Durand cites an unprecedented 23.7% increase last year in the rates Georgia Power's residential customers pay that she says went unchecked by either the commission or the General Assembly. Specifically, she pointed to the legislature's failure for two years in a row to pass a bill that would have re-established the state Consumer Utility Counsel, disbanded in 2008 amid budget cuts brought on by the Great Recession.

She also criticized Gov. Brian Kemp's veto last year of a bill that would have temporarily suspended a state sales tax exemption aimed at attracting data centers to Georgia after business interests objected to the measure. Another measure introduced this year to prohibit Georgia Power from passing on the costs of providing electricity to data centers to residential and small business customers cleared the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee but failed to reach the Senate floor for a vote.

Durand also noted that nearly 200,000 Georgia Power households were disconnected last year, an alarmingly high rate.

Worth County Chamber plans job expo

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SYLVESTER -- The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce is accepting booth registrations for its April 24 Business Expo through Friday.

Registration is free for chamber members, and there is a $50 registration fee for non-members. The expo will be conducted 5-7 p.m. at the chamber's 122 N. Main St. location.

On behalf of the chamber's Membership Committee, there will be a social hour held with light refreshments for all businesses registered to participate in the Business Expo. This will be an opportunity to network with other businesses before the event.

Live entertainment will be provided by Brent Saunders during the hours of the expo

Set-up for the expo starts at 2 p.m. on the day of the event and must be completed by 4 p.m.. Booth spaces are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must bring their own tables and chairs.

A networking/social hour will be held from 4-5 p.m., and the expo will continue from 5-7 p.m.

Call (229) 776-7718 for additional information.

From 1A

STATION

"I think having the fire station adds a safety element, (with) people feeling safe coming to the park," Scott said. "I talked with (Recreation Director) Steven Belk. He liked the idea a lot.

"It sounds like the fire station would be a great complement to that. There's so many benefits to either site. I think whichever site, it's going to be a beautiful location."

Johnson has estimated the cost of constructing a new facility to house firefighters and 911 personnel at $10.6 million. Funding would come from the city's capital improvements fund and sales tax revenues.

The Jefferson Street site, which houses Tri-State Florist Supply, would come with an additional cost of $980,000 to purchase the land.

Making use of the existing building on Jefferson Street could help defray some of the cost, Warbington said. However, that would require improvements to the building to remain secure during severe weather.

"It has to be able to withstand the highest winds for the area," Johnson said.

If the building is retained and retrofitted to meet requirements, it could save about $200,000 to defray the additional cost of purchasing the property, the architect said.

"The structure will accommodate 911 and part of the fire station," he said. "I do think that is a viable option."

The discussion brought about mixed opinions on the issue, with Mayor Bo Dorough leaning toward Jefferson Street and Commissioner Vilnis Gaines suggesting Palmyra Road.

"I think that would save the city money," Gaines said.

With the need for a new station being under consideration since he took office more than five years ago, the mayor said that it is time to make a decision on a site, which is only the first stage in getting the project moving.

"This is a 50-year investment," Dorough said. "I prefer the Jefferson Street site."

From 1A

DROP BOX

Krantz said he's noticed this problem on numerous occasions. He's been going to the post office on Meredyth Drive for 37 years and there was always a drop box. This particular location serves the entire northwest section of Albany.

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"Now, instead of using that drop box, you have to park, get out of the car and go inside," he said.

Krantz said this becomes inconvenient, especially because the post office is understaffed. He said he believes the drop box should be reinstalled, potentially as a mobile box that is able to be moved in at night.

While the main branch postal worker couldn't answer many questions about the drop box and theft, the employee said Mondays are always the busiest day at the post office. The employee warned those wanting to avoid lines to try a different day.

From 1A

VECTR

counterparts indicated that they also are onboard. The commissioners instructed County Administrator Derron King to work to identify funds to support the effort.

The technical college has worked to secure state funding to renovate the former state youth detention center on Newton Road for use as a law enforcement training facility and new construction, with the VECTR center located at the site.

No allocation was made for this year for that larger project, so Griswold has pivoted to moving ahead with the center for veterans at existing space on the college's main campus on South Slappey Boulevard. He estimated the cost to retrofit that space at $1.5 million.

In addition to the sales tax money and potential funds from the college, ATC is seeking sponsors for the facility for veterans.

Through the Department of Defense's SkillBridge program, military personnel who are within six months of departure from the military can receive job training. Albany Tech is looking at offering certificates for commercial driving; firefighter 1; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; floor covering, and welding and joining. The college is looking to add training for electrical line workers, logistics supply chain and accelerated nursing aide as well.

Other features for the center are a counseling area and a lounge where veterans can hang out.

The recently announced Georgia Department of Veterans Service office also would be housed in the 8,000 square feet dedicated to the center.

Col. Matthew McKinney, commanding officer at MCLB-Albany, who was on hand for the Monday meeting, said that the idea for what would be the third VECTR center in the state would be helpful to service members looking at life after the military.

There are about 350 military personnel stationed at the base, including 300 Marines and about 50 from the U.S. Navy and Army.

"It would support the imminent transition of Marines, which is often one of the most difficult (stressors) for those moving from active duty into civilian life," he said "For us, it's a huge win. Marines from all over can come and do the education piece through SkillBridge.

"We're always happy to support one of our biggest partners and allies here in Albany and the region."

For Griswold, the center would be a way of keeping ex-military personnel in the region and boosting the area's economy.

"There are about 10,000 veterans in Dougherty County," he said. "That's about 7% of all the veterans in the state. What we want to try to do is retain and attract that talent in Dougherty County."

Plans are for the center to open later this year.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Buford Jenkins (25-021) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting that the Official Zoning Map of Albany and Dougherty County, Georgia, be amended to rezone a 3.0-acre parcel from R-MHP (Manufactured Home Park District) to C-3 (Commercial Business District) property is at 1725 SE Liberty Expressway, (00180/00001/78F). The rezoning would allow for the property to be used for commercial purposes. The Applicant and Owner is Buford Jenkins. **District 6**

The Albany Dougherty Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on these requests on **Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100, Albany, GA. Based on the information presented at the public meeting, the Planning Commission will forward its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701.

Meetings of the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission and the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners are open to the public. Those wishing to speak or provide comments should contact the Planning & Development Services Department at (229) 438-3901, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., before the meeting for additional information.

As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Dougherty County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The Human Resources Department has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rights provided there is available at the Office of Human Resources. Dougherty County will assist citizens with special needs given proper notice (7 working days). Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in an open meeting, program, or activity of the City of Albany, Georgia, should be directed to Paul Forgey, AICP, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, Georgia, 31701, (229) 438-3901.

Horoscopes

Make your presence felt this year. Share your vision and do your best to impact your community positively. Keep busy, set goals and tackle your to-do list with faith in yourself and your ability to make your mark. Prioritize peace, love and kindness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Learn, converse, gain experience and master the art of negotiation. Put your energy and enthusiasm into networking, and you will gain acceptance among your peers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A personal change is favored. Observe your surroundings and the opportunities around you, and consider if there is a better location to call home. Take nothing for granted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Put a wait-and-see policy in place. You'll overreact if you aren't careful. Expect temptation to cross your path. Put your energy into research and communicating with people offering firsthand information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Appearing vulnerable will attract scammers. Pay more attention to how you look and present yourself to others. Invest more time and money in yourself instead of buying into someone else's adventure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Raise issues of concern, and be the one to make a difference. Listen to the input you receive from people you influence or work alongside, and you'll find a way to move forward that appeases the majority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Refrain from letting your emotions and ego get in the way of common sense. Change is needed, but don't try to fix what's already working. Focus on the problem and apply a solution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Expand your interests, knowledge and experience. Socialize, and you'll find common ground with someone you encounter; but first, take care of responsibilities, or someone will complain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- A diversion will help you gain momentum. There is plenty to achieve if you are diligent about how you proceed. Seek out people who can help you excel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep an open mind, but put your assets somewhere safe. Don't be tempted to bail anyone out or take on responsibilities that will weigh you down or cost you emotionally, physically or financially.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19) -- Work to avoid interference. Put more time and effort into self-improvement instead of trying to change others. Question everything and everyone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Stick close to home and to what's familiar. You'll feel better if you organize your space. Invest your time and money in yourself, upgrade your skills and tailor opportunities to suit your needs.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Set boundaries to deter someone from talking you into something you don't need or want. Put your energy into personal and professional goals that make you feel better about your life.

DO JUST ONE THING
by Danny Seo

There are a billion reasons why you should choose a more eco-friendly toothbrush; that's the number of brushes that are thrown into landfills every year in the United States. Instead of plastic, look for environmentally friendly alternatives that use renewable and biodegradable materials like bamboo for the handles. And save your old brushes rather than tossing them -- you can use them around the house to scrub hard-to-clean areas in grout, keyboards and jewelry.

Today in History

Today is the 107th day of 2025 and the 29th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

In 1861, Virginia became the eighth state to secede from the Union.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Nazi Germany.

In 1961, a group of CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched an unsuccessful invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs.

In 1964, the Ford Mustang debuted at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York.

In 1970, the crippled Apollo 13 spacecraft landed safely in the Pacific Ocean.

In 2014, NASA's Kepler Space Telescope announced the first discovery of an Earth-size planet in the habitable zone of another star, about 490 light-years from Earth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: J.P. Morgan (1837-1913), financier/banker; Senor Wences (1896-1999), ventriloquist; Thornton Wilder (1897-1975), playwright/novelist; William Holden (1918-1981), actor; Roddy Piper (1954-2015), wrestler; Nick Hornby (1957-), author/screenwriter; Sean Bean (1959-), actor; Boomer Esiason (1961-), football player/sportscaster; Maynard James Keenan (1964-), singer-songwriter; Redman (1970-), rapper/actor; Jennifer Garner (1972-), actress; Rooney Mara (1985-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: In February 2017, NASA announced the discovery of seven Earth-size planets -- three of which are located in the habitable zone -- orbiting a single star 40 light-years away in the constellation Aquarius.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1951, 19-year-old Mickey Mantle made his major league debut with the New York Yankees.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Seek the lofty by reading, hearing and seeing great work at some moment every day." -- Thornton Wilder

TODAY'S NUMBER: 11,747 -- immigrants processed at the Ellis Island immigration center on this day in 1907, the most ever in a single day.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (April 12) and last quarter moon (April 20).

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last."

Sir Winston Churchill,
British prime minister (1874-1965)

CORRECTION

This newspaper is committed to publishing fair and accurate information. Errors should be brought to the attention of Editor Carlton Fletcher at (229) 888-9300. Corrections or clarifications will appear in this space.

Weather Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
81°	85°	85°	85°	87°	82°	84°
55°	65°	65°	65°	67°	65°	66°



BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONE ENTRY

Daniel J. Bernstein, a research professor of computer science at the University of Illinois in Chicago, said, "The most important function of a bibliographic entry is to help the reader obtain a copy of the cited work."

The most important function of a bridge entry is to help the player obtain the maximum number of tricks.

In this deal, how would you program a computer (South) to make three no-trump? West leads a low heart. East wins with his queen and returns the suit to dummy's ace.

One thing should be immediately apparent to South: If he loses the lead before he has taken nine tricks, he will go down. The defenders will cash too many heart tricks.

Next, declarer should realize that he needs the club finesse to succeed. And if it is winning, he can collect nine tricks via one spade, one heart, three diamonds and four clubs.

The other hurdle is that the club finesse might need to be taken three times. When this is the case, first lead the lowest card that can take the trick when the finesse is working. Here, South should first run dummy's club nine. Then he runs the queen. Next he plays a club to his jack. And lastly he claims.

Note that if declarer starts with dummy's club queen, East defeats the contract by not covering. Then, if South plays his two, he will have to take the next club trick in his hand. Or, if declarer unblocks the 10 or jack under the queen, East can cover the nine to leave his eight beating South's two on the fourth round of the suit.

North 04-17-25
♠ J 5 2
♥ A 4
♦ J 10 7 5 4
♣ Q 9 3

West
♠ Q 10 7
♥ K 9 8 5 2
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 7 4

East
♠ K 9 8
♥ Q 7 6 3
♦ 9 2
♣ K 8 6 5

South
♠ A 6 4 3
♥ J 10
♦ A K Q
♣ A J 10 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5



ADVICE COLUMNIST ■ ERIC THOMAS

Infidelity makes wedding weekend an awkward affair

Dear Eric: It has recently come to light that the father of my goddaughter has been cheating on his wife for almost the entirety of their 30-year marriage. For some reason, the wife has decided to stay with this man. My goddaughter's destination wedding is coming up soon. I don't want to be in a room with this man, let alone hug or converse with him. Any tips on how to remain civil over the course of the weekend?

– Disgusted Godmom

Dear Godmom: You can respect your goddaughter's mother's choice while drawing a personal line with the father. Either before the wedding or in a private moment on the day of, tell him the truth. "I find it really hard to accept this new information I've learned. Your marriage is your business, but I can't have a relationship with you. For the sake of your daughter, I'm bringing this up now so that we can be civil while still giving each other space." Weddings are busy events with a lot of different interactions. You won't be able to avoid taking photos with him, but by being clear upfront, you can avoid small talk made with gritted teeth.

Dear Eric: My favorite local pub has wonderful food except for the fries. They take up half the plate and are inedible. My last chicken sandwich was flanked with a huge serving of flaccid cardboard-tasting fries served cold. The owner would probably save money and keep customers if they served bagged frozen beer-battered fries which are predictable and cheap. Three meals at this pub over a month with no improvement in the fries is my limit. How should I let the owner know his soggy fries are running me off? Just serve potato salad if you like them wet and cold like that. Reliable, delicious fries are one of the pillars of a good pub feed and a trusted bar.

– French Fry Flop

Dear French Fry: I love low-stakes drama, and I love French fries, so I'm eating this question up (with ketchup and sometimes ranch). A simple path: Just tell the owner what your experience has been and what you'd like to see coming out of the kitchen. They'd surely appreciate a direct conversation with a customer willing to give them another chance more than a stranger leaving a scathing online review.

A good way into this conversation, and others like it, is to ask, "Are you open to some feedback?" Now, sometimes the answer is "No, thank you." But the restaurant industry lives on word-of-mouth (pun partially intended). If you don't like the fries, you're not likely to recommend the pub. If you do, you'll bring friends to the place. You write that it's your favorite pub, save for this one thing. If I were the owner, I'd want to make it your favorite place without reservation. And if this particular owner brushes you off, maybe next time order a salad or soup on the side instead.

Dear Eric: This is in response to "Seriously Scratching," who has an aversion to dogs in public spaces. I am a practicing attorney. I am also disabled and require the assistance of my service dog to function.

A genuine service dog should not be approaching strangers unless their handler is in need of urgent assistance. If a dog is being disruptive, such as barking (with the exception of barking to alert to something like a medical condition), wandering or displaying aggression, the management of a restaurant or other business can legally ask that the dog be removed from the premises.

I've noticed untrained Emotional Support Animals being presented as service dogs. This is often not intentional fraud but is due to the handler not understanding the difference between an ESA and a service dog. ESAs provide comfort and emotional support for their handlers and are exempt from certain travel and housing laws; however, they do not have any public access rights.

Staff of any restaurant, store or other business are permitted to ask a handler with a dog two questions: "Is that a service dog?" and "What task is the dog trained to perform?" If the answer to the second question is, "The dog provides emotional support," that person can be asked to remove the animal, because the Americans With Disabilities Act specifically states that providing emotional support is not considered a task.

– The Lady with the Dog

Dear Lady: This is a helpful distinction. I chose to print it not to pit those with ESAs against those with Service Dogs, and I don't think your letter does that. Instead, I think it highlights the importance of communication, education and compassion for others. These dogs provide valuable services. When the humans they care for operate responsibly, everyone gets to coexist peacefully.

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SQUAWKBOX

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Pay attention, this tax cut does two things which you were warned about: The billionaires will gain a minimum $30k benefit. The millionaires only about $10k. The middle class $0. Those struggling will lose Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security benefits to pay for part of it. The rest will increase the debt by $9 trillion. Trump driving us into bankruptcy just like he did seven of his businesses.

We '70s folks are not dead, and we still love our generation of the best rock and roll ever.

Is it senility? Dementia? Or even worse, insanity? Trump has always thrived on chaos and unpredictability, but he's never been this bad. It's way past time for the Republican Party to show some courage and stand up to him for the sake of their country. That Man Without a Family

Monday morning, customers backed up out the door with a 30-minute wait to mail a package because the post office on Meredyth Drive only has one clerk scheduled to wait on customers. Add that to the stupidity of having hundreds of people having to park each day and go inside to mail a letter because the post office is too inept to bring the drop box inside at night.

Every day, despicable commissioners like Gloria and Lorenzo pursue their own agendas and ignore us voters in real need. Our community already has a glut of empty apartments and a tax-revenue-draining Civil Rights Museum. We don't need tourism or more low-income housing. We need an actual functioning police force on the streets and more decent jobs so we can buy groceries.

There are no billionaires in Albany; there are some millionaires. They will benefit from this tax cut, and you readers will be paying for it. Of course, along with the new Trump tax plan for middle class and struggling families are higher prices due to tariffs. Christmas is hereby cancelled due to a lack of money. Or trade toys for food.

Squawker, I'm 60 and listen to a wide variety of classic rock, most of which isn't the overplayed hit songs from the artists. Sirius XM and other music platforms have thousands of "youngsters" in their 30s and 40s enjoying the best music ever in their electric cars and fancy headphones. Long live rock.

America is falling apart. Trump has brought America the life raft. He is an incredibly gifted strategist, and he demonstrates this over and over again. America is fortunate to have Trump at the helm, as we go through this storm.

It is sad that not one of the main media news networks has interviewed one company CEO that has a positive outlook on President Trump's tariffs. Democratic control. Fox news is constantly interviewing CEOs that are positive of the tariffs. When you are invited to Biden's Kool-aid party, don't drink too much.

Just read some of the rules at Augusta National. My favorite is no cap can be worn backwards. So nice that Augusta still has class. And if you are seen with a cellphone, out you go. If it rings, you will never return. America needs more of these rules.

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Thomasville Rose Festival includes Pebble Hill Plantation guided tours

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THOMASVILLE -April is National Garden and Landscape Architecture Month and as part of the annual Thomasville Rose Festival, Pebble Hill Plantation is offering guided grounds and garden tours April 25. Led by expert guides, these walking tours will take visitors through the award-winning Green Arrow Tour, which highlights the historic architectural features and native plantings incorporated into the early 20th century landscape design of Cleveland, Ohio, landscape architect, Ethelwyn Harrison.

Harrison was a friend of Kate Hanna Ireland Harvey, who owned Pebble Hill from 1901 until her death in 1936. Harrison was born in St. Petersburg, Fla., in 1892 and was a 1916 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in Landscape Design. Her goal at Pebble Hill was to create a setting in the English formal style, and she carefully incorporated native plants that would provide winter and early spring blooms, as well as greenery that would provide year-'round interest.

The guided Green Arrow tours will feature many beautiful locations throughout the grounds, including the family cemetery, kitchen garden, jasmine tunnels, and the podocarpus maze on the front lawn. Guides will highlight Harrison's usage of native trees, plants and shrubs in applying her master plan for Pebble Hill. The tours will be educational, informative, and entertaining for gardeners, history buffs, and anyone interested in spending time in beautiful surroundings.

Pebble Hill was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on Feb. 23, 1990. A site on the Georgia Camellia Trail since 2016 and a member of the American Camellia Society since 2019, Pebble Hill is proud to maintain its extensive variety of camellias, many of which were included in Harrison's landscape plan. Pebble Hill is also a stop on the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Trail with a certified pollinator garden.

The beauty of Pebble Hill is referenced in the following excerpt from Garden History of Georgia 1773-1933: "One's impression of Pebble Hill is that in developing the vast grounds such close harmony with nature has been preserved that there is an art which doth mend nature, change it rather, but the art itself is nature."

The award-winning Green Arrow tour is made possible by matching grants from the Garden Club of Georgia Inc. and the Thomasville Garden Club Inc. Two tours are being offered. The morning tour is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon tour, begins at 1:00 p.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. Both tours will meet at the Visitors Center. Tickets are $15 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 24.

For more information on both tours and to purchase tickets, visit www.pebblehill.com or call (229) 226-2344.



Special Photo: Pebble Hill

A pair of tours of the grounds of Pebble Hill Plantation in Thomasville will be part of the city's annual Rose Festival.

ASU grad Aliyah Johnson to serve as spring commencement speaker

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ALBANY – Albany State University will celebrate the achievements of more than 700 graduates during its spring 2025 commencement ceremony on May 10, at 9 a.m. at the Albany Civic Center. Doors open at 8 a.m., and the academic processional will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

Former Student Government Association President Aliyah Johnson will serve as the keynote speaker for commencement. A 2021 graduate of Albany State, Johnson made history as the youngest senior advisor for public engagement at the White House, where she served in the Biden administration. In her role, she managed events and programming for the President of the United States, making her a rising star in public service and a powerful example of Ram excellence.

In addition to the main commencement ceremony, the university will host several special events to honor graduates from specific academic programs:

Health Sciences Pinning Ceremony - May 8 at 2 p.m.
Student Center, Building C, Room 266 - West Campus

Nursing Pinning Ceremony - May 8 at 4 p.m.
Student Center, Building C, Room 266 - West Campus

Social Work Hooding and Penning Ceremony - May 9 at 2 p.m.
C.W. Grant Student Union Ballroom - East Campus

Professional Embracing Novice (PENning) Ceremony -May 9 at 5 p.m.
Billy C. Black Auditorium - East Campus



Aliyah Johnson

These ceremonies mark important milestones for students transitioning into the work force as educators, health professionals, and social workers. They also reflect ASU's continued commitment to preparing leaders who will serve communities across Georgia and beyond.

The Spring 2025 Commencement Ceremony also will include a U.S. Army ROTC commissioning ceremony, recognizing graduates who will begin their service as commissioned officers.

Jack Davis promoted to SWGA Farm Credit relationship manager

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BAINBRIDGE – Southwest Georgia Farm Credit has announced the promotion of Jack Davis to relationship manager. Davis joined the association in 2024 and has spent the last year in a comprehensive financial training program.

As a relationship manager, Davis will develop and manage customer relationships and provide financial solutions tailored to the unique needs of farmers, ranchers and rural landowners throughout southwest Georgia. He will be based in the association's Blakely office.

A graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), Davis brings a strong background in agriculture and a deep passion for supporting the farming community, Farm Credit officials said in a news release. His time at ABAC, combined with his hands-on training at Southwest Georgia Farm Credit, has equipped him with the expertise and understanding needed to excel in this role.



Jack Davis

"We are thrilled to promote Jack to the position of relationship manager," Paxton Poitevint, president and chief executive officer of Southwest Georgia Farm Credit, said. "Jack's dedication, expertise, and enthusiasm for serving our members make him an invaluable asset to the southwest Georgia agricultural community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact he will have in this new role."

A native of Early County, Davis attended Early County High School and grew up on a small farm in Blakely.

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COLUMNIST ■ BILL YEARTA

Legislature ends session with final passage of key measures

The Georgia General Assembly reconvened under the Gold Dome on March 31 for the 12th and final week of the 2025 legislative session. Throughout the week, we worked late into the evenings, voting on key measures to secure their final passage by the time the final gavel fell on April 4.

By the end of the week, the House passed a number of bills and resolutions, several of which will now be sent to Gov. Brian Kemp's desk for him to sign into law or veto. I will highlight several bills here that we voted on in our final days, as well as some significant legislation that received final passage in the General Assembly.



YEARTA

Ensuring the safety and well-being of Georgia's students, teachers and school communities is a top priority of the Georgia House, and during the final week of the legislative session, my colleagues and I gave final passage to House Bill 268, a critical piece of legislation aimed at achieving that goal. HB 268 creates a series of comprehensive school safety measures, including harsher penalties for terroristic threats and technical assistance for schools to implement best safety practices.

The House also passed Senate Bill 17 that requires local school systems to implement a mobile panic alert system capable of connecting emergency services technologies.

One of the most pivotal actions that the House took during the 2025 session was the final passage of House Bill 68, the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. The state of Georgia is required to pass a balanced budget each year. The FY 2026 budget highlights Georgia's commitment to addressing essential areas that impact all Georgians, such as public safety, education, health care, the judicial system and numerous other areas of state funding, ensuring that the state's resources are allocated to meet the evolving needs of its citizens. Two particular items of note are an additional $2.3 million for the Center of Rural Prosperity and Innovation, which is housed in the Department of Agriculture, and there is additional funding including for increasing the literacy rate in Georgia.

The FY 2026 budget represents a significant step toward promoting the state's growth and long-term prosperity. It is set to take effect on July 1, is based on a revenue estimate of $37.8 billion, marking an increase of $1.6 billion — or 4.4% — over the original FY 2025 budget.

Also included in this budget process is much-needed taxpayer relief. HB 111 cuts income taxes by $800 million, lowering the income tax rate to 5.19% with the ultimate goal of income tax being below 5%. We have also included more than $800 million in Hurricane Helene relief.

Additionally, House Bill 136 received final passage, which would allow parents of children age 5 and under to claim a $250 state income tax credit, which would expand the state income tax credit for child care expenses.

The House also gave final passage to Senate Bill 170, which would create a grant program to acquire and install backup generators for certain rural hospitals. The program would apply to acute-care hospitals located in rural counties with fewer than 100 beds and situated in any region where the governor declared a state of emergency after July 1, 2024. SB 170 would empower the Department of Community Health, in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, to develop grant criteria and oversee the distribution of funds.

In the final week of the legislative session, the House gave passage to a number of bills, including House Bill 307, which would amend the Georgia Early Literacy Act to include dyslexia, renaming it the Georgia Early Literacy and Dyslexia Act. The bill aims to improve reading instruction for students at risk of falling behind or showing signs of dyslexia by aligning teaching methods with the science of reading principles.

House Bill 216, named in memory of former State Representative and House Rules Chairman Richard Smith, was also among the bills that received final passage. This legislation would establish the Richard H. Smith Georgia CHIPS Advancement in Research and Development Act and would create funds to provide grants and loans to attract semiconductor companies to Georgia, as well as support work force education and training in high-demand semiconductor and microelectronics careers.

House Bill 266, which would support Georgia's military veterans, also received final passage and is now awaiting the governor's decision. The bill would increase the income exclusion for military retirement benefits to $65,000 for retired military members under the age of 65.

Gov. Kemp now has 40 days to either sign or veto any legislation that received final passage by the General Assembly. Depending on the bill, some will become law upon the governor's signature, while others may take effect on a specified enactment date.

As we head into the interim, the time between legislative sessions, my colleagues and I will begin the study committee process later in the year. These committees will take a deep dive into specific issues currently impacting Georgia, with the goal of gathering valuable insights that will help shape the legislation we introduce during next year's session.

Although this legislative session has ended, I encourage citizens to share their thoughts on how to support our district. Everyone's input is invaluable. Don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime. I want to sincerely thank each of you for allowing me to represent you in the Georgia House of Representatives. It is truly an honor.

"I am the door: By me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

—John 10:9



COLUMNIST ■ MARC HYDEN

General Assembly adjourns, leaving mixed bag of winners and losers

Georgians can breathe a sigh of relief: The Georgia General Assembly has adjourned, lawmakers have returned to their districts and are unlikely to gavel back into session this year. While the legislative session was dominated by a host of social issues, including those related to religious freedom; diversity, equity and inclusion, and transgender individuals, lawmakers also debated many economic and public safety proposals. Some of these were good and others bad, and unfortunately, the result of the session is a mixed bag of winners and losers.



HYDEN

By far, the Legislature's most notable success was the passage of meaningful tort reform. After years of rising nuclear verdicts — verdicts surpassing $10 million — being labeled a "judicial hellhole" and Georgians each paying a "tort tax" in excess $1,200 a year, Gov. Brian Kemp demanded action.

Senate bills 68 and 69 were the answer to the growing problem, and combined, they aim to curtail lawsuit abuse and require more transparency among third-party litigation funders — essentially hedge funds that invest in lawsuits — that drive up costs. After a knock-down drag-out fight, both proposals cleared the General Assembly and went to the governor for his signature. He will undoubtedly sign them into law, which will provide Georgians some relief, but they can expect more than just this.

The Legislature passed a few tax-related bills, and Georgians will see some of the benefits relatively quickly. House bills 111, 112 and 136 lower the income tax rate to 5.19% beginning this taxable year, apply a $250 tax credit for individuals and a $500 credit to joint filers to last year's taxes, and create a $250 child tax credit beginning this year.

Meanwhile, legislators passed Senate Bill 6, which stands poised to literally save lives. Like most states, Georgia has been in the midst of a drug overdose crisis as victims have inadvertently ingested tainted drugs — leading to myriad deaths. While fentanyl test strips are currently legal, tools to check for other adulterants are not. Senate Bill 6 would legalize them, and the bill's sponsor, Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick, said during committee that this is a bill intended to keep Georgians alive so that they can get treatment.

Each one of these measures is on the governor's desk, but not every win results in new policy; sometimes preventing bad laws is also a win. With lawmakers introducing 2,860 bills and resolutions this year, many were misguided, including elections bills that fortunately died. Senate Bill 175 is one such measure, and it would have prohibited the use of ranked-choice voting for all Georgians except for military and overseas voters, even though ranked-choice voting is already impermissible for all others. This is kind of like making something double-super illegal, and it is pointless.

The General Assembly also debated a couple of measures to withdraw from the Electronic Registration Information Center in the name of voter integrity, but this would have been counter-productive. ERIC is a multistate tool that helps states keep clean voter rolls by determining what voters have moved across state lines, have duplicate voter registrations or have passed away. In short, membership in ERIC helps prevent voter fraud, and thankfully proposals to end Georgia's cooperation with ERIC failed.

Despite the aforementioned legislative successes, the General Assembly also fell short in several areas by failing to pass some commonsense bills. Among those are Senate Bill 28 — the so-called "Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025" — which would have limited excessive and costly government regulation. The Legislature also stalled on Senate Bill 51. It would have required local governments to use the same procurement method employed by the state and federal governments for design services. Using this paradigm, they would have focused on qualifications rather than solely on what contractor is the lowest bidder, which makes sense. After all, nobody wants to drive on a bridge built in the cheapest way possible.

Three public safety bills also failed to cross the finish line — Senate Bill 207, House Bill 535 and House Bill 651 — which is a detriment to Georgians. Senate Bill 207 would have made it easier for individuals with a criminal background to obtain an occupational license so that they can be productive members of society. House Bill 535 would have permitted the accused to deduct time in jail waiting for probation revocation hearings from their sentence, and finally, House Bill 651 would have reformed school zone speed cameras so that municipalities aren't misusing them as cash cows.

These bills nearly reached the governor's desk, but for one reason or another, they fell short. However, they remain alive for consideration in the 2026 legislative session. It is too early to tell if momentum will carry them into next year. If they once again fail, then expect the 2026 session to be another mixed bag of winners and losers.

COLUMNIST ■ DICK YARBROUGH

Putting the accent on how we talk in the South

Well now, don't that just beat all? A new study from Answering Service Care reveals that the Southern accent is officially the friendliest in the U.S. A third-generation family-owned business, Answering Service Care has been serving organizations in every industry ranging from banks to attorneys to funeral homes and a lot in between since 1974. I tell you all this to say they seem to know what they are talking about when it comes to – well – talking.

The company just released a study of more than 2,000 U.S. respondents that reveals a clear pattern in how accents influence first impressions, customer experiences and even career opportunities. When asked which accents they found the nicest in a customer service setting, respondents said the Southern accent topped the list, beating out Hawaii.

Respondents also found the Alaskan accent as the least annoying, with only 3% of people calling it annoying. That, I suspect, is because only 3% of us have ever talked to someone from Alaska.



YARBROUGH

One in three people say they find the Southern accent — most commonly associated with Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and South Carolina — "friendly." Not splitting dialectal hairs here, but Louisiana isn't your ordinary Southern speak. They talk Cajun English in Louisiana: "Lagniappe" for "something extra." "Fais do-do" for "late-night dance party." "When you went?" for "When did you go?" "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" for "Let the good times roll."

Folks may talk like that in Acadia and Lafourche, but they don't talk like that in Donalsonville or Rockmart or any other city in Georgia that I know of. But, as they say in Pointe Coupée, "On ne sait jamais."

Hearing these results warms my heart and represents real progress. There was a time not all that long ago when our Southern accent was known as a Southern drawl and snoots looked down their noses and made fun of those of us who spoke it. I spent a lot of my career traveling to such far-flung outposts as New York and Boston and Los Angeles, where I reminded the local denizens that it could be that they were the ones who talked funny, not us. I never heard a Southerner say "Fuhgeddaboudit" or "Pahk your cah at Hahvud Yahd" or "I am so gnarly and stoked, brah."

My daddy used to say that because we talked slow, those from other parts assumed we were slow thinkers, as well. Far from it. He said they would tell you exactly what they were thinking without thinking. We would tell you what we wanted you to know when we were ready for you to know it and not before. Information is power, and as long as I have it and you don't, I'm in control. It's a Southern thing.

Daddy also said we wasted a lot of money painting stripes down the middle of our roads because nobody ever drove north out of Georgia. They all came south. And stayed. But that's another story for another day.

The survey said the role that accents play in customer service is very important. Friendly or soothing accents can enhance the customer's experience, making them feel reassured and cared for. Meanwhile, accents that come across as aggressive — or even difficult to understand — may lead to frustration and affect customer satisfaction. ("Hey, Bozo. You wanna talk about my freaking attitude? Fuhgeddaboudit!")

But watch your attitude if you get crosswise with a customer representative from around these parts. You will be sliced and diced before you know it. ("Now darlin', don't go having a hissy fit. I'm fixin' to tell you that dog won't hunt. Bless your heart.")

I am glad to read about and report on how accents can impact public perception and that people like the way we talk down South. But I was surprised that India wasn't mentioned, because that seems to be where all my customer inquiries go. Speaking of accents, I can't understand theirs and they can't understand mine and, therefore, nothing gets done except we both get frustrated. If Answering Service Care is reading this, please think about opening a New Delhi branch. Thank you.

As for my own efforts at customer service, an accent is not needed, although I have a good one. My effort consists of responding to my emails and trying to convince angry RITNOs (Republicans in Trump's Name Only) that I am not a liberal weenie and trying to convince angry liberal weenies I am not a RITNO. How do they think I am doing? Fuhgeddaboudit.

What to watch

THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

All times Eastern. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

Ransom Canyon

Netflix ■ New Series

Described as a "romance-fueled family drama and contemporary Western saga," this series set against the rugged expanse of the Texas hill country charts the intersecting lives of three ranching families. "At its core, Ransom Canyon isn't just a town," says creator April Blair. "It's an idea. ... It's cowboys and lovers, grifters and thieves. Lust, deceit, heartache, home ... Ransom has it all." Josh Duhamel, Minka Kelly, James Brolin, Eoin Macken and Lizzy Greene lead the cast.

Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage

CBS, 8 p.m.

Georgie's (Montana Jordan) attempt to break up Missy (returning guest star Raegan Revord) and her new boyfriend backfires in the new episode "Two Idiots on a Dirt Bike."

Law & Order

NBC, 8 p.m.

A two-part crossover between *Law & Order* and *Law & Order*: Special Victims Unit begins when a mysterious phone call to Capt. Benson (Mariska Hargitay) of the SVU leads detectives to the scene of a brutal murder. The crossover concludes in the episode of *SVU* that follows tonight.



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Doctor Odyssey

ABC, 9 p.m.

Crew week on *The Odyssey* sends Max (Joshua Jackson) back to his hometown for answers; Tristan (Sean Teale) reveals Avery's (Phillipa Soo) secret to Vivian (Laura Harrier); Munroe (Marcus Emanuel Mitchell) fights a parasitic infection; and Avery pressures Rosie (Jacqueline Toboni) to face a medical condition she's been hiding.

Matlock

CBS, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale

In the two-part Season 1 finale "Tricks of the Trade," Sarah's (Leah Lewis) client is arrested after his business partner is found murdered, and Billy (David Del Rio) attempts to help her handle the case.

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

NBC, 9 p.m.

In the conclusion of the *Law & Order* and *Law & Order*: Special Victims Unit crossover, when the SVU and the 2-7 uncover a pattern of rape and murder targeting marginalized women, Carisi (Peter Scanavino) and ADA Price (Hugh Dancy) team up to charge the suspect with multiple crimes.

Grey's Anatomy

ABC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Bust Your Windows," a window washer's platform crashes through a hospital window, testing the Grey Sloan team's limits; Blue (Harry Shum Jr.) and Simone (Alexis Floyd) clash over their living arrangements; and Lucas (Niko Terho) strives to impress Catherine (Debbie Allen) while on her service.

Law & Order: Organized Crime

NBC, 10 p.m. ■ Special Preview

The first two episodes of *Law & Order*: Organized Crime's fifth season are available to stream on Peacock beginning today, with a special preview of the first episode, "Lost Highway," airing on NBC this evening. In the episode, Stabler (Christopher Meloni) goes undercover as a big rig driver to expose an international smuggling ring. As he settles into his new identity, he gets to know the "working girls," and a pattern of disappearances emerges. The remaining episodes of *Organized Crime* will be available Thursdays on Peacock only.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



SONY PICTURES

Bullet Train (2022, Action) Brad Pitt, Joey King **FX, 7 p.m.**

Hellboy (2004, Fantasy) Ron Perlman, John Hurt **VICE, 7 p.m.**

Mr. Deeds (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder **VH1, 7 p.m.**

The Equalizer 2 (2018, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal **SYFY, 7:30 p.m.**

Django Unchained (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001, Children) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint **USA, 8 p.m.**

The Killer Is Calling (2025, Suspense) Janaya Stephens, Rob Stewart **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Twister (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Draft Day (2014, Drama) Kevin Costner, Jennifer Garner **E!, 8:30 p.m.**

Black Adam (2022, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Aldis Hodge **TNT, 10 p.m.**

The Lies We Bury (2025, Suspense) Kyla Nova, Doug Noble **LMN, 10 p.m.**

World War Z (2013, Horror) Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos **AMC, 10:30 p.m.**

Escape Plan 2: Hades (2018, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Dave Bautista **SYFY, 11 p.m.**

The Intern (2015, Comedy-drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway **TBS, 11 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Birthday Tribute: William Holden

TCM, beginning at 9 a.m.

William Franklin Beedle Jr., better known as screen legend William Holden, would have turned 107 today (he was born in O'Fallon, Illinois, on April 17, 1918; he died in Santa Monica, California, on Nov. 12, 1981, at age 63). Turner Classic Movies remembers one of Hollywood's greatest male stars of all time today with six of his films: **Invisible Stripes** (1939), a crime drama that featured Holden in his second credited film role (on the movie's poster, he was third billed, below stars George Raft and Jane Bryan, and his name was more prominently above that of costar Humphrey Bogart); **Toward the Unknown** (1956), an aviation drama directed by Mervyn LeRoy and costarring Lloyd Nolan, Virginia Leith and James Garner in his film debut; 1953's **Escape From Fort Bravo (pictured),** a Civil War-set Western from director John Sturges that also features Eleanor Parker and John Forsythe; **Force of Arms** (1951), a romantic drama set in World War II Italy that costars Nancy Olson; **Our Town** (1940), the Best Picture Oscar-nominated adaptation of Thornton Wilder's famous play, with Best Actress nominee Martha Scott starring alongside Holden; and director Robert Wise's drama **Executive Suite** (1954), which also stars June Allyson, Barbara Stanwyck, Fredric March and Best Supporting Actress nominee Nina Foch.



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Light & Magic

Disney+ ■ Season Premiere

Season 2 of this series that explores the history of Lucasfilm's famed visual effects company, Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) consists of three episodes that follow ILM as it enters its most challenging and revolutionary period: the dawn of digital. From creating the first fully realized computer-generated character to solving the challenge of digital water, it is an era that finds the company scaling new heights of innovation despite dramatic setbacks.



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Oklahoma City Bombing: American Terror

Netflix

In this documentary, filmmaker Greg Tillman delves into the harrowing events of April 19, 1995, when a bomb devastated the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. Featuring crime scene re-creations, firsthand accounts from survivors, first responders and law enforcement, and audio-recorded interviews with domestic terrorist Timothy McVeigh, the man responsible for the bombing, the film offers a moment-by-moment account of the chaos, shock and acts of courage that unfolded in the wake of the deadly attack that claimed 168 lives.

The Passion Play

Great American Family, 3:45 p.m. Live

This dramatic stage and musical production that examines the events surrounding the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus returns, performed live from Shepherd Church in Los Angeles.

NCIS: Sydney

CBS, 8 p.m.

The team battles searing temperatures while investigating the death of a U.S. Marine corporal killed during a joint training exercise in the new episode "Mango Madness."

Grosse Pointe Garden Society

NBC, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "The Cup," Birdie (Melissa Fumero), Catherine (Aja Naomi King), Brett (Ben Rappaport) and Alice (AnnaSophia Robb) put the final touches on their garden before the high-stakes Southeastern Michigan Gardening Cup, where they will battle rival Bloomfield Hills. In flash-forwards, new details emerge about the fight at the gala.

Fire Country

CBS, 9 p.m.

A routine house fire escalates into a dangerous situation for a member of the Station 42 crew in the new episode "Eyes and Ears Everywhere."

The UnBelievable With Dan Aykroyd

History, 9 p.m.

History is riddled with brilliant, life-changing discoveries, from gold to lost treasures to scientific findings. But some discoveries are anything but ordinary – like severed feet on a beach or evidence of a tiny otherworldly creature. Each discovery investigated in this episode is weirder than the last, and uniquely unbelievable.

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Miracle in Bethlehem, PA (2023, Romance) Laura Vandervoort, Benjamin Ayres **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

My Killer Reunion (2023, Suspense) Brittney Q. Hill, Carrie Schroeder **LMN, 6 p.m.**

Big Daddy (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams **VH1, 7 p.m.**

The Despaired (2024, Horror) Drew Sidora, Terrence "T.C." Carson **BET, 7 p.m.**

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017, Science fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (2021, Action) Simu Liu **FX, 8 p.m.**

Grandma's Boy (2006, Comedy) Doris Roberts, Allen Covert **Bravo, 8:30 p.m.**

The Princess Bride (1987, Children) Cary Elwes, Robin Wright **BBC America, 9 p.m.**

Ruined (2023, Suspense) Annie Ilonzeh, Chris Warren **BET, 10 p.m.**

Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Tom Cruise, Miles Teller **Paramount, 10 p.m.**

Eternals (2021, Action) Angelina Jolie, Salma Hayek **FX, 11 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: Pulp Fiction

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong Friday night celebration of films that are based on works of pulp fiction (or are just pulpy in their own right) continues this evening with a lineup of titles about villains and detectives. Up first is **Arsène Lupin** (1932), with John Barrymore portraying the titular gentleman thief created by Maurice Leblanc in early 20th century short stories. The evening concludes with that character, this time portrayed by Melvyn Douglas, in **Arsène Lupin Returns** (1938). Between those two bookends are **The Saint in New York** (1938), with Louis Hayward as gentleman criminal Simon Templar (aka The Saint) and based on the novel by Leslie Charteris; **The Bat** (1959), a mystery crime thriller led by Vincent Price and Agnes Moorehead, and based on the 1908 novel The Circular Staircase by Mary Roberts Rinehart and its 1920 play adaptation, called The Bat, that she wrote with Avery Hopwood; **The Case of the Howling Dog** (1934), based on Erle Stanley Gardner's Perry Mason mystery novel, led by Warren William as Mason; the German crime thriller **The Testament of Dr. Mabuse** (1933), directed by Fritz Lang; and **Judex (pictured),** a 1963 French crime film based on the adventures of the fictional vigilante hero of the title, who was created for the 1916 silent movie *Judex*.



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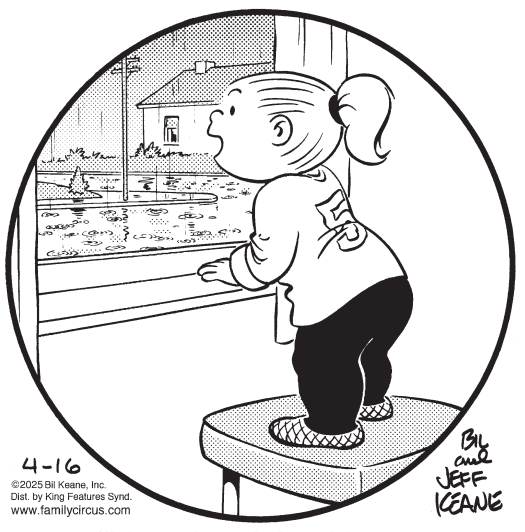
From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

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"Oh, brother! Not deviled eggs again!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane

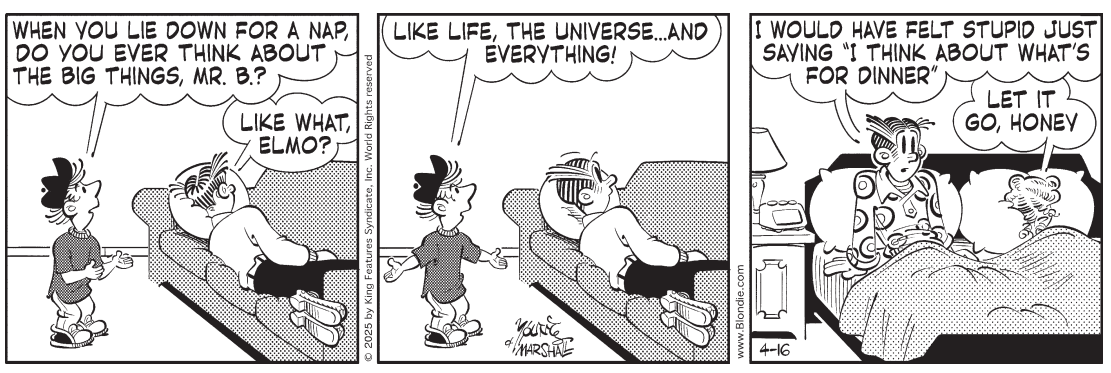


"It's only raining kittens and puppies."

BEETLE BAILEY Mort & Greg Walker



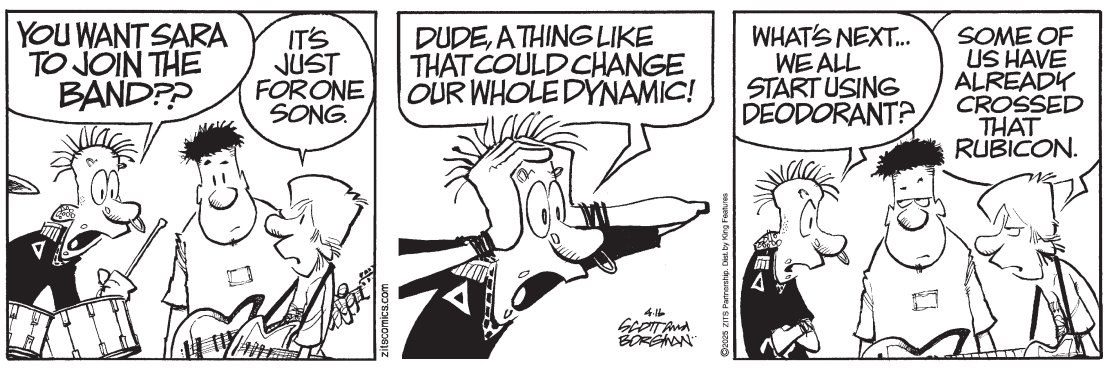
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Thick skin

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

ACROSS

1 Broad views
7 Metaphor for a wearying work routine
14 Person who's self-obsessed
15 Frequent flyer
16 "Casino __": Bond film
17 Live, as footage
18 Texter's "Just a moment"
19 Nerf darts, e.g.
21 Cuts in a pie crust
22 MLB official
24 Play part after the first intermission
26 Super __ Bros.
28 Ring victory, for short
29 NBC foreign correspondent Richard
33 Skin and bones
35 Pre-exam session
37 __ carte
38 Informal clothing option
39 Slogan
41 Claiborne of fashion
42 Sticky roadway substance
43 Colorful Hindu spring observance
44 Match wits with
46 "Jungle Fever" actor Davis
48 Long-legged bird
50 Formal options, informally
51 Nerds
53 "__ takers?"
54 Middle Eastern leaders
56 Vaping device
58 "Planet Money" producer
61 Coin collector?
63 Seaside city in Italia
65 "Let me look!"
66 Best of the best
67 Move like an old jalopy
68 Odin feature

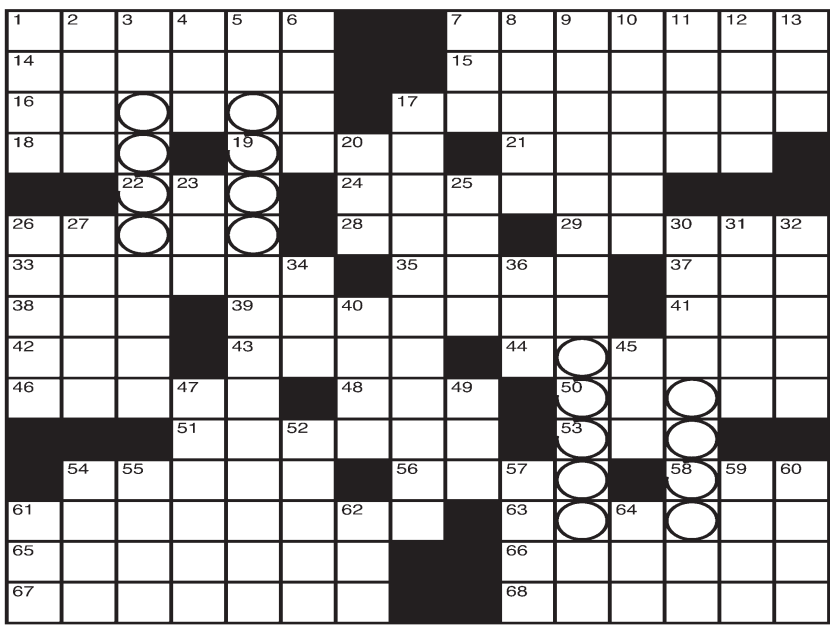
DOWN

1 Action word
2 Fictional lab assistant
3 Meatless barbecue patties
4 Aunt, in Mexico
5 Light punishment
6 Part of a winesap or a wineglass
7 "Hair Love" voice actress Issa
8 Nautical "Halt!"
9 "Au revoir"
10 Mete out
11 Toiling away
12 Rom-, dot-, or sit-enders
13 Prior to, poetically
17 Athlete who might have a "belayed" reaction, and what 3-, 5-, 9-, and 30-Down each contain?
20 Yoga roll
23 "Mamma __!"
25 "Silent All These Years" singer Amos
26 Slogan
27 Fields of study
30 Former Samsung smartphone with a stylus
31 Best of the best
32 Lounges (about)
34 __ Paulo, Brazil
36 "On top of that ... "
40 "Squee!" feeling
45 Hairdo for General Leia
47 Words following a great accomplishment
49 The Trojans of the NCAA
52 First name in cosmetics
54 QED part
55 Host's handout
57 Really digging
59 Devious maneuver
60 __ for the picking
61 Adds to an email chain
62 Above, in poetry
64 Safety gear for hosp. workers

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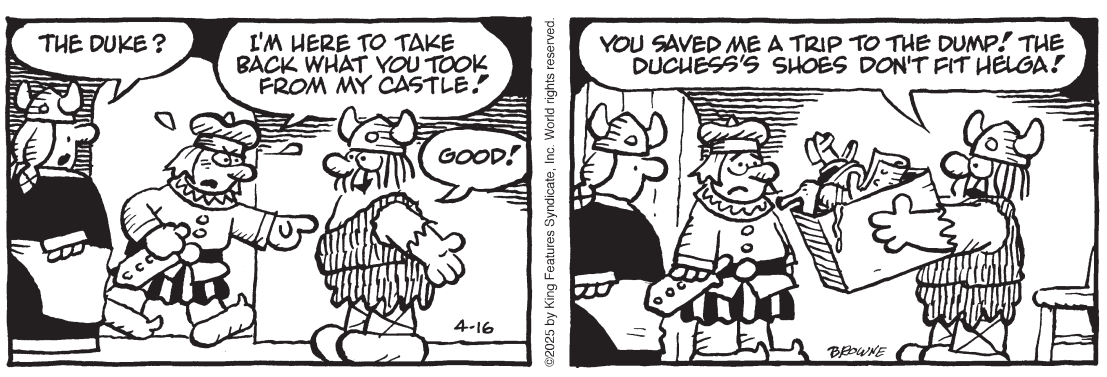
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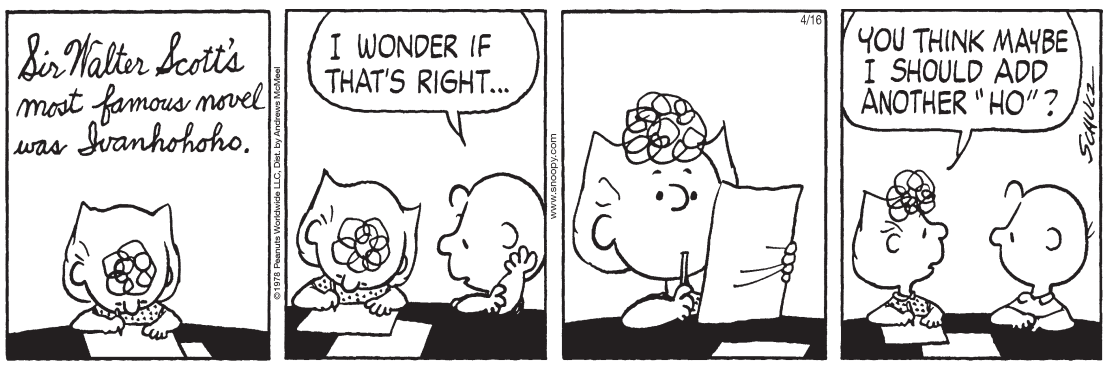
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SOULMATES ARE GREAT — **Solution: 8 letters**

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U	E	O	S	A	E	F	L	T	H	Y	O	E	N	N
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M	B	M	E	E	V	I	T	I	U	T	N	I	T	C
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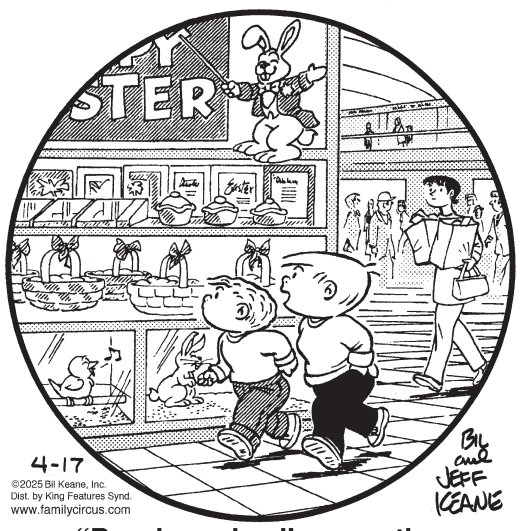
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"Relax. I watched a video on YouTube, and it works flawlessly to clear out even the worst of clogs."

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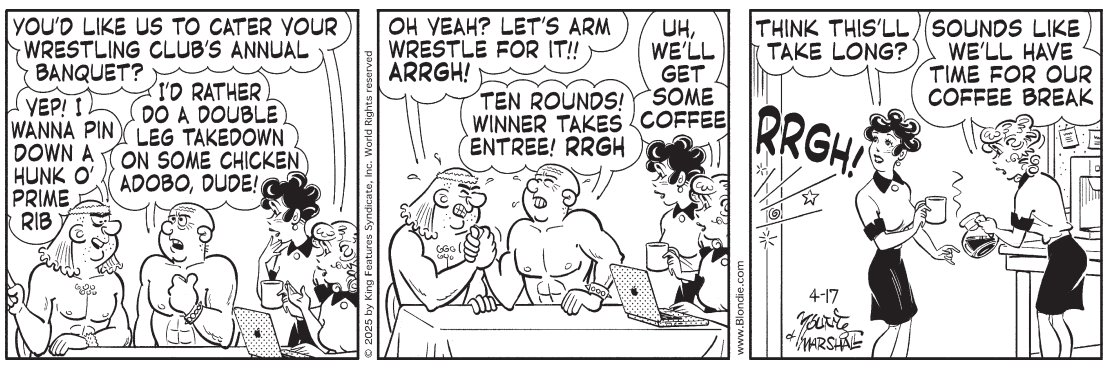


"Purple and yellow are the team colors for Easter."

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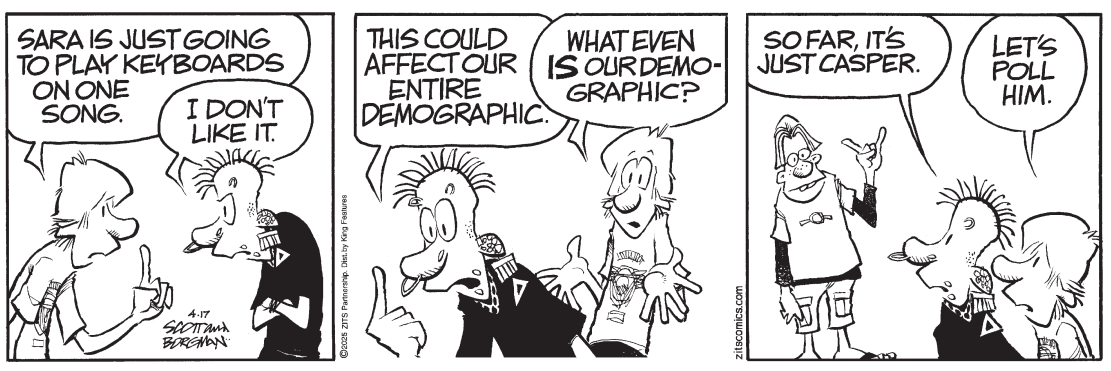
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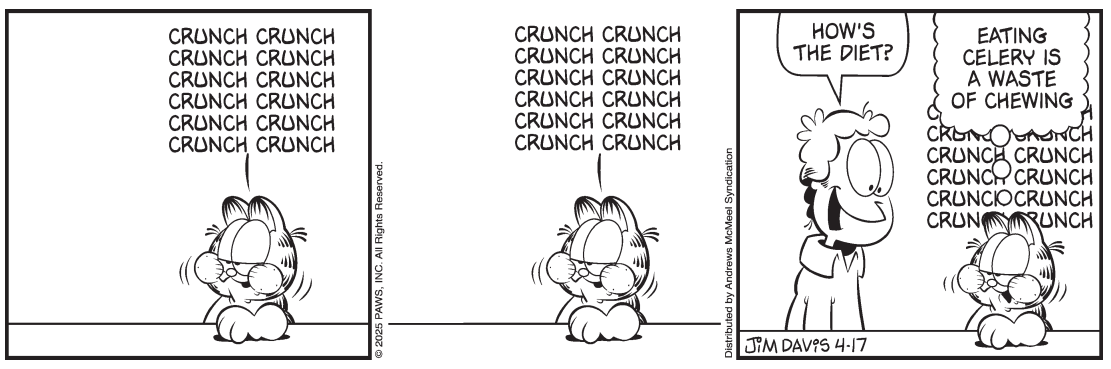
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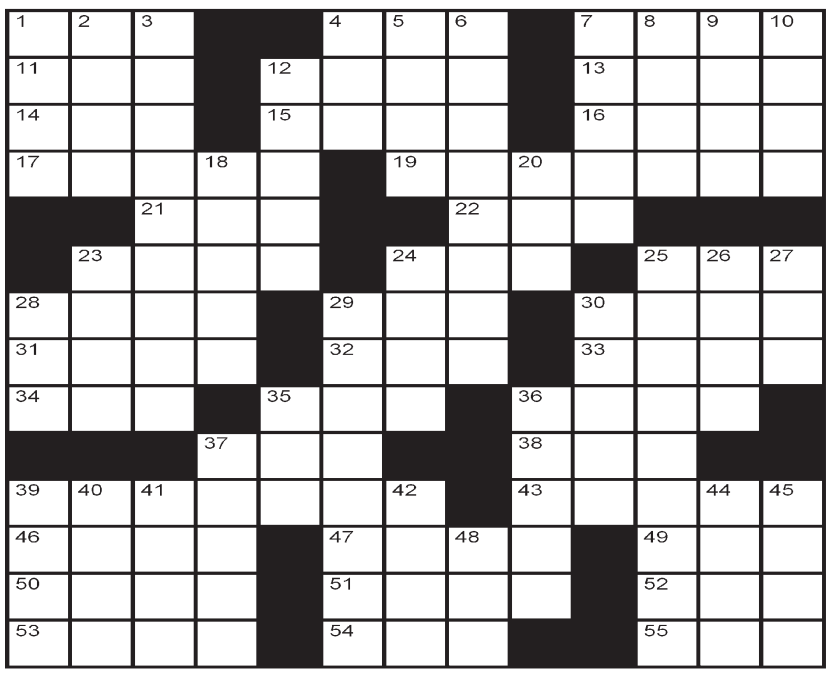
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pin
4 Douglas —
7 Pole on a ship
11 "— in the Family"
12 Spritzer ingredient
13 Wild cat
14 Intel org.
15 Weight
16 Elemental metal
17 Liking
19 Pariah
21 Vast expanse
22 Actor — Liotta
23 Whack
24 Dynamite
25 Prize in poker
28 Actor — Epps
29 Tart
30 Garage job, for short
31 Rage
32 Unmatched
33 Essayist's pen name
34 Time
35 Bug in the ointment
36 Grotto
37 Spring month
38 "— Maria"
39 Make plans for
43 Worth
46 Earthy fuel
47 Stringed instrument
49 Writer — Levin
50 Fall mo.
51 Face-to-face exam
52 Energy
53 If not
54 Measure of mass
55 Sibilant letter

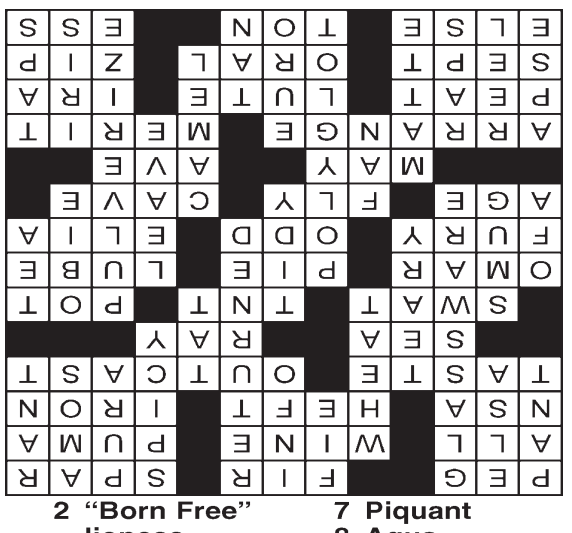
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1 Struggle for air
2 "Born Free" lioness
3 Goblets and tumblers
4 Old cry of disgust
5 Intel
6 Brought back
7 Piquant
8 Aqua —
9 Famous — cookies
10 — and rave
12 Cereal grain
18 Watery-eyed
20 Make lace
23 Self-satisfied
24 Neat
25 Reduce to powder
26 Theater award
27 Oolong is one
28 One — — kind
29 Multilingual person
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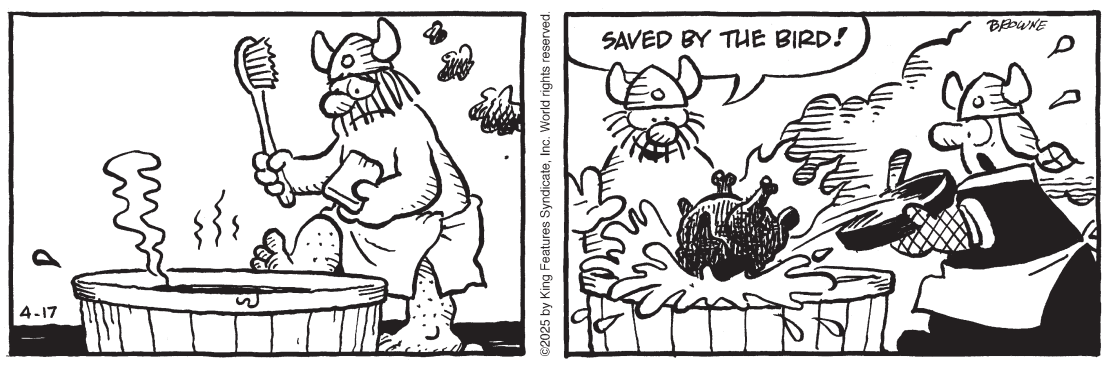


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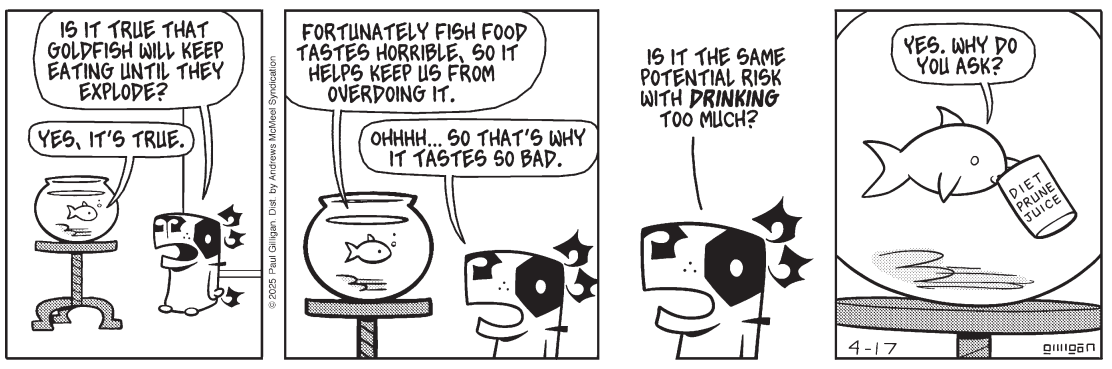
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SUN VALLEY, IDAHO **Solution: 9 letters**

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TODAY'S ANSWER: Elevation



Joe Whitfield
Lee County senior Weston Bryan was one of three Lee County batters that hit home runs Tuesday to help the Trojans beat Wilcox County 12-2.

Lee snaps four-game skid; Worth outlasts Thomasville

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ROCHELLE — The bats came alive late for Lee County on Tuesday, as the Trojans launched three home runs and scored nine runs in the final two innings to beat Wilcox County 12-2 and snap a four-game skid.

The Trojans improved to 19-9 on the year, while Wilcox fell to 17-6.

Wilcox County senior pitcher Johnny Nutt kept the game close early, but a high pitch count forced him out, and the Patriots' bullpen couldn't hold off the Trojans.

"The Wilcox pitcher, Nutt, has a really good arm, but we were able to get some good at-bats and some walks," Lee County head coach West Shiver said. "Once we got into their bullpen, we hit some really good shots. It feels good to get the win."

Durrah Butler, Weston Bryan, and Josh Barnes all homered in the final two innings as Lee County pulled away.

Logan Mathis earned the win on the mound, pitching six innings. He allowed three hits and two unearned runs, walked one, and struck out six.

Nutt took the loss for Wilcox County. He pitched five innings, allowing five hits and three runs. He walked five and struck out nine.

Worth County 5, Thomasville 4

THOMASVILLE — With the bases loaded and the game on the line, Worth County's DJ Easom delivered in the clutch Tuesday afternoon, shutting down a Thomasville rally in the bottom of the seventh to seal a 5-4 victory for the Rams.

The win kept Worth County in the hunt for a home playoff spot and set the stage for what could be a historic sendoff. Friday's region doubleheader in Sylvester may mark the final home games ever played at Pope Park — the longtime home of Worth County baseball — as the program prepares to move into a new facility, expected to open for the 2026 season.

Head coach Will Smith, now in his 25th year leading the Rams, said the program has simply outgrown Pope Park. The 28-year-old wooden press box is aging, the field lights are no longer replaceable, and the growing fanbase continues to overwhelm the available parking.

"It's exciting to look ahead," Smith said. "But there's so much history here. Pope Park has been good to Worth County baseball."

Worth County could still earn a home playoff game if it finishes the regular season ranked in the top 16 in the state power rankings.

"We can't move up to second," Smith said. "Because we would be tied with Fitzgerald, and Fitzgerald holds the tiebreaker. But Friday is still a big day because we can improve

See **BASEBALL**, 10A

Braves bitten by homers in loss to Toronto

Field Level Media

Anthony Santander hit a three-run homer and Alan Roden cracked his first major-league homer as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the visiting Atlanta Braves 6-3 on Tuesday night.

Toronto right-hander Kevin Gausman (2-1) pitched six solid innings to set up Wednesday afternoon's rubber match of the three-game series. He allowed two runs, six hits and no walks while striking out six.

Roden finished 2-for-3 at the plate as he added a third-inning double and came around to score. Austin Riley, Matt Olson and Ozzie Albies hit solo home runs to account for the Braves' offense.

Atlanta right-hander Spencer Schwellenbach (1-1) entered the game with a 0.45 ERA, but he left after 4 2/3 innings with a 2.55 ERA. He allowed six runs, six hits and two walks while notching three strikeouts.

Atlanta scored first. Riley hit a 3-2 splitter, Gausman's 11th pitch of the at-bat, to right field for his fifth homer of the season — and third of the series — with one out in the first.

Toronto tied the game in the third. Roden doubled to left center, took third on Bo Bichette's fly to right and slid home safely on Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s high bouncer to third.

Toronto took command with a five-run fifth. Myles Straw led off with a single and Roden smacked a first-pitch curve to right for his first home run. Bichette followed with a double to left center, Guerrero walked on a close pitch and Santander pulled a limp first-pitch cutter over the right-field wall. After a flyout and a groundout, Zach Thompson replaced Schwellenbach and pitched 2 1/3 clean innings.

Olson homered to center on a 3-2 fastball with one out in the sixth.

Toronto relievers Mason Fluharty, Nick Sandlin and Brendon Little handled the seventh and eighth.

Albies led off the ninth with a homer against Chad Green and Drake Baldwin followed with a flyout to deep center that Straw juggled. Bryan De La Cruz singled with two out before the game ended on a popup to first.

Toronto recalled Addison Barger from Triple-A Buffalo on Tuesday and put Nathan Lukes on the paternity list. Barger played right field and was 0-for-4.



Courtesy of Dziki Warsaw Basketball
Former Albany High star Tyler Cheese, now playing for MKS Dąbrowa Górnicza in Poland, scored 10 points in a recent loss to Dziki. Cheese, a former Akron standout, had a season-high 30 points earlier this year after starting the season in France.

ALBANY TO POLAND

Former Albany High star Tyler Cheese reflects on life as a European pro

By David Driver
Special to The Herald

WARSAW, Poland – Former Albany High star Tyler Cheese pulled up at the top of the key and drained a three-point shot midway through the third quarter Saturday, as his pro basketball team came within seven points of host Dziki Warsaw in the top professional league in Poland.

On the other side of the arena, located in a middle-class neighborhood in the capital city of 1.8 million people, fans of Cheese's MKS Dabrowa Gornicza squad cheered as two young men pounded on drums and other supporters waved the blue-and-white flags of the team from southern Poland. About 50 MKS fans—most wearing scarves in team colors—made the trip of more than three hours to Warsaw, even though their team sat last in the 16-team league and was in danger of relegation with regular-season play ending in early May.

"Every game is interesting. As an American overseas, it can be really good or really bad," said Cheese, sitting on the same bleachers in a nearly empty gymnasium about an hour after his team lost by 13 points.

"I try to tell my friends (back in the States) how much of a battle it is. I have two mental health coaches, one here and one back home. You have to take it day by day. There are a lot of ups and downs."

Since his college career ended at the University of Akron in Ohio five years ago, the lefty from Albany has played professionally in Italy, Finland, North Macedonia, Germany, the Dominican Republic, and France before returning to Poland in December, where he had previously played during the 2023-24 campaign.

His current team made a coaching change in February, hiring Jean-Denys Choulet—a longtime coach in his native France—to try and turn things around. Cheese scored a season-high 30 points in Choulet's debut, but said he's since had to sacrifice personal stats under the new system.

"That was my first time" with a mid-season coaching change overseas, said Cheese, 28.

"It is still something to get used to. We have been dealing with injuries all year. Choulet just let us play basketball. Then, I became a glue guy," with less of a scoring role since the 30-point outing.

Cheese has also battled injuries this season. He hurt his hamstring early in a game in Lublin but still managed 25 points, six rebounds, and five assists in late January. In 2024, he has been named Player of the Week three times in Poland.

Life of Adjustments

Playing overseas requires adjustments both on and off the court for American athletes.

There are differences in rules compared to the NCAA and NBA—for example, a player must clearly dribble the ball before lifting his pivot foot, or a traveling violation is called. Some regulations vary by country. In Poland, each team must have at least one Polish player on the court at all times, a rule aimed at growing the domestic game. A few years ago, the rule required two Polish players.

It is common for American players to change teams—and countries—almost every season, seeking the right fit, stronger competition, or higher pay. A top Amer-

See **CHEESE**, 10A



Joe Whitfield
The Sherwood Christian boys finished fourth in the region Monday to make the state tourney. From left, Athletic Director Jay Flynt, Kane Dupree, Tyler Mullis, JP Cannon, Caleb Kendrick, Noah Butler and coach Bill Butler.

Southland boys, Grace Christian girls win region

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — The Southland Academy boys and Grace Christian Academy girls claimed top honors Monday at the GIAA Region 3-AA golf tournament, held at Doublegate Country Club in Albany.

"TJ King and the staff at Doublegate did a great job hosting this tournament," said Sherwood Christian Academy athletic director Jay Flynt.

The top four boys' teams and top two girls' teams earned spots in the state tournament, which will be held at Harbor Club on Lake Oconee in Greensboro, Georgia.

On the boys' side, Southland finished first with a team score of 316. Southwest Georgia Academy (324), Grace Christian (330), and Sherwood Christian (360) also qualified for state.

For the girls, Grace Christian and Crisp Academy secured the two available state berths.

Southwest Georgia's Jeb Trawick and Southland's Peyton Weeks claimed top individual honors.

Sherwood Christian senior Tyler Mullis led all local boys with a score of 80.

Jaguars wunderkind GM punts scouting norms

Field Level Media

If you were looking for the new brass of the Jacksonville Jaguars at on-campus pro days or pondering which prospects came to town for "top 30" face-to-face visits, here's the short answer to those questions: They weren't there.

As a new direction takes shape in Jacksonville with first-timers in the general manager and head coach seats for the 2025 NFL Draft, most commonly held beliefs and traditional protocol for draft preparation and player acquisition won't make the cut.

Very few have insight into where the surprising unique turns at the direction of James Gladstone, Jacksonville's 34-year-old general manager hired to replace Trent Baalke, might lead in the draft or beyond.

"It's still familiar territory. You're talking football," Gladstone said Tuesday. "My mind remains rooted in a lot of the same things it always has been — focusing with intention on intangibly rich human beings and allow that to be our north star."

Gladstone and 39-year-old head coach Liam Coen, who was offensive coordinator the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last season, are charting their own decidedly new-school course to resurrect a franchise with 58 losses the past five seasons.

Gladstone, a member of the Rams' front office and scouting staff the past nine years, has a degree in education and held sway in Los Angeles with a title of director of scouting strategy the past three years.

That strategy is unlike any other in the NFL.

He punted the in-person, on-site "top 30" visits with draft prospects, downplaying the importance stressed by other franchise scouting operations — additional face time with a player, private on-field workouts, follow-up or extension to conversations at the NFL Scouting Combine or Senior Bowl — with the belief the time is less vital than the biblical biography his scouting staff has on hundreds of players, literature and insight on each prospect gleaned over multiple years.

"There's a lot of layers to not doing those facility visits," Gladstone said. "That goes back awhile for me and my experience. Let's take it this direction: the implicit bias that can come to life this late in the process. The last player you might sit down with and how that might differ from the first player you sit down with knowing that it's closer to the decision that's upcoming."

Right down to the cadence of his speech and use of data as part of a brain-driven approach, Gladstone borrowed from the vocabulary and approach of his mentor, Rams GM Les Snead, in touching on reasoning for avoiding traditional draft preparation metrics and protocol to prepare and get to know prospects.

For example, the Jaguars use player-tracking data to determine on-field speed and all but dismiss coveted NFL Scouting Combine numbers like the 40-yard dash. Gladstone doesn't attend pro days.

He's willing to listen to input from scouts and coaches who have gleaned a scouting opinion from those workouts, but instead falls back on a more "global" collection of data and "sourced" information from a player's peers, friends, family, teammates and coaches.

Gladstone admitted he embraces the reality that his first pick will send a message and "set the tone" for who the Jaguars want to be as a team.

He said the sourced intel his scouting staff gathered from "those who have lived with these individuals" is likely to be more accurate than any assessment he might be able to glean from a short visit. He also feels the inevitable leak of information identifying prospects who visit a team can often expose strategic plan and direction.

Coen said the Jaguars are definitely looking for pass rushers who can "burn an edge" but stressed adaptability as he becomes more acclimated in his new role.

"Just having a larger appreciation for every position on the grass," Coen said. "That's been excited to learn more about from James, from coaches, and seeing their vision for these players."



Field Level Media

Atlanta Hawks star Trae Young scored 28 points before being ejected from the game, and Orlando beat the Hawks 120-95 in Orlando.

Magic pull away from Hawks to earn series with Celtics

Field Level Media

Cole Anthony scored 13 of his 26 points in a fourth-quarter surge Tuesday night, allowing the Orlando Magic to claim a playoff berth via a 120-95 romp over the visiting Atlanta Hawks in an Eastern Conference play-in game.

Wendell Carter Jr. chipped in with 19 points, Paolo Banchero put up 17 and Anthony Black added to a dominant bench effort with 16 for the Magic, who move on as the seventh seed to a first-round playoff series against the second-seeded Celtics. The best-of-seven set tips off Sunday in Boston.

Trae Young went for a game-high 28 points before getting ejected for the eighth-place Hawks, who now return home to face either the Chicago Bulls or Miami Heat for the final Eastern playoff spot on Friday night. The winner of that game will draw the top-seeded Cleveland Cavaliers in the first round of the playoffs.

After watching the Magic score 18 of the first quarter's final 20 points to go up 32-17, the Hawks, who finished one game behind Orlando in the regular season, clawed back into the game. Atlanta got within three late in the third period and then 79-73 after a George Niang buzzer-beating 3-pointer at quarter's end.

Carter's jumper 16 seconds into the final period got the Magic going, after which Anthony and Black took charge. They combined for five 3-pointers — three by Anthony — in a pull-away that was so frustrating to the Hawks, Young couldn't finish the game after venting on the referees. He drew two technical fouls with 4:47 go go.

Anthony shot 4-for-9 from 3-point range, helping the Magic to a 33-12 advantage from beyond the arc.

Franz Wagner added 13 points and 13 rebounds for Orlando, while Banchero complemented his 17 points with nine rebounds and a game-high-tying seven assists.

From 9A

CHEESE

ican player in Poland can make at least $150,000 per season, according to a veteran Polish journalist.

"It is a totally different game of basketball in Europe," said Cheese, who averaged 12.8 points per game in his first 16 outings with MKS.

"It is hard, and I like it. I am just trying to find my footing as a European-based player."

Cheese said his favorite season overseas was 2022-23, when his team in Estonia had a winning record.

But Poland may be his favorite country so far.

"All of the fans are really nice to me," he said.

Import players from North America—many with Division I college backgrounds—are typically expected to lead the scoring load in most European leagues. That's true in Poland, where Cheese's American teammates include Raymond Cowels III (Santa Clara), Tayvon Myers (West Virginia), and Cobe Williams (Tulsa).

"As an import player, you don't get any letdown. They don't feel any pity for you," said Cheese, whose mother and sister still live in Albany. He has worked with two agents during his pro career.

Early Hoops

Cheese played three years at Albany High before spending his senior season at Combine Academy in North Carolina. He then played two seasons at Florida Southwestern College, including a 40-point performance as a sophomore.

At Akron, Cheese averaged 11.1 points per game in both his junior and senior seasons and was named second-team All-Mid-American Conference as a senior, finishing with a 15.7 scoring average before the pandemic shut down the 2020 postseason.

Akron head coach John Groce, a former assistant at North Carolina State, praised Cheese's role in the team's success that year.

"I just think the pieces of our team and how we put it together is really good, and that helps us have that chemistry," Groce told an Ohio newspaper in 2020.

Cheese earned a degree in sports management before heading to Italy for his first professional contract—something he now questions.

"Too high of a level to go right out of college," he admitted.

Italy, France, Spain, Turkey, and Greece are considered among the top leagues in Europe. Cheese said he has not had much time for sightseeing, but has played in major cities like Paris, Milan, and Monaco. He had never been to Europe before turning pro.

As is customary for American imports, Cheese is provided with a free apartment and transportation by his Polish club in Dabrowa Gornicza—a city of about 116,000 that was invaded by Germany in 1939 at the outset of World War II. It's also the hometown of tennis standout Maja Chwalińska.

"I like to chill with friends. I have met a lot of good friends" in Poland, Cheese said of his time in the southern region of the country, near the Slovakian border.

He began this season with Stade Rochelais in La Rochelle, France, before returning to Poland, which has a population of about 40 million and joined the European Union in 2004. Cheese finished with 10 points in Saturday's loss to Dziki, which improved to 12-13.

"There are still a lot of places I want to go. I want to play in Turkey and Spain," said Cheese, who would also welcome another shot at Italy.

As for how long he wants to continue playing?

"Till the wheels fall off," he said.

"I have been playing since I was 11 or 12. I really didn't have a backup plan."

THE TYLER CHEESE FILE

Born: November 13, 1996 in Albany
Sport: Basketball
Height: 6-foot-4
High Schools: Albany/Combine Academy in North Carolina
Colleges: Florida Southwestern State College/Akron
Current team: MKS in Poland

Did you know? Since his college career ended at Akron of Ohio in 2020, Cheese has played pro hoops in Italy, Finland, North Macedonia, Germany, the Dominican Republic, France, and Poland ... His current team, MKS DG, was last of 16 teams in the Polish league in games through Sunday with a record of 7-18 ... The lefty began his college career at Florida Southwestern State College ... In Poland, he had 30 points in 33 minutes of play on Feb. 8 in a win, and 25 points, six rebounds and five assists Jan. 24 in a loss ... Cheese had 15 points on March 13 in an upset win over King, which lost in the Polish league title series last season to Sopot ... His team is slated to host Czarni on April 18. Cheese had 17 points in a game at Czarni in December. The Czarni roster includes Loren Jackson, who also played in college at Akron.

Editor's note: Virginia native David Driver is the former sports editor of newspapers in Baltimore, Arlington, and Harrisonburg, Virginia. He is also the author of "Hoop Dreams in Europe: American Basketball Players Building Careers Overseas," available on Amazon and at daytondavid.com. Driver lived three years in Hungary with his family and has lived the past two years in Poland with his wife.

From 9A

BASEBALL

our power ranking and still earn a home playoff game. And it's Senior Night."

The Rams scored all five runs in the top of the first. Singles from Avery Kilcrease, Logan Fox, and Hayden Short — along with two walks, an error, and a dropped third strike — helped Worth County jump ahead early.

"We did all our scoring in the first inning," Smith said. "We had plenty of runners the rest of the way, but we could not get that big hit. We struck out way too many times."

Kilcrease earned the win on the mound, pitching four innings. He allowed three hits and one run, walked one, and struck out five. Caden Emerson followed with 2.1 innings of relief, allowing four runs on four hits, walking five, and striking out three. Easom pitched the final two-thirds of an inning with one walk and one strikeout.

Friday's doubleheader begins at 4 p.m. at Pope Park in Sylvester.

No. 1 Baconton Charter run-rules Early County

BLAKELY — The top-ranked Baconton Charter Blazers (26-1) rolled to their 16th straight win Tuesday with an 18-1 run-rule victory over region rival Early County.

The Blazers exploded for 10 runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back, pounding out 15 hits. Brett Brown and Corbin Suggs each hit doubles, while Hudson Coronati and Lee Worsham added triples. Logan Hurst led the team with three hits.

Hurst also dominated on the mound, pitching all four innings. He allowed three hits and one run while striking out five.

The two teams meet again in the season finale Friday in Baconton. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

Tiftarea 3, Deerfield-Windsor 2 (8 innings)

CHULA — The Tiftarea Panthers scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning Tuesday to beat the Deerfield-Windsor Knights 3-2 and take over first place in the region standings.

The game was tied 1-1 going into the eighth when the Knights took a brief 2-1 lead. David Hutchins, Gage Tomlinson, Brantley Michlig, and Grief Morey all singled in the inning, but Tiftarea turned a double play on a ball hit by Quinton Peterson to end the rally.

In the bottom of the eighth, disaster struck for the Knights. With one out, Tiftarea loaded the bases after two batters were hit by pitches. A groundout moved the runners up, and Ridley Monk lined a shot to right field to drive in two and walk it off for the Panthers.

The loss spoiled a strong performance from Deerfield-Windsor starter David Hutchins, who pitched seven innings and allowed just one run. He did not walk a batter and struck out four. Lane Sceals took the loss in relief.

Gabe Daniel scored for the Knights in the first inning on a ball hit by Sceals that Tiftarea couldn't handle.

The two teams meet again Friday in Albany. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Addison Field on the Deerfield-Windsor campus.

No. 5 UGA baseball uses deep bullpen to defeat rival Tech

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ATLANTA — Fifth-ranked Georgia used two big swings and a deep bullpen to take down No. 14 Georgia Tech 5-2 on Tuesday night at Truist Park in front of a crowd of 15,000 fans at the Spring Classic benefiting Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

With the victory, the Bulldogs improved to 33-6 and now lead the annual series 15-7 since it began in 2003. It was the first time the Spring Classic was played at the home of the Atlanta Braves.

Georgia hit a pair of home runs to reach the 100-homer mark as a team this season, a testament to the program's power surge under head coach Wes Johnson.

With the score tied 2-2 in the fourth inning, senior Devin Obee broke the deadlock with a solo shot — his 10th home run of the season. Just two batters later, junior shortstop Kolby Branch launched a two-run homer to right, giving Georgia a three-run cushion it never relinquished.

"The game was really slow for Kolby tonight," Johnson said. "He got a pitch out over the plate. A lot of people forget how many homers he hit last year — I think it was 18. He's got a lot of juice in his bat. And what Devin's been doing, he got a pitch and backed it up. He's very strong, and he was able to run it out of here and break that tie. Those were big."

Branch has now homered in five straight games. For the junior, hitting one in a Major League ballpark added something extra.

"I've never done it before, and it was sick to do it," Branch said. "I think it barely got over the wall, so that was cool. It counts the same way, but it was a cool moment."

Georgia used 10 pitchers on the night, with junior Alton Davis II (3-0) earning the win and sophomore Jordan Stephens locking down the save — his third of the season. Graduate Charlie Goldstein also made an impact, striking out the side in the sixth inning.

Davis said the staff was prepared for a short-inning approach and executed the game plan perfectly.

"I would just say coming in and commanding the strike zone," Davis said. "Wes told a lot of us that we were going to get one inning or just a few batters. Coming in and executing pitches in the strike zone — that's what we needed to do. I think everybody did their job."

Davis also shared how returning to a more relaxed mindset helped his performance.

"Wes and I have been talking about getting back to just pitching for myself and having fun," he said. "Being in this park, that's all you can do — have fun. I think I did a very good job at that, and Wes was really happy about it."

The win was another momentum-builder for the Bulldogs, who have now followed up a tough road series at Texas with wins over Presbyterian, a series victory over Arkansas, and now a signature win over a ranked in-state rival.

Tribute to Chiquita Greene

Educator, trailblazer, servant leader

By Patricia Jackson
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

SYLVESTER -- On behalf of President Yolanda Fields, it is with deep love and heartfelt remembrance that the Albany Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. honors the life and legacy of Chiquita Michele Greene, who passed on April 6.

Chiquita was a devoted daughter of Arthur L. and Earnestine Greene of Sylvester. She was indeed a beacon of scholarship, sisterhood, and service.

A 1995 graduate of Worth County High School, Chiquita made history as the first African American member of the school's dance team. She went on to become a double alumnae and lifetime member of Albany State University's Alumni Association. She earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and later pursued advanced degrees in education and leadership from Wheelock College, Walden University, Georgia Southern and North-central University.

As a Dougherty County School System educator, Chiquita served with excellence at Martin Luther King Elementary School, Albany Early College and Westover High School. At Westover, she was named 2018–2019 Teacher of the Year and a finalist for DCSS Teacher of the Year. Over her career in Dougherty, Savannah-Chatham, and Glynn counties, she held many leadership roles: English Department chair, school improvement specialist, sixth-grade specialist, teacher support specialist, graduation coach, academic coach and instructional coach. She was also a Black History Quiz Bowl Team advisor.

During her tenure, the Albany Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta was honored as a 2021–2022 Red Ribbon Chapter. Her leadership also saw the issuance of a mayoral proclamation recognizing Albany native and Delta Sigma Theta co-founder Osceola Macarthy Adams. Additionally, the chapter experienced growth through reclamation efforts, and the petition for a historical marker in honor of Adams is currently underway. She also served as co-advisor to the collegiate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Delta Rho, located on the campus of Albany State University.

In honor of her enduring legacy,



Chiquita Michele Greene

Westover High School Principal William Chunn posthumously awarded Greene the prestigious Patriot Award for her exemplary service and commitment to the school. Additionally, Congressman Sanford Bishop is expected to issue a formal Congressional Record -- the highest recognition a member of Congress can bestow -- once Congress reconvenes later this month.

Chiquita, whose personal motto was "Give a good day on purpose," was deeply passionate about reading, teaching flag and dance, and spending treasured moments with those she loved. She was a teacher, a leader, a mentor, and a friend, an extraordinary woman whose light will continue to shine in the hearts of all who knew her.

May her memory continue to inspire. May her legacy continue to lead.



Special Photo: ASU

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OBITUARIES

Mary Jane (Janie) Hayes

Mary Jane (Janie) Hayes, 87, of Albany, died Friday, April 11, 2025 at her home.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025 at 11 AM at Kimbrell-Stern with visitation to follow. Mr. Ken West will officiate.

Janie was born and raised in Albany. She returned to Albany in 1998 after retiring from UGA College of Agriculture as a research technician. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Oakland Congregation.

Survivors include 1 nephew, 2 nieces, 4 great nephews, 7 great nieces, and 17 great-great nephews and nieces.

Those desiring may send memorials to Georgia Hospice, 2425 Westgate Dr., Suite 100, Albany, GA 31707.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.kimbrell-stern.com.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

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1 small liquid units (11)
2 widely admired person (4)
3 putting butter on bread, say (9)
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Original responses must be delivered (and sealed) via hard copy by April 25, 2025 to Deneshia Taylor-Nance, Associate VP of Field Operations, at 521 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31702, with the titled subject of the proposal above. Documents must be in a clear, legible, 12-point, 8.5 by 11-inch format.

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"G'S HKRL T EKDJZ RENW UMNS NYGN FYN YTIICPCX LN WC GP LYC MGOYL IETDC TL LYC MGOYL LGSC." — DETMJ OTWEC

Previous Solution: "(Louis Armstrong) was the only musician who ever lived, who can't be replaced by someone." — Bing Crosby

TODAY'S CLUE: D equals C

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1 1975 thriller filmed largely on Martha's Vineyard
5 Comedian Black
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14 Smoothie berry
15 Balderdash
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17 Place to find a pointy horn
19 Sizable barrels
20 Ready
21 Zip
22 "__ the thing ... "
23 Place to find many horns
27 Budget prefix
29 "The __ and I": song from "Wicked"
30 Carey known as the "Queen of Christmas"
32 __ de mer
33 "Klutzy me!"
37 Diagnostic scan: Abbr.
38 Composer Rorem
40 Symbol of Aries
42 "The Jungle Book" python
43 Italian wine region
45 Rapper Lil __ X
47 Lines at a karaoke bar
49 __ crab
52 Ones always underfoot?
53 Place to find a loud horn
57 Some campus buildings
58 Carol
59 Gp. with badges
62 Chain that sells Mexican Tres Leches Pancakes
63 Place to find a geographical horn
66 Bishop of Rome
67 Rose
68 Provo's state
69 Plant-to-be
70 Rescuee in "The Rescuers"
71 Beauts

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1 Canning array
2 Feel yesterday's workout
3 "Keep watching ... "
4 Do bad
5 Rank for Sen. Tammy Duckworth
6 Heretofore
7 Feature of some glasses
8 Wall St. debut
9 French possessive
10 Gets by
11 On edge
12 "Man Fire Food" host Mooking
13 Thompson of "Thor: Ragnarok"
18 Like some exhibition pieces
22 "That woman?"
24 College abroad?
25 Policy setter
26 Kosher : Judaism :: __ : Islam
27 Stone with two Oscars
28 Train units
31 Painter Matisse
34 "Fine, tell me"
35 Trot or gallop
36 Fresh answers
39 Curse
41 "If I do say so __"
44 "Give me some credit!"
46 Joins the team
48 Fish-to-be
50 Hosp. areas
51 Weighing 4,000 pounds
53 Roots for romantically, in slang
54 Chevy SUV since 1994
55 Skip the wedding planning
56 Intoxicating
60 Offer that seems too good to be true, probably
61 Oohs and __
63 Clairvoyance, e.g.
64 Broke a fast
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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