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Albany Technical College graduates march through the Albany Civic Center during a Friday ceremony. The technical college graduated about 900 students during dual ceremonies, one held in the morning and a second in the afternoon.

Albany Technical College graduates 900 during dual ceremonies

By Alan Mauldin
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ALBANY – Lundyn Pace may be the first in her family to attend college. She's definitely getting off to an early start.

At 16, the Terrell County native made her first walk to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" on Friday. As a junior in the Terrell County School System, she completed her nurse's aide certificate through Albany Technical College's dual-enrollment program in the discipline's accelerated course of study.

"I'm not sure if there are any other college graduates in my family," Pace said. "I don't know of any. I have plenty of high school graduates in the family.

"I decided to jump in so early because I wanted a head start in life. In order to be the best, you have to start early."

The junior Greenwave was one of about 260 Albany Tech students who received degrees, diplomas or certificates through the dual-enrollment program on Friday during a morning ceremony at the Albany Civic Center. That ceremony was for 400 or so students who participated in the dual-enrollment and dual-achievement tracks for high school students and those

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Albany Area Chamber advocates for key area issues during D.C. Fly-in

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce wrapped up its 2025 DC Fly-In last week, its largest delegation to date taking part in a series of meetings and discussions aimed at advancing the region's legislative priorities.

Led by local city and county officials, and business and community leaders, the delegation made its case on crucial state and federal issues that impact Albany's economy, work force, infrastructure and cultural development.

On arriving at the nation's capital, the delegation was welcomed by U.S. Chamber of Commerce representatives, including Tom Wickham, VP of Government Affairs, and Jaimie Francis, VP of Policy and Programs, who provided a comprehensive federal legislative update. This session was followed by a community leadership discussion, highlighting Albany's key initiatives and ongoing efforts to strengthen local and regional ties.

Later in the evening, the chamber hosted its federal reception, where Albany's leadership, Congressional representatives and USMC officials gathered to discuss the region's needs and future development. The reception set the stage for the next day's Capitol Hill meetings, during which the delegation met with Congressmembers Sanford Bishop and Austin Scott to advocate for funding and support for critical local programs.

Smith Wilson, chair of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, reflected on the significance of these meetings.

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'Hope' is the theme for National Day of Prayer



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From left, Mark Lane, Stanley Franklin, Larry Price and Anastasia Franklin pray together at the close of the Albany-Dougherty National Prayer Committee National Day of Prayer.

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ALBANY -- Albany Police Chief Michael Persley's words summed up the intent of three speakers selected to offer messages during the 74th annual National Day of Prayer, held on the plaza of the downtown Albany-Dougherty Government Center.

"We come as people of faith, asked to speak about promises, not problems," Persley said to a group of some 65 individuals who came to take part in the annual Day of Prayer, sponsored locally by the Albany-Dougherty National Prayer Committee, a volunteer group that sponsors the annual Day of Prayer and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast each year to offer members of the community opportunities to pray for their leaders.

Larry Price, the volunteer chair of ALDON, told those gathered for the event

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Phoebe celebrates expansion, renovation of eastside clinic

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ALBANY – James and Linda Harper rarely left the home they had shared for decades in east Albany. Linda's diabetes wasn't well-controlled, and after she got dizzy one day and suffered a serious fall, James was afraid to leave her alone.

"My wife is diabetic. She's had cancer twice, then she fell and broke the femur in her right leg, and I turned into a full-time caregiver," James said.

James Harper was no longer able to enjoy working in his yard or helping his neighbors, and his own health began to suffer. With less activity, he gained weight, and his hypertension got worse. Things began to change when they discovered the Intensive Outpatient Care Program (IOCP) at Phoebe East just a mile and a half down the road from their home.

"It started out with Linda, and I saw what job they were doing for her, and I said, 'Hey, will you let me in?'" James said with a chuckle.

Phoebe's IOCP Clinic started almost a year ago with a limited list of specific patients who often required hospital visits because of chronic illnesses. It has since expanded to accept walk-ins and physician and hospital referrals.

"Our team works closely with patients who have diabetes, congestive heart

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Special Photo: Phoebe

James and Linda Harper, who each have had health issues, have seen their health improve due to treatment at the newly renovated Phoebe East Clinic.

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PHOEBE

failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and hypertension because those conditions often lead to ER visits and hospitalizations if they aren't properly managed," Phoebe Physicians Medical Director for Primary Care Dr. Derek Heard, who developed and oversees the IOCP Clinic, said. "Our goal is to develop close personal relationships with those patients to ensure they get the care and access to resources they need to improve their lives and avoid preventable hospital visits."

Creating new, dedicated space for the ICOP Clinic was part of a complete renovation of the Phoebe East campus. Phoebe celebrated the completion of the project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the community last week.

The work also included adding an exam room to the busy Phoebe Urgent Care of East Albany that treats more than 70 patients on an average day, with the number surging to nearly 100 on busy days.

"We are pleased to ensure that people in east Albany have quick and easy access to care for minor illnesses and injuries when they need it," Phoebe Physicians President Dr. Estrellita Redmon said. "Expanding our network of urgent care clinics to provide that easy access for more southwest Georgians is an important goal for us."

Phoebe recently opened a fifth urgent care clinic in Camilla and will soon break ground on a clinic on U.S. Highway 82 in Lee County. Phoebe plans to renovate its urgent care clinics at Phoebe Northwest and Phoebe North, and it provides urgent care telehealth appointments at www.phoebehealth.com and through the Phoebe Access mobile app.

Phoebe Corporate Health is also based at Phoebe East. The renovations created larger and more efficient work areas for the Corporate Health team, led by Dr. Kevin Smith, the only board-certified Occupational & Environmental Medicine specialist in this region.

"Phoebe Corporate Health works with hundreds of companies throughout southwest Georgia, providing a diverse range of services from physicals, drug screenings and vaccines to biometric screenings, education and worksite ergonomic assessments," Redmon said.

Phoebe East also includes a physical therapy gym where injured workers can rehab, and Phoebe Corporate Health is the only clinic in this part of the state that offers some travel vaccines, such as the yellow fever vaccine, which many people traveling to certain parts of the world for business, pleasure or mission work may need.

"Phoebe Physicians is the largest and most comprehensive medical provider group in south Georgia," Redmon said. "We pride ourselves on providing expert health care and excellent coordination of care to keep southwest Georgians here at home for medical treatment. Our renovated space at Phoebe East is a great example of the innovative care we aim to provide."

The Phoebe East project also included renovations to its large conference area, which Phoebe uses for internal meetings, lunch and learns, and other events in coordination with its Corporate Health partners, and for community events.

James and Linda Harper are just happy the Phoebe East services – especially the IOCP Clinic – are available so close to where they live. Linda's diabetes is under control, and she's getting around much better now. James's blood pressure is down. He's lost 40 pounds, and he's back working in his yard and caring for his neighbors. And the Harpers are looking forward to celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary next month.

"We wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for the IOCP Clinic," James said. "They have been a blessing to my family."

Submissions being accepted for 25th annual Fine Art Exhibition and Sale

By Lucille Lannigan
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ALBANY – This year marks a milestone year for the Albany Area Arts Council as it gets ready to host its 25th annual Southwest Georgia Regional Fine Art Exhibition and Sale.

The exhibition is an opportunity for any local or regional artists to showcase their work and potentially make sales and win prize money. It's the largest platform in the region for artists.

"It's a great opportunity, not just for our more experienced artists to participate in and be a part of our creative community, but also for our less experienced artists to have an opportunity to exhibit their work in a space when they may not have the body of work to have their own kind of a show," Nicole Williams, the AAAC's executive director, said.

The exhibition is open to all artists 18 and older, with a maximum of two pieces per artist and an entry fee of $35. The submission deadline is May 12. Artwork must be hand-delivered to the AAAC by May 19. The exhibit launches June 5. Williams said typically 50 artists and about 100 pieces are entered in the show.

"Part of being an artist is being willing to let people see what you're doing," she said. "It's having something to say and wanting to put that thing into the world, and it is an incredibly brave act."

Williams said it's exciting each year to see the show come together.

The link to register is https://albanyartscouncil.org/jas-register/.

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FLY-IN

"The 2025 D.C. Fly-In was an invaluable opportunity for us to meet face-to-face with key decision-makers who can help shape Albany's future," Wilson said. "By working closely with our federal and state representatives, we've set the stage for greater investment in the businesses and educational institutions that are central to our community's prosperity."

Interim Chamber President and CEO Matt Reed emphasized the importance of these direct interactions.

"The strength of our community lies in the partnerships we continue to nurture and cultivate, both locally and in Washington, D.C.," Reed said. "This trip is always a powerful reminder of the impact that close collaboration with our elected officials can have on moving our community and region forward."



Special Photo: Albany Chamber

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce wrapped up its 2025 D.C. Fly-In last week, its largest delegation to date taking part in a series of meetings and discussions aimed at advancing the region's legislative priorities.

In addition to meetings with legislators, the chamber delegation attended a series of sessions at "Modern Day Marine," a conference and expo focused on logistics and defense, followed by meetings with USMC Leadership. These events provided insights into the role of the Albany-based Marine Corps Logistics Base in supporting the military's logistics operations, further underscoring the chamber's commitment to supporting defense communities as a military community of excellence.

Later in the day, the delegation had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff and with the team from Senator Raphael Warnock's office, where discussions focused on aligning Albany's priorities with federal initiatives that support regional prosperity.

Bridges Sinyard, chair of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, noted, "This was an exceptional opportunity for us to not only advance Albany's priorities but also deepen relationships with our federal partners. We're excited to bring these conversations back to Albany and continue the work of turning these conversations into tangible progress."

The delegation is already focused on following up on the momentum from these discussions and continuing to build partnerships that will drive Albany's growth.

"The connections we made here are just the beginning," Wilson said. "We look forward to seeing these efforts come to fruition and to continuing our work for the betterment of our community."

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who earned a general equivalency diploma (GED).

During a second ceremony held in the afternoon, an additional 500 students in other programs received their diplomas.

As she contemplates what's next, Pace said she looked forward to Friday's ceremony.

"Graduating at 16 from college, this young, is pretty amazing," she said. "It's a big accomplishment in my life. I'm just proud for this achievement in my life."

In addition to attending classes, the rising senior participated in the Greenwave Marching Band and is running as a candidate for Miss Terrell Middle-High School. After high school, she said she hopes to attend Bethune-Cookman University, a historically black university in Daytona Beach, Fla., or possibly attend Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital's Living and Learning Community.

"I plan on working as a phlebotomist while I'm in college," she said. "My end goal is to be the best at my job; hopefully, a lab technician. My advice to other young high school kids who are interested in dual enrollment is 'Do it.' I would just like to thank everyone, especially the staff at Albany Tech."

Students who enter the dual-enrollment program are assisted throughout the process, from application to financial aid to deciding on a program of study, Albany Tech program coordinator Dana Watson-Green, who was busy assisting students filing into the Civic Center by assisting them with donning boards and arranging their tassels, said.

"I got all these babies," she said.

The dual-enrollment staff keeps in close communication with instructors, who inform them if a student falls below a 70% grade. In those cases, additional assistance such as tutoring is offered to get them back on track.

"The majority of students can do everything online," she said. "The students get computers."

The program also works closely with the Commodore Conyers College & Career (4C) Academy program in Albany.

"It's a great feeling to see the students achieve the goals they set out to do," Watson-Green said. "She (Pace) literally came to my office every day. In the end, it turned out great."

During his address to graduates, Col. Matthew McKinney, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base-Albany, encouraged them to be curious, to put their skills and knowledge to work and to inspire others along the way.

"Make a difference," McKinney, who is a member of Albany Tech's Board of Directors, said. "Even inspiring one other person doubles the positive impact you can have on the world. If I could leave you with one message today: You are not just getting a diploma. You're building a toolbox, a blueprint that you can use to light up our community. You build a better tomorrow today, building knowledge step by step. You inspire pride and should be very proud of your achievements."



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Lundyn Pace, a junior at Terrell Middle High School, graduated on Friday with a certificate in nurse aide through the Albany Technical College dual-enrollment program.

During his remarks, McKinney quoted individuals, including former President Jimmy Carter, Mohammad Ali and the Dalai Lama, who said: "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."

"The lesson holds," McKinney said. "You're never too small to make a difference. Imagine an uplifting vision of your future. You are not just graduates, you are the ones that (make) a better tomorrow."



From 1A

HOPE

that they are commanded Biblically to to pray for their leaders.

"Today is about hope," Price said. "It's about trusting in God. And it's about coming together as a community to pray for our city and our county leaders."

The theme for the event came from Romans 15:13, which says, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Joining Persley as featured speakers for the Day of Prayer were Anastasia Franklin, worship leader of Christ Church of Albany, and Mark Lane, area director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Each spoke of how people of faith can bring about dramatic changes in a community beset by troubling issues.

"Our leaders are held accountable by God, and I urge you to fervently pray for them, not just today but every day," Franklin said.

Added Lane, "My prayer is that our community leaders experience the hope that is found in Christ alone. When faith is directed toward the future, we can call it hope."

Persley said hope grows within families, communities and churches.

"The family is the first place where hope is nurtured, and community offers an opportunity of shared grace," the APD chief said. "And church is the launchpad for change. These churches, it must be noted, are not just sanctified on Sunday; they're a lighthouse for the lost Monday through Saturday."

After the speakers delivered their brief messages and prayers, those assembled gathered in groups of three to eight to pray in clusters.

They took into the short prayer session a thought offered by Persley: "Albany doesn't need more fear; it needs more hope."

ALDON already has scheduled the date for the 75th National Day of Prayer: May 1, 2026.

Horoscopes

Take the path that leads to peace of mind. Put your energy where it counts and make your life easier and rewarding. Pay attention to investments and markets; you'll find interesting ways to earn more and increase your holdings. Refuse to let stubbornness and anger cost you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Change begins with you, but first, tidy up unfinished business. It will make your journey and your choices easier. You'll face opposition if you allow others to weigh in on a subject that's meaningful to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Consider your options and align yourself with people who are as diverse and innovative as you. Don't pressure someone uncomfortable with your plans to join in, or a setback will occur.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Distance yourself from situations you cannot resolve, and you'll gain insight into unique options. Altering your lifestyle to suit your demands will speed things up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Live and learn. Your actions and words matter, so act and speak with caution and courage. Put your energy where it counts and be true to yourself. Don't hesitate to take on something that matters to you

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Press forward with passion, experience and knowledge, and you will leave a lasting impression. Take time to breathe. Taking short trips and reconnecting with associates or partners will be uplifting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be silent while you observe what others do and say, and you'll spare yourself ridicule and criticism. Expand your interests, and you'll connect with someone who intrigues you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You'll crave change, excitement and being in the middle of the action. Before you rush in and share your thoughts, consider who you are dealing with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Opportunity is within reach. Keep the momentum going and share your vision with the people you care about most. You'll get the input you need, but at a cost you may not like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Take a backseat and consider your options. Attend events that allow you to network, connect and position yourself strategically. An energetic approach to partnerships will encourage closer ties.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Pay attention to money matters and save for a rainy day. Expand your interest in something that you can use to boost your qualifications. Rethink your lifestyle and make healthy choices.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Stick to your plans; any deviation will cost you. Trust your instincts, follow your heart and distance yourself from those offering chaos and divisiveness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Consider your options, ask an expert and adjust your plans to meet demands. Participate in events and build direct links to what interests you. Personal gain is apparent.

DO JUST ONE THING
by Danny Seo

Did you know the shelf life of dried spices is about two years? It can be hard to remember when you bought herbs and spices, so be sure to mark the month and year on the jar when you bring home new containers. When it's time to replace spices, don't toss them into the trash. Old spices can be used to make all-natural aromatherapy sprays or even as all-natural insect repellants around the house. Just look up individual spices and find some clever hacks for how to use them. The easiest? Toss your old spices into your compost bin.

Today in History

Today is the 126th day of 2025 and the 48th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1889, with the commencement of the Exposition Universelle in Paris, the Eiffel Tower was opened to the public for the first time since its completion in March.

In 1937, the German dirigible Hindenburg caught fire while attempting to dock in New Jersey, killing 36.

In 1994, the Channel Tunnel, an undersea rail tunnel linking England and France, was officially opened.

In 2013, three women who had gone missing between 2002 and 2004 were rescued from their kidnapper's home in Cleveland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Sigmund Freud (1856-1939), psychiatrist; Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926), actor; Orson Welles (1915-1985), actor/director; Willie Mays (1931-2024), baseball player; Bob Seger (1945-), singer-songwriter; Tony Blair (1953-), British prime minister; George Clooney (1961-), actor; Martin Brodeur (1972-), hockey player; Adrianne Palicki (1983-), actress; Gabourey Sidibe (1983-), actress; Chris Paul (1985-), basketball player; Naomi Scott (1993-), actress.

TODAY'S FACT: Tony Blair was the first British prime minister in more than 150 years to have a child with their spouse while in office.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1954, Roger Bannister, a 25-year-old British medical student, became the first person to run a mile in less than four minutes.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What progress we are making. In the Middle Ages they would have burned me. Now they are content with burning my books." -- Sigmund Freud

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3:43.13 -- current world record time (minutes: seconds) in the mile run, set by Moroccan runner Hicham El Guerrouj in 1999.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (May 4) and full moon (May 12).

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Nature magically suits a man to his fortunes, by making them the fruit of his character.

Ralph Waldo Emerson,
poet (1803-1882)

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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
83°	81°	81°	76°	76°	74°	79°
64°	66°	66°	63°	62°	62°	64°



BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

IF IT IS A LOSER, DO NOT RUFF AT FIRST

William Lyon Phelps was a popular columnist and public speaker who taught the first American university course on the modern novel. He said, "If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything."

At the bridge table, a loser usually gives a trick to the opponents. Sometimes, though, taking that trick can be costly. In today's deal, what should be the result in four spades after West leads the club king?

Note East's balancing one-no-trump overcall. This shows only 11 to 15 points. With a normal strong no-trump, East doubles and rebids in no-trump.

South's three-heart rebid and North's jump to four spades were aggressive but reasonable. North liked his three-card spade support, a ruffing value in South's second suit and an ace.

South wins the first trick with dummy's ace, plays a heart to his queen, cashes the heart ace, and leads another heart. Should West ruff with his spade 10 or pitch a minor-suit card?

In general, if declarer is about to ruff a loser, the defender should discard.

Here, if West ruffs, the contract can be made. South trumps the (say) club continuation, ruffs a heart on the board (bringing down East's king), and plays a spade to his nine. He continues with a high trump and loses only two spades and one diamond.

If West correctly discards at trick four, the play gets interesting. South ruffs, trumps a club in his hand and leads another heart. Now West must ruff! He then leads a minor, and South cannot avoid losing another two spades and one diamond to East.

North 05-06-25
♠ 8 6 5
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ A 6 3 2

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

East
♠ A J 3
♥ K 9 6 2
♦ K Q 4
♣ 10 8 3

South
♠ K Q 9 7 4
♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ A J
♣ J

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	1 NT
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K



COLUMNIST ■ JACK BAGLEY

Did you know ...?

Every week, I sit at this computer and try to come up with a witty, engaging introduction for the column that follows. Most weeks, I manage at least to be half-witty, and somewhat engaging.

This morning, however, as I rack my brain to find something to talk about here that isn't spring- or baseball-related, I find myself coming up totally empty. The field of fascinating facts is not bare at all; it's the pathway into it that needs work.

So I'll just hit you this week with trivia and try to be a little more entertaining in this part of the column next week.

Did you know ...

... the iconic voice of Darth Vader in the "Star Wars" movies originally belonged to someone else? Actor David Prowse, who was inside the classic black armored suit of Vader, spoke all of Vader's lines during the filming of the first "Star Wars" movie, "A New Hope," in 1977. He was shocked to discover that all of his lines had been overdubbed with the stentorian tones of James Earl Jones. Up until the time he actually saw the final cut of the movie, Prowse believed he was the only person portraying the Dark Lord of the Sith.

... dogs are banned in Antarctica? Once needed for sled journeys to the South Pole, dogs were banned on the continent beginning in 1994. The Antarctic Treaty required the removal of all non-native animal species, and with dogs the main reason was the possibility that distemper would spread to native seals.

... you and I are made up primarily of empty space? What I mean is, if you removed all of the empty space from the atoms that make up every human on Earth – all eight billion plus change – you would be able to fit the entire human population of the planet inside an apple.

... a world record exists for the number of times a person has tried to set a world record? That record is held by Ashrita Furman of Brooklyn, N,Y. Furman holds about 200 world records and has tried to set about 500 more. (Some people have nothing else to do.)

... diamonds are really nearly worthless? Like anything else of value, scarcity is what determines what something is worth, and diamonds are anything but scarce. The entire retail diamond market is reportedly controlled by one company – DeBeers, of South Africa – and has been called a "giant, well-orchestrated, monopolistic scam" that is based on a public misconception that diamonds are scarce. There really are many, many more diamonds than people think, according to experts in the field.

... one person cut an entire nation off from the Internet? The nation of Armenia lost its entire access to the Internet in March of 2011 when Hayastan Shakarian, who was scavenging for copper, accidentally sliced through the fiber optic cable connecting Armenia to Georgia in southwestern Europe. The accident had catastrophic consequences for Armenia, which got almost all of its Internet service from Georgia. Its 3.2 million Internet-using citizens had to do other things during the five hours it took to repair the cable. Large portions of Georgia and Azerbaijan also lost Internet service when Shakarian's scavenging caused the disruption. Shakarian was arrested by security personnel after the location of the break was pinpointed, but was released by authorities due to her age. In her own defense, Shakarian said she had never even heard of the Internet.

... a famous composer was the youngest student ever at the Julliard School of Music? Composer Marvin Hamlisch became a student at Julliard when he was 6 years old. He was a child prodigy and, by the time he was 5, was able to mimic the piano music he heard on the radio.

... a Polish doctor saved a town during World War II by faking out the Nazis? Dr. Eugene Lazowski saved the inhabitants of the Polish city of Rozwadow by telling the German troops that wanted to invade that there was an outbreak of typhus in the town. The diseasewary Germans decided to advance around, rather than through, the city, and some 8,000 Poles – Jews and Gentiles alike – were saved from the forced-labor camps.

... bomb disposal experts once blew up an ironically wrong package? In Bristol, United Kingdom, a bomb squad was called to check out a suspicious package. When the squad detonated the package, they discovered it was full of leaflets describing what one should do when one finds a suspicious package.

... brain surgery is not a modern thing? Archaeologists and scientists have determined that as far back as 5,000 years ago, a primitive form of brain surgery called trepanning was practiced. Skulls excavated from several Neolithic sites showed small holes cut into them, to relieve pressure on the brain. Several skulls had more than one of the inch-wide holes, and the edges showed signs of healing.

... you may have spuddled at one point in your life. Don't fret, though; we all have, I'm certain. Spuddle is a 17th-century word meaning to work ineffectively, or to seem very busy while achieving nothing at all.

Now ... you know!

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SQUAWKBOX

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Squawker I have the intelligence to understand that moron bankrupted a casino, even after his crooked father bought a million dollars worth of chips and never cashed them in.

Thank you, Larry Price and ALDON, for your annual Day of Prayer. I especially appreciated the words of Police Chief Persley.

Fletcher, while you're definitely right about Greene and Carter, you shouldn't stop there. There are plenty more idiots in the local, state and national governments who somehow were elected to positions of authority.

At least racist Brown will simply be filling the blank space of another racist, so the damage she'll do will be kept to a minimum.

Capitulating to a tyrant terrorist never works, nor does an old braggard's deal. Zelenskyy should knock on Moscow's Kremlin's front door and bloody the blue waters of Putin's Gelendzhik Black Sea coastal palace. A thing is valued only by its cost; peace and war trade only in the currency of the blood of men (and women).

Clinton Johnson has surpassed his level of incompetence.

Recently "Fox Not Really the News" Polls were forced to admit that everyone hated the True President.

We, who are caretakers of our Southern history, heritage, and culture, preserve the memory and a true understanding of the past that has shaped our identity as Southerners.

Dougherty County squawkers: The parent company of The Albany Herald knows a good thing when they see it. New format, local school coverage in spades. Practice up for the inevitable catastrophic failure and investigation of ... where did all our tax money disappear to the last four years? Why are we broke? Stay tuned.

So Trump says it's "OK" if tariffs lead to short-term recession. Of course it is, as he's a billionaire who doesn't care about the millions of working-class people who voted for him and will continue to support him regardless of how much they suffer. That Man Without a Family

Perhaps Trump's next executives order will be to nationalize and bring out of hiding the 12/25/65 militia. He can then nominate Steven Miller as its Oberführer, since Little Marco is busy with his two cabinet jobs. Hard to find talent, I mean the right sycophants, to kowtow.

I said it, and I stand by it: You people should stop griping about President Trump's policies. He's going to make us stronger than ever. Just be patient.

Democrats always cry about saving democracy, but having a liberal judge block a law requiring voters to show proof of citizenship is not protecting democracy. Only U.S. citizens should be able to vote. Plain and simple.

Can you believe it; Trump's approval rating is lower in his second term than his first term.

I sadly think about these older people -- the ones who aren't rich but up until this point have been comfortable -- starting to fret as their life savings fritter away, thanks to the man they voted into office. Ask them about their vote, though, and they'll blame any and everyone else. Some call that true loyalty. I call it stupidity.

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COLUMNIST ■ RALPH NADER

'You're fired!' Growing millions reject Trump

Of all the epithets seething from the foul mouth of King Donald I – "deranged," "wacko," "lunatic," "crazy," "crooked," "loser," "criminal," "corrupt," the most timely, functional one is his favorite: "You're fired."

Launched from his TV program "The Apprentice" while a failed businessman, Trump, using the poisonous tusks of Elon Musk, has conveyed that exit phrase to hundreds of thousands of innocent public servants performing crucial tasks and their contractors since Jan. 20.



NADAR

Given his wreckage of lives, livelihoods, health, safety and freedom of speech here and abroad in just 100 days, Trump invites daily the unifying command arising out of his declaration of war against the American people – red state and blue state – "You're fired!"

Trump, a corporation masquerading as a human, must be unmasked by the following bill of particulars:

-- Because you're first "presentation of self" on Jan. 20 was to declare that you are the law and that no constitution, statute or regulation was going to stop your issuance of scores of illegal executive order dictates, "you're fired." The Constitution does not provide for either a monarch or a dictator.

-- Because on and after Jan. 20, you launched a major purge of lawfully acting civil servants, including 17 inspector generals mandated to root out criminal and fraudulent activities, and top officials in the Pentagon, intelligence and regulatory agencies without reason and notice, replacing them with sycophants, "You're fired!"

-- Because you are daily censoring and imperiling people protected by our First Amendment with police state kidnappings, illegal imprisonment in foreign and domestic jails, threats, harassment, bigotry and outright criminal extortions for unlawful demands, "You're fired!"

-- Because you have repeatedly violated Congressional mandates, including the power of the purse and health/safety standards, and because you have illegally seized basic congressional authority under the Constitution, having defied more than 125 Congressional subpoenas in your first term, destroying our federal checks and balances, "You're fired!"

-- Because you are rampantly and unlawfully dismantling or closing down virtually all the long-established regulatory and scientific research, protections of the health, safety and economic well-being of the American people, families and children, within the areas of consumer, worker, environmental and community necessities – many life-saving, "You're fired!"

-- Because you favor even greater power of large corporations to receive bloated contracts, subsidies, giveaways and with impunity defraud the government, as with Medicare and Medicaid and military contracts, take over more of the public lands, and see scores of existing federal enforcement cases against them halted or dismissed, "You're fired!"

-- Because you have destroyed more of the working civil service than all previous presidents combined, you have left the American people more defenseless against pandemics, climate violence, air and water pollution, hunger, infectious diseases and corporate crimes, "You're fired!"

-- Because you are demanding Congress pass more tax cuts and tax escapes for the very undertaxed super-wealthy, like you and your family members, and giant corporations, and because you have turned the White House into a self-enrichment business for you and your cronies, "You're fired!"

-- Because you have extended your cruel and vicious destructions against innocents abroad receiving life-saving medicine, food and medical supplies from the U.S. Agency for International Development that you unlawfully have closed down, millions of poor people are in jeopardy and many thousands already dying and starving. You are told about these tragedies you have caused but could care less. Your zigzagging on massive tariffs destabilizing U.S. businesses and their workers is leading more of your supporters to question your competence and wrong-headed policies. Because regarding the Israeli genocide/slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza and casualties mounting in the West Bank, you have backed your master Netanyahu even more than Bibi-Biden, greenlighting breaking the truce, resuming mass murder/starvation, pushing for expulsion of the entire surviving population and approving annexation of the West Bank, "You're fired!"

-- Because every day you lie and make false statements as a routine deceptive practice, you are creating harmful, false scenarios. Together with Musk enriching his corporate positions in Washington, you lie about each day's realities such as the price of eggs being down 85%, our country now having a trade surplus, and your approval rating in polls "in the 60s and 70s," "You're fired!"

-- Because your erratic, wild and no-holds-barred fascist dictatorial corporate state "first" behavior proceeds from a dangerously unstable personality, driven by your insatiable vengeance as a megalomaniacal power freak, ignorant of or oblivious to circumstances and consequences, your continued wreckage in all directions is certain to worsen and shatter our Republic and its constitutional processes, "You're fired!"

Expanding numbers of Americans from all backgrounds who see the deadly months ahead of Dangerous Donald need to sum up their demands in the siren call "you're fired!" Just as was done to President Nixon for far less serious transgressions in 1974.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
—1 Corinthians 1:



COLUMNIST ■ B.J. FLETCHER

Remembering mom's greatest gift

Mother's Day is coming up. Father's Day will soon follow. And there will be many holidays in between, all seemingly good reasons for celebration.



FLETCHER

Mother's and Father's Day are the two days that every person on this earth has a reason to celebrate. Regardless of what society is trying to shove down our throats, one can never get away from the fact that we all have a mother and father. No way of getting around that fact.

We often hear people say, "My, how time is flying by" or "Where does the time go?" But as we get older, I think the question should be, "What did we do with our time here on earth?"

Can any of us really sit back and say we have done our all? Like Jesus did when he took on a human form and dragged himself to that old rugged cross for us? I think about that more as I get older.

I thank God that He gave me a mother who told me the story of Jesus as I was growing up. I am thankful that as I got older and experienced all kinds of drugs and alcohol, that my first drug was ... being drug to church. It set the tone for my actions later on in life.

Now, in this new era ... crypto, stocks, cash and hard work seems to overtake our thoughts as we all want to have something as we get to the grand old age of retirement. We think of those assets as our greatest investments. But not really.

Wisdom. That's our greatest investment.

The book of Proverbs is truly filled with the standard we all should try to live by. It lets us know that the greatest blessing is more than material prosperity. The blessings we share are more than a long life. It is eternal life. The blessing of wisdom is more than wealth. It's a treasure in heaven.

Take this time in your life and think about your wisdom, how it has molded your life to this point. Jesus Christ is the true wisdom of eternity, thank you. And thank you, mom, for planting the seed of grace in my life early and praying for me when my seeds seemed not to produce. Only by grace are any of us here. That's wisdom ... think about it.

COLUMNIST ■ WAYNE FOWLER

The wisdom of the 'Great Communicator'

I stood alone on the hilltop. It was a cool, spring morning. I enjoyed the distant vistas. I also envisioned the large crowd of mourners who once gathered here for a sunset ceremony to remember and bury Ronald Reagan.



FOWLER

The other early birds at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Cal., prioritized the display of the Dead Sea Scrolls on loan to the museum. That's how I found myself alone outside. I reflected on Reagan's words carved in granite at his tomb. "I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph, and there is purpose and worth to each and every life." Reagan was known as an optimist with a quick wit and sunny disposition. His words affirm that reputation.

Reagan was known to be a Christian. He professed faith as a boy of 11 years old and received baptism. As a teenager, he taught a Sunday school class at the First Christian Church in Dixon, Ill. As president, his faith permeated his policy positions and prompted him to pray before cabinet meetings. He brought his morality to the world stage when he called the Soviet Union an "evil empire."

Which brings me back to Reagan's epitaph. When he said man is good, he surely didn't have in mind the murderous ideologies of the last century. Perhaps he thought that, given the opportunity, people would come around to doing good things. His friend, Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev, did by moving his country away from Marxism. Another Reagan contemporary Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, a Russian dissident, was closer to Biblical truth when he said, "The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart."

The Christian faith confirms the world as we experience it. It's easy to see the evil out there. It's not as easy to recognize the immorality that lurks within me. It helps to see it from the perspective of a good and holy God. "There is none righteous, not even one. ... There is none who does good." The good news is that you receive "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus

Christ." That is God's grace to you. (Rom. 3)

As for the remainder of Reagan's final words, it is God who triumphs as He guides creation to His intended purposes. Every life indeed has worth because we are equally created in God's image. Perhaps a bit of theology may have inspired Reagan's words carved in stone.

That chilly morning, I realized Reagan's words are a great conversation starter. He was nicknamed "the Great Communicator," so it's not surprising that even his epitaph would cause us to reflect on great truths.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ JASON ESTEVES

Georgia farmers deserve disaster relief they were promised

It's been more than 215 days since Hurricane Helene tore through Georgia, and our farmers are still reeling. Crops were lost. Trees and barns collapsed. Equipment was ruined. Many farms — some family-owned for generations — were brought to their knees.

Congress stepped up. On Dec. 21, 2024, lawmakers passed a bipartisan federal disaster relief package with $21 billion earmarked for agricultural recovery. That funding was designed specifically to help farmers in Georgia and other storm-ravaged states recover from Helene and get back on their feet.

But here's the reality: That money still hasn't arrived. Not in Valdosta. Not in Bainbridge. Not on the land where it's needed most.

And the clock is ticking.

Every week without that funding is another week farmers can't replant, rebuild or restock. It's another week of falling behind on loans, watching bills pile up, and wondering if next season is even possible.

Let's be clear — this isn't a handout. It's the support that Congress promised and passed into law. The $21 billion is supposed to provide direct aid for storm-damaged farms, cover crop and livestock losses, repair destroyed irrigation and fencing systems, and help farmers re-enter the market with some stability.



ESTEVES

In south Georgia, where agriculture isn't just an industry but a way of life, the stakes couldn't be higher. Our farms feed families, power small-town economies, and anchor communities. When our farmers suffer, our entire state feels the impact.

To be fair, some limited relief has started to flow — like USDA indemnity payments and disaster loans through the Small Business Administration. But those programs were never meant to be the main solution. The comprehensive agricultural relief — the $21 billion Georgia's farmers were promised — is still tied up in red tape in Washington.

Meanwhile, frustration is boiling over. And rightly so.

We've heard a lot of talk about standing up for farmers. But now is the moment when those words have to mean something. It's time for the USDA and the federal government to finish the job and get this funding out the door.

As someone who's worked alongside small business owners and families trying to recover from unexpected setbacks, I understand how critical timely support is. Delays don't just stall progress, they drain hope.

That's why I'm calling on state leaders — regardless of party — to demand immediate action from Washington. We can't let politics stand in the way of south Georgia's recovery.

Hard-working families in Lowndes, Decatur, Seminole and Tift counties aren't asking for special treatment. They're asking for the help they were told was coming.

If we don't act, we risk losing more than just this year's crop. We risk losing family farms. We risk weakening the backbone of Georgia's rural economy.

It's time to deliver on the promise made to our farmers. No more delays. No more excuses. Georgia deserves better.

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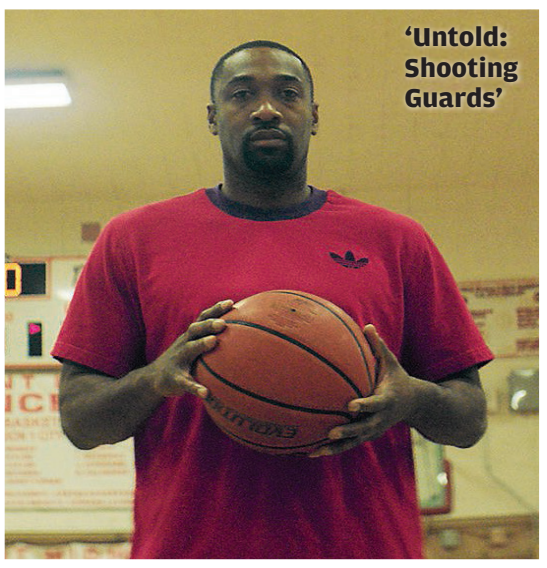
Netflix ■ Season Premiere

This sports docuseries returns with three new films, beginning today with *Shooting Guards*. Former Washington Wizards teammates Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton shook the basketball world with their infamous gun incident in 2009, but what really went down when guns were drawn in their NBA locker room? Through raw firsthand accounts, Arenas and Crittenton unpack the events that had a life-altering impact on both men, and ultimately led Crittenton down a dark and tragic past. The next two films will drop the next two Tuesdays.

Night Court

NBC, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Two episodes of this revival of the classic sitcom air tonight to finish out its third season. First, in "Funnest Judge in the City," Abby (Melissa Rauch) suspects the courthouse's new "fun judge" (guest star Michael Urie) may not be as fun as he seems, and Gurgs



'Untold: Shooting Guards'

NETFLIX

(Lacretta) must regain control when her new courthouse welcome video, starring Roz (guest star Marsha Warfield), takes on a life of its own. Then, in the season finale, "A Decent Proposal," Abby finds herself in charge of two runaway teens; Dan (John Larroquette) and Julianne (Wendie Malick) balk at the idea that they've become friends; and a surprise appearance by a mysterious stranger (guest star Simon Helberg) turns Abby's world upside down. At presstime, there had been no word on whether *Night Court* will return for Season 4.

The Rookie

ABC, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "Mutiny and the Bounty," the team helps Skip Tracer Randy (Flula Borg) when his new love interest is kidnapped; Angela (Alyssa Diaz) and Nyla (Mekia Cox) enlist their moms to help catch a con artist; and Wesley (Shawn Ashmore) is threatened to drop a case.

Tyler Perry's House of Payne

BET, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

In the Season 12 premiere of this comedy, "House of Realization," Ella (Cassi Davis) faces off with Elaine and must address her true feelings toward Laura (Quin Walters), while Malik (Larramie "Doc" Shaw) is forced to get creative.

Castle Impossible

HGTV, 9 p.m.

In HGTV's new series, which debuted last week, high school sweethearts Daphne Reckert and Ian Figueira attempt to renovate a 500-year-old castle. Thankfully, the duo has experience in carpentry, conservation and landscaping expertise, as well as having family members with backgrounds in construction, design and renovation.

Pati Jinich Explores PanAmericana

PBS, 9 p.m.

In "Juneau & Whitehorse — Sister Cities," chef Pati Jinich explores the sister cities of Alaska's capital, Juneau, and the capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, Whitehorse.

Ms. Pat Settles It

BET, 10 p.m. ■ New Episodes

The second season of this series returns with new episodes beginning with tonight's installment, which finds Judge Ms. Pat settling three cases.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Toy Story 3'

DISNEY / PIXAR

65 (2023, Science fiction) Adam Driver, Ariana Greenblatt **FX, 6 p.m.**

First Blood (1982, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna **AMC, 6 p.m.**

Toy Story 3 (2010, Children) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen **Freeform, 6:30 p.m.**

Cheerleader Nightmare (2018, Crime drama) Taylor Murphy, Melissa Ponzio **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Hacksaw Ridge (2016, War) Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Roadhouse Romance (2021, Romance-comedy) Lauren Alaina, Tyler Hynes **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

The Departed (2006, Crime drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost (2023, Mystery) Jodie Sweetin, Stephen Huszar **Hallmark Mystery, 8 p.m.**

The Amazing Spider-Man (2012, Action) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone **SYFY, 9 p.m.**

House Party 2 (1991, Comedy) Christopher Reid, Christopher Martin **VH1, 9:30 p.m.**

Sabotaging the Squad (2023, Drama) Lauren Mayo, Brittany Goodwin **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Fury (2014, War) Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf **AMC, 11 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: The Defining Frontier: The American Character in Westerns

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies' monthlong Tuesday and Thursday night look at the history of Westerns via themed lineups continues with "The Quintessential Cowboy: John Wayne and the Idea of America." Wayne is one of the most important and popular film actors of all time, and the actor most identified with the Western genre. In many of his films, Wayne's characters glorified the idea of Manifest Destiny, the belief that the United States was meant to expand west, imposing its values and way of life beyond its borders. Starting with his first starring role in **The Big Trail** (1930), which begins tonight's lineup, Wayne was depicted heroically fighting Native Americans and taking their land so the country could grow. The popularity of these films helped establish the idea that America is special and holds a unique place in the world. You can also see elements of this in the other Wayne-led films airing tonight: **Stagecoach** (1939), directed by John Ford and also starring Claire Trevor, Andy Devine and John Carradine; director Howard Hawks' **Red River** (1948), which costars Montgomery Clift and Walter Brennan; and



MGM

How the West Was Won (pictured), a 1962 epic Western with a story spanning 50 years that was codirected by Ford, Henry Hathaway and George Marshall, and has a large cast also including James Stewart, Debbie Reynolds, Gregory Peck, Henry Fonda and Lee J. Cobb.

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Last Bullet

Netflix ■ Original Film

This third and final installment in the *Lost Bullet* French action thriller franchise is an explosive opus that finds Lino (Alban Lenoir) embarking on a relentless quest to find and confront Areski (Nicolas Duvauchelle).

NASCAR: Full Speed

Netflix ■ Season Premiere

Season 2 of this high-octane sports docuseries follows the tales of triumph and tenacity surrounding drivers on and off the track during the 2024 NASCAR playoffs.

The Masked Singer

FOX, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

The Golden Mask Trophy is on the line and the winner is unmasked in the singing competition's two-hour Season 13 finale.



'The Masked Singer'

FOX

Chicago Med

NBC, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "The Invisible Hand," the hospital faces a staffing crisis as the nurses stage a sick-out; Archer (Steven Weber) and Frost (Darren Barnet) bet on who can discharge their patients first; and Charles' (Oliver Platt) distrust of a patient complicates his treatment.

Chicago Fire

NBC, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "Cut Me Open," with the crew stretched thin, a performance efficiency expert evaluates Firehouse 51. Meanwhile, Kidd (Miranda Rae Mayo) and Severide (Taylor Kinney) bond with the mother of the baby they hope to adopt.

The Amazing Race

CBS, 9:30 p.m.

Racers travel to Strasbourg, France, where they go head-to-head in a water jousting match in the new episode "Up the River Without a Joust."

Life or Death: The Negotiators

Nat Geo, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Sydney Siege," police negotiators step in to try to keep the peace when an armed couple holds 27 people at gunpoint, seeking the return of their 3-month-old child.

Chicago P.D.

NBC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Black Ice," Ruzek (Patrick John Flueger) witnesses a tragic accident on an icy bridge, leading Intelligence into a dark and sinister case involving sex trafficking.

Bugs That Rule the World

PBS, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

In this four-part global investigation into insects, exploring their diversity and their critical roles on the planet, scientists reveal the beauty of bugs, from pollinators to insect assassins to the tiny clean-up crews that purify the planet.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Creed III'

ELI ADE

Venom (2018, Action) Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams **FX, 6 p.m.**

Gran Torino (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Christopher Carley **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Proud Mary (2018, Action) Taraji P. Henson, Billy Brown **VH1, 7 p.m.**

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014, Action) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone **SYFY, 7 p.m.**

Creed III (2023, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson **USA, 8 p.m.**

Hats Off to Love (2025, Romance-comedy) Ginna Claire Mason, John Clarence Stewart **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Insidious: The Red Door (2023, Horror) Patrick Wilson, Ty Simpkins **FX, 8 p.m.**

Girls Trip (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah **VH1, 9:30 p.m.**

Moneyball (2011, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill **AMC, 9:30 p.m.**

Jurassic World Dominion (2022, Action) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard **SYFY, 10 p.m.**

The Last Woman Who Lived Here (2025, Suspense) Tamara Almeida, David Chinchilla **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Mission: Impossible (1996, Action) Tom Cruise, Jon Voight **USA, 10:30 p.m.**

The Fate of the Furious (2017, Action) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson **Paramount, 11 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Citizen Kane

TCM, 7:30 a.m.

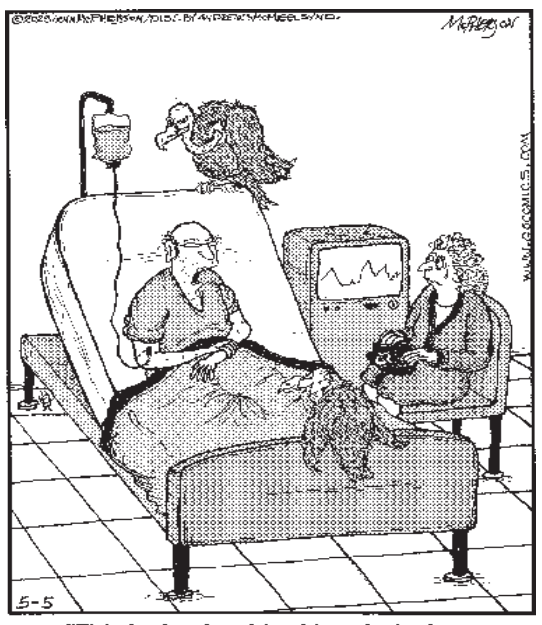
Orson Welles' 1941 classic is regularly at, or very near, the top of many people's list of greatest movies of all time, and watching it again (or for the first time) tonight, you will be reminded why. After more than 80 years, the stunningly original innovation that Welles put into the film's direction and camerawork, with the help of Oscar-nominated cinematographer Gregg Toland, helps it look like it could have been made in the modern era — it's easy to forget it was produced in the early '40s. It's all the more impressive when you realize that Welles made this masterful, Best Picture Oscar-nominated film when he was only in his mid 20s. Along with directing (for which he received an Oscar nomination), producing and cowriting *Citizen Kane* (with Herman J.



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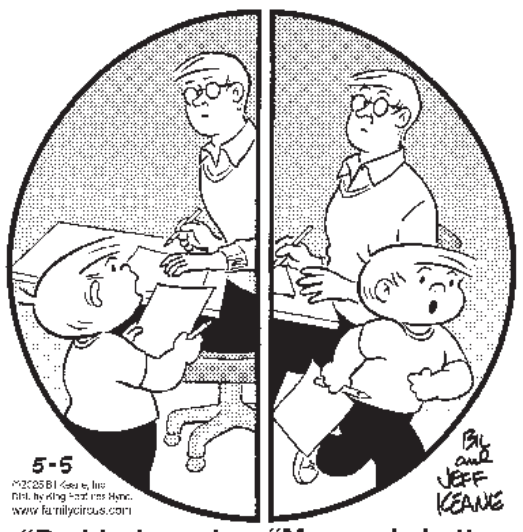
Mankiewicz; the duo won the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay), Welles also stars in his Best Actor Oscar-nominated title role, a not-so-subtle dramatization of tycoon William Randolph Hearst. Welles leads an equally incredible cast that also includes Joseph Cotten, Dorothy Comingore, Everett Sloane and more.

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson

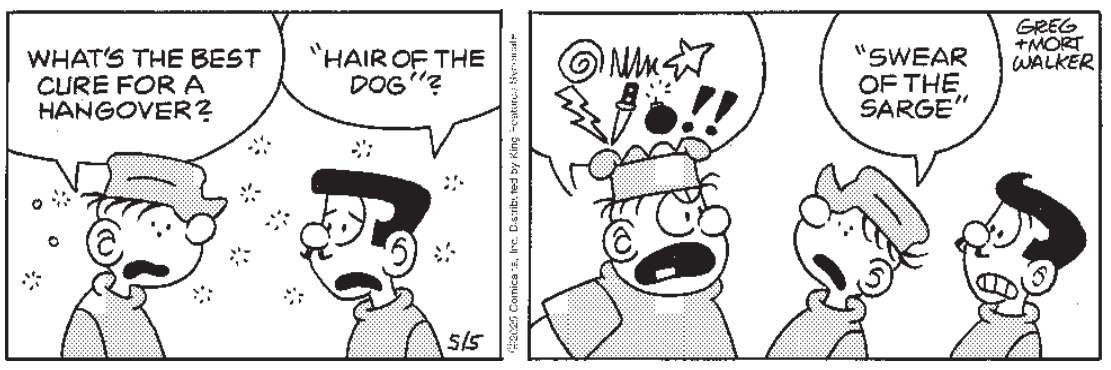


"This isn't what I had in mind when I signed up for the pet therapy program."

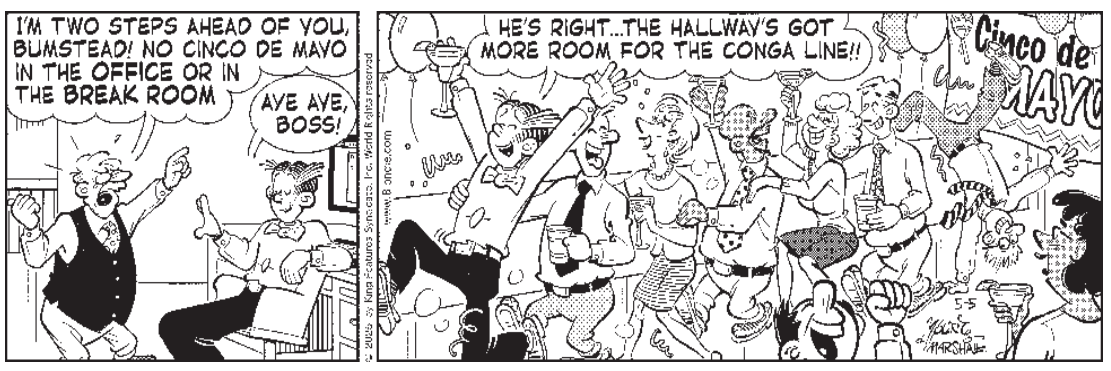
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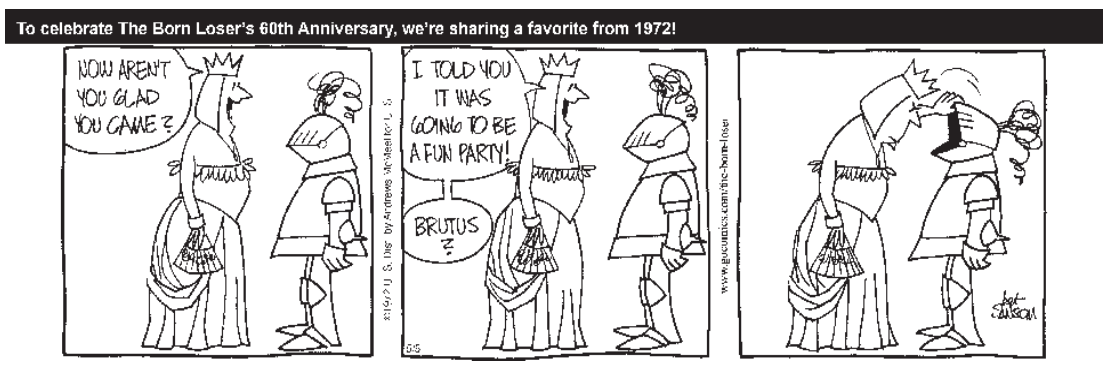
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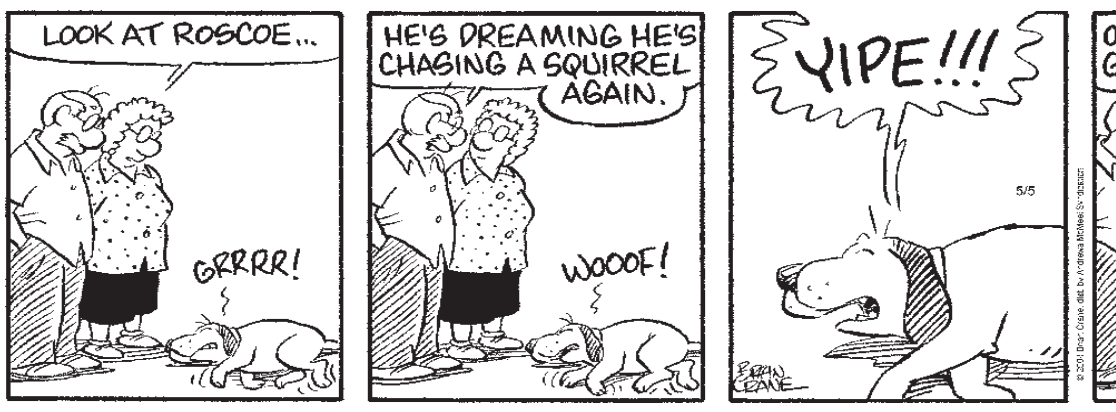
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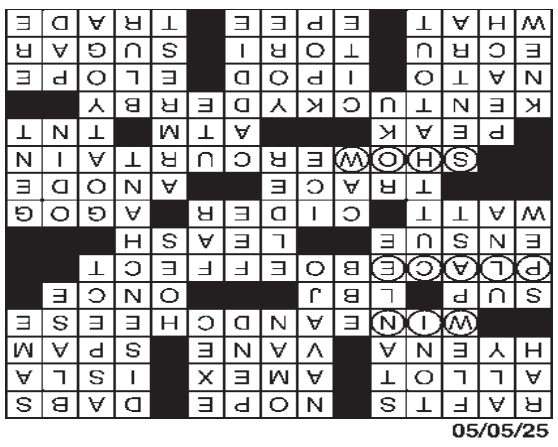
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27 Improvement that may be based on psychology instead of medicine
32 Follow as a result
33 Need to and from the dog park
34 Lightbulb unit
35 Apple beverage
37 All excited
41 Copy using very thin paper
43 Jumper cable connection
44 Accessory that may coordinate with bath mats
47 Mountaintop
48 BofA convenience
49 Explosive material
50 First leg of the Triple Crown, whose levels of success can be found in this puzzle's circled letters
55 Post-WWII transnational gp.
56 Bygone Apple player
57 Wed in secret
60 Beige kin
61 Spelling of "BH90210"
62 Coffee shop freebie
63 One of the five W's of journalism
64 Pentathlon blade
65 Fantasy league deal

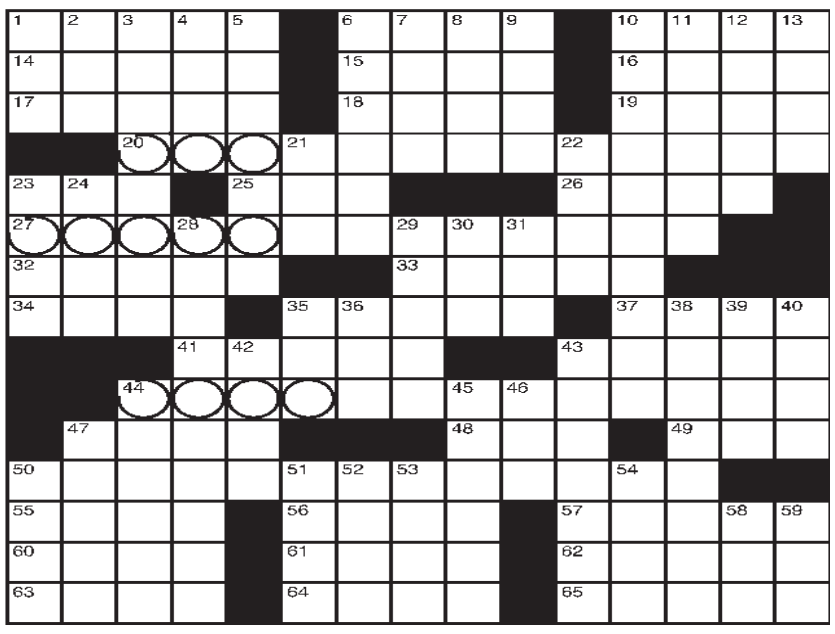
DOWN

1 "Go team!"
2 Gymnastics gold medalist Raisman
3 Was over in no time
4 "Breathe Again" singer Braxton
5 Comics legend who co-created Spider-Man and the X-Men
6 Language of WWII code talkers
7 Persian Gulf sultanate
8 Hang in the balance
9 CFO or VP
10 Turn off, in a way
11 Characteristic
12 Supremely unconcerned
13 "I think so too!"
21 Go out, as the tide
22 Weeding tools
23 Gush forth
24 Funny bone neighbor
28 "Stop it!"
29 Respected tribal member
30 Overdue fine, e.g.
31 A long way away
35 Crow's cry
36 Cooler cubes
38 Exercise with barnyard animals
39 Creator of Norse mythology?
40 Polite fellow
42 Streaming option
43 Spot frequently shared by flyers
44 Nissan sedan
45 Golfer's helper
46 Sport-___: off-road auto
47 Bellini fruit
50 Was in the loop
51 Quote from, as a legal case
52 BTS music genre
53 Days of knights
54 Hazy memory
58 Word after mattress or mouse
59 Before, to Byron

TODAY'S SOLUTION:



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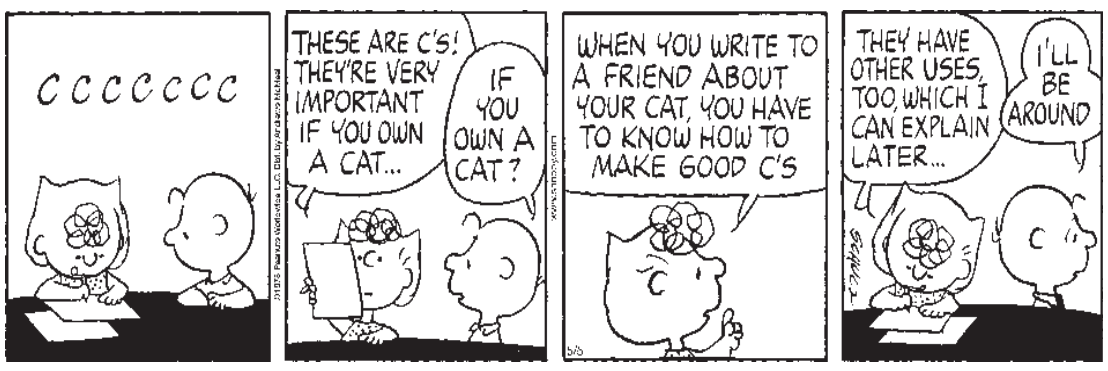
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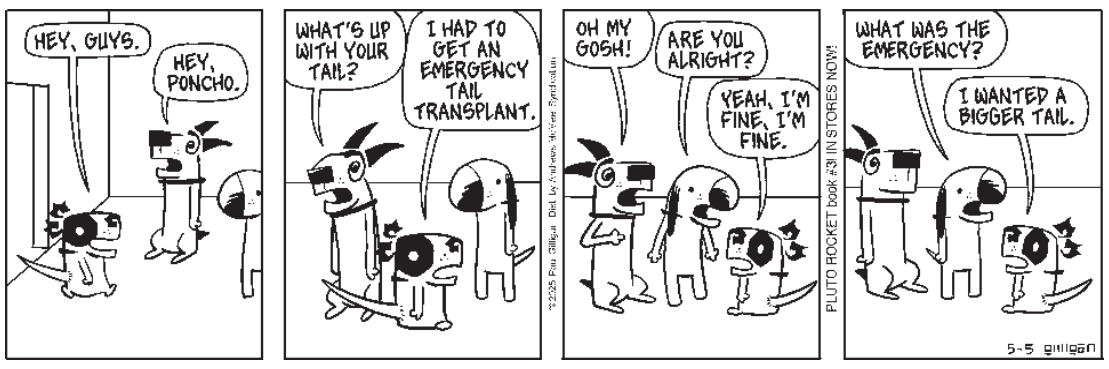
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IN-GAME GLITCHES

Solution: 6 letters

D M U N E X P E C T E D R O E
P I R S E I L A M O N A E V U
M H S O L H I C C U P S S E G
I R A C F G N I N N I W T R O
S E O S O T G W Q E D U A F L
A N S C I N A H C E M P R L A
L D I S I N N L T R H A T O I
I E T S T D G E P I A I R W D
G R S E E U C D C E U S G F I
N I D B L T T A O T D S H L S
M N U E I E L T D Y I U O O T
E G A O S R P A E B O E S A O
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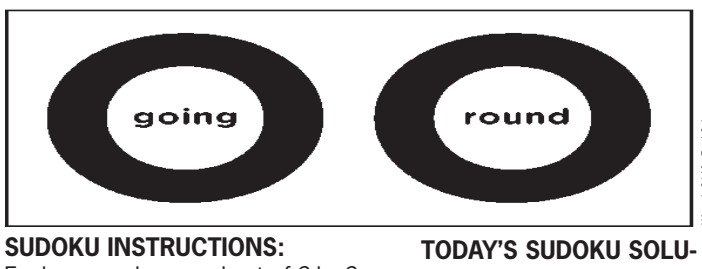
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Quirks

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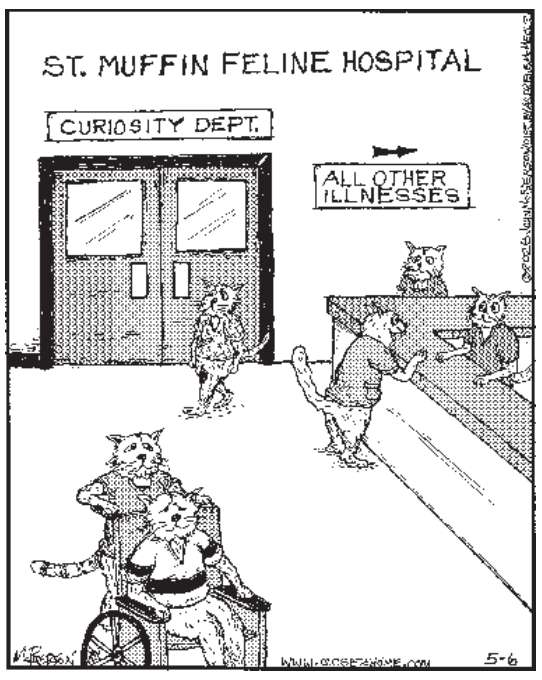
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Going round in circles

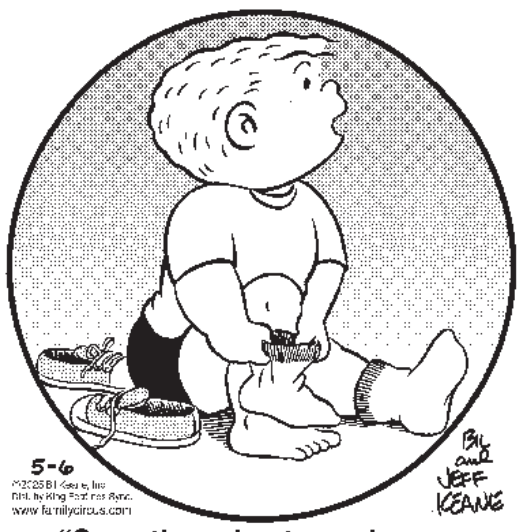
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6	3	8	7	1	2	4	9	5
5	9	7	4	3	6	8	2	1
2	4	1	9	5	8	3	7	6
3	2	6	8	9	1	7	5	4
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CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



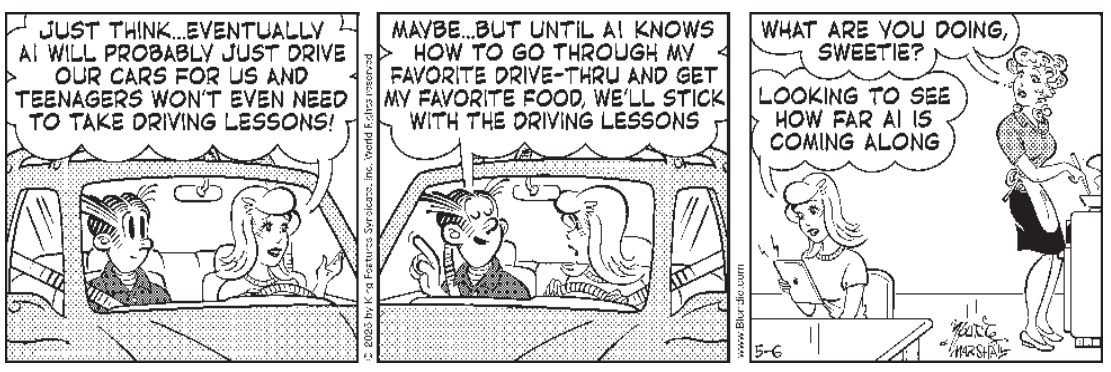
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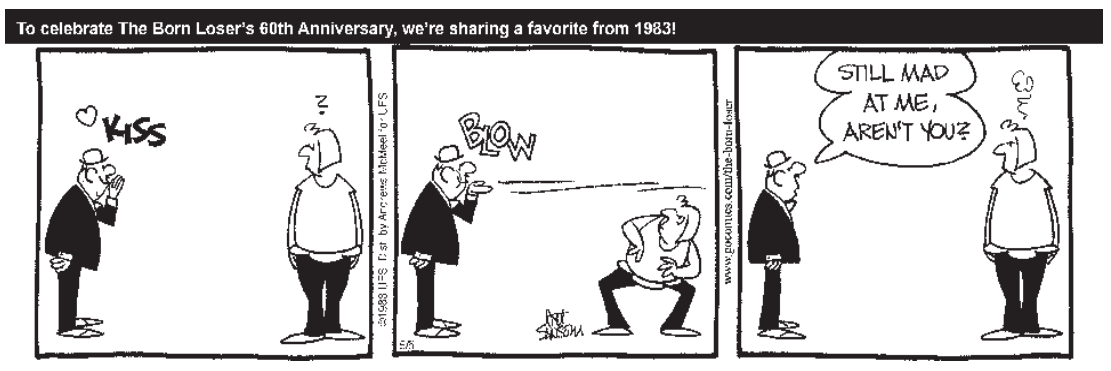
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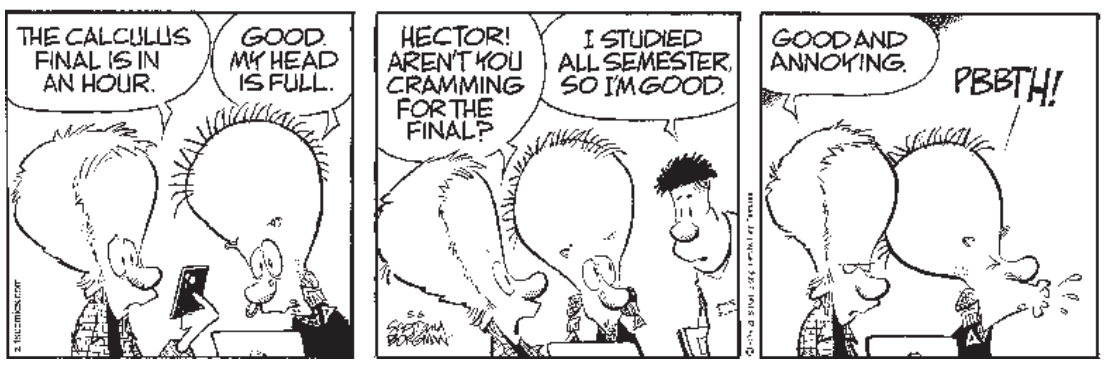
BLONDIE Dean Young & John Marshall



THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



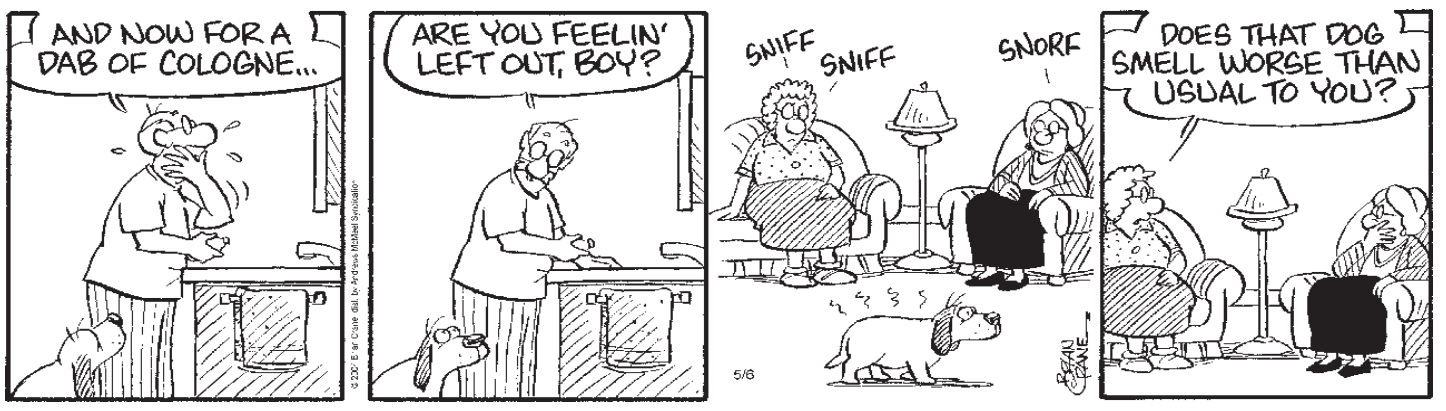
ZITS Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



GARFIELD Jim Davis



PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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	7	8		1			2	3
	4		8	7	3		1	
8		9	7				3	4
	5			4			8	
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9	8	1	2	4	7	3	5	6
4	3	2	5	6	7	1	9	8
3	1	5	6	7	8	9	4	2
7	4	6	9	2	5	8	3	1
8	2	7	3	1	4	6	7	5

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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Twisted Sister

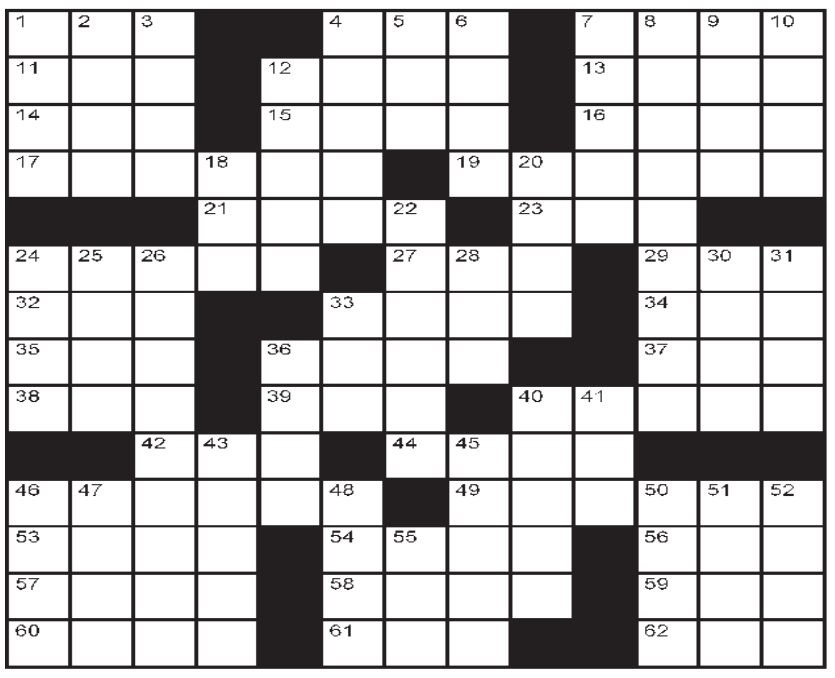
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Fa follower
4 Unruly crowd
7 Tater
11 Japanese sash
12 Wail
13 Actress — Chaplin
14 Not masc.
15 — Domini
16 Boxing match
17 Keyboard whiz
19 "— & Louise"
21 Stalk
23 Gallery offering
24 Sunny and mild
27 Totality
29 Macaw genus
32 Hosp. area
33 Shoelace snarl
34 Keep out
35 Gave a meal to
36 Hardens
37 XXIV + XXXII
38 Part of TGIF (Abbr.)
39 Seaman
40 Dog show category
42 AFL- —
44 Home to many millions
46 Pestle's partner
49 "For — out loud!"
53 Succulent plant
54 "Yikes!"
56 Twosome
57 Urban renewal target
58 "I'm all —!"
59 Annex
60 Talk back to
61 Aviate
62 Days long gone

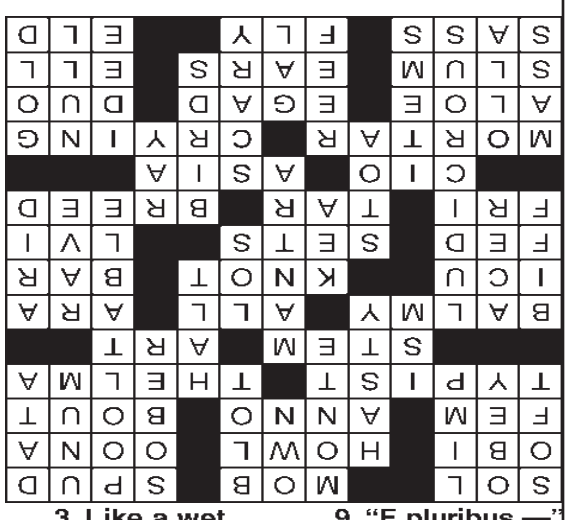
DOWN

1 Quiet
2 Toe the line
3 Like a wet noodle
4 — Carlo
5 Have
6 Ink stain
7 Not at all tipsy
8 Billiards room item (2 wds.)
9 "E pluribus —"
10 — processing
12 Rash
18 Ology
20 Command to stop
22 Buddhist prayer
24 "Back to the Future" bully
25 Maple genus
26 Farcical
28 — Angeles
30 Rant and —
31 Saharan
33 New Zealand parrot
36 Old Greek portico
40 "— of a feather ..."
41 Sunbeam
43 Particulars
45 Spooky
46 Church service
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51 Invalid
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55 Liquid meas.

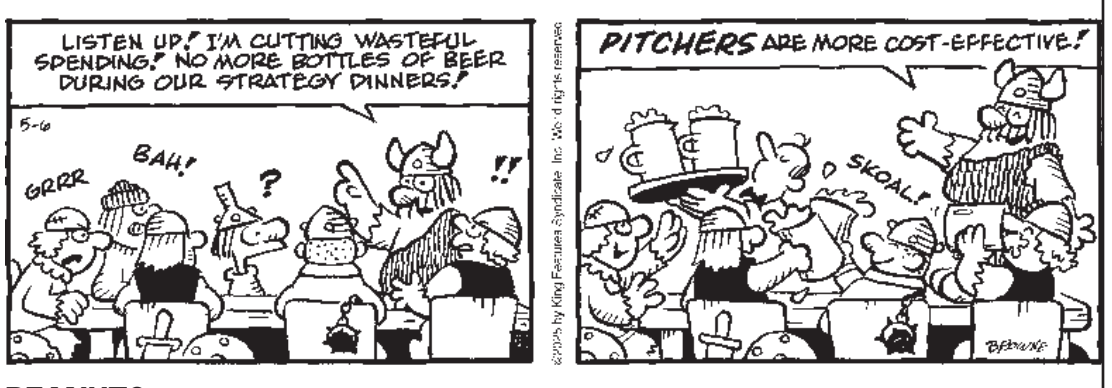


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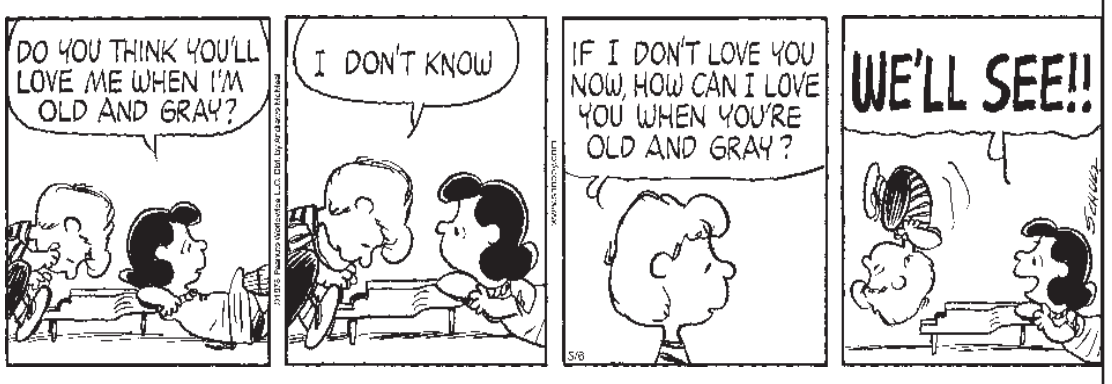
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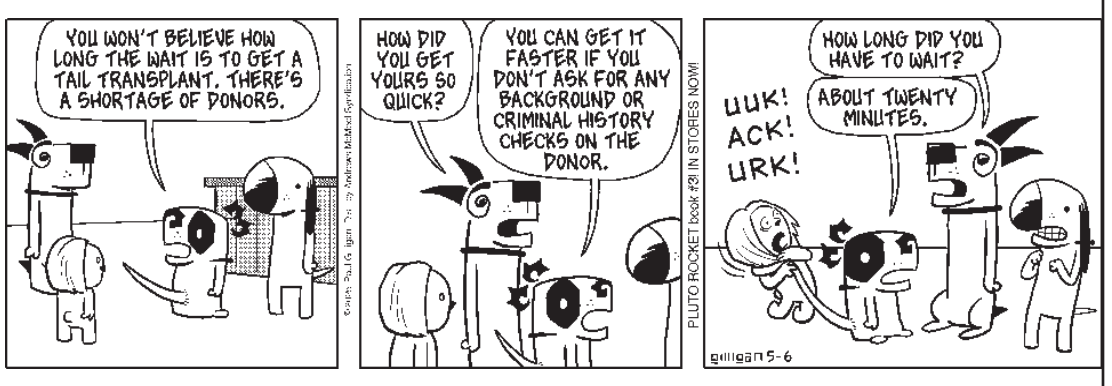
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CARDIO OUTFITS — **Solution: 9 letters**

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V N N D N A B D A E H C T A W
E E I A M E D E R E Y A L S I
L P N R B E N U S T R O H S N
B T E T T T T E F L E E C E D
A H N O I S S E R P M O C L B
T G A J I L W I P P L D H M R
S I R O A O A A R O O O S A E
U E M G P C N T R W O E I E A
J W B G O E K F I D M Y N S K
D T A E L E U E I O R B G I E
A H N R A L T E T I N I L R R
E G D S R E K C A R T K E P R
V I S O R F O O R P R E T A W
E L T T O B R A C E R B A C K

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Adjustable, Airy, Armband, Bike, Bottle, Capris, Colorful, Compression, Dance, Drawstring, Fleece, Headband, Hoodie, Insulated, Jacket, Joggers, Layered, Lightweight, Moisture, Neoprene, Panel, Polar, Racerback, Seamless, Shorts, Singlet, Thermal, Tracker, Ventilation, Visor, Watch, Waterproof, Windbreaker, Wristband

TODAY'S ANSWER: Pedometer

Georgia Nurse Honor Guard recognized at state Capitol

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ATLANTA — In a historic ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol, 90 nurses representing the Georgia Nurse Honor Guard gathered to receive a special Commendation from Gov. Brian Kemp, officially recognizing their service and announcing May 12 — the birthday of Florence Nightingale — as Georgia Nurse Honor Guard Day across the state.

The Georgia Nurse Honor Guard, established in January 2024, unites nurses from 14 local chapters across Georgia to honor their colleagues at the end of life with the Nightingale Tribute and Final Call of Duty ceremonies reminiscent of military honors. The Nurse Honor Guard comprises licensed nurses who volunteer their time to serve and honor colleagues by performing a solemn, moving tribute at funeral and memorial services. Their ceremonies reflect the deep respect and gratitude to nurses who dedicated their lives to the care of others.

The ceremony marked the first time in Georgia's history that such a recognition has been bestowed upon the Nurse Honor Guard community at the state level. Kemp's commendation was presented to the assembled nurses, who stood as representatives of their chapters and the broader nursing community.

Georgia Nurse Honor Guard Coordinator Jennifer Heyer expressed gratitude on behalf of the Honor Guard members.

"Standing in the Capitol, receiving this commendation, affirms that our calling to honor our fallen colleagues is recognized and cherished by the people of Georgia," Heyer said. "This commendation is not just an honor for our organization but a tribute to every nurse who has dedicated their life to caring for others. By declaring May 12 as Georgia Nurse Honor Guard Day, we celebrate the compassion, unity, and reverence that define our profession. We are deeply grateful to Gov. Kemp and the people of Georgia for recognizing the legacy and impact of nurses across our state."

The Georgia Nurse Honor Guard plans to commemorate Georgia Nurse Honor Guard Day each year with special ceremonies, remembrance services, and educational outreach to inspire the next generation of nurses and further honor those who have come before. As the organization continues to expand, its mission remains clear: to ensure every Georgia nurse is remembered with dignity and respect.

For more information about the Georgia Nurse Honor Guard or to request services, visit the https://georgianursehonorguard.com/.



Special Photo

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Congress Votes

WASHINGTON — Here's a look at how Georgia's members of Congress voted over the previous week.

Along with roll call votes this week, the Senate also passed the Prison Staff Safety Enhancement Act (S. 307) to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons.

The House also passed the Hotel Fees Transparency Act (H.R. 1479) to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging; the Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act (H.R. 2480) to require SelectUSA to coordinate with state-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production; and the Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act (H.R. 2444) to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Commerce Department, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies.

HOUSE VOTES:

REGULATING LITHIUM BATTERIES: The House has passed the Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act (H.R. 973) sponsored by Rep. Ritchie Torres, D-N.Y., to have the Consumer Product Safety Commission adopt a rule imposing safety standards for lithium-ion batteries used in electric bikes, scooters, and other personal mobility products. Torres said: "Poorly manufactured lithium-ion batteries often imported from China are hidden ticking time bombs waiting to detonate in American homes and neighborhoods. The danger has become too great to ignore." The vote, on April 28, was 365 yeas to 42 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

NAYS: Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

ENTERTAINMENT TICKET FEES: The House has passed the Transparency In Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act (H.R. 1402) sponsored by Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis, R-Fla., to require sellers of tickets to sports, concerts, and other entertainment events to clearly show detailed ticket prices to would-be purchasers. Bilirakis said: "This legislation is about empowering consumers and ensuring fans can enjoy live events by improving ticket price transparency." The vote, on April 29, was 409 yeas to 15 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

PRODUCTS WITH SODIUM NITRITE: The House has passed the Youth Poisoning Protection Act (H.R. 1442) sponsored by Rep. Lori Trahan, D-Mass., to ban the sale to consumers of products whose weight is 10% or more sodium nitrite. Trahan said: "This bill is focused and reasonable. It targets bad actors who are exploiting a loophole to profit off tragedy, and it does so without burdening responsible businesses." The vote, on April 29, was 378 yeas to 42 nays.

NAYS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Clyde R

-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

YEAS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

INTERNET-CONNECTED APPLIANCES: The House has passed the Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act (H.R. 859) sponsored by Rep. Russ Fulcher, R-Idaho, to require manufacturers of Internet-connected products to inform shoppers that the products have a camera or microphone. Fulcher said of the need for consumer awareness: "Our stoves or refrigerators shouldn't be secretly recording conversations in our homes. Such information could be accessed by a hacker or nefarious third party." The vote, on April 29, was 415 yeas to 9 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

GLEN CANYON RECREATION: The House has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 60) sponsored by Rep. Celeste Maloy, R-Utah, to disapprove of and void a National Park Service rule, issued this January, restricting the use of motor vehicles in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Arizona and Utah. Maloy said that by cancelling the rule, "We can ensure that Glen Canyon remains a place of freedom, adventure, and opportunity for generations to come and isn't a hindrance to the local economies." A resolution opponent, Rep. Jared Huffman, D-Calif., said the rule appropriately "balances visitor use and access with the long-term stewardship and management of park resources." The vote, on April 29, was 219 yeas to 205 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Scott, David D-

GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE EMISSIONS REGULATIONS: The House has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 87) sponsored by Rep. John James, R-Mich., to disapprove of and void an Environmental Protection Agency notice granting the California Air Resources Board a waiver allowing that state to impose various emissions standards on motor vehicles. James said a waiver "allows California to ram its comply-or-die, zero-emission truck rule down the throat of the American trucking industry, essentially gutting the trucking industry all across Michigan and across the country." A resolution opponent, Rep. Luz M. Rivas, D-Calif., said: "Strong vehicle standards protect Americans from expensive and volatile fossil fuels and accelerate the adoption of cleaner vehicle technologies to help us compete globally." The vote, on April 30, was 231 yeas to 191 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

VEHICLE NITROGEN OXIDE EMISSIONS: The House has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 89) sponsored by Rep. Jay Obernolte, R-Calif., to disapprove of and void an Environmental Protection Agency rule issued this January that granted the California Air Resources Board a waiver allowing the state to regulate vehicle nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions. The vote, on April 30, was 225 yeas to 196 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th)

NAYS: Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

NOT VOTING: Collins R-GA (10th)

STATUS OF LONGFIN SMELT: The House has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 78) sponsored by Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-Calif., to disapprove of and void a 2024 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule that listed the San Francisco Bay variety of the longfin smelt fish as an endangered species. The vote, on May 1, was 216 yeas to 195 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

CALIFORNIA CLEAN CARS WAIVER: The House has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 88) sponsored by Rep. John Joyce, R-Pa., to disapprove of and void an Environmental Protection Agency notice issued this January that granted the California Air Resources Board a waiver in order to allow the state's Advanced Clean Cars II regulatory plan. The vote, on May 1, was 246 yeas to 164 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

SENATE VOTES:

CHINA AMBASSADOR: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of David Perdue to be Ambassador to China. Perdue was a senator from Georgia from early 2015 to early 2021; otherwise, he has been in private business, including as a senior executive at Reebok and Dollar General. The vote, on April 29, was 67 yeas to 29 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

U.K. AMBASSADOR: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Warren Stephens to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom. Stephens is chairman of the Stephens investment bank, and a leading philanthropist in Arkansas. The vote, on April 29, was 59 yeas to 39 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

TURKEY AMBASSADOR: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Thomas Barrack to be Ambassador to Turkey. Barrack was the founder and CEO of the private equity Colony Capital (since renamed as Digital Bridge) real estate firm, and was an Interior Department official early in the Reagan administration. The vote, on April 29, was 60 yeas to 36 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

ITALY AMBASSADOR: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Tilman Fertitta to be Ambassador to Italy, and to concurrently be Ambassador to San Marino. Fertitta is primary owner of the Landry's hospitality company, the Houston Rockets basketball franchise, and Golden Nugget Hotel and Casinos. The vote, on April 29, was 83 yeas to 14 nays.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

APPLIANCE ENERGY STANDARDS: The Senate has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 42) sponsored by Rep. Andrew S. Clyde, R-Ga., to disapprove of and void an Energy Department rule issued last October that tightened energy efficiency requirements for consumer appliances such as washing machines, and industrial climate controls. The vote, on April 30, was 52 yeas to 46 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

TARIFFS EMERGENCY DECLARATION: The Senate has rejected a resolution (S.J. Res. 49), sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., that would have voided President Trump's declaration a month ago of an emergency that involved imposing a base 10% tariff on imports into the U.S., with additional tariffs imposed for numerous specific countries. Wyden said the Senate "cannot be an idle spectator in the tariff madness. The Congress has the power to set tariffs and regulate global trade." The vote, on April 30, was 49 yeas to 49 nays. A subsequent motion to reconsider the resolution was tabled by a 50 yeas to 49 nays vote, with Vice President Vance as the 50th yea.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

REGULATING COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS: The Senate has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 75) sponsored by Rep. Craig Goldman, R-Texas, that would nullify and void an Energy Department rule issued this January that set out energy efficiency standards for commercial refrigeration products. The vote, on May 1, was 52 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

REGULATING AIR POLLUTANTS: The Senate has passed a resolution (S.J. Res. 31) sponsored by Sen. John R. Curtis, R-Utah, that would disapprove of and void an Environmental Protection Agency rule regarding emitters of persistent, bioaccumulative hazardous air pollutants. The vote, on May 1, was 52 yeas to 46 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

Deerfield-Windsor's comeback falls just short in last regular season game

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY - The Deerfield-Windsor Knights scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday evening but fell just short of a comeback win, losing 9-7 to Citizens Christian Academy on Addison Field.

Citizens' right-hander Blake Bryant and the Patriots dominated the first six innings of the game. Bryant gave up just four hits in six innings of work and struck out eight batters, including striking out the side twice. The Patriots also turned two double plays that kept the Knights from building a rally.

Deerfield-Windsor had just one run heading into the bottom of the seventh - an RBI single from Lane Sceals. However, the Patriots changed pitchers and the Knights woke up.

Grier Morey opened the seventh with a walk and Quinton Peterson lined a single to right. One out later, Drake Wiggins walked to load the bases and Boyd Pollock walked to score the second run for the Knights.

Gabe Daniel followed and lined a bullet to deep right field, clearing the bases and putting the score at 9-5. Lan Wiggins then scored Daniel with a line drive to right before Collins Clark doubled to left, putting runners at second and third. Gage Tomlinson then singled to center, adding two more runs. A fly out and a fielder's choice ended Deerfield-Windsor's comeback.

Clark opened the game on the mound for the Knights and pitched five innings. The sophomore southpaw gave up five hits and five runs, but just one was earned. He walked five and struck out seven.

Colton Marshall pitched the sixth inning, and West Rushton pitched the seventh.

The loss ends the Deerfield-Windsor regular season with a 15-8-1 record. As of Monday morning, the Knights were ranked No. 5 in the GIAA Class AAA poll but playoff information was not yet available.



By Joe Whitfield
Deerfield-Windsor catcher Lan Wiggins, left, hands the ball to relief pitcher Colton Marshall during the sixth inning of Friday's game in Albany. The Knights put together a comeback against the Patriots but came up just short, losing 9-7.

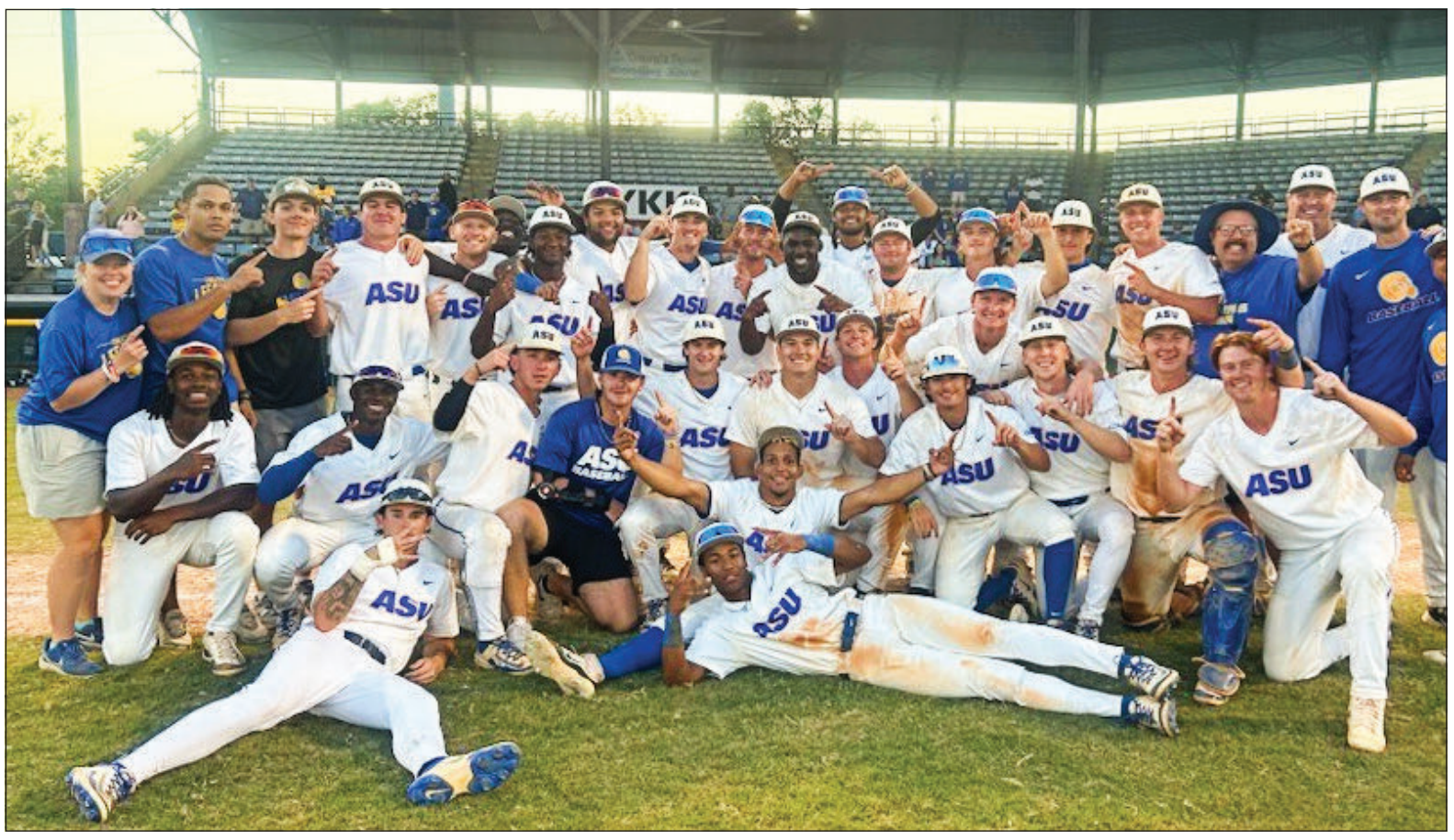


Photo provided
The Albany State Golden Rams celebrate after winning the SIAC Championship over Savannah State 14-12 Sunday at Luther Williams Field in Macon. The Golden Rams went through the tournament unbeaten, beating Miles College, Spring Hill College, and then Savannah State twice in a row. Find additional game photos at AlbanyHerald.com.

SIAC CHAMPIONS!

Albany State wins conference tournament in Macon to advance to NCAA regionals

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

MACON — Albany State outlasted Savannah State 14-12 in a tense, back-and-forth championship game Sunday to win the SIAC Baseball Tournament and punch its ticket to the NCAA Division II postseason.

With the Golden Rams clinging to a two-run lead in the ninth, the drama peaked when Savannah State's leadoff batter singled, putting the tying run at the plate. But Landon Kiefer came through in the clutch, retiring three straight batters to secure the title at Luther Williams Field.

"We started playing team baseball, and it's amazing what happens when you play as a team," Albany State Head Coach Scot Hemmings said. "The word that comes to mind that I told our team is we finally got over the hump, and I'm just super proud of this senior class who has been through a lot with me. They finally got to do the dog pile that we've talked so much about."

As Hemmings noted, it was a true team effort. The Golden Rams produced 14 hits, and Hemmings used six pitchers as Savannah State continued to rally each time Albany State looked poised to pull away.

A unique local connection also played a key role. Former Terrell Academy teammates Quindon Wright and Luke Addison helped swing the momentum in the sixth inning. Wright pitched a strong top half, and in the bottom half, Addison crushed a two-run homer to break a 7-7 tie and give Albany State the lead for good.

The Golden Rams had jumped out to a 5-0 lead after scoring three runs in the third inning, but by the sixth, Savannah State had tied the game at 7-7. Albany State responded with a seven-run bottom of the sixth to regain control, though the Tigers battled back to cut the deficit to two runs heading into the final frame.

Kiefer, typically a starting pitcher who won Game Two of the tournament on the mound, entered in the eighth and shut down the Tiger offense the rest of the way.

Addison and Matt Delay each drove in three runs on three hits. Tyler Turner added three RBIs with two hits, while Austin Roberts knocked in two runs on two hits.

Hemmings said the Golden Rams' tournament success was shaped by adversity earlier in the season.

"It basically boiled down to, in the middle of the year, we were at a crossroads with our team," he said. "We weren't playing good baseball. I felt like we were doing some selfish things. But about three weeks ago, we started playing team baseball, and it's amazing what happens when you play as a team."

Now, the team has reached its goal: a berth in the NCAA Division II Regional.

"We are extremely excited about going to a national regional," Hemmings said. "And we're just really appreciative of all the fan support that we got from Albany — everywhere from our players' parents to our athletic director, administration at Albany State, to the local newspaper and the local television station. It was an amazing atmosphere and an awesome environment for our guys."

Local track and field athletes advance in GHSA playoffs

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

FORT VALLEY — Several Albany-area athletes secured their place at next week's GHSA Class 3A Track and Field State Championships after strong performances Saturday at the sectional meet in Fort Valley, while Lee County athletes competed in a separate Class 5A sectional in Villa Rica.

The meet, which determined who would advance to the May 9-10 state championships at Hugh Mills Stadium in Albany, featured competitors from all three Albany high schools — Dougherty, Monroe, and Westover — with each school sending multiple athletes through to the next round.

Monroe High's girls team produced some of the day's most dominant performances. Senior Marianna Wright continued her standout season by winning both the 400-meter dash and the 300-meter hurdles. Teammate Madison Goddard also claimed a victory, finishing first in the 800-meter run, while Kaitlyn Williams earned second place in the 200-meter dash. Monroe's Kie'Aundria Acree added a seventh-place finish in the triple jump.

Westover's Sydney Donaldson took second in the high jump and sixth in the 100-meter dash, while Janiyah Winslow placed fourth in the discus. Dougherty's Grace Smith qualified for state with a seventh-place showing in the shot put.

On the boys' side, Westover's Jaylan McCloud led the local contingent with a first-place finish in the long jump. He also placed fifth in the 400-meter dash and seventh in the 200. Joseph Ingram added to Westover's total with a fourth-place finish in the discus.

Monroe's Sedrick Roundtree finished third in the 800-meter run, while Dougherty's Zaterious Griffin placed sixth in the same event.

Dougherty's hurdle standout Zeterria Kegler advanced in both events, finishing sixth in the 110-meter hurdles and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles. Teammate Jaquavus Hallman placed fifth in the triple jump.

In relay events, all three Albany schools saw their boys' 4x400 teams qualify, with Monroe placing third, Dougherty fifth, and Westover seventh. Dougherty and Westover also qualified in the 4x100, placing sixth and eighth,

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Leanza homers twice in loss to Westwood

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

DAWSON — Terrell Academy senior Tucker Leanza blasted two home runs Thursday, but it wasn't enough to slow down a red-hot Westwood lineup that tallied 12 hits off four different Eagle pitchers in a 14-5 win at Terrell Academy.

"We got out-hit and outplayed today," said Terrell Academy head coach Ashley Walker. "It's not a secret — just wasn't a good day for the Eagles."

Westwood wasted no time taking control, scoring three runs in the top of the first, highlighted by a two-run homer from senior catcher Sam Summerlin. The Eagles answered with a solo home run from Leanza over the left-field fence in the bottom of the second, but the Wildcats responded with three more runs in the third, forcing starter Kyle Hall off the mound.

Brody Cowart entered in relief and stopped the bleeding, but Westwood added two more runs in the fifth. Jack Hampson then took over on the mound for Terrell Academy.

Leanza led off the bottom of the sixth with his second home run of the game, giving the Eagles hope for a late rally. Trailing 8-5 entering the seventh, Terrell Academy saw the game slip further out of reach when the Wildcats tagged Hampson for five runs. Landon Rogers was called in to finish the game on the mound.

Westwood's Liam Rogers earned the win, pitching six innings while allowing eight hits, five earned runs, three walks, and recording six strikeouts. Kaden Gunn closed the door with a perfect seventh inning.

Summerlin and Gunn led Westwood at the plate with three hits apiece, while Cade Swilley and Noah Sherman added two hits each.

The Eagles are ranked No. 11 in the current MaxPreps polls and will likely travel to Piedmont Academy for the first round of the state baseball playoffs.



By Joe Whitfield
Terrell Academy team members greet Tucker Leanza (27) to celebrate his second home run of the game on Thursday against Westwood. Westwood's 12-hit attack helped the Wildcats beat the Eagles, 14-5.

Braves manage to avoid escape sweep against Dodgers; Riley homers twice in 4-3 Atlanta victory

Field Level Media

Austin Riley hit a pair of two-run home runs and the Atlanta Braves hung on to beat the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers 4-3 on Sunday and avoid a three-game sweep.

The victory was Atlanta's first in six games against the Dodgers this season and ended LA's seven-game winning streak.

It was the eighth multi-homer game of Riley's career. He hit a pair in an 8-4 road victory against the Toronto Blue Jays on April 14. The third baseman has a club-best eight homers.

Atlanta starter Bryce Elder (2-1) posted his third straight solid outing. The right-hander pitched five innings and left after allowing a walk and hit to open the sixth. He allowed two runs on four hits, two walks and six strikeouts in the game.

Daysbel Hernandez threw 1 1/3 scoreless innings of relief and Raisel Iglesias struck out the side in the ninth to earn his sixth save.

Iglesias allowed a leadoff infield single to Andy Pages and pinch runner Hyeseong Kim reached third base with one out, but Miguel Rojas and Austin Barnes struck out to end the game.

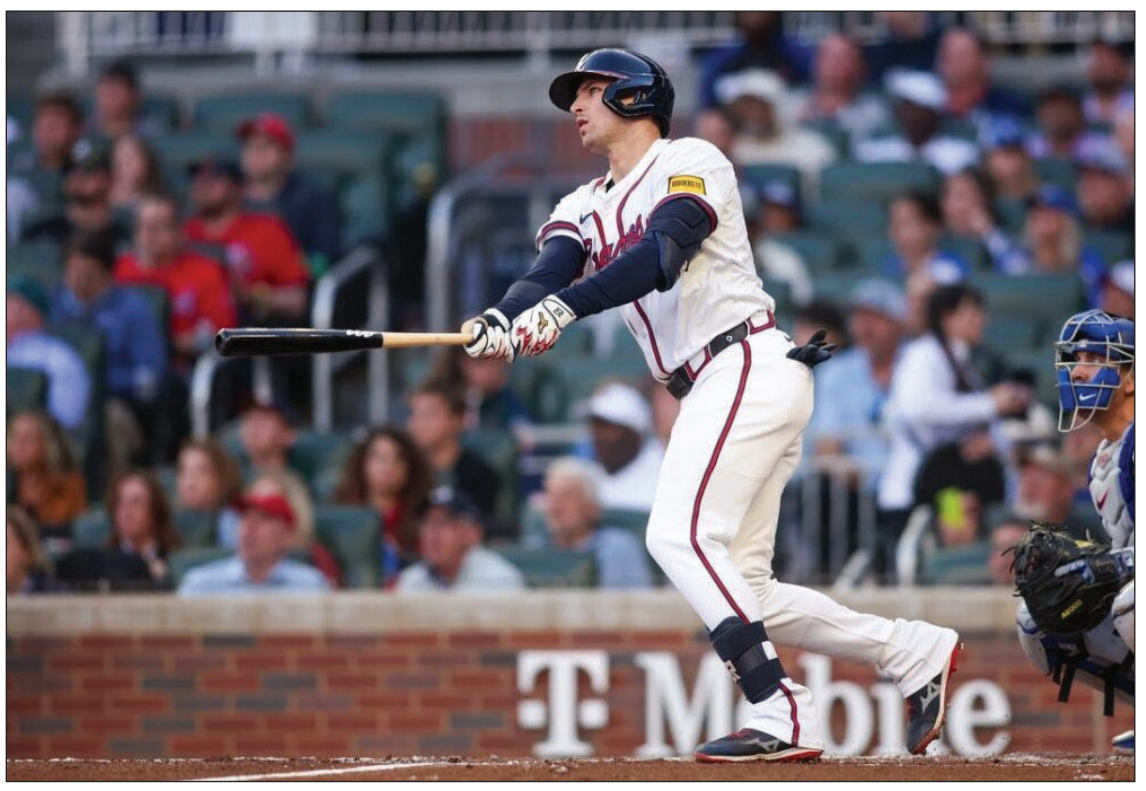
Dodgers starter Dustin May (1-2) worked 5 2/3 innings and allowed four runs on five hits, two walks and six strikeouts. He surrendered both of Riley's home runs.

Riley gave the Braves an early 4-0 lead with the longball. His first homer came in the opening inning after Alex Verdugo drew a leadoff walk. Riley slammed a sweeper 426 feet into the left field stands.

Riley's second homer came in the third inning after Verdugo's leadoff single. He connected with another sweeper for a 416-foot homer to center field.

The Dodgers scored once in the fourth on Max Muncy's RBI double into the right field corner, then added another in the sixth on Muncy's infield grounder.

Los Angeles cut the lead to 3-2 with a run in the seventh on a pinch-hit homer by Rojas, his first, against reliever Dylan Lee.



Field Level Media

Braves' slugger Austin Riley hit two home runs to help Atlanta beat the Dodgers for the first time in six tries this season and avoid a three-game sweep on their home field.

Worth County swept by No. 2 Jeff Davis to end year

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HAZELHURST - The No. 2-ranked Jeff Davis Yellow Jackets showed why they are ranked number two Friday when they swept Worth County and ended the Rams' baseball season in the Sweet 16 of the GHSA baseball playoffs. The Yellow Jackets took game one 8-1 and finished off the Rams in Game Two, 14-5.

Both games were close in the early going, but the Yellow Jackets got big innings later to pull away. In the first game, Jeff Davis led just 1-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth before scoring four runs in the fourth and three more in the sixth.

The two teams were tied 2-2 in the fourth inning before the Yellow Jackets pulled away with three runs in the fourth, four runs in the fifth, three in the sixth, and two in the seventh.

"You can't take anything away from Jeff Davis," Worth County Head Coach Will Smith said. "They are the number one team int he state for a reason. But we had our chances. I think four innings in a row, we had runners in scoring position and just could not get the hit we needed.

"We hit the ball well," Smith continued. "But we hit the ball and they made the plays, and then when they hit the ball, they didn't hit right at us. Jeff Davis supporters told me that was the best their team had hit all season."

Caden Emerson took the loss on the mound for Worth County in game one and Avery Kilcrease suffered the loss in game two.

Luke Rogers smacked three hits in game two, but the Yellow Jackets outhit the Rams 18-6 in game two and 9-4 in game one.

The loss ends the season for Worth County and the Rams will lose four seniors from the 22-11 season. Caden Emerson, Drake Jones, Logan Fox, and Grant Juster will graduate later this month.

"We will have some big holes to fill," Smith said. "These seniors have played a lot of games and made a big difference for this team. We've got some younger players that can play, I just hope they will work in the off season and be ready for their chance when the time comes."

Jeff Davis (30-4) will now move on to the Elite Eight against Model. The Rams' season ends with a 22-11 record.

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respectively.

All four of Monroe's girls relay teams advanced. The 4x100 team finished sixth, while the 4x200 and 4x400 squads each took second. The 4x800 relay team placed sixth.

In Villa Rica, Lee County's Ja'Mari Arnold qualified for state with a fourth-place finish in the long jump. Trey Felton finished fifth in the discus, and Jayden Daniels placed fifth in the shot put.

Lee County's girls were led by Jade Cintron, who placed seventh in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. The Lady Trojans' 4x400 relay team finished third, and the 4x800 team came in fifth.

The top eight finishers in each event advanced to next week's state championship meet in Albany.



By Joe Whitfield

Monroe senior Marianna Wright won the 300-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash, plus helped Monroe finish second in two relay races Saturday at the Class AAA sectionals at Peach County High School in Fort Valley. Wright will now prepare for her final high school track meet next week in Albany at Hugh Mills Stadium which hosts the GHSA Class AAA state championships.

Liam Elliot's discus gold highlights Deerfield-Windsor's grit at state meet

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LOCUST GROVE — Deerfield-Windsor senior Liam Elliot captured a state championship in the boys' discus this weekend, and teammate Benson Bridges earned a silver medal in the boys' pole vault at Strong Rock Christian School south of Atlanta. But the Knights' hopes for a team title were dashed earlier in the week when senior Mason Johnson suffered an injury during a soccer game.

Johnson, who won three events at the region championship in April, was expected to be a top contender at state in the triple jump, long jump, and 300-meter hurdles. He won the state title in the 300-meter hurdles as a sophomore.

"We would have easily finished second with Mason," said Deerfield-Windsor head coach Jake Clawson. "But without him, we only took one first-place win."

That lone victory came from Elliot, whose winning discus throw of 142 feet, 4 inches was nearly 10 feet farther than his region-winning mark of 132-8.

Bridges cleared 12 feet in the pole vault to take second place — six inches higher than his region performance of 11-6.

Other top performances for the Knights included:

-Ben Everett, eighth place in the 110-meter hurdles

-Whatley Fountain, seventh in the 800-meter run, fifth in the 1600, and third in the 3200

-Ethan Newsome, sixth in the 3200 and tenth in the 1600

-The boys' 4x800 relay team of Jack Moore, Mangham Pippin, Ethan Newsome, and Whatley Fountain finished second and set a school record, with a time of 8:21 - 25 seconds faster than when the same boys won the region in April.

-The 4x400 relay team finished eighth.

On the girls' side, Ella Bridges finished fifth in the pole vault, Ginna Davis placed fifth in the high jump, and the 4x800 relay team took seventh.

Moving the Chains: Aging, Part 1 – Out with the old

By Scott Ludwig
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It's inevitable that we get older. There comes a time when we no longer age in years, but in minutes. Seconds, even.

One day we all reach the age that we can practically hear the clock ticking inside our chests.

I'm not speculating here. I'm speaking from experience.

Tick ... tick ... tick ...

That being said, let's get on with this while I still have time.

I wanted to talk about some of the things that I used to enjoy without the risk of spraining a muscle or breaking a bone.

Things that were once ... fun!

And now have become things I've left behind. They weren't fun anymore, mainly because my body lost the capacity to tolerate them, for one reason or another.

Therefore, we had to go our separate ways.

Bowling. My parents were avid bowlers, and therefore my sister and I became avid bowlers – although in my case not by choice. While I never bowled a perfect game, I could always knock down a pin or two. In fact I was on the University of Florida's bowling team my sophomore year in college. I never got a varsity letter, though, probably because bowling isn't considered a sport.

Over time I got bored with knocking down the exact same pins that were always in the exact same spot on alleys that you couldn't tell one from the other. I asked myself 'what's the point?' Ask yourself that question and what do you hear? Exactly: crickets.

Golf. There had never been a golfer in our family, so I was the first. I started golfing when we were stationed on Oahu, so I grew up playing on some really nice courses. I made the high school golf team – made All-City as a junior, in fact – but was booted off the team my senior year because the coach and I couldn't come to an agreement on the length of my hair. I tried out for the University of Florida golf team my sophomore year in college. Unfortunately, despite playing some of the best golf of my life, I didn't make the team. Some hack named Andy Bean took my spot before heading off to the PGA tour where he won a tournament or two (OK, so it was 11).

As I got older and my muscles began to lose the elasticity that only comes with youth, my backswing got shorter and shorter as well. So did the length of my shots – and my patience – so I stuffed my clubs in a closet.

Besides, there are three things you can count on playing golf: (1) it won't be cheap, (2) it takes too long, and (3) every time you hit the ball there are an infinite number of things that can go wrong and only one thing that can go right, so the odds are not in your favor.

Running. About a year after Cindy and I were married, she noted I was fat and suggested I might like to run a mile or two. So that's exactly what I did, every single day for the next 45 years.

But after putting more miles on my legs than most people put on their cars, my body strongly hinted that I should consider another form of exercise.

RIP, running. 11/30/78 – 12/31/23.

Dairy. Speaking of bodies, they do strange things as age. They develop allergies, lose hearing and/or sight, come down with arthritis, or in extreme cases, get cancer.

As for me – at this point, anyway - my body became intolerant of lactose. The worst offender was milk, now known as public enemy #1.

That meant I had to give up an entire food group. And that meant no more cereal except for Frosted Flakes, which I eat right out of the box like everyone else.

As for my favorite dessert, I now eat ice cream about as often as you or I win



Scott Ludwig

the lottery.

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So what fun things have taken the place of bowling, golf, running, and dairy in my life?

You'll find out next week.

And if you've been around for a while – like me - I don't think you'll want to miss it.

OBITUARIES

Hugh Cowart Cunningham

Hugh Cowart Cunningham of Albany, Ga passed away peacefully at Willson Hospice House on April 11, 2025.

Hugh was born May 18th 1931 in Arlington Georgia, son of Lewis Oree Cunningham and Rachel Cowart Cunningham. He was the youngest of three children, with two older sisters Rachel Cunningham Askew and Angeline Cunningham Stevens. He learned to hunt and play sports in a colorful small southern town that was the basis of so many of his stories that filled our lives with laughter and cherished memories. His family life was well documented in the detailed stories we heard (and recorded) many times throughout his life. Hugh loved Diane, his wife of 68 years from the moment they met on Daytona Beach. He was a handsome young dentist vacationing with his buddies when their romance began and was continued over the following years through written love letters and a few long-distance visits. Hugh and Diane married after she graduated from college and moved to Albany where he practiced as an orthodontist until the late 1980s. He cared for her throughout the years as a loving husband and father of four children.

Hugh was a man of many talents and interests - he was called "The Renaissance Man" by his friends and family.

He loved sailing, gardening, gourmet cooking, and after retirement, woodworking. He was a master of it all, as he researched and read everything, he could to perfect his longest avocation.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Kern Cunningham and four children, Kern Cunningham, Juliet Phillips (Steve), Jennifer Clark (Scott) and Andrea Cunningham (Jason). He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Pearson, Varn and Kathleen Cunningham, Gray Carden, Win and Kate Clark, Trotter, Wyatt and Juliet Brown. Additionally, Hugh is survived by three great grandchildren Helene and CeCe Cunningham and Alaina Brown. The family would like to acknowledge other important and cherished extended family members: Nick Carden, Catharine Field, Rachel Joffe Benham, Joe Joffe, Angeline Sprott, and Hugh's nieces, nephews, and cousins of the Cowart - Cunningham family.

The family would like to thank loving caretakers and friends Kathy Jordan, Mattie Lunsford, Janice Williams and Michelle Oliver, Lauren Glover and Georgia Home Hospice employees. We would especially like to express appreciation to the staff of Willson Hospice House for their skill and kindness.

A Celebration of Life drop-in is planned for Saturday, May 10th, 2025 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at The Coach House, 1308 Dawson Rd Albany, Ga.

Those who wish may make contributions to Hugh's memory to Phoebe Hospice or The Willson Hospice House, 320 Foundation Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

To sign our online registry, or to send condolences to the family, you may visit Mathews' website at www.mathewsfuneralhome.com.



Mrs. Peggy Jo Hall (Sutton)

Mrs. Peggy Jo Sutton Hall, 80, of Albany, died Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at her residence.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Banks Funeral Home Chapel with a private interment at the Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery. The Rev. Jan Masters will officiate.

Mrs. Hall was born on August 6, 1944 in Rumsey, Kentucky, to the late Jesse and Geneva Dukes Sutton. She had lived in Albany most of her life and was a homemaker. She enjoyed reading and cooking. Mrs. Hall was a member of Morningside Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, Kevin Hall (Cherry) of Moultrie; grandchildren, David Hall, Samantha Hall both of Moultrie and a brother, Curtis Sutton (Joyce) of Sacramento, KY .

The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 10:00 AM until funeral hour at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com. Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.
2 Thessalonians 3:5

Stockbridge junior receives state Poet Laureate's Prize

Staff Reports
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ATLANTA – Georgia Poet Laureate Chelsea Rathburn, in partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts, has announced the winner and finalists of the 12th annual Poet Laureate's Prize. The prize is awarded for an original poem written by a Georgia high school student.

The program encourages students in grades 9-12 to write original poems and engage in the art form of poetry, in turn building creative communications skills and self-confidence. More than 260 students submitted poems for the 2024-2025 school year, with 105 high schools participating from all corners of the state.

The students' grade levels noted below reflect the 2024-2025 school year.

2025 WINNER POET LAUREATE'S PRIZE

Jada Michelle Ellis – "Fatherless Echoes" Grade 11, Woodland High School; Stockbridge, Henry County

2025 FINALISTS POET LAUREATE'S PRIZE

Jaiden Geolingo – "Dino Before Impact" Grade 10, Howard High School; Macon, Bibb County

Max Lee – "Savannah, Georgia (+Other Bolted Places)" Grade 12, Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County

Rachel Li – "love poem in haiku form" Grade 11, North Oconee High School; Watkinsville, Oconee County

Liora Yustein – "Firelight Lullaby" Grade 11, Decatur High School; Decatur, DeKalb County

"Each spring, I have the difficult pleasure of reading entries submitted from students across the state – difficult only because it's hard to choose a winner and finalists," Rathburn said. "Discovering so many powerful and surprising poems, ranging in subject from history and family to the extinction of the dinosaurs, I'm certain that the future of poetry in Georgia is bright."

Through a partnership with Atlanta Magazine, all winning and finalist poems are featured on its website. All of the 2025 finalists were invited to participate in a private poetry reading at the State Capitol and to receive a commemorative photo with Gov. Brian Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp in honor of their achievement.

"Fostering healthy, creative self-expression and engaging young people in the arts as a fundamental part of a well-rounded education is a key focus of our mission at Georgia Council for the Arts, and the Georgia Poet Laureate's Prize has been a meaningful and exciting part of that work for over a decade," Georgia Council for the Arts Executive Director Tina Lilly said. "We are consistently impressed by the imagination and talent shown by students across Georgia, and we're thankful to the educators who supported and motivated them through this year's contest."

All Georgia high school students are encouraged to participate in this annual competition. Details about the 2026 competition will be available on the Georgia Council for the Arts website in fall 2025. The annual submission deadline is at the beginning of spring.

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.

"CUNOA JPLZ P IPXVEPS BUCZN. GJZK EPR ZVGJZN WNVRX GJZ XNZPGZAG JPBBVRZAA UN GJZ OZZBZAG OZABPVN." — AVXITRO HNZTO

Previous Solution: "Actually I'm addicted to science fiction. Let me make my diction clear — I love sci-fi." — John Rhys-Davies

TODAY'S CLUE: D stands for X

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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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2 main gazpacho ingredient (6)	_____
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6 Perry Mason's job (6)	_____
7 "flat fare" (8)	_____

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Monday's Answers: 1. COMMENDS 2. CANCUN 3. DEDUCTIONS 4. SALTWATER 5. BUFFALO 6. CINCH 7. TEXTS 5/6

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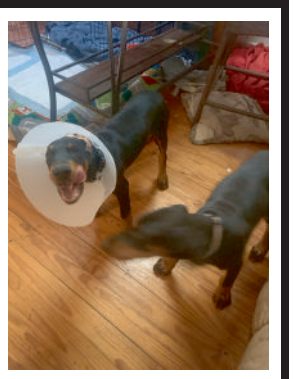
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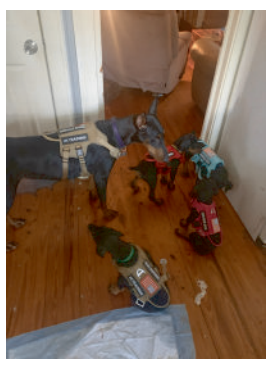
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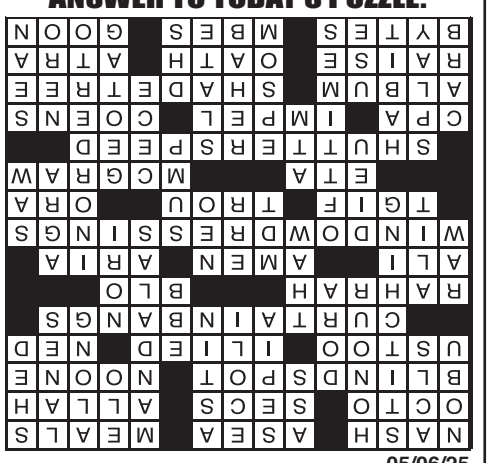
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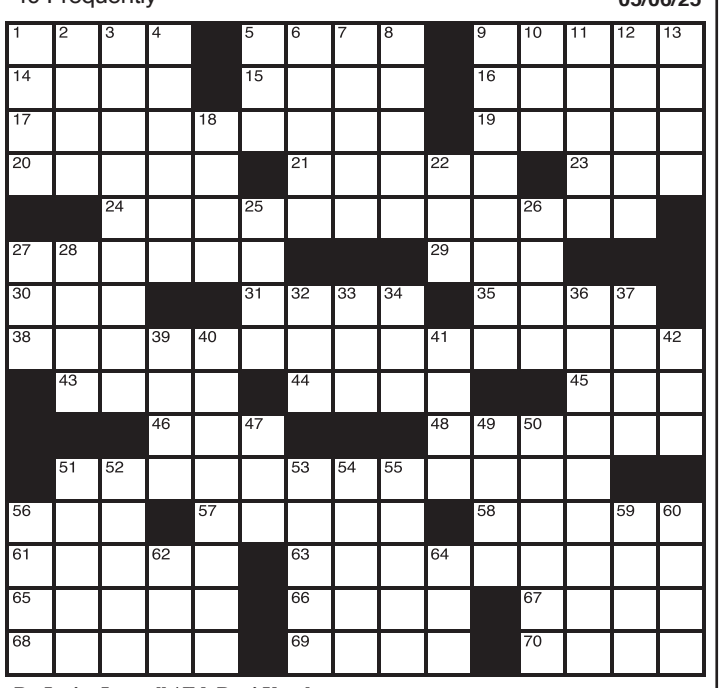
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Documentary based on Dr. Karen Kinsell named Peabody Award winner

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DURHAM, N.C. – The Peabody Awards Board of Jurors selected Reel South feature documentary "The Only Doctor," directed by Matthew Hashiguchi and produced by Anjanette Levert, to receive a prestigious Peabody Award. The film follows Dr. Karen Kinsell, who for nearly 20 years has been the only doctor in her southwest Georgia county, and reveals the shocking reality of rural health care in America.

"Working on this film with Dr. Kinsell was an incredible journey that, in many ways, mirrored my own life," Hashiguchi said. "While I was filming with Dr. Kinsell and her patients, my wife and I were also navigating the health care and births of our two daughters. This award is a tremendous honor, but even more meaningful to me is the way the film has become a priceless memento from the first years of my children's lives."

"Reel South is incredibly honored by this recognition for 'The Only Doctor,'" series producer Nick Price said. "As we embark on our next decade of storytelling in the South, we are encouraged to see that opportunities for filmmakers like Matt and public servants like Dr. Kinsell receive their due recognition from within and outside of the region. This film fulfills the mission of our series and our larger public broadcasting service."

Kinsell said she hopes this award "will help create the change we need to provide health and healthcare to all." She continues to see patients in Clay County, Georgia, and has also been purchasing dilapidated homes and remodeling them for low-income residents.

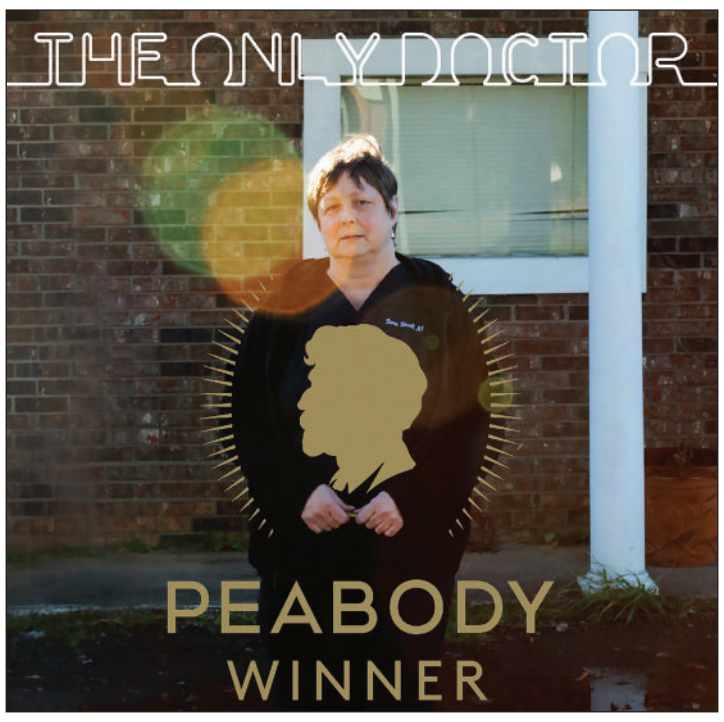
Reel South's "The Only Doctor" won in the Public Service category. Previous winners of the category include significant public-interest and other public broadcasting programs and journalism outlets from Frontline, BBC, CNN, ABC News and ESPN. Season 9 of Reel South was funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. The awards presentation ceremony will take place on June 1 in Los Angeles.

In 1941, the National Association of Broadcasters established the Peabody Awards to honor excellence in broadcasting. Now split up into the categories of entertainment, documentary, news, podcast/radio, arts, children's and youth, and public service programming, Peabody Award winners are a "collection of stories that powerfully reflect the pressing social issues and the vibrant emerging voices of our day" and are chosen each year by a diverse Board of Jurors through unanimous vote.

"The Only Doctor" had its U.S. broadcast premiere during the ninth season of the PBS program Reel South in 2024. Hashiguchi is a documentary filmmaker and Associate Professor at Georgia Southern University. He earned an MFA degree from Emerson College in 2011 and a BA from Ohio State University in 2007. His feature-length documentary "Good Luck Soup" was broadcast on PBS World's America ReFramed. He is the 2016 Documentary Fund Award winner from the Center for Asian American Media recipient.

Producer Levert is a senior lecturer at Spelman College and the former director of the Documentary Filmmaking Program. She is an alumna of the Southern Producers Lab by the New Orleans Film Society and the Sundance Producers Intensive.

Other production team members include Edit Consultant Martha Shane, Composer Buck St. Thomas, and Sound Designer Billy Wirasnik. "The Only Doctor" was the recipient of the 2019 Gucci Tribeca Documentary Fund Award and the 2021 American Stories Documentary Fund Award from Points North Institute.



Special Photo

A documentary based on the career of Dr. Karen Kinsell in Clay County has received a Peabody Award.

Kinsell is the only doctor in all of Clay County, Georgia, one of the poorest and unhealthiest rural regions in the state. Her clinic has served the most vulnerable in her community for more than 22 years but now faces bankruptcy. Despite not drawing a personal salary to help keep the doors open, Kinsell must weigh retiring against providing health care to her patients. When a Hail Mary offer arrived from a university medical association, a fully-equipped health center is proposed.

Kinsell makes affordability and access her personal red lines of the potential sale. An impending state election and the outbreak of COVID add more uncertainty to the fraught population, reminding Kinsell of how much is riding on the fine print. Straight-talking and downright inspirational, the film presents a modern David-versus-Goliath health care story that might just restore viewers' faith in humanity.

For all the wonders of the South — the food, the music, the people, the land — the collective heritage of the region is complicated, to say the least. But the ability to witness and understand that complexity and foster empathy is more important than ever, which is why Reel South exists.

Reel South is a PBS documentary series that showcases authentic and inspiring stories that unearth the spirit of the South today. With every film, the series explores the multifaceted layers of Southern life across themes of social justice, cultural experience, environmental challenges, and more. Reel South aims to leverage the region's rich storytelling tradition as a catalyst for positive change and deeper understanding — in the American South and beyond.

Reel South is co-produced by PBS North Carolina, South Carolina ETV, and Louisiana Public Broadcasting and produced in association with Alabama Public Television, Arkansas PBS, South Florida PBS, Tennessee Public Television Council, VPM and WABE.



Special Photo PCOM South Georgia

Jennifer Shaw, the Department Chair of Biomedical Sciences within the Doctor of osteopathic Medicine Program, unpacks research project posters right after they arrive from printing in time for PCOM South Georgia's the May 7 Research Day.

80-plus projects to be featured at PCOM South Georgia Research Day

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MOULTRIE — More than 80 research projects will be on display during the PCOM South Georgia annual Research Day on Wednesday. PCOM student physicians, residents from Georgia South and Archbold, and physicians from area health care systems will share their most recent scholarly work during poster sessions and brief podium talks.

A variety of topics will be discussed, including:

-- "Mapping genetic risk factors for cardiac arrhythmias: A multi-population GWAS using All of Us research data" presented by Daniel Chanelo, PCOM South Georgia student physician.

-- "Optimizing treatment for infantile hemangiomas: A case report on the use of timolol and timing of oral propranolol initiation" presented by Makayla Farr, PCOM South Georgia student physician in collaboration with Georgia South Family Medicine Residency.

-- "Postpartum hemorrhage in the absence of traditional risk factors: A clinical perspective" presented by Lisandra Chinea Ramos, PCOM South Georgia student in collaboration with Georgia South Family Medicine Residency.

-- "Pyogenic granuloma at the ileocecal junction: Unusual culprit of chronic anemia and intussusception" presented by Xavia Taylor, PCOM South Georgia alumna and PGY-2 Internal Medicine Resident with Archbold Medical Center.

The keynote speaker for Research Day will be Alexander Ophir, professor of Psychology at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He will present "Sources of reproductive decision-making and their practical applications using Krogh's principle." His speech will open the event at noon in the college's multipurpose room.

Ophir describes his work as focusing "on the interaction of social behavior and reproductive decision-making." Using primarily rodents, Ophir and his team conduct laboratory and fieldwork research methods, neural manipulations, histology, and genomic/epigenetic methods to comprehend individual variation in genes, brain and behavior. They focus specifically on monogamy and social attachment; alternative reproductive tactics; parental care; early-life experience on development; socio-spatial cognition; mate choice; animal communication; reproductive decision-making; and the substrates governing the social brain.

Ophir joined Cornell's Department of Psychology in 2013. He was previously a member of the Department of Zoology faculty at Oklahoma State University and the University of Florida. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in Behavioral Neuroendocrinology from the University of Texas and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Animal Behavior at McMaster University. His work has been featured in many professional scientific journals and popular publications, such as National Geographic, Newsweek, the LA Times and the New York Times.

Georgia Ag Commissioner Tyler Harper rides bull to support FFA

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ATLANTA -- Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper served as the celebrity bull rider and rode a bull named "Widow Maker" to raise money for Georgia FFA recently. The event was held in Reeves Arena at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, and $5 from every ticket sold went to support Georgia FFA.

"Without the opportunities my time in Georgia FFA afforded to me, I would not be where I am today," Harper said. "I'm proud to support Georgia FFA and the work they do to enrich the lives of thousands of Georgia students any way I can, including getting on the back of a live bull for the first time in 15 years."



TYLER HARPER

Ground broken on new UGA research farm in Perry

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ATLANTA – University of Georgia officials broke ground Friday on a research farm next to the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry.

The 250-acre Grand Farm will serve as a hub for research, education, and sustainable farming practices. Innovative technology including precision agriculture, robotics and data analysis will be used to increase productivity while conserving resources.

Grand Farm will partner with UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences on the project.

"This collaboration represents the perfect marriage of tradition and innovation," Nick T. Place, the college's dean and director, said. "By bringing together the college's world-class researchers and the UGA Institute for Integrative Precision Agriculture with Grand Farms' cutting-edge technologies, we will revolutionize the way we feed and clothe the world's population."

The roots of the partnership go back five years, when University System of Georgia Chancellor Sonny Perdue helped launch a Grand Farm project in North Dakota while serving as U.S. secretary of agriculture.

"This partnership is a great example of how Grand Farm works to advance agriculture technology and solve grower pain points across varied geographies," Grand Farm Executive Director William Aderholt said. "Collaborating with the University of Georgia allows us to leverage their extensive research capabilities and expertise in agricultural sciences, enhancing our ability to innovate and implement solutions that are tailored to diverse agricultural environments."

The farm's first field projects are expected to roll out this year.

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