



File Photo

School speed zone cameras are back online.

Return to school brings school speed zone cameras back online

By Alan Mauldin
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ALBANY – The return of public school students to the classroom means that the speed cameras located near several elementary schools and all Dougherty County School System high school campuses in Albany are back in action.

That holds true for other area school systems when classes begin.

In Albany, drivers will get a two-week “grace period” during which only warnings will be mailed to the owners of cars captured on camera traveling 11 miles or more over the speed limit at one of the nine schools.

One reminder for drivers is that the cameras are active for the hour before and after school begins, with the speed limit of 25 miles per hour. But they are also active during the rest of the day for the posted speed limit at the camera locations.

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Dougherty County Schools looking forward to good year

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ALBANY – Starting school on a Friday may have dampened first-day attendance, and scattered issues with air conditioners made for a few warm classrooms, but other than that the first day was a success for the Dougherty County School System, Superintendent Kenneth Dye said Monday morning.

“We had technicians on hand” for the air conditioners, the school chief said. “Other than that, it went smoothly.”

The superintendent did not have attendance numbers at hand for the initial day of the 2025-2026 school year, but he anticipates that student numbers will be at or slightly less than the 13,000

See **SCHOOL**, 2A



Special Photo

Dougherty County Schools started the 2025-2026 school year on Friday. Initial attendance numbers were not available, but the system expects school numbers of about 13,000.

Marine Depot Maintenance Command holds change-of-command ceremony



Special Photo: MCLC

Col. Kirk M. Spangenberg officially relinquished command of Marine Corps Logistics Command Friday to Col. Nicholas J. Lozar in a time-honored tradition observed by Marines, civilian personnel, and guests.

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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE-ALBANY -- Marine Corps Logistics Command at the Marine base here marked a new chapter in leadership during a change-of-command ceremony Friday. Col. Kirk M. Spangenberg officially relinquished command to Col. Nicholas J. Lozar in a time-honored tradition observed by Marines, civilian personnel, and guests.

Maj. Gen. Keith D. Reventlow, the commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command, presided over the ceremony. Distinguished attendees included Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Sklenka, deputy commandant for Installations and Logistics; Mark Romano, counsel to the Commandant; and several local community leaders.

After the traditional posting of the

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Periodical — Mail Label

Morty the juvenile lemur brings vitality to Chehaw's primate exhibit

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ALBANY – The staff at Chehaw Park & Zoo don't know how an animal native to the island of Madagascar ended up in a southwest Georgia home, but the surrender of the ring-tailed lemur to a local animal shelter was a gain for Chehaw's visitors.

The park took in the infant, Morty, who was then about 4 months old, in April, and

since then he has been successfully integrated with the resident geriatric lemurs, Alexandra and Joey.

Morty was surrendered to a shelter in an adjacent county that turned to Chehaw, which has decades of experience in caring for lemurs, Samantha Sassone, Chehaw's director of living collections, said. The zoo did not have information about why the previous owner turned in the young lemur, Sassone said. The baby lemur was

an orphan, as babies in the wild stay with their mothers until they are about 6 months old.

“We decided that as a zoological facility in southwest Georgia, it was our responsibility to assist,” Sassone said. “We have the food, the space and a veterinarian to care for them, which is important.”

“He was definitely taken from his mother too young.

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Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Morty, a juvenile lemur, joined the other two ring-tailed lemurs at Chehaw Park & Zoo in April after he was surrendered by a private owner to a local animal shelter.

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Georgia lawmakers hear conflicting views about hemp, marijuana

By Ty Tagami
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Products from marijuana and hemp are either dangerous and should be banned or amazing and should be accessible to those who need and want them, a Georgia House study committee heard during a recent meeting.

Lawmakers heard conflicting assertions and opinions during their first hearing ahead of possible changes to state policies for medical marijuana and hemp derivatives.

Several parents testified about children who developed schizophrenia after prolonged consumption of high-dose, off-the-shelf products.

“This is the biggest regulatory failure of my lifetime,” testified one mother, who didn’t want to be identified. She said she discovered that her son had a discount code for frequent purchases at one store.

Dr. Colin Murphy, a psychiatrist, testified that increased potency was driving induced psychosis, with fellow critics saying teenagers are especially vulnerable.

But several medical mari-

juana advocates testified about the relief the plant delivered for pain, allowing them to avoid addictive opioids and other drugs.

“What about the good things about cannabis? Cannabis saved my life,” said Yolanda Bennett, co-founder of the Georgia Medical Cannabis Society, who suffers from a hormonal disorder.

The committee is delving into an area of policy that is as complicated as it is divisive.

It is following on stalemated attempts during this year’s General Assembly session to both increase the potency of medical marijuana and ban hemp beverages.

The area is fraught because the federal government classifies marijuana as a Schedule 1 drug, making street use illegal. Georgia legalizes distribution with a doctor’s approval.

Yet, hemp, which comes from a related plant species, is legal under a 2018 federal law that allowed the plant to be used for products like rope. That federal law also allowed sales of the intoxicating part of the plant when limited to 3% of the product’s



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dry weight.

That has led to a hemp boom, from beverages to gummies.

The market is further complicated by synthetic derivatives that are not regulated. Last fall, the Georgia Department of Agriculture began focused regulatory enforce-

ment of legal hemp regulations, but it was a largely unenforced area before then.

Katherine Russell, the agency’s policy director, said the industry is difficult to regulate because it is quickly evolving. She described a Florida company that is using orange

peels to create cannabidiol, or CBD, a non-intoxicating compound also found in cannabis plants.

“You can regulate cannabis all day long, but if you can source your CBD from somewhere else, then the laws don’t actually cover that,”

Russell said. “So the great thing about this emerging industry is that there are entrepreneurs involved, and it very much touches on the American spirit. But it also makes it very fast moving.”

The committee’s next hearing will be Aug. 21 in Augusta.

From 1A MARINE

colors, invocation, and a performance of the national anthem by Col. Spangenberg’s daughters, Maj. Gen. Revent-



Special Photo

It was back-to-school Friday for students in the Dougherty County School System. Officials expect around 13,000 students during the 2025-26 school year.

From 1A SCHOOL

for the previous school year. “It went well,” he said. “I made it to about 15 of our schools Friday. I expect to get to them all by the end of the week.

Dyer said he expects a

low acknowledged the accomplishments of Col. Spangenberg’s three-year tenure as the MDMC commander, highlighting the depot’s transformation under his leadership.

“You’ve (Spangenberg) left this program better than you

found it,” Reventlow said, “You led with purpose and professionalism, modernizing Marine Depot Maintenance Command and bringing depot maintenance into the 21st century. Your innovations, from digital manufacturing to advanced technologies, directly impacted readiness across the entire Marine Corps. That doesn’t happen by accident. It happens because of leadership like yours.”

Reflecting on his time in command, Spangenberg spoke with pride about the team and the challenges they overcame together.

“We rolled up our sleeves, modernized our tools, optimized our processes, and

invested in the people who drive this mission forward,” Spangenberg said. “Today, MDMC is delivering weapon systems timely, below cost, and at the highest quality results that reflect just how far this team has come in the past three years.”

He also praised the work force that made those achievements possible.

“This organization is exceptional not because of me, but because of the people who show up every day committed to excellence,” he said. “The pride, professionalism, and resilience of this work force are what truly define MDMC, and it has been the honor of my life to lead them.”

Lozar, who most recently

From 1A CAMERA

That means that if a driver is in a 45 mph zone, the cameras will record violations for cars traveling 56 miles per hour or greater.

The cameras have not been without controversy, with individuals caught speeding lodging complaints with police and elected officials. One of the biggest complaints has been from drivers who were unaware the cameras are on throughout the school day, not just the hour of the day when school is beginning and ending, Albany Police Department officer Dillard Glover said.

Another was that there are no flashing lights on North Slappey Boulevard for the camera positioned adjacent to Northside Elementary School.

That has been addressed for this school year with the Georgia Department of Transportation granting permission to add flashing caution lights notifying drivers of the school zone, Glover said. Because the location is on a state highway, it required approval at the state level.

“That was the big complaint: ‘Well, there’s no flashing lights and there’s a big truck in this lane and I didn’t see the sign,’” he said. “We worked for two years on that before we got a letter saying we could do it.

“It (school zones) is enforced all day,” Glover said. “If people slow down and be mindful and remember the faster you drive the longer it takes you to stop. Nobody wants to have a wreck.”

The motivation to install cameras came after a driver struck two children on Mock Road in a school zone, the corporal said. One of those

children was killed, and the other was seriously injured.

The cameras have caught one driver traveling at 101 miles per hour in a 45 zone on Oakridge Drive. Drivers have been caught on the cameras well into the 60s and 70s in the 35-miles-per-hour zone on North Slappey Boulevard, Glover said.

“The whole purpose of this program is ensuring the safety for the students, folks bringing their kids, for buses, for people going to work,” Glover said.

Violators are fined \$80 for a first offense and \$135 for all subsequent offenses. The violations recorded by the cameras are civil violations and do not impact driver’s licenses, which is not the case for criminal violations issued by police officers.

Other than Slappey Boulevard, the cameras are located near:

“Your (Lozar) career has prepared you for this challenge,” he said. “You’re joining a proud and historic team, and I have no doubt you’ll build on this momentum. Under your leadership, MDMC will continue to modernize, deliver readiness, and lead from the front.”

The ceremony concluded with expressions of gratitude to families and the work force at both the Albany and Barstow production plants. The leadership transition underscored the stability of service and commitment to ensuring Marine Corps operational readiness around the globe.

- Lincoln Elementary School on Monroe Street
- Sherwood Elementary School on Whispering Pines Road
- Robert Harvey Elementary School on Blaylock Street
- Morningside Elementary School on East Oakridge Drive
- Alice Coachman Elementary School on West Oakridge Drive
- Dougherty High School on Oglethorpe Boulevard
- Monroe High School on Newton Road
- Westover High School on North Westover Boulevard

There was an effort during the 2025 Georgia General Assembly session to change the laws governing school-zone cameras or to do away with them outright, but those measures failed. They will again be discussed during the 2026 General Assembly.

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From 1A MORTY

He was probably bottle-raised. It’s not legal to have them as pets in southwest Georgia, so whoever had him was keeping him illegally. So how they acquired (him) and why were not provided.”

After a sufficient quarantine period to ensure that Morty did not have any diseases that could potentially harm the two resident lemurs in their 20s, zoo staff began the process of introducing the trio to each other. Ini-

tially that meant placing the new lemur nearby where the lemurs could see each other but not interact physically, and then allowing them to touch hands.

“An important concern was teaching him to be a lemur and not to be isolated,” Sassone said. “Almost all primates are extremely social. We had to implement enrichment. We didn’t touch him, but we were in proximity to him. We kept him in a crate (in the enclosure) so he could see our lemurs. We had to let them know he was healthy, he was OK. He got a chance

to see them.”

Following that, Morty was allowed to interact with his elders for short periods of an hour or two a day under the watchful eyes of staff in case any of the animals displayed aggression. Eventually, the baby lemur had overnight stays in the lemur space.

Now, Morty is acclimated with Alexandra and Joey.

As Sassone discussed the zoo’s adoption of the baby, she pointed out his positive interactions with his two new friends. The lemurs were grooming each other, a common activity for the primates and

a sign that the older lemurs have accepted him, she said.

“That’s how I know they are a troop and they get along well,” Sassone said. “Now he’s acting like a pretty normal lemur.”

With their sparkly eyes and exotic looks, the lemurs are a favorite among the zoo’s exhibits.

“I think that people enjoy them a lot,” Sassone said. “I think Morty being very young brings vitality to the enclosure. I think he’s been a great enrichment for the other lemurs. It’s like having somebody new to talk to.”

Horoscopes

A passionate attitude can lead to trouble. Listen carefully; dissect, rethink and set a sustainable course. Embark on projects that you can complete and utilize your skills to achieve positive results. Set yourself up for success by using what you've got.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Your high energy will meet with resistance and competition. Time is on your side, and patience will be necessary to outmaneuver any opponent you encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Networking events will alter your perspective on professional progress. An interesting turn of events will allow you to utilize your skills in more ways than you thought possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Participate in events that offer insight into how you can best contribute and make a difference. Establish yourself as a frontrunner, but don't jeopardize your physical or emotional well-being.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Avoid letting someone take advantage of you. Don't sell yourself short. What you sacrifice will lead to other limitations on your time, skills and ability to move forward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep tabs on job postings and career options. Domestic problems will arise if there is no compromise. If you can't meet in the middle, you may have to rethink your long-term plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Emotions will overflow if you let others

drag you into their drama. You'll gain more ground if you focus on money, contracts and partnerships with people who share your agenda.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Emphasize your talents and utilize them to get the best results. Direct talks are preferable when dealing with information that comes from unfamiliar sources.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Get in the game. Stand tall and refuse to let anyone steal your thunder. Opportunity knocks; let your charm lead the way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Dedication meets innovation, and the sky's the limit. Refuse to let anyone step in and disrupt your plans. Expect someone to be jealous of your accomplishments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Engage in topics of interest. Take precautions to maintain your rights while standing up for your beliefs. Refuse to let a stubborn attitude get in the way of common sense.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Go where the action is, learn all you can and choose to experience life. What you do will make a difference. Set high standards and leave no room for error. Take charge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Proceed with caution, and when in doubt, sit tight and watch. Timing is crucial if you want to maintain your reputation and effectively address the concerns you have.

DO JUST ONE THING

by Danny Seo

According to NSF International -- the leading authority that "manufacturers, regulators and consumers look to for public health standards" -- the spatula is one of the dirtiest tools in your kitchen, because wood and rubber varieties can have scratches that hide E. coli, yeast and mold. To fix this, be sure to wash (and sanitize) them in the dishwasher using the top rack. For rubber varieties with wooden handles, you can separate the wood from the plastic and just wash the top part. Or, according to NSF, use metal spatulas, which tend to be the cleanest.

Today in History

Today is the 217th day of 2025 and the 47th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal was installed on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor.

In 1962, Marilyn Monroe was found dead in her Los Angeles home.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan began to fire 11,345 striking air-traffic controllers for violating his order to return to work.

In 2010, a cave-in at the San Jose Mine near Copiapo, Chile, trapped 33 miners 2,300 feet underground.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Guy de Maupassant (1850-1893), author/poet; Joseph Merrick aka "The Elephant Man" (1862-1890); John Huston (1906-1987), actor/director; Neil Armstrong (1930-2012), astronaut; Loni Anderson (1945-), actress; David Baldacci (1960-), novelist; Patrick Ewing (1962-), basketball player; Adam Yauch (1964-2012), rapper; James Gunn (1966-), filmmaker; Travie McCoy (1981-), rapper; Lolo Jones

(1982-), Olympic athlete; Anthony Edwards (2001-), basketball player.

TODAY'S FACT: Norma Jeane Baker began using the name Marilyn Monroe in 1946 but did not change her name legally until 1956.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1979, Pete Rose of the Philadelphia Phillies hit his 2,426th career single, breaking Honus Wagner's National League record. Rose would finish his career with 3,215 singles, a major-league record that still stands.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One sometimes weeps over one's illusions with as much bitterness as over a death." -- Guy de Maupassant, "Une vie"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 91 -- minutes legendary magician Harry Houdini spent underwater in a sealed coffin before emerging unharmed on this day in 1926. The event was Houdini's last public escape.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Aug. 1) and full moon (Aug. 9).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy."

Isaac Newton,
scientist (1642-1727)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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Our pastor chair, mayor, and commissioners should do these things rather than spend our money at conferences: Sit at a busy intersection to enjoy loud Charger racing; hang in the parking lot of a slum motel to experience the chaos; wait in line at the broken Probate Court; watch people parking illegally in handicapped spaces; pick up trash of litterers they refuse to ticket; time APD and AFD responses.

It is telling how many ethics and oversight employees have been fired throughout the Trump administration and how the Justice Department and, ultimately, the Supreme Court, are allowing these firings.

A home burned down on Byron Plantation last year. The day after the fire, a safe that withstood the fire was broken into. A large sum of money and guns were taken. Two weeks ago, a home on Quail Hollow burned down. Two days later, the owner found jewelry boxes that survived the fire, but the jewelry was gone. A credit card survived the fire and an attempt to use it was made the next week. Nobody had been in those homes but firemen.

You can't spell corruption without a T-R-U-_-P.

Fifth and sixth abhorrently intolerable: (5) taking cellphone pics during mob beatings of the defenseless (6) Putin. "There are more important things than peace." Time to stand and deliver against evil where ever its found. Revelation implies three-fourths of earth's population will be killed during tribulation. Let's have at it, Who knows, you might be one of the lucky ones.

Don't watch TV news anymore ... might have to glimpse him. I miss reading World and Nation in Albany Herald. Gave me at least a bit of that news.

Fletcher, you can't blame our school demographics on parents who enroll their kids in private schools or homeschool them. Our school system leaders have made it clear that the local schools are meant to "educate" black students on specific issues, not teach them to interact with those who differ from them. Sad but true.

There is a need to curtail the growth of Welfare families. One way to do that is to not increase the stipends for an increased number of children. Flat rate family support for one child, no more.

I'm struggling a bit with the articles by Randall. I wasn't sure why and still I'm not sure. One thing my life experiences have taught me is listen to what people say but pay attention to what they have done and are doing. Trying not to be a detractor but ...

A wise man once said, "If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself."

When the department of labor statistics reported that things were going well, Orange Boy praised them as being very accurate and very competent. When the numbers did not look good to the orange one, he fired the department head and picked a new staff for the department that would produce the numbers that he wanted, not the real numbers.

Teachers in Dougherty County teach the students they have. The fact that there are so few whites in the system is not on them.

Weather Forecast



Today
85°
72°



Wednesday
85°
72°



Thursday
87°
72°



Friday
85°
72°



Saturday
86°
73°



Sunday
88°
74°



Monday
88°
74°

BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

NEED TWO TRICKS, GO FOR TWO TRICKS



Herbert Beerbohm Tree, an English actor and theater manager who died in 1917, said, "A committee should consist of three men, two of whom are absent."

So, a male bridge declarer is a committee. In this deal, how should the committee play in three no-trump after West leads the heart jack?

Most authorities recommend not using Stayman when responder has 4-3-3-3 distribution with a four-card major. And that will be right most of the time. However, when there is a 4-4 fit and opener has 4-4-3-2 distribution, the suit in which the partnership has only five cards could prove to be a fatal weakness. (Note that in this deal four spades has no chance, but if West had

a second spade, it would be makable.)

South starts with eight top tricks: one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. His order of business is to collect a second spade trick. And there is a guaranteed line of play. After taking the first trick, declarer should cash his spade ace. Here, the queen drops from West, so South continues with a spade to dummy's jack. But if the ace collects only low cards, declarer still plays another spade and must eventually establish that second winner.

Note that initially playing a spade to the 10 is fatal here. The tempting finesse must be deleted from the agenda.

Finally, here is another question: Suppose South needs three spade tricks. What should

he do?

Now it is correct to play low to the 10 on the first round. And if it loses to the queen or king, South next cashes his ace. He has a paltry 37 percent chance of success.

North 08-05-25			
♠ J 6 5 3			
♥ A K 3			
♦ 8 4 3			
♣ A 7 2			
West		East	
♠ Q		♠ K 9 8 4	
♥ J 10 9 7 6		♥ 4 2	
♦ 9 6 2		♦ J 10 7	
♣ J 8 5		♣ Q 10 9 4	
South			
♠ A 10 7 2			
♥ Q 8 5			
♦ A K 5			
♣ K 6 3			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ J			

COLUMNIST ■ JACK BAGLEY

Did you know ...?



Did you know ...

... people used to rent pineapples? In the 1700s in England, pineapples were rare and were such a status symbol that it was possible to rent one for an evening to take to a party. They were carried around by the people as a kind of bauble showing off their "wealth." The going one-night rental rate for a pineapple in the 18th Century was the equivalent of \$8,000 today. Those who owned them kept them, too ... sometimes for months, just rotting away on the mantle.

... a classic unfinished poem was created in a dream? Kubla Khan, the classic poem by Samuel Coleridge, came to its author in 1797 in a vivid opium-influenced dream. When Coleridge awoke, he began transcribing the poem. It is unfinished because, while Coleridge was writing, a visitor came to his door. Coleridge greeted his guest and interacted with him, but when he returned to his work, he realized he had forgotten the rest of the poem.

... there are three continents on which bears do not live? You won't find bears in Antarctica, Australia or Africa. Bears have never lived in Antarctica or Australia, and though bear fossils have been found in Africa, there are no bears there now. No one knows why bears died out in Africa.

... what the first television se-

ries was that had its theme song sung by the leading performers of the show? That would be "Green Acres," which debuted in 1965. The show, a sister show of the popular "Petticoat Junction," starred Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor, who also performed the popular theme song. The show was a re-formatting of a 1950 radio comedy, "Granby's Green Acres," adjusted to tie in to the world of "Petticoat Junction."

... people who watch videos on YouTube see an awful lot? According to Mental Floss, an informal analysis shows that collectively, viewers of the online video service watch more than 2 billion hours of videos every day. That adds up to 200,000 cumulative years of content watched every day.

... honey bees can be taught to distinguish odd from even numbers? According to Mental Floss, scientists in an experiment rewarded bees with sugar water when they landed on an image featuring an even number of shapes. A separate group of bees received the same treat for landing on images with an odd number of shapes. Both groups of insects quickly learned which grouping of shapes gave them the sweet treat.

... whales have no natural predators other than humans? Human populations have hunted whales since at least 3,000

BC, when Inuit people used stones, driftwood, and the body parts of other animals to hunt whales.

... only 14 nations participated in the first modern Olympic games in 1896? A total of 484 athletes from Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States competed in nine different sports.

... a well-known actor had a strange clause in his movie contracts? Steve McQueen would demand from the studios that hired him bulk amounts of electric razors, men's blue jeans, and other items. McQueen would then donate the items to the boy's reformatory school in which he had spent his teenage years.

... the first person to wear a bikini did so in 1946? On July 5 of that year, Micheline Bernardini, a French actress and dancer, wore the skimpy new two-piece bathing suit for the first time at a poolside fashion show in Paris. Bernardini received more than 50,000 fan letters from all over the world following the publication of the photos of her in the bikini, which was created by designer Jacques Heim.

... jellyfish are 95% water?

... rats can tread water for three days?

Now ... you know!

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COLUMNIST ■ YONATAN HAMBOURGER

Why we need to give more than others need to receive

Have you ever noticed how deeply satisfying it feels to help someone else? Whether it's slipping a few dollars into a donation box, dropping off groceries for a neighbor, or even just offering a kind word at the right moment, there's something about giving that feels ... right. Almost like it was built into us.

Sure, the recipient benefits. Their need is met, their burden eased. But sometimes it seems like the giver walks away with even more: a lightness, a sense of purpose, a deep internal peace. Why is that?

We tend to think of generosity as a sacrifice. Giving time, money, energy costs us something. And yet, those who give regularly often describe it as one of the most meaningful parts of their lives. Somehow, the math doesn't add up. Unless ... giving isn't just about the person receiving. Maybe it's about what it awakens in us.

Consider this: According to the United Nations, there is more than enough food produced in the world to feed everyone on the planet. Yet more than 800 million people are still undernourished. The problem isn't supply, it's distribution. Which raises a spiritual question. If God wanted to, couldn't He simply provide directly for everyone's needs? Rain down food like He once did in the desert? Eliminate hunger with a word?

But instead, He places that responsibility in our hands. Not as a test, but as an opportunity.

There's a phrase in the Torah, a sacred text in my tradition, where God asks the people to "take for Me an offering." The wording feels odd. Shouldn't it say "give to Me?" But our sages explain that when we give generously, we actually receive something profound in return. The act of giving transforms us. We're not just helping others, we're becoming more fully who we were meant to be.

One of the most beautiful teachings from the Talmud puts it this way: "More than the calf wants to nurse, the cow wants to suckle." In other words, the need to give is embedded deep in the soul. Generosity is not just a duty, it's a desire. Something inside us longs to be of use, to pour kindness into the world, to leave it better than we found it.



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Of course, people still need food. People need shelter. But perhaps even more than those basic needs, what our world is starving for is human kindness, freely given, generously offered, and joyfully shared.

And here's the miracle: When we give, we don't become poorer. We become richer, in meaning, in connection, and in spirit. We become part of God's great distribution network, His chosen way of bringing blessing into the world.

Each of us has something to offer. A checkbook, a helping hand, a listening ear. And every time we act from that place of generosity, we help make the world not only more just, but more whole.

In moments of crisis — after a natural disaster, during a personal tragedy, or when someone we know hits hard times — we often see an outpouring of generosity. People line up to give blood, donate money, cook meals or simply show up. These moments reveal something beautiful, that beneath our busy schedules and

daily distractions, there is a deep, innate desire to care for others. God placed that impulse within us not just for emergencies, but for everyday life.

What if we could live that way more often, giving not only when tragedy strikes, but as a regular expression of who we are? That mindset transforms generosity from a reaction into a rhythm. It turns our ordinary choices into sacred acts.

This is part of what makes giving so powerful. It creates connection. It reminds us that we are part of something larger than ourselves. And when we extend kindness without being asked, without expecting anything in return, we align ourselves with the divine purpose woven into creation itself.

The opportunity to give is one of the greatest blessings we have. It's how we mirror God's compassion in the world. And it's how we begin to heal not just the hunger of bodies, but the hunger of hearts, starting with our own.

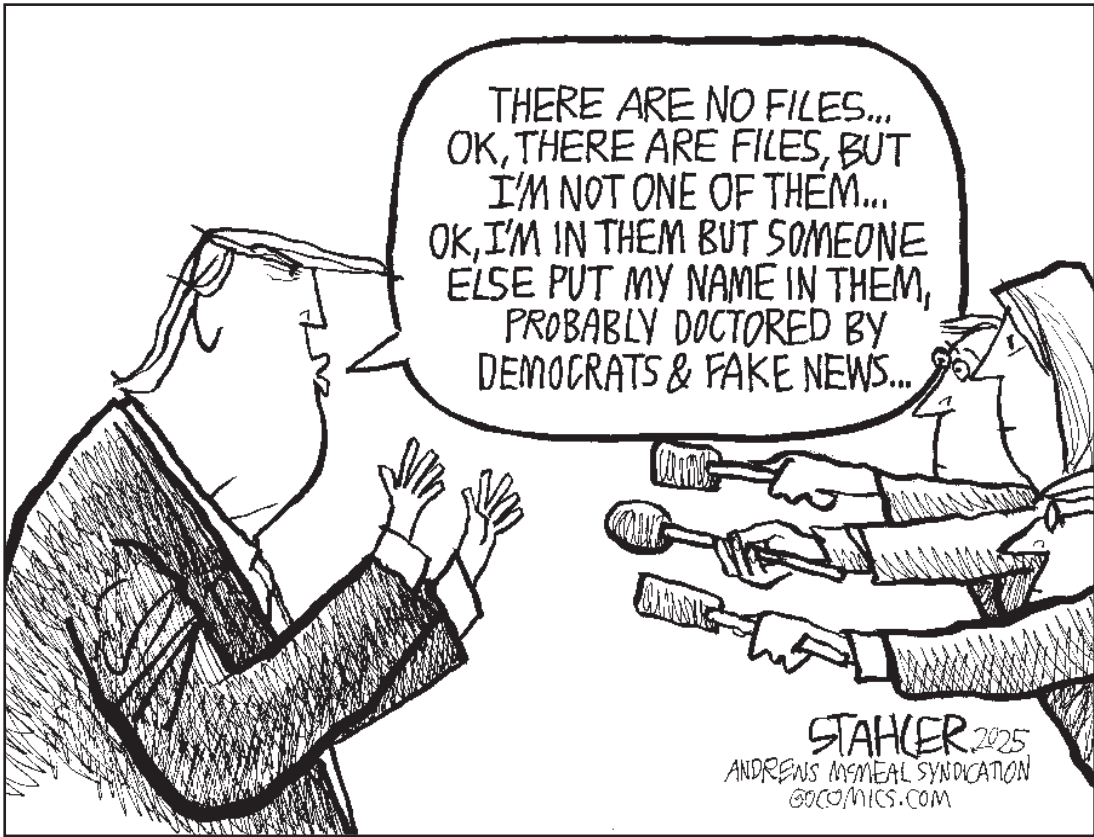
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"Be ye angry, and sin not: Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

—Ephesians 4:26



COLUMNIST ■ KYLE DOMINY

On the road, Part 2: The California desert

There is no cellphone signal in Joshua Tree National Park. That also means there's no GPS to give you directions, though the roads are few and far between, and there is no Internet to feed the distraction devices, so no music, streaming or notifications.

The place is heaven on earth.

Joshua Tree, a protected area since the 1930s and designated as a National Park in 1994, is a magical stretch where two deserts meet (the Colorado and Mojave deserts), rich in cultural and ecological significance. On the Mojave side, more aesthetically pleasing and biodiverse, grow the park's namesake tree. Reportedly named by Mormon settlers headed west because in their eyes the trees resembled the legendary biblical leader who led the children of Israel to the conquest of the promised land. How they would come to that conclusion, I don't know. Joshua trees are odd-looking specimens. With their fuzzy-looking foliage at the end of long, woody limbs, the trees look otherworldly or like something out of a picture book for children.

The Joshua tree served as the inspiration for the Truffula trees in the famous Dr. Seuss publication "The Lorax," though some argue that it was the Monterey cypress.

After my daughter's recent Phoenix-based dance convention, I loaded my family back up in our rented carriage and headed farther west for a glimpse at the California countryside. What was supposed to be a short waylay to see the majestic plant -- it's actually a yucca and not a tree -- turned into an excursion that lasted the better part of the day. Though

the temperatures were well above 100 degrees, my children thoroughly enjoyed walking among the Joshua trees and cholla cactus that densely grow on the Colorado Desert side of the park, as well as scrambling up and down climbable rock formations.

I lost track of the bottles of water we drank cooling off in the car, quiet except for the roar of the air conditioning on high. Empty plastic containers littered the floorboards, and we dutifully disposed of them in the proper receptacle when we found one. After applying more sunscreen and checking the map, we were off to the next site.

I first traveled to Joshua Tree National Park more than 30 years ago. As a then-avid fan of the band U2, I just had to go to the same place where they shot the album cover of their best record. The Joshua trees have long been a symbol of the counterculture and very hip on the art scene. Artists and photographers yearn to recreate the remote wildness of the terrain in their works, though a picture or a painting could never do the place justice.

Thankfully, my children saw this portion of the desert with untainted eyes and a clear, unbiased mind, unaware of the music and art inspired by it. What they saw was a unique space in the American landscape, something you can only see on a small patch of planet Earth, and recognized it as the miracle it is.

And I'm better off for having seen it with them.

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COLUMNIST ■ WAYNE FOWLER

The various ways to tell your pain story

You have a pain story. Everyone does. It's quite telling how you narrate your story.

The good news is that pain is not the whole story, nor are you alone in your pain. The fallen world we live in offers plenty of pain. We grieve over health, relationships and death. We suffer from financial difficulties, political differences and daily disruptions. Moral injury happens when you experience something you know is wrong.

Psychologist Larry Crabb describes four ways people

might narrate their pain stories. Do one of these track your thoughts about life, even if you don't use these exact words?

-- "I'm a victim." You think the odds

are stacked against you or your tribe. Life is not fair. You do what you can and hope you survive. You need someone to step in with some kind of support.

-- "I'm a hero." You have been through hell and back, and people should applaud



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you. You hold your head up and keep slaying the dragons in your life. People should listen to your voice of experience.

-- "I'm a cynic." Nothing in life works like it should. People always let you down. Nothing is as it seems. Those aren't "conspiracy" theories because you are "in the know." But nothing really matters anyway.

-- "I'm a clown." Forget about the pain and move on. The glass is half-full. You're

successful because you smile through the pain. Life is too short, so keep laughing.

Even though these story lines might contain an element of truth, they do not consider the transcendent. They are disenchanted stories, incomplete at best. The question is, how is God present in your life amid the pain? Is He forming your character, giving you the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of love, joy, or patience? Is He calling you to repentance or humility? Is He reminding you of His calming presence or the

hope of eternity? Is He calling you to trust Him with your life as well as your soul?

The Bible reveals how evil and pain entered the world, which God created in beauty and innocence. He made humans with free will, along with an invitation to love and obey Him. But we as a human race fell from that innocence. Faith in Jesus Christ is the way back to peace with God.

It pained the Hebrew prophet to see what happened to his nation, but he recognized God's presence in suffering. "Remember my

affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me. This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope: The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lam. 3:19-23)

Now that is how to tell a story!

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What to watch TUESDAY

August 5, 2025

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

SEC Football: Any Given Saturday

Netflix ■ **New Series**

Follow college football’s most elite players and coaches in this unfiltered docuseries that goes behind the scenes of the 2024 SEC season.

The 1% Club

FOX, 8 p.m.

A former reality TV star, a fraternity brother and a neurosurgeon are among the 100 contestants competing for the chance to win up to \$100,000 in the new episode “What’s Up, Buttercup?” Joel McHale hosts.



America’s Got Talent

NBC, 8 p.m.

The auditions for Season 20 of the talent competition series continue.

The Snake

FOX, 9 p.m.

In the new episode “Nowhere to Hide,” the remaining contestants compete in a hide-and-go-seek-the-mongoose game. Jim Jefferies hosts.

Hard Knocks: Training Camp With the Buffalo Bills

HBO, 9 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

NFL crews capture all the drama as Buffalo Bills coaches evaluate their players and build their roster during training camp at St. John Fisher University in suburban Rochester, New York.

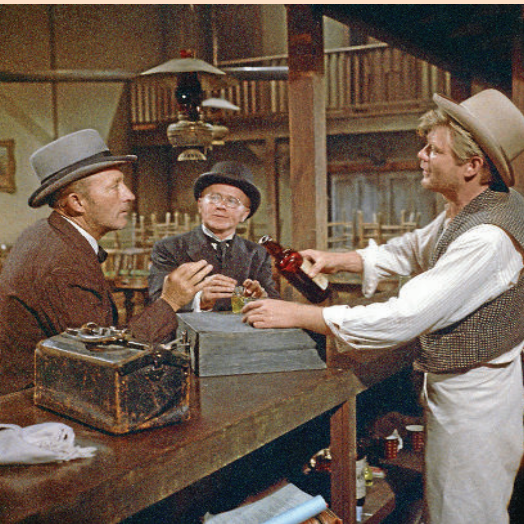
CATCH A CLASSIC

Wild West MOVIES!

MOVIES!, beginning at 6 a.m.

Enjoy nearly 24 hours of beloved Westerns with this 11-film lineup that begins with 1966’s **Stagecoach** (pictured), a remake of John Ford’s 1939 classic, directed by Gordon Douglas with an ensemble cast featuring Ann-Margret, Red Buttons, Mike Connors, Bing Crosby, Bob Cummings, Van Heflin, Slim Pickens, Keenan Wynn and Stefanie Powers. Following that are **Buck and the Preacher** (1972), directed by Sidney Poitier, who stars as Buck alongside Harry Belafonte as Preacher, with Ruby Dee as Buck’s wife, Ruth; **The Flame and the Arrow** (1950), more of a Western-adjacent swashbuckler directed by Jacques Tourneur, but still with a lot of the fun trappings one would expect from a Western, with Burt Lancaster and Virginia Mayo leading the action, accompanied by a rousing, Oscar-nominated Max Steiner musical score; **The Hanging Tree** (1959), which was helmed by Delmer Daves,

a familiar presence behind the camera when it came to directing Westerns, and features Gary Cooper (a familiar Western face in front of the camera), Maria Schell, Karl Malden and George C. Scott; **Lone Star** (1952), starring Clark Gable, Ava Gardner, Broderick Crawford, Ed Begley, Lionel Barrymore and 13-year-old George Hamilton in an early screen role (uncredited); **Duel in the Sun** (1946), a psychological Western from director King Vidor, also led by Barrymore, Best Actress nominee Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten, Gregory Peck and Best Supporting Actress nominee Lillian Gish; director Don Siegel’s **Flaming Star** (1960), starring Elvis Presley (who performs the hit title song, but the film is not a musical), Barbara Eden and Steve Forrest; **The Desperadoes** (1943), Columbia Pictures’ first Technicolor production, led by familiar Western face Randolph Scott, along with Claire Trevor and Glenn Ford; **Rawhide** (1951), featuring Tyrone Power and Susan Hayward (and unrelated to the later TV series of the same name); the Best Picture-nominated **The Ox-Bow Incident** (1942), one of those films that is considered not just a great Western, but a



great movie overall, directed by William A. Wellman, and starring Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews, Harry Morgan and Frank Conroy; and **The Moonlighter** (1953), which re-teams Double Indemnity costars Barbara Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray, and also features Ward Bond (the film was originally released in 3D, but, sadly, it won’t be in that format here).

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill **TNT, 6 p.m.**

Creed III (2023, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson **BET, 6 p.m.**

Sins of My Husband (2025, Suspense) Alaina Huffman, Hayley Sales **LMN, 6 p.m.**

The Wish Swap (2025, Romance) Emily Tennant, Jake Foy **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

XXX (2002, Action) Vin Diesel, Asia Argento **SYFY, 7 p.m.**

A Few Good Men (1992, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson **BBC America, 8 p.m.**

Independence Day (1996, Science fiction) Will Smith, Bill Pullman **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Wedding Planner Mystery (2014, Mystery) Erica Durance, Andrew W. Walker **Hallmark Mystery, 8 p.m.**

Zootopia (2016, Children) Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman **Freeform, 8:30 p.m.**

Law Abiding Citizen (2009, Suspense) Jamie Foxx, Gerard Butler **TNT, 9 p.m.**

300 (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey **AMC, 11 p.m.**

The Town (2010, Crime drama) Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall **Paramount, 11 p.m.**

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Platonic

Apple TV+ ■ **Season Premiere**

The quirky comedy about a neurotic mother of three and her slacker best friend (Rose Byrne and Seth Rogen) returns for a second season, with plenty more career shake-ups and midlife crises to go around.

The Proud Family: Louder and Prouder

Disney+ ■ **Season Premiere**

Season 3 of this animated family comedy finds Penny Proud (voice of Kyla Pratt) and her loyal crew embarking on international escapades, wild adventures and fantastical stops packed with hilarity, heart and, most of all, discovery. New guest stars this season include Sanaa Lathan, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Lynn Whitfield, who join recurring guests Keke Palmer, Billy Porter and Zachary Quinto, among others. The series has also been renewed for a fourth season, coming in 2026.



Wednesday

Netflix ■ **Season Premiere**

Jenna Ortega returns as the razor-sharp, witty Wednesday Addams for Season 2 of the popular series. “This season, Wednesday’s journey is darker and more complex as she navigates family, friends, new mysteries and old adversaries, propelling her headlong into another year at Nevermore,” co-show-runners and executive producers Alfred Gough and Miles Millar said. The season will be available in two parts; Part 1 (Episodes 1 through 4) drops on Aug. 6, and Part 2 (Episodes 5 through 8) drops on Sept. 3. The series has been renewed for Season 3.

Family Law

The CW, 8 p.m.

In the new episode “Game, Set, Match,” Abby (Jewel Staite) and Daniel (Zach Smadu) represent a tennis star who wants to be unadopted; when a producer scouts her for a radio show, Lucy (Genelle Williams) preps for the interview; Daniel’s quirky one-night stand reenters the picture.

MasterChef: Dynamic Duos

FOX, 8 p.m.

The duos must bake not just a dozen macarons, but a giant tower of perfectly formed delicacies. Find out who crumbles in the new episode “Macaron Mayhem.”

Gordon Ramsay’s Secret Service

FOX, 9 p.m.

Run by a stubborn owner and his frustrated son, Bruno’s restaurant in Philadelphia hasn’t updated its kitchen practices and is struggling with cleanliness and food safety. In this new episode, Chef Ramsay’s assignment proves to be challenging as he urges a natural transition for the future of the eatery.

Forged in Fire: Champion’s Cup History

History, 10 p.m.

This three-episode event finds three winning smiths competing for the title of champion. In order to join the elite two-time winners circle and get their name on the cup, they must vanquish their opponents. After a grueling two rounds, which smith will be named the 10th ever two-time *Forged in Fire* champion and earn \$10,000?

Pompeii: The New Dig

PBS, 10 p.m.

In the new episode “House of Treasures,” Italian archaeologists discover a woman with pearl earrings and gold in one of Pompeii’s richest homes.



first movie in which she had sung since A Star Is Born; and more.

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Judy Garland

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

Beloved actress and singer Frances Ethel Gumm — better known as Judy Garland — is celebrated during today’s Summer Under the Stars marathon on Turner Classic Movies. You’ll see her talent on full display in a 12-film lineup that includes familiar favorites like **The Harvey Girls** (1946), the Western musical in which Garland performs Harry Warren and Johnny Mercer’s Oscar-winning song “On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe”; **A Star Is Born** (1954),

the classic musical drama that earned Garland her first Oscar nomination, for Best Actress, alongside Best Actor nominee James Mason; **Summer Stock** (1950), a musical also led by Gene Kelly; **Life Begins for Andy Hardy** (1941), the third and final film of the Mickey Rooney-led comedy franchise to feature Garland as Betsy Booth; and others. The day will also refreshingly feature some other Garland films that may be less known, or at least certainly less aired. These include **The Clock** (pictured), a 1945 romantic drama costarring Robert Walker, which was Garland’s first starring role in which she did not sing and was directed by Vincente Minnelli, whom Garland would marry later that year; **I Could Go On Singing** (1963), a British-American musical drama that marked Garland’s final film performance, and the

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (2023, Science fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana **FX, 5:30 p.m.**

Unbreakable (2000, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson **SYFY, 5:30 p.m.**

Creed III (2023, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson **BET, 6 p.m.**

Hearts Down Under (2020, Romance-comedy) Cindy Busby, Tim Ross **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Aladdin (2019, Children) Will Smith, Mena Massoud **Freeform, 8 p.m.**

John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist **USA, 8 p.m.**

Million Dollar Lethal Listing (2024, Suspense) Morgan Bradley, Jon Briddell **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Rampage (2018, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris **TNT, 8 p.m.**

The Town (2010, Crime drama) Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

Free Guy (2021, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Jodie Comer **FX, 9:30 p.m.**

The Sixth Sense (1999, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment **SYFY, 10 p.m.**

Man on Fire (2004, Crime drama) Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning **AMC, 10:30 p.m.**

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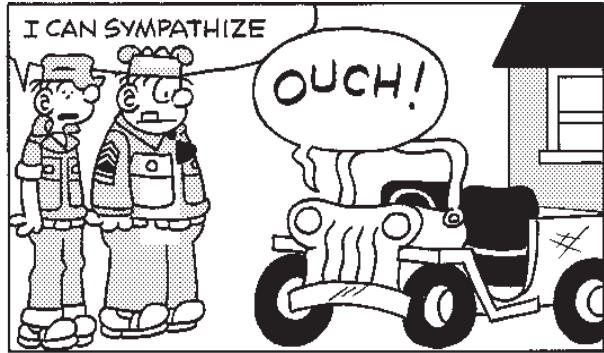
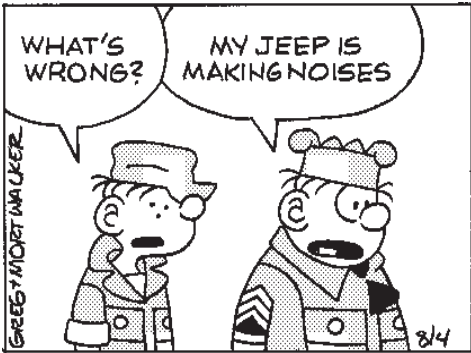
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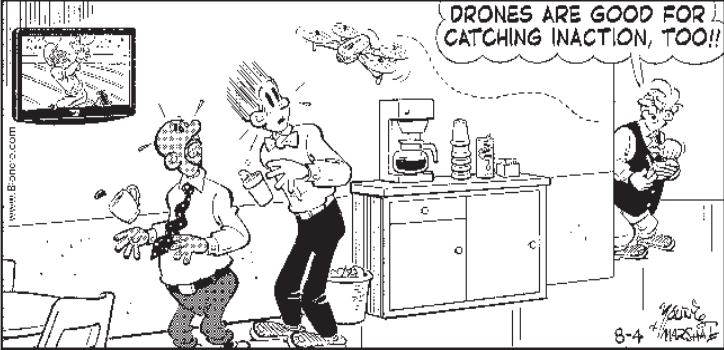
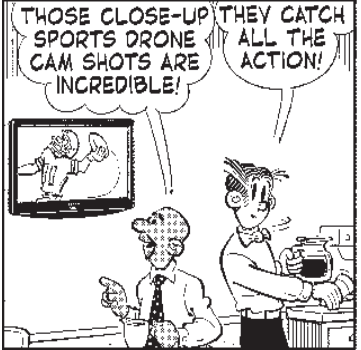
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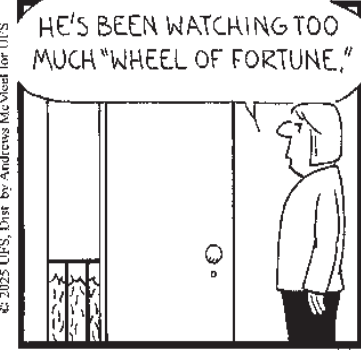
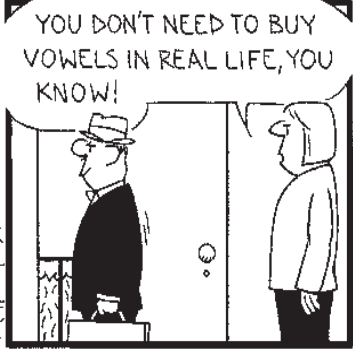
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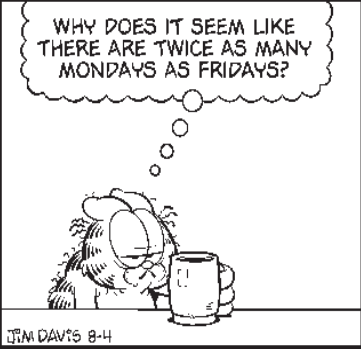
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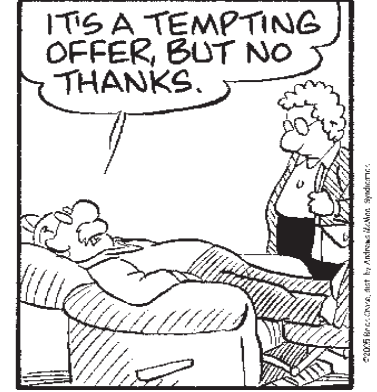
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- 5 "The ___ have it": "Motion carries"
- 9 Worshiper of Tlaloc and Xolotl
- 14 Norwegian saint
- 15 Cardinal's home
- 16 Grand Canyon donkey
- 17 Future time
- 19 Lipstick mishap
- 20 Country club figure
- 21 Goes out with
- 23 High-pH substance
- 24 Suffix for Gator or hater
- 26 Tank often found near a furnace
- 29 One of three in a triangle
- 31 Key left of F1
- 32 Disney queen born on the winter solstice
- 33 Biblical paradise
- 37 Lost traction
- 40 Like some raisins and truffles
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- 45 Cry like a baby
- 46 Rock from side to side
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- 58 Wild feline also called a catamount
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- 60 Most Grindr users
- 62 Flared dress shape
- 64 Dined with a bun in the oven, or what can be found in 17-, 26-, 40-, and 51-Across
- 68 Comedian Kaling
- 69 Mah-jongg piece
- 70 In the thick of
- 71 Informal "What if ..."
- 72 Slowest form of fencing
- 73 Drop in the mail

- 2 Boeuf ___ mode: French dish of wine-braised beef
- 3 Parent of a fur baby, perhaps
- 4 At any point
- 5 "Your point being?"
- 6 Ingredient in challah
- 7 Cosmetics icon
- 8 Guide
- 9 Muscles worked while planking
- 10 Dance-based fitness session
- 11 Reward for a pet
- 12 Backspace over
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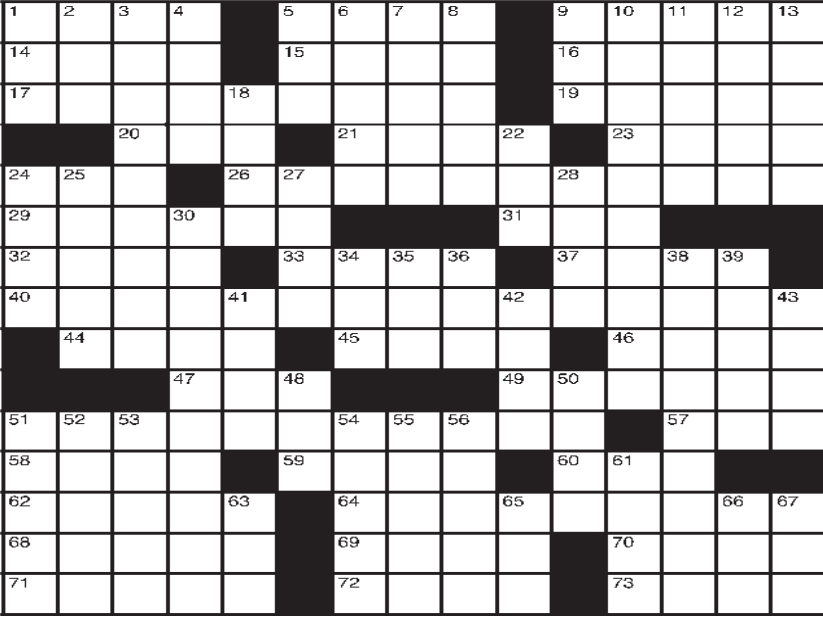
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- 52 Flower from a bulb
- 53 ___ acid

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- 55 Option on a coffeehouse payment screen
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- 67 Like a quirky "duck"

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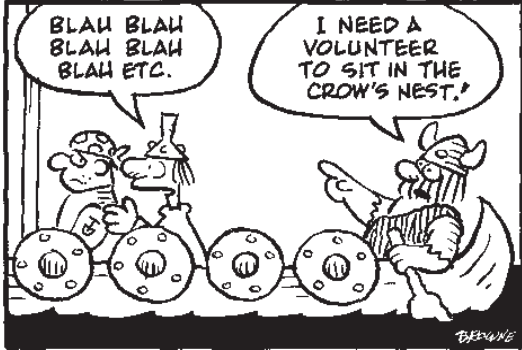
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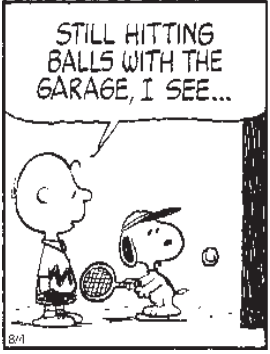
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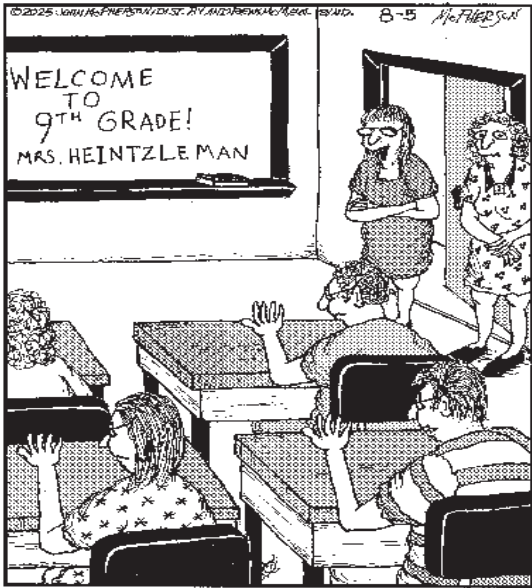
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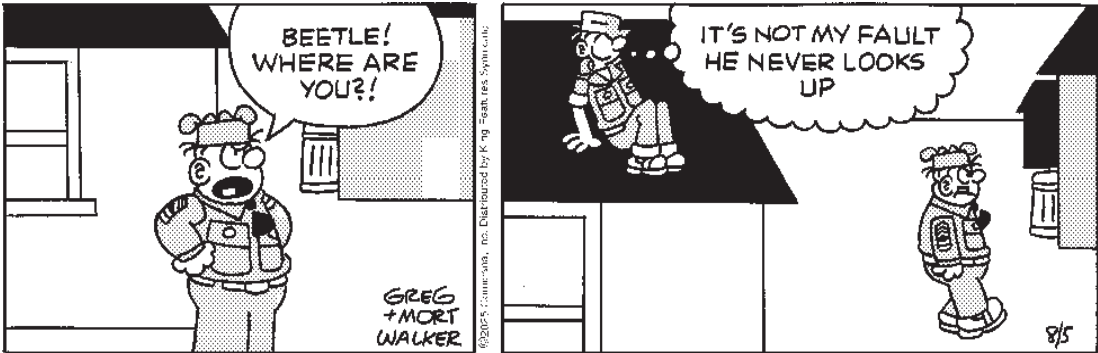


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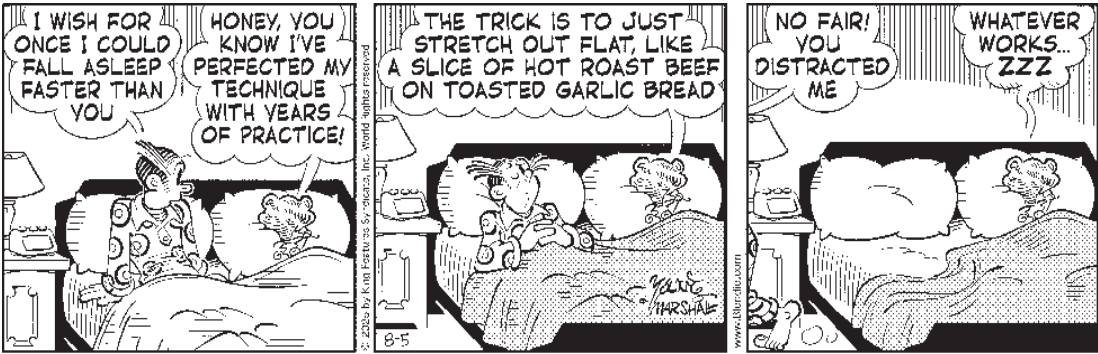


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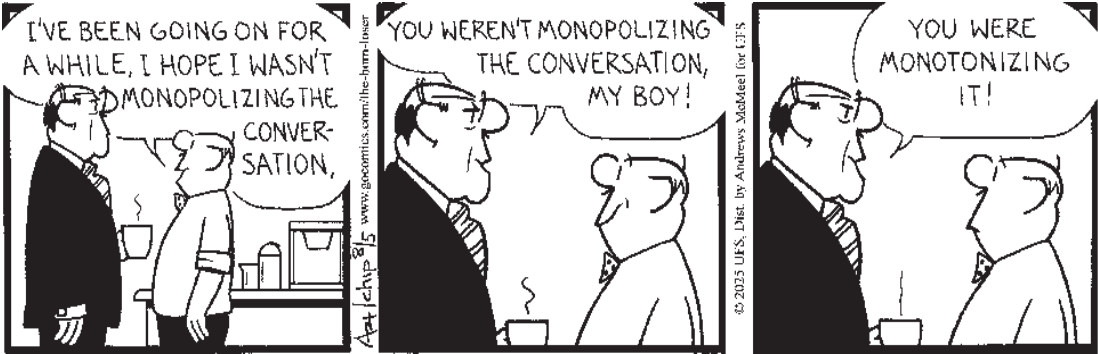
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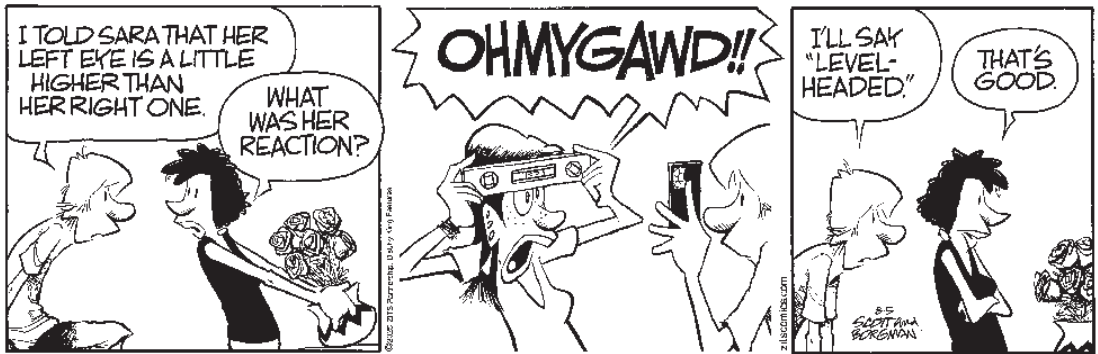
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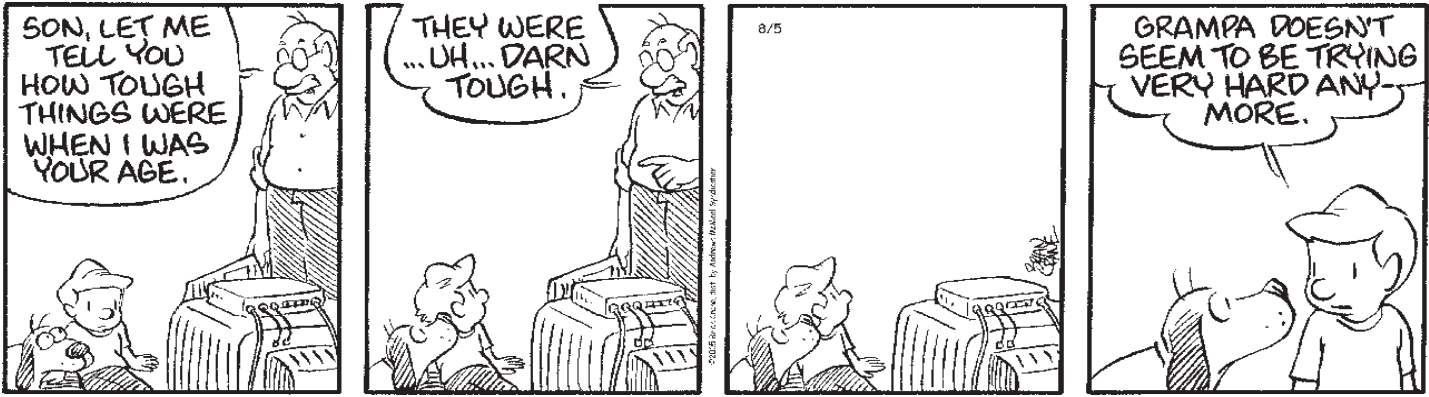
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PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

Guess Ph.D.MA.B.Sc.

SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

an educated guess

CROSSWORD

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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17 Chimed
18 Minerals
19 Disaster
21 Flower necklace
23 "A Boy Named —"
24 Game official
28 Big name in cheese
32 Down Under truck
33 Sea eagle (Var.)

- 34 Actress — West
35 Gene material
36 Sphere
39 City in the Sooner State
40 Diner patron
43 Climate
45 Perched
47 Color
48 Campaign funds (2 wds.)
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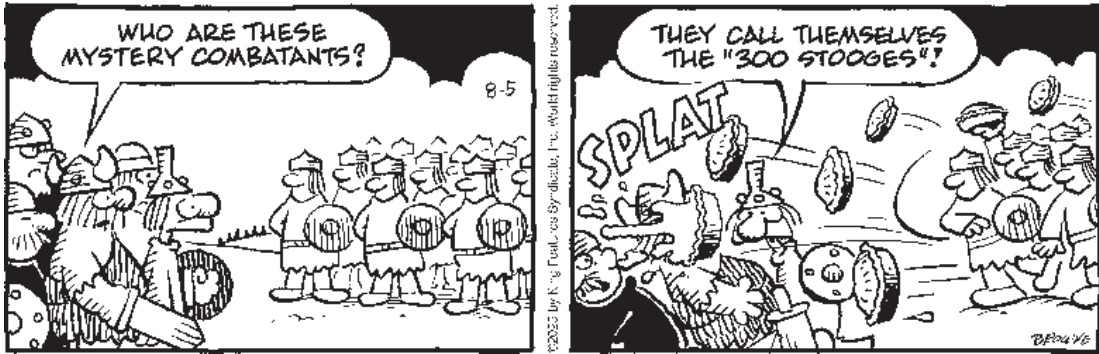
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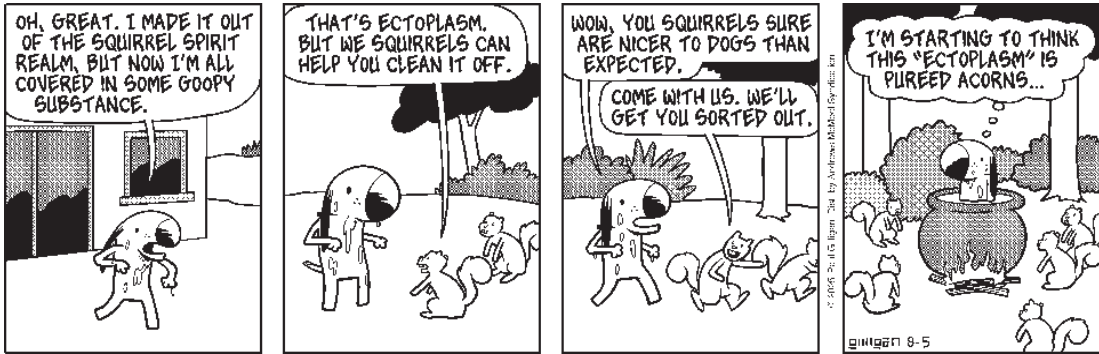
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PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

THE SANCHEZ-BEZOS WEDDING

Solution: 9 letters

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TODAY'S ANSWER: Three Days



Zoo Atlanta and Fort Valley State University have entered into a historic memorandum of understanding to provide new opportunities for students in the FVSU Veterinary Technology program. Special Photo: Zoo Atlanta

Zoo Atlanta/Fort Valley partnership opens doors for veterinary careers

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ATLANTA — Zoo Atlanta and Fort Valley State University have entered into a historic Memorandum of Understanding to provide new opportunities for students in the FVSU Veterinary Technology program. The partnership was announced at a recent event at Fort Valley State.

Through this collaboration, FVSU will encourage students with a minimum of 35 semester-credits in their major or content area and a GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply for this competitive program, which will be available annually during the university's summer semester. Zoo Atlanta will select the final candi-

dates, who will also have access to housing free of charge in on-site apartments located at Zoo Atlanta's new Rollins Animal Health Center.

"Zoo Atlanta and Fort Valley State University have a shared mission to empower the next generation of students, and both our organizations have an impact far beyond the borders of the Zoo or the classroom," Raymond B. King, president and CEO of Zoo Atlanta, said. "This partnership will harness our shared capabilities to remove barriers and invest in students' journeys to veterinary careers with opportunities that may not have been available before."

In addition to gaining valuable hands-on clinical experience in a setting that is home

to more than 200 species — experience that is a must on any pathway toward a career working with exotic animals — the FVSU students will have access to all of the resources of the Rollins Animal Health Center, a state-of-the-art facility opened in 2024. Features of the complex include dedicated laboratory, pharmacy, radiology, treatment, and surgical suites; a CT scanner; necropsy suite; interior and exterior animal holding pens; and conference and office spaces.

"For nearly 130 years, Fort Valley State University has opened doors for students who dare to dream beyond limitations," Fort Valley President Paul Jones said. "This ground-breaking partnership with Zoo Atlanta exemplifies

our mission to integrate quality instruction with learning experiences that prepare students to lead in high-demand fields like veterinary medicine. Together, we're not only making history — we're building futures."

The Rollins Animal Health Center notably expands Zoo Atlanta's capabilities for research, professional externship and internship opportunities and collaborations with academic partners — all goals of the complex, which redefines standards of excellence in zoological animal medicine.

Explore Zoo Atlanta's mission and programs at zooatlanta.org. Learn more about academic programs at FVSU at FVSU.edu.

Area students recognized by colleges, universities

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Georgia Tech -- Graduation, Dean's List, Faculty Honors

ATLANTA -- The Georgia Institute of Technology presented degrees to 6,660 undergraduate and graduate students during the institute's recent 268th commencement exercises at McCamish Pavilion and Bobby Dodd Stadium. Among the graduates were:

Gavin Baker of Leesburg
Consuela Blue of Albany
Pranavi Gottapu of Leesburg
Sophia Lin of Leesburg
Frank Middleton of Albany
Zahra Nurbhai of Leesburg
Rishi Patel of Dawson
Benjamin Prince of Leesburg
Ansley Reich of Albany
Drew Reich of Albany
Charles Taylor of Leesburg

The following students earned the distinction of Dean's List at the Georgia Institute of Technology for spring 2025. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 3.0 or higher academic average for the semester. Students honored include:

Gavin Baker of Leesburg
Logan English of Sylvester
Brody Morris of Albany
Chimdinma Ohamadike of Albany
Sarah Overman of Meigs
Rishi Patel of Dawson
Sophie Singleton of Albany
Harrison Smith of Albany

The following students earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for spring 2025 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation

is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester. Honorees include:

Nicholas Fabrizio of Albany
Hannah Glass of Camilla
Cameron Heard of Albany
Jack Ly of Camilla
Ansley Reich of Albany
James Stodghill of Leesburg
Holen Thomas of Dawson

University of Arkansas -- Graduation

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. -- The University of Arkansas honored its most recent graduating class with a series of spring commencement ceremonies at Bud Walton Arena and Barnhill Arena, and the School of Law's ceremony at the Fayetteville Town Center.

Tyrus Washington of Leesburg graduated with a bachelor of arts degree and was among more than 5,500 graduates earning a degree and a spot for their name on Senior Walk.

Georgia Southwestern State University -- Sociology Award

AMERICUS -- Georgia Southwestern State University student Jeslyn Olson of Leesburg received the university's Excellence in Sociology Award at GSW's recent 2025 Student Recognition Ceremony in the Storm Dome.

This award is given to a student graduating with a bachelor's degree in Sociology who shows exceptional academic performance within the sociology curriculum. Students are nominated and voted on by the Sociology faculty.

Congress Votes

By Targeted News Service
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WASHINGTON -- Here's a look at how area members of Congress voted over the previous week.

The House was not in session this week. The Senate, along with its roll call votes, also passed these measures: a bill (S.1020) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects; the Chief Herbert D. Profitt Act (S. 911) to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program; and a resolution (S. Res. 344) observing the 20th anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and recognizing the progress of efforts to rebuild the affected Gulf Coast region.

There were no key votes in the House this week.

SENATE VOTES:

REGULATING NUCLEAR POWER: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of David Wright to be a commissioner on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a five-year term ending in the middle of 2030. Wright has been an NRC commissioner since mid-2018, and its chairman since this January. An opponent, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said the Energy Department and Department of Government Efficiency have been interfering with the NRC's independence, and a no vote was needed "to protect an important agency because it is essential to accomplishing a key bipartisan goal to renew America's nuclear industry safely and productively." The vote, on July 28, was 50 yeas to 39 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA
NOT VOTING: Warnock D-GA

MILITARY GENERAL COUNSEL: The Senate has confirmed the nomi-

nation of Earl Matthews to be General Counsel at the Defense Department. A White House staffer specializing in military policy for the first Trump administration, Matthews has been in a variety of lawyer roles in intelligence agencies and the military. The vote, on July 29, was 50 yeas to 47 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

TRADE PROMOTION: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of William Kimmitt to be the Commerce Department's Under Secretary for International Trade. A current partner at the Kirkland & Ellis law firm, specializing in commercial law and trade, Kimmitt was a senior advisor to the U.S. trade representative in the first Trump administration. The vote, on July 29, was 51 yeas to 47 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

CDC DIRECTOR: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Susan Monarez to direct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently acting director at the CDC, after being deputy director at the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health in 2023 and 2024, Monarez had previously been a White House staffer, and a manager and researcher at various federal agencies. The vote, on July 29, was 51 yeas to 47 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

MANAGING VA CEMETERIES: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Sam Brown to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs at the Veterans Affairs Department. A former Army officer who was badly wounded in Afghanistan in 2008, Brown has since operated a pharmaceutical business in Nevada, and ran for a Senate seat in the state last year. A supporter, Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said Brown "understands sacrifices made every day by men and women of the U.S. military and their families as well, and he is well-equipped to undertake this significant responsibility." The vote,

on July 29, was 54 yeas to 44 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

APPEALS COURT JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Emil J. Bove III to be a judge on the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Bove was a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York for nine years ending in 2021, then a defense attorney, including for Donald Trump, and has been a senior Justice Department attorney for the last half-year. A supporter, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said Bove "has a strong legal background and has served his country honorably. I believe he will be diligent, capable, and a fair jurist." An opponent, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said Bove was nominated for his loyalty to President Trump, "not because of his legal accomplishments or his dedication to a conservative method of constitutional interpretation." The vote, on July 29, was 50 yeas to 49 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

COUNSEL FOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Thomas Elliot Gaiser to head the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel. Gaiser had been Ohio Solicitor General since late 2023, after time as a lawyer at the Jones Day and Boyden Gray firms, and as a Supreme Court clerk. The vote, on July 30, was 53 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

COUNTERTERRORISM DIRECTOR: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Joe Kent to direct the National Counterterrorism Center of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Kent was an Army and CIA officer for two decades; he ran for a Congressional seat in a Washington district in 2022 and 2024. An opponent, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., called Kent "a conspiracy theorist who espouses white supremacist views and is patently unqualified for

this important role in just about every way imaginable." The vote, on July 30, was 52 yeas to 44 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

SELLING WEAPONS TO ISRAEL: The Senate has rejected a motion to discharge from the Foreign Relations Committee a resolution (S.J. Res. 41) sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders, ID-Vt., that would have barred the proposed sale of 20 thousand automatic carbine rifles to Israel for use by its national police. Sanders said that when "Israeli soldiers are shooting civilians trying to get food aid on a near-daily basis, when extremist settlers are pushing Palestinians from their homes in the West Bank and when Gaza is witnessing mass starvation as a result of Israeli government policy, the United States should not and must not be providing more weapons to enable these atrocities." A resolution opponent, Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho, said cancelling the sale "would abandon America's closest ally in the Middle East." The vote, on July 30, was 27 yeas to 70 nays.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT LAWYER: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Tyler Clarkson to be General Counsel at the Agriculture Department. Clarkson had been a lawyer at Ginkgo Bioworks, a biotechnology company; he was a senior Agriculture lawyer in the first Trump administration, after four years as a lawyer at a Washington, D.C., firm. The vote, on July 31, was 52 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

U.S. MARSHALS: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Gadyaces Serralta to direct the U.S. Marshals Service. Serralta had been the U.S. marshal for southern Florida since August 2018, following close to three full decades as a police officer and official in several different police

departments in Florida. The vote, on July 31, was 59 yeas to 39 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

VA INSPECTOR GENERAL: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Cheryl Mason to be Inspector General at the Veterans Affairs Department. Mason was for five years on a judicial board that heard veterans' appeals of VA disability benefits rulings, and most recently was a senior advisor to the VA's secretary. An opponent, Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., claimed Mason was beholden to President Trump and VA Secretary Doug Collins as "part and parcel of the policies and actions of this administration that have been so dangerous and damaging to the VA in these past months." The vote, on July 31, was 53 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Matthew Kozma to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis at the Homeland Security Department. A senior manager at Intel for the last three years, Kozma was a chief information officer for intelligence during the first Trump administration. The vote, on July 31, was 53 yeas to 44 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Andrea Lucas to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term ending in mid-2030. Lucas has been on the Commission since 2020, and its acting chair since this January. She was a labor and employment lawyer in Washington, D.C., for nearly a decade previously. The vote, on July 31, was 52 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

Eli White smacks two HRs as Braves beat Reds in Speedway Classic

Field Level Media

Eli White hit a pair of home runs to help the Atlanta Braves beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-2 in the Speedway Classic held at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway on Sunday before an MLB-record crowd of 91,032.

It was the completion of a game that began Saturday and suspended in the bottom of the first inning. There were no weather issues on Sunday as the teams completed the first major league game conducted in Tennessee.

White connected on a three-run shot in the fifth inning off Brent Suter and added a solo homer in the seventh off Scott Barlow, giving him six for the season. It was the second multi-home run game of White's career.

The winning pitcher was Hurston Waldrep, who was recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett. He took over from Austin Cox, who was the opener on Saturday and allowed three hits and a run in one third of an inning before the game was suspended. Waldrep is a Thomasville, Ga. native.

Waldrep (1-0) worked 5 2/3 innings and allowed one run on three hits, two walks and four strikeouts in his first ma-

See **BRAVES**, 10A



Special Photo: Brianna Paciorka/News Sentinel
Atlanta Braves outfielder Eli White hoists the Speedway Classic trophy after hitting two home runs in a 4-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway. The game drew an MLB-record crowd of 91,032 in the first major league contest played in Tennessee.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Deerfield-Windsor senior wide receiver David Hutchins looks for yardage after making a catch from a throw by quarterback Lane Seals during Friday night's scrimmage against Tatnall Square in Albany. Teammate JP Hutchins, right, looks to help.

Knights show grit, youth in Friday scrimmage

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Deerfield-Windsor's defense looked fast and physical, several young players stepped up, and a few playmakers emerged during Friday night's preseason scrimmage against Tatnall Square Academy.

While there was no official score or game clock, the Knights and Trojans took turns running 10 of-

fensive plays at a time, alternating back and forth throughout the evening at Webb Memorial Stadium.

For head coach Jake McCrae, the scrimmage offered a glimpse of a new-look team still forming its identity following last year's state championship run.

"This is a different team than last year's," McCrae said. "There still has to be a gelling of the group,

See **KNIGHTS**, 10A



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Terrell Academy's Lily Addison stretches for a throw at first base to record an out against Robert Toombs Christian during Saturday's game at the Baconton season-opening tournament. Terrell Academy lost to Robert Toombs but won their other two contests in the tournament.

Terrell Academy wins two of three in Baconton

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

BACONTON — Terrell Academy's softball season is off to a strong start after the Lady Eagles took two of three games at the Baconton Charter season-opening tournament over the weekend.

Head coach Ashley Walker's squad opened with a dominant 13-1 win over the host Baconton Lady Blazers on Friday, dropped a 14-4 decision to a talented Robert Toombs Christian team Saturday morning, then bounced back with a 21-2 rout of Dougherty High later that afternoon.

"We had a great weekend," Walker said. "I was able to see some things that we did really well and some things we need to clean up. That's exactly what these early games are for."

The tournament format was adjusted due to expected weather, according to Baconton assistant coach John Pinson.

"We wanted to make sure teams that traveled and booked hotels got at least two games in," Pinson said. "Coach (Bake) Pollock and I agreed to sit Baconton on Saturday to make room for that."

In Friday's opener, the Lady Eagles wasted no time. They scored four runs in each of the first three innings to build a 12-1 lead and end the game early by run rule. Alyssa Godwin drove in three runs from the shortstop position, while Hadley Webb, Kacy Sheffield, and Lily Addison each knocked in two.

Caroline Presley got the win in the circle, tossing four innings and allowing just one run on six hits.

Saturday's early matchup brought a tougher challenge as Terrell Academy faced a fundamentally sound Robert Toombs Christian team that pulled away with a three-run fourth inning and a six-run fifth.

"They were very well-coached and did everything the right way," Walker said. "They put pressure on us to make plays, and sometimes we did, sometimes we didn't."

Sydney Lord led the Lady Eagles at the plate with two hits and two RBI, while Jaelyn Oliver also collected a pair of hits. Presley, Sheffield, and Blakely Aultman all saw time on the mound.

"We just have to be more consistent in every phase," Walker said. "We

walked too many, pitched from behind in counts, and made too many mistakes defensively — all things we can fix."

Terrell closed the weekend with a statement win over Dougherty, jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first inning alone. The Lady Eagles drew 10 walks, had three batters hit by pitches, and got base hits from Lord, Sheffield (triple), and Haise Burton before the Lady Trojans could record an out.

"We took advantage of their mistakes and capitalized early," Walker said. "That gave us a chance to play everyone and get game action across the roster."

Sheffield picked up the win, pitching three innings while allowing six hits and two earned runs. She struck out six.

Dariona Simmons led Dougherty with two hits and two runs scored from the leadoff spot.

Next up for Terrell Academy is a three-game road swing: Tuesday at Citizens Christian in Douglas, followed by trips next week to Crisp Academy and Southwest Georgia Academy.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Sumter County wide receiver Tabion Whitehead tries to pull in a throw during Friday night's scrimmage against Monroe at Hugh Mills Stadium. This one got away, but Sumter County took home a 10-0 win in the scrimmage.

Monroe to focus on offensive line after scrimmage

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — For Monroe, it wasn't a matter of getting there. It was what happened after they did.

The Golden Tornadoes reached the red zone three times during Friday night's preseason scrimmage against Sumter County at Hugh Mills Stadium. They came away with zero points — and that was the story in a 10-0 loss that rekindled concerns from last season.

"You get inside the 10, it has to be automatic — we've got to score," said head coach Lacey Herring. "It takes another gear, another level of determination when you're that close. If I need to be more creative,

I will. But we have to fix it."

Monroe's varsity offense drove inside the 10-yard line once, while the JV reached scoring position twice more. But each opportunity fizzled, echoing a problem that cost the Tornadoes games in 2023.

They nearly had the game's first points when Keyontae Hayes scooped up a blocked field goal and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown. But the play was waved off due to a pregame agreement that special teams would be ruled dead in the scrimmage.

"I didn't know we agreed to that," Herring said. "We lined up to defend the kick, and our guys made a play."

See **MONROE**, 10A

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Georgia opens camp with high heat, high hopes

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ATHENS — Ten years into building a powerhouse in Athens, Kirby Smart begins Year 10 not with a veteran-laden squad — but with one of his youngest yet. That doesn’t worry him. In fact, it might be what excites him most.

“We’re young. But we’re hungry,” Smart said Thursday as the Bulldogs opened fall camp. “This team is fun to coach. They’ve been enthusiastic, and they’ve worked. They just haven’t had their shot yet. Now they do.”

Smart, joined by tight end Oscar Delp, offensive lineman Micah Morris, and linebacker Raylen Wilson, met with reporters to discuss fall camp and the 2025 season — a campaign that carries the familiar weight of championship expectations, despite fresh faces.

Over 50 players on Georgia’s roster

are in their first or second year. That’s more than half the team. But Smart said the Bulldogs are entering camp healthier than they’ve been in years, thanks in part to a focus on non-impact cardio during the offseason and a revamped testing program.

“Sometimes the lack of experience shows, but we’ve had great energy and focus,” Smart said. “It’s our job to build physical and mental toughness over these next 15 practices.”

The Grind Begins

Camp in Athens is no walk in the park. Players are staying in a team hotel, practicing in near triple-digit heat with two scrimmages and just three days off over an 18-day stretch. That’s by design.

“Camp is meant to be a grind,” Smart said. “We don’t run from the heat. We face it.”

Offensive lineman Micah Morris said the message is clear from Day

One: tough teams win in November. “You feel it every day — the heat, the reps, the demand,” Morris said. “But this is where we get our edge.”

The Bulldogs’ strength in recent years has come at the line of scrimmage, and that won’t change in 2025. Smart wants to see more physicality up front, especially from a rebuilt offensive line and a defensive front led by veteran Christian Miller.

“He’s taken on a leadership role,” Smart said of Miller. “We need him to be disruptive. That group sets the tone.”

Smart was also quick to praise Delp, who will take on a larger role at tight end following the departure of Brock Bowers.

“Oscar has gotten better and better,” Smart said. “He’s strong, physical, and he’s become a better leader.”

Delp knows what’s at stake. “Camp’s no joke,” he said. “But that’s

Georgia. That’s how we get better — reps, heat, competition. That’s where we separate.”

New Faces, Same Expectations

For all the youth, Georgia’s standard remains unchanged. This is a program two years removed from back-to-back national titles — and one play short of a third. The goal now isn’t just growth. It’s sustained dominance, even with new pieces.

“There’s no easing into it,” Smart said. “We’re going to install fast, push hard, and find out who can play football.”

One of Smart’s biggest concerns? Not talent — but mindset.

“Can they fail and bounce back? That’s the key,” he said. “Social media tells these kids they’re five-stars. But failure is where you grow. We have to teach them that.”

Inside linebacker Raylen Wilson, who’s stepping into a leadership role alongside C.J. Allen, is embracing the

message.

“We hold each other accountable,” Wilson said. “We’ve got a bond, and we know what’s expected.”

Year 10, A Different Perspective

This season will also be Kirby Smart’s first without his father, Sonny Smart, who passed away earlier this year. His focus now, he says, is on being there for his mother — and for his players.

“He was an incredible role model,” Smart said. “I miss him every day. But I know he’d be proud.”

So what drives Kirby Smart in Year 10?

“It’s putting the puzzle together,” he said. “Every team is different. This one’s younger. But the goal is the same: get better every day, grow as men, and graduate from this place proud.”

The Bulldogs, young as they are, begin that journey now — together, in the heat, under a coach who still burns as fiercely as ever

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Running Backs Who Could Light Up the 2025 Season

This begins a five-part series on area football players that will make an impact this fall. Southwest Georgia’s backfields are stacked with speed, power, and playmakers.

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

With explosive returning stars, high-profile transfers, and rising underclassmen, Southwest Georgia boasts a deep pool of running back talent heading into the 2025 high school football season. Here are eight backs expected to make a major impact this fall:

Jae Lamar

Colquitt County, Sr., 5-11, 190

Lamar rushed for over 900 yards as the Packers’ No. 2 back last season and recently committed to the University of Georgia. A blend of speed and strength, Lamar gives Colquitt County a scoring threat every time he touches the ball.

Dominique Ball

Lee County, Jr., 5-8, 185

The state’s leading scorer in 2024, Ball totaled 28 touchdowns and nearly 2,000 rushing yards for Westover. Now at Lee County, the quick-footed junior will run behind another dominant offensive line with high expectations in Class 5A.

Turner Simmons

Deerfield-Windsor, Jr., 5-10, 170

A transfer from Southland Academy, Simmons is expected to emerge as a top option in a committee backfield. Head coach Jake McCrae praised his performance in a recent scrimmage against Tattnall Square.

Bryse Peachey

Terrell Academy, Jr., 5-8, 165

Peachey ran for 1,127 yards and 14 touchdowns last season while playing quarterback. This year, he’ll move to running back, where his elusiveness and breakaway speed could make him one of the area’s most dynamic playmakers.

Kaden Chester

Worth County, Sr., 5-9, 170

Chester rushed for 1,150 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2024. With excellent vision and balance, he’ll again anchor a high-powered Worth County offense that forces defenses to account for multiple weapons.

Trevon Williams

Dougherty, Jr., 5-9, 190

Williams is expected to take a big step forward this fall behind a rebuilt Dougherty offensive line. Coaches say he’s running harder and hitting holes faster after a full offseason of growth.

Marcus Vicks

Mitchell County, Sr., 5-7, 155

A tough, versatile senior, Vicks is capable of scoring on any play — whether it’s offense, defense, or special teams. He brings speed, vision, and toughness to the Eagles’ attack.

Sailer Edwards

Westover, Sr., 5-7, 160

Edwards takes over the top running back role at Westover following Dominique Ball’s transfer. He saw regular action last year and now steps into a featured role with a strong offensive line paving the way. If the Patriots are going to win like they did a year ago, Edwards will be a big part of that



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Jae Lamar committed to play college football at the University of Georgia earlier this summer and now is expected to have a major impact for the Colquitt County Packers on the field this fall.

Westwood Lady Cats top Westover in softball opener

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

BACONTON — Westwood opened its 2025 softball season on a high note Saturday, outlasting Westover 10-6 in the season-opening tournament at Baconton Charter.

The Lady Patriots struck first, stringing together three straight singles from Delijah Spears, Timeria Neal, and Sydney Donaldson to plate a run in the top of the first. Lauren Edwards scored on a wild pitch in the second to make it 2-0.

Westwood quickly answered with two runs in the second inning and six more in the third to take control. Singles by Abby Lanier and Raylee Gray, along with two Westover errors, a passed ball, and a walk, helped the Lady Cats seize the lead.

In the third, Westwood’s bats came alive again. Ellie Kichler, Lynlee Sanders, and Emma Shiver each singled before Bentley Palmer ripped a two-run double to right, stretching the lead to 10-2.

Westover fought back in the fourth when Janiyah Winslow



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Westover’s Timeria Neal (left) leads off third base as Westwood’s Raylee Gray waits for a possible throw during Saturday’s game at Baconton Charter. Westover led 2-0 early, but the Lady Cats came back to take a 10-6 win.

smacked a two-run double to left, scoring Donaldson and Morgan Polite. Three walks and a hit batter in the fifth brought in Westover’s final run.

Palmer earned the win for Westwood, pitching all five innings. She allowed nine hits, issued seven walks, and struck out eight. Mikiyah Lee took the loss

for Westover.

Westwood returns to action Tuesday with a road game at Flint River Academy. Westover will host Sumter County on Thursday in Albany.

From 9A BRAVES

jor-league appearance of the season.

Raisel Iglesias worked around a pair of leadoff singles by TJ Friedl and Matt McLain in the ninth to earn his 14th save.

The Reds started Chase Burns, who struck out two of the three batters he faced on Saturday, then replaced him

with Suter (1-2) when the game resumed. Suter worked 2 2/3 innings and allowed three runs on four hits with two strikeouts.

The Reds scored a run in the first when Austin Hays had an RBI single and in the third on McLain’s sacrifice fly to center field, which cut Atlanta’s lead to 3-2.

The Reds loaded the bases in the eighth but Ke’Bryan Hayes grounded

into an inning-ending force out. Cincinnati was 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position and left 12 runners on base.

Atlanta third baseman Austin Riley left the game in the third inning with lower right abdominal pain, the same problem that landed him on the injured list from July 12-25.

Atlanta completed a 3-6 road trip and won its first series since July 11-12 at St. Louis.

From 9A MONROE

Hayes was making his debut as a defensive back after switching from receiver. Despite the nullified score, Herring praised his instincts and energy in the new role.

At quarterback, Keyon Thomas — a late transfer who enrolled just a week ago — showed flashes of potential but is still finding his footing.

“He hasn’t had time to settle in yet,” Herring said. “He’s learning the playbook, learning his reads. But you can see the talent. He made some really good throws. We’ve got to protect him better and give him a chance to grow.”

Jordan Shorter, another recent transfer, is also working into the system, which Herring said will take time.

Despite the loss, Herring was encouraged by the team’s raw athleticism.

“We’ve got guys who can flat-out run,” he said. “We just need to find our identity. Right now, we’re not there yet.”

That process will begin with the offensive line, a unit Herring says will be the primary focus ahead of the season opener.

“We’ve got to figure out what they can do well — and do it consistently,” he said. “We need something we can hang our hat on. Once we get the run game right, I can build the passing game around it.”

That ground game will lean on a committee of backs, including Justin Grice, Ty’Darius Gardner, CJ Thomas, and Ethan Albritton.

Monroe opens the regular season Aug. 15 on the road at Thomasville. With a few weeks to iron things out, Herring believes the blueprint is in place.

“We’ve got athletes, we’ve got effort,” he said. “Now we just need execution.”

From 9A KNIGHTS

but I really liked the defense. The kids were flying to the football. We saw a few issues, but they’re all things we can fix.”

Deerfield-Windsor’s first touchdown came courtesy of Turner Simmons, a transfer from rival Southland Academy. Simmons made his presence felt on both sides of the ball — showing toughness as a runner and physicality on defense.

“Turner is hard to bring down, and he’s going to help us a lot,” McCrae said. The Knights’ biggest offensive highlight came on a sideline grab by Jackson Woodham, a senior wide receiver who elevated above a defender to haul in a leaping catch for a big gain. The play set up a Deerfield score just a few snaps later.

“Jackson’s going to be a big part of our receiving corps this year,” McCrae said. “That was a great play, especially with the coverage tight like it was.”

McCrae was also encouraged by the performance of some of the team’s younger players, who held their own against a veteran Tattnall Square squad that finished 7-3 last season and reached the second round of the GIAA Class AAAA playoffs.

“The depth we’re developing is encouraging,” McCrae said. “We’ve got some underclassmen who are going to help us — and not just down the road, but right away.”

Deerfield-Windsor will open the regular season at home on August 15 against Southland Academy, the same program Simmons transferred from. Tattnall Square opens August 29th at home against George Walton Academy in Macon.



By Harriette Cole

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have always prioritized my credit. For our entire relationship, I have known that my fiancé has been working on improving his credit, eliminating debts and being more fiscally responsible. Months ago, when he proposed to me, some of my fears came up and we discussed that I'd be more comfortable with a wedding date that's further out so we can really focus on improving his credit before tying the knot. He agreed. Last night, he asked if I would add him to some of my credit cards in order to positively impact his score. I am not willing to do that, and he called me selfish. It was piercing. I know that we are entering a union, but I think it is important that he do this work of resolving an issue that he caused. And, honestly, I want to protect what I've built over the years. Am I selfish for that?

-- *Indebted*

DEAR INDEBTED: You have to decide what constitutes a dealbreaker in your relationship and marriage. Having strong

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PARTNER WANTS TO IMPROVE CREDIT BEFORE WEDDING

credit certainly is important for a comfortable life. Starting out with rocky credit is not a sign of stability, but what do you need in order to feel comfortable marrying this man? Are you willing to cover for him in this important arena? Have you talked to him in detail about how he ended up with bad credit in the first place?

People rarely change dramatically, which means there is a good chance that your partner's financial habits will follow him into your marriage. Are you willing to live with that? If not, make it clear what he needs to do before you walk down the aisle. That includes repairing his credit on his own. Period.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My daughter is obsessed with finding a partner. I try to reassure her that these things will happen when the time is right, but she insists on making this happen for herself. I am worried about her. She is currently on at least three dating apps, talking to several guys at once, dating new people every week. I recognize that this version of dating is sort of the new normal, but I want her safety to come first. I get antsy every time she tells me she's going out with someone new. Not to mention how

hooked she is to her phone now. I can barely speak to her without one of these apps chiming and stealing away her attention. This just doesn't seem healthy to me. How can I express that to her without sounding like a typical overprotective mother?

-- *Dating Strangers*

DEAR DATING STRANGERS: Sit down with your daughter and tell her you are concerned about her and her current dating strategy. Acknowledge that she gets credit for being proactive, but also note that it is hard to figure out if you like someone if you are juggling so many suitors. Encourage her to slow down.

Ask if she has a list of qualities she wants in a partner. Encourage her to review that list as she meets people and to eliminate those who veer far off from her values. Suggest that she give herself enough breathing room to determine if someone is interesting enough.

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TASTEFOOD



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EGGPLANT SICILIAN-STYLE

By Lynda Balslev

Too many summer vegetables are never a problem. When faced with an abundance, it's helpful to have a few recipes on hand to put the season's bounty to creative use. One flavorful option is to make a caponata.

Caponata is a Sicilian vegetable dish. It's a rustic compote that features eggplant, which is at its peak during the summer. While caponata is at times likened to French ratatouille, it's distinctly Sicilian -- firmly rooted in the island's culinary diversity, which is influenced by Spanish, Moorish and Greek cuisines. It's slicked with tomato and distinguished by a piquant sweet and sour sauce (or agrodolce), studded with sharp, briny olives and capers, and sweetened with raisins and honey.

Traditionally, the eggplant is pan-fried. In this recipe, it's roasted in the oven, then added to the compote at the end to preserve its shape and reduce the amount of oil needed for cooking. Serve caponata as an appetizer, spooned over toasted bread (or crostini) or as a vegetable side dish. It's also a bright garnish for grilled or roasted fish and poultry. When possible, make caponata a day in advance and re-

frigerate overnight to allow the flavors to develop.

Caponata

Active time: 30 minutes

Total time: 1 hour

Yield: Serves 4 to 6 as a side dish

2 medium eggplants, cut in 1/2-inch dice

Extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt

1 small red onion, chopped
2 to 3 narrow celery ribs, sliced

1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced

8 ounces cherry or grape tomatoes, halved or quartered if large

3 garlic cloves, grated

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

1/2 cup crushed Italian plum tomatoes

1/3 cup golden raisins

1/4 cup coarsely chopped green olives, such as Castelvetrano

2 tablespoons drained capers

1/4 cup sherry vinegar

2 teaspoons honey, or to taste

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Place the eggplant in a large bowl. Drizzle with 2 to 3 tablespoons oil and season

with salt. Spread on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment. Roast in the oven until the eggplant is soft and golden, about 30 minutes.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large deep skillet or wide pot over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté until softened, about 2 minutes. Stir in the celery, bell pepper and tomatoes and continue to cook until the tomatoes begin to break down, 6 to 8 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the garlic, oregano and red pepper flakes and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Add the eggplant, crushed tomatoes, raisins, olives, capers, vinegar, honey and black pepper. Stir to thoroughly combine and simmer over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes to meld the flavors. Taste for seasoning. Add additional honey or salt if desired.

Remove from the heat and stir in the parsley. Cool completely to serve. If possible, refrigerate the caponata overnight to allow the flavors to develop. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

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Koinonia Farm, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, is requesting proposals for Grant & Project Management related to the planning and restoration of the historic Koinonia Farm in Americus, GA. The project is being funded by a grant from the National Park Service. All restoration

Construction/Service Bids

work must be done in compliance with the Secretary of Interior Standards. Proven expertise and experience with National Park Service restoration project is necessary. The deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, August 1, 2025. For a full RFP package, send an email to elizabeth@koinoniafarm.org

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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H O L H X X H U G Z S K B G . ” — R G H X R G
A J I W Y

Previous Solution: “I’ve never lost my appetite for acting ... I always end up being the evil one, and I wouldn’t hurt a fly.” — **EW WALLACH**
TODAY’S CLUE: *A squire* ☞

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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.

CLUES

- 1 discovering (9)
- 2 theatrical teasers (8)
- 3 moldable soils (5)
- 4 frozen formation (6)
- 5 from the Arctic, perhaps (8)
- 6 like a skunk (10)
- 7 Pinocchio’s nose extender (9)

SOLUTIONS

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Monday’s Answers: 1. UNLIKABLE 2. RUMINATING 3. ILLUSION 4. BLACKBEARD 5. TUNISIA 6. RUNNERS 7. PUDDLING 8/5

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Cashew, e.g.
- 4 ___-hop music
- 7 Director Reiner
- 10 Tuber in West African cuisine
- 13 Nonsense refrain syllables
- 15 Laudatory poem
- 16 Big bird
- 17 In full view
- 19 Like Big Bird’s name
- 20 Seaport’s loading and unloading area
- 21 Opening of a never-give-up slogan
- 23 Unfriendly
- 25 Editor’s target
- 26 B’way musical set in Paris
- 29 Spy org.
- 31 Burden
- 34 Logger’s tool
- 35 Brag
- 37 “Bye Bye Bye” boy band
- 38 Open ___ night
- 39 1-800-555-2368 for Ghostbusters, e.g.
- 41 Pilot’s update, briefly
- 42 Up in the air
- 44 Hem again
- 45 Broadcast
- 46 Silver State city near Tahoe
- 47 Junior
- 48 Fish-eating hawk
- 50 Unit of medication
- 52 Prom, for one
- 54 Brand of flour since 1880
- 57 “By the power of Grayskull” cartoon hero
- 61 Pen name letters
- 62 “Fingers crossed!”
- 64 Tax org.
- 65 Fella
- 66 Cock-a-doodle-do-er
- 67 “Unforgettable” singer ___ King Cole
- 68 Lamb’s mother
- 69 No. on a resume
- 70 “A Change Is Gonna Come” singer-songwriter Cooke

DOWN

- 1 “Click this link at your own risk” letters
- 2 “Crikey”
- 3 “The Big Lebowski” actress Reid
- 4 “Grayish time at dusk or dawn
- 5 ___-at-ease
- 6 Barbecue spot
- 7 Santa ___, California
- 8 Folk singer known as “The Voice of the Civil Rights Movement”
- 9 Muscular
- 10 Like some annual accounting comparisons, or what can be found in the answers to the starred clues
- 11 Concert blasters
- 12 Pup without a pedigree
- 14 SoCal NFLer
- 18 “Removed from the docket, as a legal hearing
- 22 Wall St. debuts

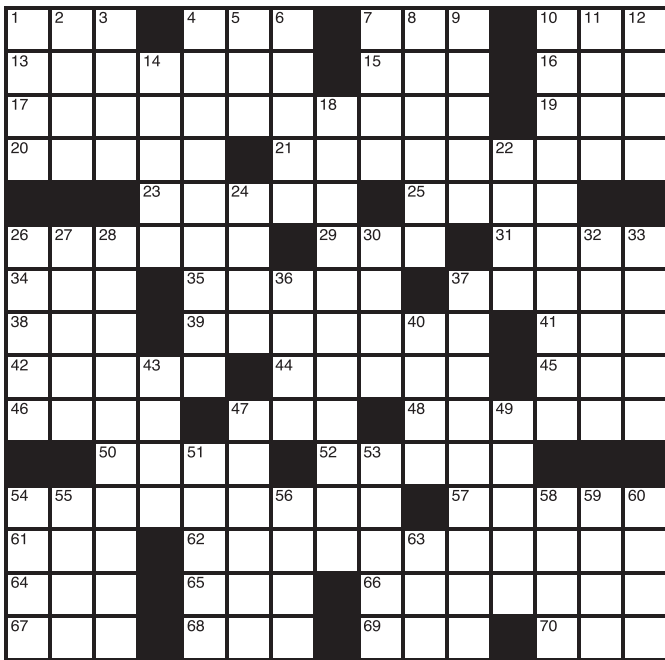
- 24 Capital city near the North Sea
- 26 Rapper Kendrick
- 27 One cast out
- 28 “Penultimate
- 30 “Seriously?”
- 32 Release, perhaps
- 33 Frightening
- 36 Other, in Spanish
- 37 “Nontraditional
- 40 Like much classic Las Vegas signage

- 43 Sustenance
- 47 Teeter-totter
- 49 Pals, in slang
- 51 “Say cheese!”
- 53 Warning signal
- 54 “Buy low, sell high” result
- 55 Creole pod
- 56 “Bro!”
- 58 New York MLB team
- 59 Sailing
- 60 Social standard
- 63 Soil-turning tool

ANSWER TO TODAY’S PUZZLE:

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Corporation for Public Broadcasting to close its doors

By **Shauneen Miranda**
Georgia Recorder

WASHINGTON — The Corporation for Public Broadcasting has announced that it will be shutting down.

The announcement came just one day after a major Senate appropriations bill omitted funding for the non-profit that funds public media and a week after President Trump signed a bill into law that yanked \$1.1 billion in previously approved spending for CPB.

CPB, which Congress authorized in 1967, provides funds for National Public Radio, the Public Broadcasting Service and hundreds of local stations across the United States. Trump and fellow Republicans have criticized NPR and PBS of left-leaning bias, an accusation the public media organizations

have rejected.

“Despite the extraordinary efforts of millions of Americans who called, wrote, and petitioned Congress to preserve federal funding for CPB, we now face the difficult reality of closing our operations,” Patricia Harrison, president and CEO of CPB, said in a statement Friday. “CPB remains committed to fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities and supporting our partners through this transition with transparency and care.”

She added that “public media has been one of the most trusted institutions in American life, providing educational opportunity, emergency alerts, civil discourse, and cultural connection to every corner of the country.”

CPB said employees were

notified Friday that the majority of staff positions “will conclude with the close of the fiscal year on Sept. 30,” and a small transition team will stay through January 2026.

The Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday approved the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education spending bill for Fiscal Year 2026, which did not include any CPB funding.

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington state, the top Democrat on the panel, expressed her disappointment over the lack of a CPB allocation in the bill during a committee markup.

“It is a shameful reality, and now communities across the country will suffer the consequences as over 1,500 stations lose critical funding,” Murray said.

In a win for the Trump ad-



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Cuts by the Trump administration have led to the planned closing of Public Broadcasting Service.

ministration, Congress passed a rescissions package in July that clawed back \$9 billion in

previously approved spending for public broadcasting and foreign aid, including

\$1.1 billion for CPB. Trump signed the measure into law just days later.

Climate in context: UGA’s Knox a climate pioneer

By **Maria M. Lameiras**
UGA/CAES

WATKINSVILLE -- From her cozy office at the J. Phil Campbell Research and Education Center here, Pam Knox has a clear view of the sky, and that is the way she likes it. In fact, she’s built a career on it.

“One of the nicest things about studying meteorology is I can look outside the window and understand what’s going on in the atmosphere, what’s causing the kinds of clouds we get, and where the rain is happening and where it’s not,” Knox, director of the University of Georgia Weather Network, said. “What kind of cool job is that, right?”

Knox monitors the effects of climate change on agriculture throughout the U.S. in a daily climate blog.

Like many meteorologists, Knox had a formative weather experience as a child.

“When I was in the third grade, a tornado touched down two blocks from my house, and that was unusual for that area, for Grand Rapids,” Knox said. “It was April 21, 1967, a Friday night. It was already dark and pretty early in the severe weather season for Michigan.

“My friend was supposed to play a piano piece, so we were all excited about that. We got to the gym and started eating dinner, and that was when we had the tornado warning. They had just started the program, so my friend never got to play her piano piece because, you know, with a tornado, you don’t want to have people in a big open space. My mom went into the school office, and she said she heard the tornado, you know, the freight train sound. The tornado went between the school and our house.”

After the tornado passed, Knox remembers driving home in the dark after the power was knocked out.

“We lost most of the trees



Special Photo: UGA/CAES

Pam Knox keeps the state’s extension agents informed by sharing trends in weather patterns, drought outlooks, climate variability and severe weather events through the extension weather blog Climate and Agriculture in the Southeast.

in our neighborhood, and we didn’t have power for a week-end. One of my friends’ garages was picked up, turned 90 degrees and set back down, so the garage door was opening into the yard,” Knox said. “I never thought about going into the weather for a career, but after that, of course I was interested in the weather. I think it’s a very typical story for meteorologists to have a big weather event.”

It wasn’t until she graduated from college that Knox’s career path began to drift toward meteorology.

She graduated as a double major in physics and math at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she grew up, when a moment of realization pointed her in a new direction. Her undergraduate physics research taught her that she wanted to do science at a more accessible scale.

“Physics tends to be really small scale, like atom scale, or really large scale, like universe scale,” she explained. “I wanted to be able to look out the window and understand what was going on. Meteorology was a nice jump. And it’s easy to jump from physics into meteorology, because meteorology is a very physical science; you use a lot of math. It’s not just going out and forecasting the weather.”

As agricultural climatologist for UGA Cooperative Extension, Knox serves a function much like a broadcast meteorologist but for Georgia’s agricultural producers. She keeps the state’s extension agents informed by sharing trends in weather patterns, drought outlooks, climate variability and severe weather events through the extension weather blog “Climate and Agriculture in the Southeast.”

Knox began her journey to her current role at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she intended to study satellite meteorology with Verner Suomi, who is considered the father of satellite meteorology, but the professor’s health problems meant much of her master’s studies were done with other scientists. After earning her master’s degree, Knox returned to Calvin College as a replacement teacher for three semesters, teaching classes in physics, astronomy and meteorology. In the summer between semesters, she did an internship in probability of precipitation forecasting with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, Texas.

“The first night I was there, they had severe weather. I could see supercells with massive clouds hanging all around. It was like 104 degrees (Fahrenheit). Totally cool,” she said. “I went there to study the weather and there it was. You don’t usually get that open view of the sky in Michigan.”

After teaching for three semesters, Knox went to work for the National Weather Service in Silver Spring, Md., where she spent two years studying data on extremely heavy rain events in the Front Range of the Rockies, including Colorado, the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest.

“They produce statistics on 1-in-100-year storms, only the project I was working in was more like 1-in-a-million-year storms,” she said. “They have a lot of big dams out west, and those dams have to be built with enough space in the reservoir that, if they get one of these huge storms, it won’t overflow, and the dam won’t fail. So when you design a dam out there, you have to know those storm statistics.”

Working with only 50 years of recorded weather data, Knox said determining the probability of a catastrophic weather event involves figuring out what a million-year storm looks like.

“You look at statistics for all the surrounding areas. Even if the storm didn’t hit your watershed, it may have hit a nearby one, allowing you to analyze similarities,” she said.

Using computer modeling techniques, meteorologists can run a nearly infinite number of models of a storm by

“tweaking” the incoming values of water vapor, temperature, wind direction, topography and more to determine the elements of a worst-case scenario.

After two years with the National Weather Service, Knox returned to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, to pursue her doctoral degree under pioneering climate scientist John Kutzbach. During her studies, he arranged for her to work two summers at the National Centers for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., on ocean modeling.

While she valued the experience, Knox again realized that the field was not for her. Unsure of what she wanted to do, she was considering teaching high school or adult education when the job of Wisconsin state climatologist became available.

“It was in the same building I was already in, and it involved talking about climate to all different kinds of people; I thought that sounded interesting,” Knox, who served in the role from 1989 until 1996, said.

As state climatologist in Wisconsin, Knox began doing the kinds of outreach she does in Georgia since joining the university as director of the UGA Weather Network in 2017.

“It was very much a science translator position where you have to understand the science, but you also have to be able to explain it to people who don’t,” she said. “My audience now is mostly extension specialists, so they’re the ones who go out to the farmers with that information because they have the

trust relationship, but it is my job to answer the questions they have.”

After a 2.5-year stint at Valparaiso University in Northwest Indiana, the Knoxes moved to Athens, where Pam Knox took a job as assistant state climatologist for Georgia, working under then-state climatologist David Stooksbury at CAES. John Knox, also a meteorologist, eventually joined the faculty in UGA’s Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, where he now serves as the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Geography and teaches courses in the atmospheric sciences major.

In 2011, after the state climatologist position was moved to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Knox began doing grant work with Mark Risse at UGA, looking at how Southeastern crops have been impacted by climate change and on a national project to broaden awareness about climate change through livestock producers and extension educators. When the grant work finished in 2017, Knox was thinking about retiring when she was recruited as director for the UGA Weather Network.

“As Wisconsin state climatologist, I learned a lot about agriculture, and I learned a lot more when I was doing the grant work,” she said. “I had to learn about how climate and climate variability impacts the growing of different crops, how it impacts cattle and so on, and how that varies across the country.

“Now, every day I’m learning something new about how climate interacts with agriculture.”

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