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‘THE HONOR OF A LIFETIME:’

Sen. Freddie Powell Sims officially announces retirement, endorses Edward Brown

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ALBANY – After more than two decades in elected office, state Sen. Freddie Powell Sims made her retirement official with a Monday announcement outside the Dougherty County Justice Center and gave her endorsement for another candidate in the race.

Powell, a Dawson Democrat who has represented District 12 in the Georgia Senate since 2009, threw her support behind Edward Brown, one of the four Democratic candidates who qualified to be on the May 19 primary ballot.

Prior to being elected to the Senate in 2008, Sims served

two terms in the Georgia House after being elected to office in 2004. After Sims hurried home from the 2026 legislative session to be with her ailing husband, Norman Sims, last month, she announced her intention to resign. Norman Sims died on March 27.

“Twenty-two years is a long time for public service, especially with a district this big with 13 counties, and these are some of the poorest in the state,” the retired middle school principal said during an interview with The Albany Herald before she gave her remarks. “We were able to help farmers, to help teachers, to help some of the underserved communities.”

Health care was another issue Sims said she pursued throughout her time in office, as was education, particularly projects that benefited Albany State University and Georgia Southwestern State University as well as area technical colleges and public schools.

The work on all of those issues will “never finish,” Sims said.

“They’re pretty much continuous, but we do the best we can,” she said. “If southwest Georgia wants viable, sustainable economic prosperity, southwest Georgians must sit at the table and work together regionally to plan for one of the poorest quadrants in the state and these United States.”

During her time in office, Sims served on two education commissions appointed by Republican Govs. Nathan Deal and Brian Kemp.

Retiring was a tough decision, one that Sims said was made easier because Brown is ready to step in and continue that work. She elected to endorse her former opponent in the race over candidates Corey Morgan, a member of the Camilla City Council, and Albany firefighter Tracy Taylor.

“(The endorsement is) not hard to do when the Lord sends a good person who can do that,” she said.

Of her time in office, Sims

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State senatorial candidate Edward Brown, left, speaks with retiring state Sen. Freddie Powell Sims prior to Sims' official declaration that she is withdrawing from the Democratic primary campaign. Camilla City Council member Corey Morgan and Tracy Taylor, an Albany firefighter, are the other Democratic candidates in the race.



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Butler Stoudemire and Erin Andrews have primary roles in Theatre Albany's “See How They Run.”

Theatre Albany brings ‘British farce’ to stage

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ALBANY – Kelly Walton's certainly no stranger to the theater scene in southwest Georgia. She's acted in a number of plays and has directed four major Theatre Albany productions.

But Walton's fifth production for the Albany theater group is perhaps her most ambitious, the British farce “See How They Run,” which will be presented Friday-Sunday and April 17-19.

“I sum up the key to this production with something I've told the players a million times: ‘If it's not fast, it's not funny,’” Walton, who has directed “Legally Blonde,”

“James and the Giant Peach Jr.,” “The Wedding Singer” and “Mouse Trap” at the local theater, said. “This play is a challenge; it's a lot. It's British humor, so it's rapid-fire, all over the place.”

“There's slapstick, physical humor, fast-paced lines. A lot of the success of the play depends on pace, timing. Fortunately, we have a cast that's worked hard to get to the nuances of the play. I told them from the first that they'd have to work hard, and as we get ready to open, that hard work is paying off.”

“See How They Run” was originally writ-

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Staff Photo: Carlton Fletcher
Doug Lorber and Adalei Pilcher share a moment during a rehearsal for Theatre Albany's latest play, which opens Friday.

Albany Commission to revisit \$500,000 proposal for summer youth program

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ALBANY – With the reported demise of a program that provided summer meals, sports and learning opportunities to hundreds of Dougherty County children, other local governments and organizations are

scrambling to take up some of the slack.

Last week, individuals who have worked in the National Youth Sports Program that had been held each summer for half a century reported that Albany State University will not be hosting the program this year.

So far, the city of Albany, Dough-

erty County Sheriff's Office, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany have indicated their willingness to boost the number of children they will serve in 2026.

In all, the three are looking at providing space for about 550 more children than were served

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Citywide cleanup effort set for April 17-18 in Albany

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ALBANY – A citywide push to clean and beautify Albany will return April 17-18 as Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful hosts its annual “Stash the Trash” event, mobilizing residents for a coordinated effort to reduce litter and improve public spaces.

Organizers are inviting volunteer teams to register and select designated cleanup areas — or locations of their choice — across the city during the two-day initiative. Last year's event drew 2,456 volunteers, and officials say they are aiming

to build on that momentum.

“We are excited to bring the community together again for this effort,” Lauryn Griffin, project manager for Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful, said. “This event continues to grow each year, and it's a powerful reminder of what can happen when people take pride in where they live.”

The cleanup anchors a broader weeklong Earth Day celebration across Albany and Dougherty County, with additional events designed to expand participation and reinforce long-term environ-

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mental stewardship.

During Earth Week, organizers will host two additional cleanups in partnership with Publix and Georgia’s Own Credit Union, creating more opportunities for residents to get involved beyond the main event. Youth engagement also will be a central focus, with volunteers scheduled to read to students at Prep Academy and Land of the Little People.

On Earth Day, the organization will partner with UGA Extension and 4-H to lead a hands-on recycling project that repurposes plastic bottles, offering a practical lesson in sustainability. The week will conclude with a cleanup at a local school, reinforcing the initiative’s emphasis on engaging younger generations.

Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful operates as a local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, a national nonprofit that works with community partners, volunteers and public agencies to reduce litter, increase recycling and improve neighborhoods.

That work is part of a broader national effort, including the Greatest American Cleanup, a multi-year initiative tied to the country’s 250th anniversary on July 4. The campaign aims to mobilize communities nationwide to improve public

spaces and strengthen civic pride ahead of the semiquincentennial.

Locally, organizers say the goal remains straightforward: Bring people together to take ownership of their surroundings and create visible, lasting improvements across the community.

Residents interested in participating are encouraged to register in advance by searching “City of Albany Stash the Trash” online or by visiting the city office at 125 Pine Ave., Suite 140. While the deadline to receive a free T-shirt has passed, teams can still sign up to participate.

Organizers also encourage businesses, organizations and individuals interested in hosting or partnering on future efforts to contact Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful at (229) 302-3098, visit the office or connect through social media.



File Photo: Carlton Fletcher
A citywide push to clean and beautify Albany will return April 17-18 as Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful hosts its annual “Stash the Trash” event.

File Photo:
The Albany Recreation and Parks Department and Dougherty County Sheriff’s Office are among the groups looking to boost numbers in summer camp programs this year after the reported cancellation of the National Youth Sports Program for 2026.

From 1A

STAGE

ten in 1943, but with the end of World War II, was rewritten in 1949. A German Nazi character was rewritten as a Russian, and American characters were added.

“I tend to be a historian; I like to do research about works I’m involved with to get a better understanding of the play,” Walton said. “If the cast members have questions about a specific line or scene from the play, I want to be able to answer those questions.”

The nine characters in “See

How They Run” is, Walton said, a nice mix of veteran actors and three newcomers to the Theatre Albany stage. Butler Stoudenmire and Doug Lorber are among the veterans in the cast, and Erin Andrews is making her Theatre Albany debut.

“It’s a little frightening; I do have a bit of stage fright,” Andrews said before the cast’s Tuesday-night dress rehearsal. “But I’m having so much fun doing this.”

The cast includes Stoudenmire as Rev. Lionel Troop, Andrews as his wife, Penelope Troop, Adalei Pilcher as Ida, Jennifer Bowers as Miss Skillon, Sam Ellis as Cpl. Clive Winton, Mickey Snow as the

Intruder, Chad Hudson as Rev. Arthur Humphrey, Jason Dowdy as Sgt. Towers and Lorber as the Bishop of Lax.

“See How They Run” is the 73rd production for the ageless Lorber.

“I still try to do at least one show a year,” the veteran actor said. “The things that are so special about this one is the camaraderie among the cast and Kelly’s direction. She has a great vision for the play, but she also allows the actors to be creative. That’s a rare quality.”

Lorber, too, said timing is crucial to a successful performance in the farce.

“There’s a lot of physical comedy in this play, so I feel it in

my knees and back,” he said. “There’s running around; we have to lift someone ... there’s a lot of the slapsticky, British humor. But I’m really having fun; I wouldn’t do it if I didn’t.”

“I’m kind of an old hand at this, but we have three performers who’ve never done a show on this stage before. I love sharing their excitement.”

Joining Walton among the play’s crew are Stage Director Jessica Albano, Costumer Megan Lisenby, Set Constructors Rob Pilcher and Sean Cirone, Set Dressers Melissa Griffin and Macy Seymour, and props provided by Jenny McNair and Tina Justice.

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PROGRAM

in the summer of 2025, Albany Assistant City Manager Derrick Brown told city commissioners during their Tuesday work session. That includes boosting the number of participants in the Dougherty County Sheriff’s Office Summer Program from about 100 to 350.

The city is looking at hosting an additional 240 participants above what it has traditionally hosted. Several City Commission members expressed a desire to do more.

One possibility is to partner with the United Way of Southwest Georgia, which last month presented a proposal to coordinate the existing programs hosted by the various organizations and governmental agencies.

The United Way requested \$175,000 initially from the Dougherty County Commission and \$250.00 from the city of Albany. Neither entity has taken a vote on the proposals.

“Why not have ... one umbrella

not give other community partners time.”

The city manager said that he suggested to United Way that the agency work on a comprehensive program for next summer.

“I think it needs some time to develop,” he said. “It’s like you didn’t give these community partners time to make a decision.”

There also is a cost factor. The United Way initially requested about \$250,000, but its latest proposal is in the range of \$500,000, Jacobs said.

The organization’s pitch was for 2,000 participants, but that number would include the youngsters involved in other existing summer programs, including the annual Swim For Life program operated by Dougherty County Coroner Michael Fowler.

While the city’s seven-week summer program comes at a cost to \$21 per week per child, Commissioner Diana Brown said that some families in Albany are

we give him a chance, this will change Albany.”

Among his concerns, Mayor Bo Dorough said that the proposal has no track record and that the city would have to figure out how to fund a new, \$500,000 expenditure.

“That is a very big ask,” he said.

During its meeting on Monday, Dougherty County commissioners heard an update from Sheriff Terron Hayes on efforts to serve more students this summer. Within days of opening up the application process the agency had received some 250 applications, he said.

To ramp up the program, the sheriff’s office, which is assisted by officers from the Albany Police Department, Dougherty County Police Department and Dougherty County School System Police Department in putting on the program, is looking at increasing the number of adults providing supervision and a larger site than Merry Acres Middle School.



and make sure all these students of Dougherty County are safe?” Commissioner Collette Jenkins said. “I appreciate you attempted this, but what I want most of all (is that) from June 1 these students will be safe and they will be in a program.”

In reviewing the situation, city staff determined that expanding existing programs for 2026 would have a greater likelihood of success than embarking on a new model put together in a short amount of time.

“To put this together in a month and a half and having to get the program you want is difficult,” City Manager Terrell Jacobs said. “It’s a great proposal, but based on the time frame, it doesn’t give us enough time and does

unable to afford that amount.

The Sheriff’s Office’s five-week program is free of charge, while the Boys & Girls Clubs’ program has a fee of \$300 for its eight-week program, according to Brown.

Based on a request from Jenkins and comments from other commissioners, Jacobs agreed to have United Way return during the April 21 work session for further discussion. The city manager said that his job is to give commissioners the pros and cons about proposals and will carry out their wishes if they decide to go in a different direction.

“I believe, as he said in his proposal, he already has partners ready to go,” Jenkins said of the United Way. “I believe if

“This is a very critical thing,” County Commissioner Anthony Jones said. “We need to do something for our children. Every time you turn around, there’s a 15-, 17-, 18-year-old being shot. Every day they’re on the street they’re more likely to do something they shouldn’t be doing.”

“We need to all come to the table and see what we can do collectively. I think what needs to happen is everybody needs to come to the table.”

The sheriff did not give a number of the anticipated additional costs the expansion of the agency’s summer program will have, but said that he has discussed it with County Commissioner Clinton Johnson.

“It’s going to be a big difference because we’re going to take in a greater number of kids,” he said. “That’s going to cost. This information (about Albany State) was just presented to us last week. It’s a last-minute thing. That’s why there won’t be a (funding) ask” at this time.

Albany State has not responded to requests from The Albany Herald for comment on the status of the National Youth Sports Program.

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SIMS

said it was “truly the honor of a lifetime.”

In endorsing Brown, Sims noted his master’s degree in economics from Southern Methodist University and a master’s degree and Ph.D in economic history from the University of Cambridge. Brown also served on President Barack Obama’s Council on Economic Advisors and also worked at the Open Source Policy Center, where he developed analytical tools used by members of Congress from both parties to assess long-term tax policy implications.

Yet, Sims said, those educational and real-life accomplishments are not what distinguishes Brown. That, she said, is instead his commitment to southwest Georgia.

“Like many young people from our region, Dr. Brown left to pursue educational opportunities,” Sims said. “Unlike many, he always intended to return. At a time when his credentials could have secured him a lucrative career in any major financial center,

he chose to come home – to Albany – with a purpose: to apply his expertise to the real economic challenges facing everyday Georgians.”

For his part, Brown said in a statement that the retiring senator’s endorsement was “both a humbling and deeply meaningful moment for me.”

“I am honored to receive her endorsement for Georgia state Senate District 12,” he said. “I do not take this endorsement lightly. It is both an honor and a responsibility.”

The candidate noted Sims’ work in advancing literacy, strengthening economic development and championing agriculture.

“Her work has touched classrooms, supported families and ensured that rural communities like ours continue to have a voice,” he said. “This is not just a record of policy; it is a legacy of impact.”

“I understand that leadership in southwest Georgia must always be grounded in the real needs of our communities, our schools, our farmers and our working families. I am ready to serve, and I will work every day to earn the trust that Sen. Sims has placed in me.”

Powell said her appointment to committees by Republican officials is one proof of her ability to work across the aisle for the district. Her biggest collaborator in that regard has been state Rep. Gerald Greene, who often seemed joined at the hip with Sims, with whom he worked closely on issues that affected southwest Georgia. Their efforts often were in sync because eight of the nine counties the representative from Cuthbert represents are in Senate District 12, Greene said.

“We looked like we were kind of attached,” he said. “Our philosophies coincided. We always tried to look after the district. (It) was not always what Atlanta wanted us to do, but it was what the district needed. Freddie and I have worked together on many issues.”

The next person elected to the senate district will have big shoes to fill, Greene said.

“We supported each other through thick and thin,” he said. “I’m going to miss her.”

The winner of the May 19 Democratic primary will face Republican candidate Terence Fowler in the November general election.

Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): While your charisma could be off the charts today, it's not a helpful day for an important action, big decision, or new beginning — even tomorrow would give you better odds. Keep building your best life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Inner work funds outer genius — keep your self-mastery practice solid. Big new insights are on their way. You could encounter someone iconic that inspires near-instant admiration. Wait to see if the glitter is or is not gold.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The harder the sell, the greater your skepticism should be. Today is not the day to jump, buy, or sign up. Look for value not optics and wait until at least tomorrow to put the odds in your favor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's great when a partner can see you, support your efforts, and bring needed skills into the partnership. If you are single, see clearly, don't project wishful thinking. Keep it subtle today as the stars aren't supportive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A little stardust can go a long way toward elevating the mundane into something more magical. 'What is my quest today?' might bring a more playful mindset than an attitude of 'same garbage, different day.'

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Most situations are unlikely to improve from efforts made today-wait until tomorrow or after. Below-zero stars don't assist you, above-zero stars help you, mildly or more than mildly, depending on how high the score.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A partnership could be arising behind the scenes that could feel like a complete surprise right up to go time and yet it could also feel perfectly aligned. Today's not the day to meetup, wait for stronger stars and aligned individual cycles too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you're over the old ways of getting things done, some new techniques or technologies could soon appear on the horizon. A recent glow

up could be emboldening but wait for above-zero stars to make your move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan some weekend or Friday fun if you can, your spirit could be yearning for freedom, fresh air and movement. While you might feel sold on a financial plan, do not implement it today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep nudging your home space into better alignment with what is needed to support everyone. Some new hacks could be coming soon that could make a wonderful difference. Your charisma is over the top today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could soon have the opening you've been waiting for to pass on a message or plant a seed. Don't just analyze mistakes for lessons, analyze your victories too for valuable takeaways. And celebrate every tiny one!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep gathering ideas and data but don't make your move quite yet — today's not a helpful Universal day, and your own stars need a few more days to slot into place for the next round of improvements.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The earlier portion of 2026 packed most challenges and obstacles for the whole year into just a few months; most of the blessings for the year are yet to come. April looks like it will shower you with some real happiness, you could find a new way, a new method, a new job or relationship or algorithm ... something comes along that could positively rock your world. Potentially separately, there could be joyous news in love or family. Don't look for the flaw, just be grateful for the manifestations. There's more money before month-end, and still more in May. May could also bring fame or improved visibility and renewed ambition, but it's important not to get caught up in a time-waster situation that may never resolve. June's challenge is not to be held back by fear or ignited by bravado, but to move at a regulated pace as dreams get ever closer.



1912 - Titanic leaves Queenstown Ireland for New York

1945 - The United States Atomic Energy Commission is formed

1950 - Bob Hope's 1st TV appearance

1953 - TV Guide publishes 1st issue

1959 - NASA names 1st 7 astronauts for Project Mercury

1967 - The first Boeing 737 (100 series) makes its maiden flight.

1992 - A U.S. Federal Court finds former Panamanian dictator Manuel Norie-

ga guilty of drug and racketeering charges and sentences him to 30 years in prison

2003 - Baghdad falls to U.S. forces resulting in widespread looting

2005 - Wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles in a civil ceremony

2012 - The Lion King becomes highest grossing Broadway show

2017 - On Palm Sunday, two Christian Churches were bombed in Egypt by ISIS, killing 37 and injuring more than 100.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

Groucho Marx,
entertainer, (1890-1977)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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For those of you who quickly put a "go-fund-me" request up online anytime something bad happens to you: There may be suckers out there who are willing to pay for your misfortune, but you can count me out. I already pay for groceries for most of you.

Tax exempt organizations must publish on the Internet their financial returns submitted to the government (tax returns). The ASCPA, for instance, has 14 executives on the payroll who make more than a quarter of a million dollars a year, and the top dog makes over \$1 million a year. I will never give them a penny.

Narcissist Trump has become the most influential and most dangerous man on the planet, now being orchestrated, through his baleful, insidious solely ill-conceived self-promotion. The U.S., now \$40 trillion in debt with exhausted resources of oil, weapons, global allies, deeply divided and morally bankrupt, faces a devastating future prognosis of Biblical proportions, ignored by Congress but in sight of all humanity.

When I first met Carlton, I thought he was on medication. After getting to know him over the years, I wonder why he isn't.

I guess ASU President Scott has to save up the university's money to pay for his "very DEI-centric" cabinet. He's talked about trying to make this community better since coming on board, but I don't quite get how doing away with such an important program is going to improve this community in any way.

Quick, Braves fans, who's the more disappointing: Acuna or Riley? They're both overpaid and over-hyped.

If the Democrats win the midterms, American voters would have made a huge mistake. Things are not great now, but if Democrats get control it will get a lot worse as they will do nothing to help the American people.

You Trump worshipers must get really tired of making excuses for the man who is "doing what we elected him to do." Rather than admit you made a horrendous mistake, you keep giving this soon-to-be-convicted pedophile your support even though he single-handedly has us on the brink of World War III and our economy on the verge of collapse.

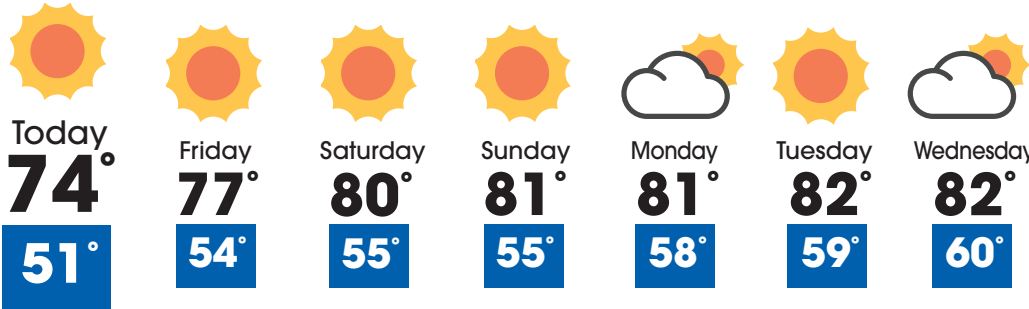
I see the coroner is still showing up in Herald pictures with the Star Business of the Week, and he still has the full-size decorated truck paid for by taxpayers. You would think after a national TV show showing how incompetent he is performing his job, he might be a little lower key.

Iran is a classic case of an alligator mouth overloading a hummingbird butt.

Mr. Fletcher: I appreciate your column on Albany State's decision not to have the NYSP on campus very much. Two of my grandchildren spent four summers each with that program, and I had two more who were looking forward to it this year. My grandchildren learned how to swim and met some very nice friends at NYSP. The community will be less for losing this program.

Yeah, Chris Hayes. I know you'd love to get back on stage and do it one more time. How about a little reunion gig?

Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

That's no bluff

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

"My girlfriend is threatening to break up because of my obsession with poker. I think she's bluffing." — graffiti.

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Frank Stewart

Today's North-South drove off a cliff in the auction (and it wasn't a bluff): When North cue-bid three hearts at his second turn (instead of bidding 3NT), South thought his partner was suggesting a diamond fit. Then when North tried to sign off at four spades, South took a shot at six, expecting better spade support.

The result was a hopeless slam; South had the ace of diamonds and a trump to lose. But West led the queen of hearts, and declarer took dummy's ace and tried a monumental bluff by leading the king next.

OVERRUFF

East hastily ruffed with the three of trumps, and South overruffed and cashed the A-K of trumps.

Making six!

East shouldn't have let himself be bluffed. South could not have a useful discard on the king of hearts. East should have discarded — or if he felt an irresistible urge to ruff, he could have survived by ruffing with the ten.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S 6 4 H A K 5 4 3 D 5 C A K J 5 2. Your partner opens one spade, you bid two hearts, he rebids two spades and you try three clubs. Partner rebids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner did not jump to four spades at his third turn; still, slam is possible. He might hold KQJ10852,2,AJ4,94. You might try 4NT and bid six spades if he has an ace. An option is to bid four diamonds to show a control and slam interest.

South dealer

N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Everyone has opinions about daughter's medical care

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: My 15-year-old daughter has a host of diagnoses that my husband and I are trying to navigate. We are receiving service and advice from a psychiatrist, a therapist, an occupational therapist and a speech therapist.

My problem is that I am constantly receiving rude comments and unwanted advice about my daughter. These fall into two main categories: questioning her medication and offering other comments on her behaviors.

How do I politely tell people that their comments are rude and that I do not wish the conversation to continue?

The issue is mostly with visitors coming to my house and us visiting relatives who are not aware of our day-to-day lives. My daughter's pills are in the bathroom, so she remembers to take them, and I've had visitors say things like "that's a lot of medication" and "she seems out of it, don't you think?"

I recently visited my sister out of state, and she was adamant that we address one of my daughter's behaviors in a particular way, even though we assured her it was already being addressed.

As a parent of a child with a lot of challenges, how do I tell these people that caring for my daughter is exhausting (my husband and I both work full time) and that we need their support, not their criticism?

— A Fed-up Mom

Dear Mom: I'm sorry you're having to deal with these comments. Even if well-intentioned, this kind of unsolicited feedback can be extremely

frustrating and even hurtful.

It may help you to head it off at the pass by bringing it up before guests come over or before you next visit someone else. You can be transparent about it, saying, "you may notice my daughter's medication in the bathroom. People sometimes bring it up. I want to ask that you not do that. We're in very good hands medically and we want to keep all feedback to our care team." This sets an expectation for guests in your home and can help them redirect any instinct they might have to offer suggestions.

Similarly, when visiting, you might try to preview what could happen in advance. I know that you may not know what will happen, but again you can reference past situations. "Sometimes my daughter does [example behavior], and others have found it [frustrating, inappropriate or whatever descriptor you feel is best]. This isn't something she's fully in control of and we are working to get her the help she needs. I'm telling you in advance because I want our visit to be a success and I want to ask for your patience and your grace." Then ask them if they have any questions and give them suggestions for how they might respond in a helpful way. It's fine if the ideal response is for them to ignore it.

Dear Eric: My ex was always bad with money. Credit card bills, collection agency calls, gambling issues. You name it. We were together for 10 years right out of college and now we've been apart for about five. My credit is almost back to something respectable but my bank account sure isn't. But I'm doing OK.

He's not doing so well, though.



Eric Thomas

Surprise surprise. He's got a chance to take a job that will pay him well, but it's a long commute and he doesn't have a car. He asked me to co-sign his loan with him. I want to help him get on his feet but I'm not sure if this is the right way. What do you think?

— Bad Credit

Dear Credit: Absolutely not. I'm so sorry, but he needs to come up with a different plan. From your telling, he still has a fraught relationship with money and bills, so he may not even be in a position to responsibly manage a car payment. Looping yourself into that scenario is only going to create more financial and emotional issues for you.

There may be a part of you that thinks if you do enough for him you can fix him or help him fix himself. This is not your fault, but it is something you should address. Even if you're still good friends, you're also exes and so you need to redraw the boundary between the two of you. One place to start is Melody Beattie's book, "Codependent No More: How to Stop Controlling Others and Start Caring for Yourself."

If you still feel compelled to make this easier for your ex, consider helping him look for financial counseling or reputable, non-predatory debt relief services, or helping him brainstorm other ways of getting to work. Is public transportation an option? Can he get a ride from coworkers? There are other ways of providing support, should you feel compelled, that don't get reported to the credit bureaus.

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What to watch THURSDAY

April 9, 2026

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

Georgie & Mandy’s First Marriage

CBS, 8 p.m.

When CeeCee loses her favorite toy, Mandy and Meemaw (Emily Osment and returning guest star Annie Potts) take it as an opportunity to make some money. Guest stars Zoe Perry and Craig T. Nelson also return in the new episode “A Stuffed Monkey and an Ex-Girlfriend.”

Scrabble

The CW, 8 p.m.

Two word wizards slug it out to see who will move on to play for \$10,000 in the new episode “The Machine.” Craig Ferguson hosts.

Next Level Chef

FOX, 8 p.m.

Channeling their inner cowboys, the chefs saddle up for a true test of technique as they take rustic ranch food to the next level in the new episode “Cowboy Cooking.”

Law & Order

NBC, 8 p.m.

Riley and Walker (Reid Scott and David Ajala) investigate the murder of a museum security guard and the theft of an artifact in the new episode “Beyond Measure.”



MICHAEL YARISH, CBS

Ghosts

CBS, 8:30 p.m.

In the new episode “Michael Jackson Goes to HR,” Trevor (Asher Grodman) lands himself in trouble when an inappropriate gift to a coworker forces him into a meeting only Jay (Utkarsh Ambudkar) can handle.

Matlock

CBS, 9 p.m.

Olympia (Skye P. Marshall) and the team take on a client (guest star Yara Martinez) who is fighting to gain full control of an AI afterlife software company she developed with her late sister in the new episode “The Future Is Nigh.”

Animal Control

FOX, 9 p.m.

In the new episode “Scaredy Cats and Card Sharks,” Frank and Daisy (Joel McHale and Kyla Pratt) lose \$5,000 in union funds and try to win the money back by gambling.

Mysteries Unearthed With Danny Trejo

History, 9 p.m.

From Mussolini’s hidden bunker, to a warship built to dominate, to coins bearing Henry VIII’s authority, host Danny Trejo and experts reveal how power leaves its mark long after its rulers are gone in the new episode.

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

NBC, 9 p.m.

Undercover Detective Joe Velasco (returning former cast member Octavio Pisano) is found to be at the center of a sex trafficking bust, and a rescued victim begs SVU to help save her sister in the new episode “Deep Under.”

Going Dutch

FOX, 9:30 p.m.

In the new episode “The Heart Locker,” Stroopdsdorf personnel are sent to sweep for land mines at a local farm, where Maj. Shah (Danny Pudi) suddenly finds himself in serious danger when he steps on one.

The Hunting Party

NBC, 10 p.m.

Bex (Melissa Roxburgh) and the team track down a woman who is haunted by the voice of her dead mortician father and is terrorizing the community where she once lived in the new episode “Colette Akins.”

The Proof Is Out There: Alien Edition

History, 10 p.m.

Are UFOs monitoring military activity? We hope not, but a strange, jellyfish-shaped object is caught on camera over a restricted base. And in Italy, a pilot captures images that defy explanation. Tony Harris and his team investigate these chilling encounters and deliver their verdict in the episode “Military UFO Sightings.”



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CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: Deep in the Heart of Texas

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Lone Star (1996) is a fitting title to start this marathon based on our Southern state of Texas. This small-town murder mystery finds a sheriff (Chris Cooper) back on an old case

when the skeleton of his murdered predecessor is found. The Texas hits continue with **No Country for Old Men** (2007) and **Blood Simple** (1984). Texas’ most prized film, however, is reserved for a late-night airing: **Bonnie and Clyde** (pictured). The film marked a turning point for American cinema, as it was one of the highest-grossing titles of 1967, earning about \$70 million worldwide. Following is **The Getaway** (1972), which ends the marathon.

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Sheriff Country

CBS, 8 p.m.

Mickey (Morena Baccarin) races to stop a suspected serial killer targeting young women during Edgewater’s Blood Moon Festival in the new episode “Show of Force.”

Happy’s Place

NBC, 8 p.m.

Bobbie (Reba McEntire) struggles to find the perfect buyers for Happy’s house, but Gabby (Melissa Peterman) thinks she has the solution in the new episode “Emotional Real Estate.”



‘Boston Blue’

BRENDAN ADAM-ZWELLING, CBS

Fire Country

CBS, 9 p.m.

A day of celebration at the Edgewater rodeo erupts into chaos after a stampede of runaway horses endangers the crowd in the new episode “Why Not Now?”

The UnBelievable With Dan Aykroyd

History, 9 p.m.

When the sun sets, strange things come alive. Imagine a full-scale war waged against thousands of invading frogs; an artist who only paints while sleepwalking; and battlefield wounds that literally glow in the dark. These bizarre and unbelievable moments all have one thing in common — they happen only when darkness falls.

Great Performances: Now Hear This

PBS, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Conductor and violinist Scott Yoo returns as host for Season 7 of this performing arts anthology series. Journey through Germany to uncover composer Johannes Brahms’ private world, including his personal photo collection and his summer hideaway, in “Brahms: Free But Alone.”

Boston Blue

CBS, 10 p.m.

Sean and Jonah (Mika Amonson and Marcus Scribner) go undercover to track down a dangerous new threat affecting Boston’s young adults in the new episode “Blood Chemistry.”



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(1970) and **Bloody Mama** (1970). These works all focus on the rebellion, drugs and counterculture that pay homage to Corman’s low-budget yet cinematically adored work.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Directed by Roger Corman

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Tonight’s TCM takeover is with “the Pope of Pop Cinema,” Roger Corman, a visionary director of independent films. The night begins with 1964’s **The Masque of the Red Death** (pictured), starring Corman’s muse Vincent Price, one of eight films of Corman directed based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe. *The New York Times* described the film as “vulgar, naive and highly amusing, and it is played with gusto by Mr. Price, Hazel Court and Jane Asher. As for Mr. Corman, he has let his imagination run riot.” The film follows a troubled prince who terrorizes a disease-stricken village while he lives within a castle full of servants. The evening continues with **The Wild Angels** (1966), **The Trip** (1967), **Gas-s-s-s**

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



‘Sing 2’
UNIVERSAL PICTURES

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001, Fantasy) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen **Paramount, 6 p.m.**

The Neighbor Who Saw Too Much (2024, Suspense) Sage Moore, Kia Dorsey **LMN, 6 p.m.**

Central Intelligence (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **TNT, 6:15 p.m.**

Jumanji (1995, Family) Robin Williams, Jonathan Hyde **WE, 6:30 p.m.**

Sing 2 (2021, Children) Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon **NICK, 7 p.m.**

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight **FX, 8 p.m.**

Point Break (1991, Action) Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves **IFC, 8 p.m.**

Barbie (2023, Comedy) Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling **TBS, 8:30 p.m.**

Meg 2: The Trench (2023, Science fiction) Jason Statham, Wu Jing **TNT, 8:30 p.m.**

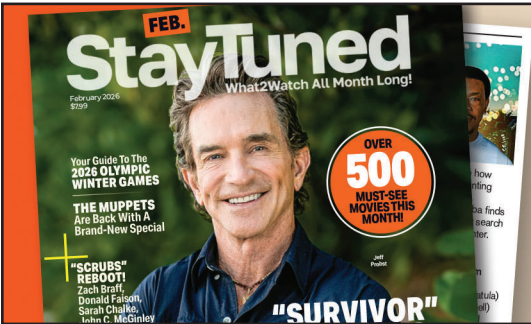
Friday (1995, Comedy) Ice Cube, Chris Tucker **BET, 10 p.m.**

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery **Bravo, 10 p.m.**

The King of Staten Island (2020, Comedy-drama) Pete Davidson, Marisa Tomei **E!, 11 p.m.**



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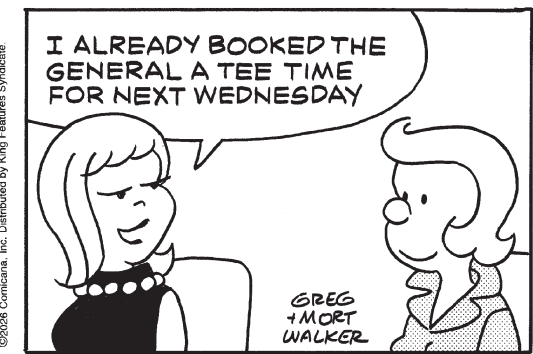
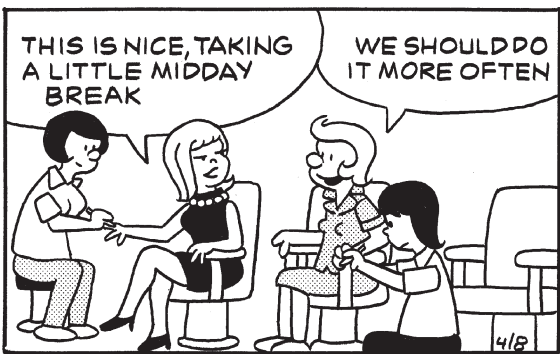
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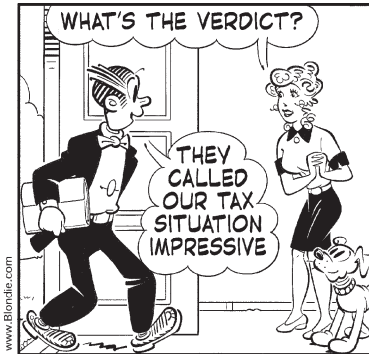
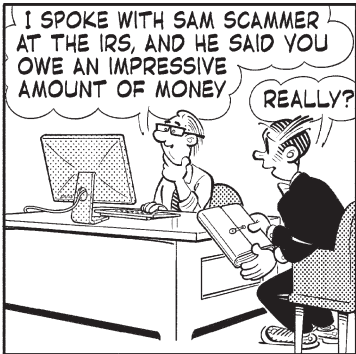
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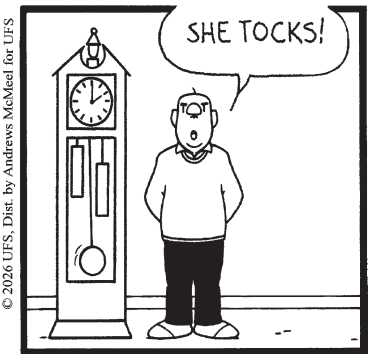
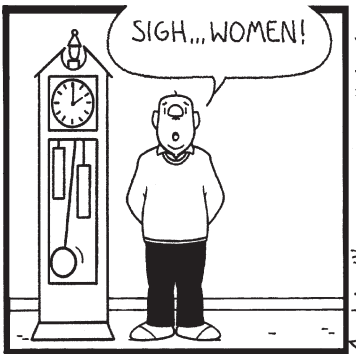
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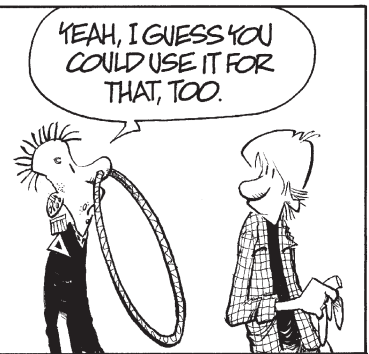
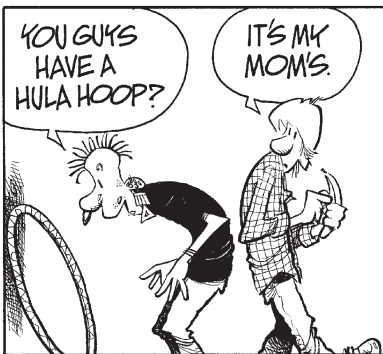
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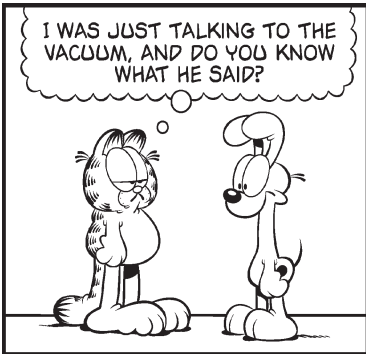
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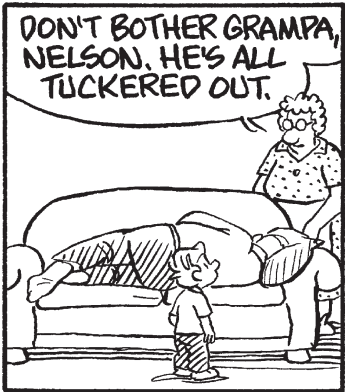
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WHATZIT?

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



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

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

He's behind you!

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

- ACROSS**
- Island ring
 - Skating venue
 - "Slouching Towards Bethlehem" essayist Didion
 - Hogwash
 - Job inspection org.
 - "Uh, I doubt that"
 - Prince
 - Makes a request
 - "Yo!"
 - Warm welcomes?
 - Part of UCLA
 - Lacking scruples
 - Many a social media pic
 - Action in Uno
 - Egg-shaped
 - Tortellini filling option
 - Graph paper pattern
 - Prince
 - Flamenco cheers
 - Redding of R&B
 - Painter's prop
 - Long, long time
 - Alloy in some decorative plates
 - Sapphire gin
 - Letters at the end of a proof
 - Fix for a noisy car
 - First word of the Lord's Prayer
 - DIY tutorial site
 - Prince
 - "Are you ___ out?"
 - Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
 - Broadcaster
 - PlayStation maker
 - Word in a vague ultimatum
 - Tied up in knots

- DOWN**
- Chapati flour
 - Very, in Versailles
 - Sty sound
 - ICU employees
 - Island ring
 - Spa attire
 - "By Jove!"
 - Org. whose members play at a 6-Across

- Greek city with a namesake olive
- One of 12 in "12 Angry Men"
- Nebraska city that's home to the Great Plains Black History Museum
- Yearly record
- Signs of recognition
- Manolo Blahnik creation
- "Let's ___ this popscicle stand"
- ___ deck: pool's spot on a cruise ship
- Many Mecca residents
- NYC nabe
- Like one twin in a soapy drama, typically
- Shake
- Trees at a Christmas tree farm
- Sub contractors?
- Swabbie pal
- Chew like a beaver
- Musical pause

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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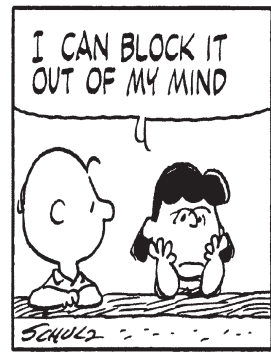
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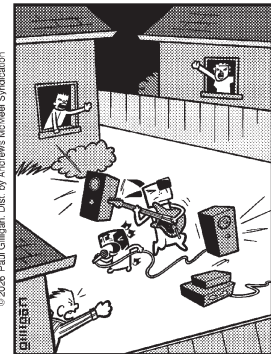
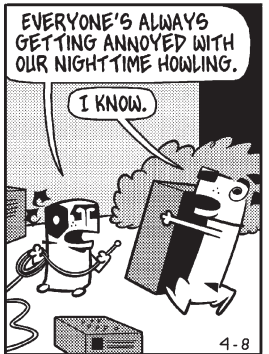
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POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



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.

INEXPENSIVE WATCHES

Solution: 10 letters

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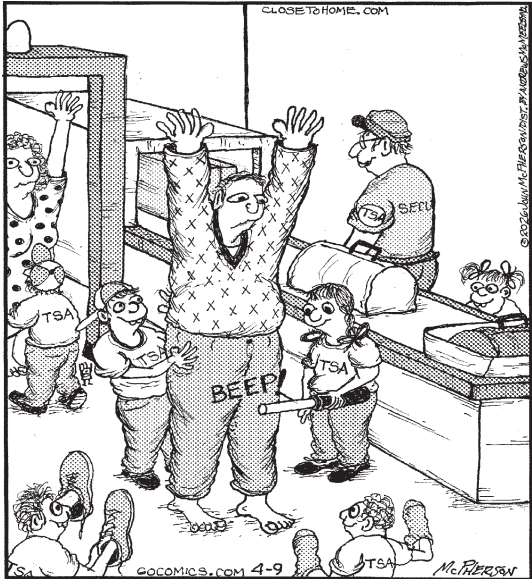
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Timepieces

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



To alleviate the shortage of airport security agents, every day has been declared "Take Your Child To Work" day.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bill Keane

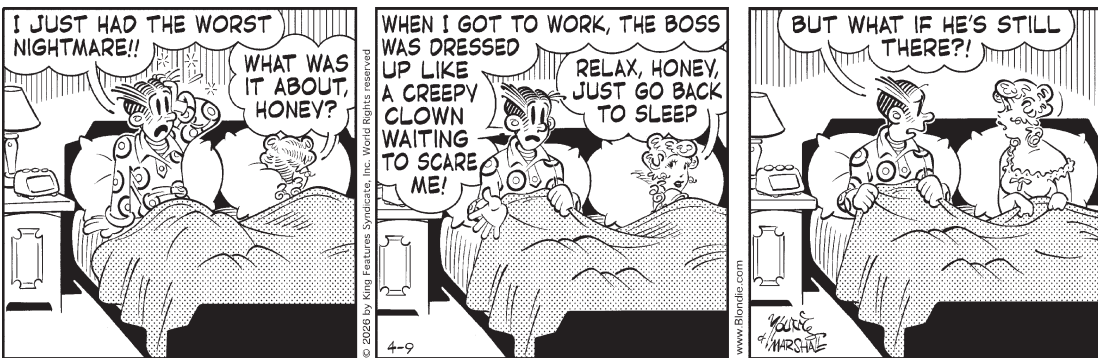


"It's raining, Mommy. We'll need our underbrella."

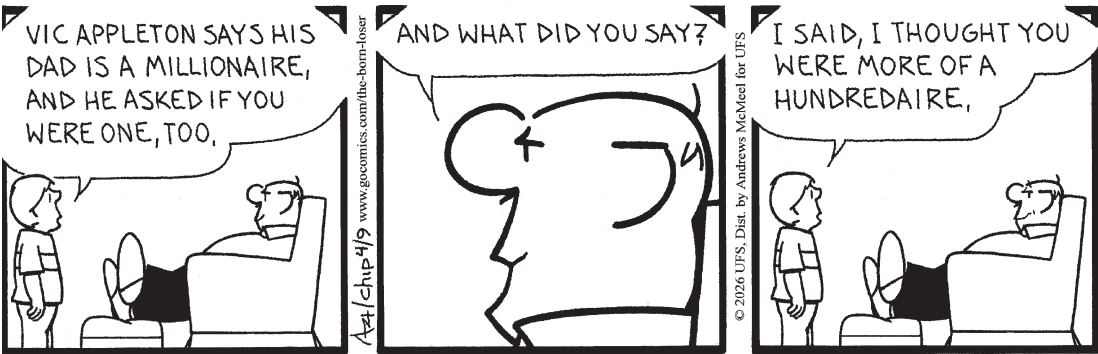
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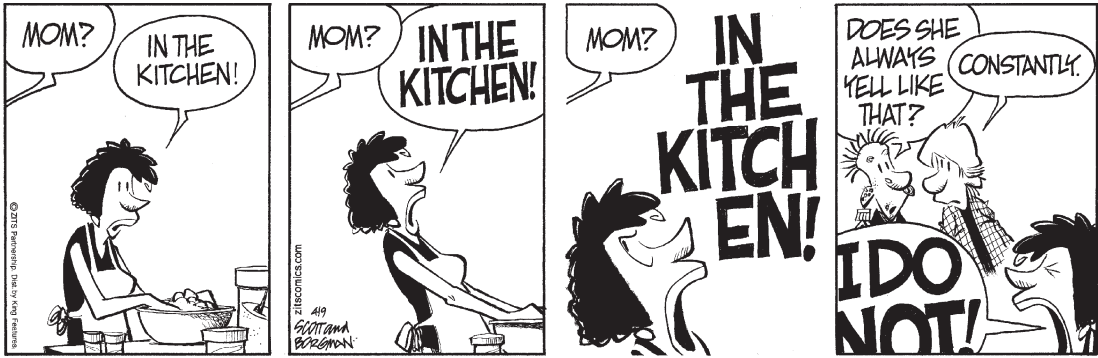
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Ashes to ashes, dust to dust

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Outlaw Billy the —
 - 4 Blemish
 - 8 Cabbage salad
 - 12 Buckeye State sch.
 - 13 Torte
 - 14 Timbre
 - 15 Born (Fr.)
 - 16 Fall birthstone
 - 17 Pro —
 - 18 Taylor Swift song, "— Car"
 - 20 Marsh bird
 - 21 Sickly
 - 22 Opposite of max.
 - 23 Illegal act
 - 26 Underground prison
 - 30 Steal from
 - 31 Stage in a hall
 - 33 Cogito — sum
 - 34 Send forth
 - 36 Greek letter
 - 38 Author Harper —

- 39 Failure
- 41 Round mass of cheese
- 43 Rodent
- 44 Glide over snow
- 45 Trembled
- 48 Dilly-dallied
- 52 — Scotia
- 53 Flat bread
- 54 Zoo denizen
- 55 Help to do wrong
- 56 Actor — Epps
- 57 Coq au —
- 58 Bloody
- 59 Incline
- 60 False show

- DOWN
- 1 "King — vs. Godzilla"
 - 2 Understanding words
 - 3 Twosome
 - 4 Made a disapproving face

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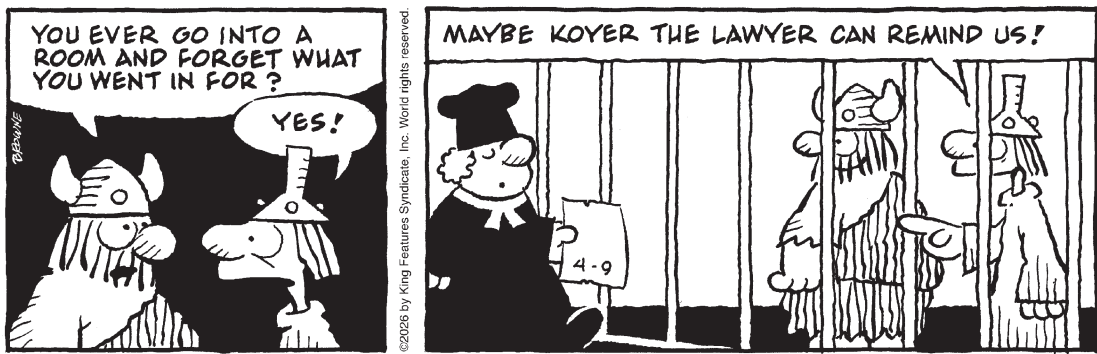
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- 5 Of a church leader
- 6 So-so
- 7 — Aviv
- 8 Peculiar
- 9 Lade
- 10 Poker stake
- 11 Have on
- 19 Get ready to fire
- 20 Come in first
- 22 Indispensable thing
- 23 Sailors on board
- 24 Capital of Italia
- 25 Long-plumed bird
- 26 Count calories
- 27 Perry's creator
- 28 Arch
- 29 Holiday song
- 32 Touch on
- 35 Hoarse-sounding
- 37 Not graceful
- 40 Hard wood
- 42 Concealed
- 44 Old Nick
- 45 Unforeseen problem
- 46 Vagrant
- 47 More than
- 48 Change purse item
- 49 Volcanic output
- 50 Grandiose tale
- 51 Dimple
- 53 Cauldron

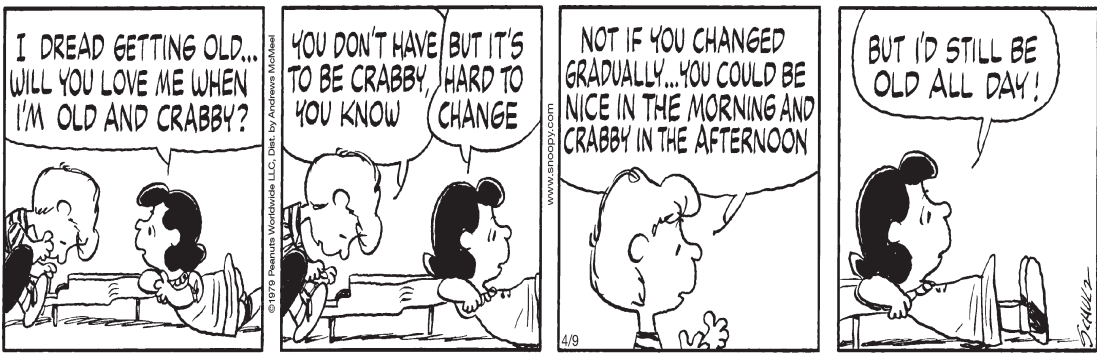
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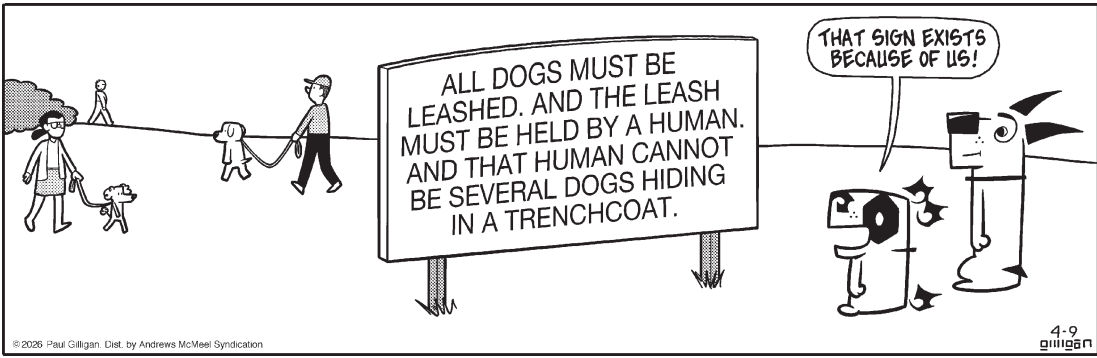
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



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.

DON'T 'FLOUT' THE LAW Solution: 6 letters

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I	H	A	B	Y	L	A	W	S	E	C	I	L	O	P
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R	E	G	U	L	A	T	I	O	N	S	S	L	C	C
A	G	Y	O	L	E	L	M	R	R	P	S	N	U	A
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Accept, Authority, Behave, Break, By-Law, Case, Challenge, Change, Charter, Code, Contempt, Convention, Defy, Direct, Follow, Ignore, Inspector, Instruction, Insult, Jaywalk, Legal, Legislation, Limit, Listen, Local, Mock, Morals, Parking, Police, Protest, Regulations, Reject, Rights, Rules, Safety, Sneer, Speed, Standards, Street, Threat, Wisdom

TODAY'S ANSWER: Lawyer

Construction of medical tower at heart of Colquitt Regional Foundation campaign

Staff Reports
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MOULTRIE -- Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation, a nonprofit support foundation to Colquitt Regional Health System, has officially launched its “Reaching New Heights in Healthcare” campaign — a transformational initiative that will expand access to care and shape the future of health care for Moultrie, Colquitt County, and the surrounding region.

At the heart of the campaign is the construction of a new medical tower, a significant investment designed to address the region’s growing health care needs. Once completed, the expansion will increase the hospital’s licensed bed capacity from 99 to 155, add 35 new physicians to the health system, create 490 new jobs, and enhance surgical services, maternal and infant care, and critical care services.

Anchoring this historic effort is a \$5 million signature pledge from Teresa and Steve Hufstetler. In recognition of their generosity and longstanding commitment to advancing local health care, the new facility will be named the Hufstetler Tower.

“This campaign represents a defining moment for health care in our community,”



Special Photo: Colquitt Regional

A rendering shows the planned Hufstetler Tower at Colquitt Regional Health System.

Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney said. “The Hufstetlers’ transformational gift moves this project from vision to reality. Their generosity ensures we can continue to expand our health system and continue delivering high-quality care for our community for generations to come.”

Reflecting on his motivation to support the campaign, Steve Hufstetler emphasized the importance of meeting the community’s growing needs.

“Expanding capacity to meet the growing needs of our community is an important step forward,” he said. “Teresa and I hope that our tower donation has lasting significance for health care excellence in this community. Having grown up here, with family and friends throughout the county, we know this investment will be responsibly used to increase access and strengthen care for years to come.”

Hospital Authority Chairman John Griffin said the Hufstetler Tower represents more

than a physical expansion.

“This project is about strengthening the foundation of health care in our region,” Griffin said. “The Hufstetler Tower will enhance patient access, support work force growth, and position our community for a healthier and stronger future.”

Campaign Philanthropy Chair Maureen A. Yearata highlighted the critical role of community support in bringing the project to life.

“The Reaching New Heights in Healthcare campaign reflects what is possible when a community comes together around a shared vision,” she said. “The Hufstetlers’ leadership gift sets the tone for this effort and inspires others to invest in the future of health care for our families, neighbors and generations to come.”

The Hufstetler Tower stands as a cornerstone of the campaign, which has already demonstrated meaningful early success and, with continued support from the community, will leave a lasting legacy on health care in the region.

For more information about Colquitt Regional Health System or the Reaching New Heights in Healthcare campaign, contact Nicole Stringer at (229) 890-3416.

SRTC student organizations compete at leadership conference

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THOMASVILLE — Students from Southern Regional Technical College showcased their skills recently at the Georgia Spring Leadership Conference in Atlanta. Members of the Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate, the National Technical Honor Society and the Georgia Student Government Association chapters participated in leadership training workshops and competitive events, bringing home multiple awards.

SRTC’s FBLA Collegiate chapter representatives earned impressive results:

Micaela Miley of Alapaha won first place in Computer Applications and fourth place in Project Management;

Megan Patel of Camilla won first place in Hospitality Management and third place in

Organizational Behavior and Leadership. She also served as an FBLA intern for the weekend;

Joshua Spear of Norman Park won first place in Foundations of Technology. He also competed in Computer Applications;

Kyle Long of Thomasville won second place in Foundations of Computer Science and fourth place in Cybersecurity; Kaitlyn Wisham of Moultrie won second place in Foundations of Management and fifth place in Foundations of Technology;

Ra’Brechia Elliot of Albany won third place in Sports Management & Marketing. She also competed in Foundations of Marketing;

Reather Venable of Cairo won third place in Foundations of Accounting and fifth place in Computer Applications;



Special Photo: SRTC

From left, SRTC Students Kyle Long, Megan Patel, Micaela Miley, Ra’Brechia Elliott, Kaitlyn Wisham, Reather Venable and Joshua Spear were among those who placed in the Georgia Spring Leadership Conference in Atlanta recently.

Angela Alexander of Tifton competed in Foundations of Hospitality Management and Customer Service

Jerusalem Arellano of Sylvester competed in Business Ethics and Emerging Business Issues;

Erick Drury of Thomasville competed in Foundations of Communications and Foundations of Economics;

Wilson Petithomme of Moultrie competed in Foundations of Management and Public Speaking.

FBLA first-place winners who qualify will have the opportunity to represent SRTC at the National FBLA Collegiate Conference and Competition in Las Vegas in June.

Other notable successes for the students and chapters include:

Johanna Martinez-Camacho of Tifton served as a state officer this past year for NTHS and finished up her year at the conference;

Micaela Miley and Reather Venable received Who’s Who Awards, nominated by their advisors for their work in the local chapters;

Reather Venable received the Wings of Excellence Award for her community service, chapter involvement, and work in her chapter;

The Thomasville FBLA Chapter received the Silver Chapter of Excellence.

“I was incredibly proud watching our students represent SRTC at the Georgia Spring Leadership Conference,” SRTC Campus Director KaCee Holt said. “These events allow our advisors to network and learn while our students develop leadership skills, build professional confidence, and connect with peers across the state.”

Southern Regional Technical College offers more than 150 degree, diploma, and certificate programs that are designed to get students quickly into their desired careers, and 38 general education courses that transfer to the University System of Georgia institutions and 19 private colleges and universities in Georgia.

Key drug trafficking organization member sentenced to prison

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MACON — A key member of an armed drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing kilograms of cocaine in the Macon community was sentenced to serve more than 20 years in prison resulting from Operation Mobile Order, a collaborative multi-agency investigation led by the FBI and the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office.

Antonyo Daniels, aka “Tony,” 31, of Warner Robins, was sentenced to serve 250 months in prison to be followed by four years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Marc Treadwell after Daniels previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances.

“Operation Mobile Order sends a clear message that law enforcement at every level is focused on shutting down armed criminal groups threatening the safety of our communities,” U.S. Attorney Will Keyes said. “Thanks to the coordinated efforts of our law enforcement partners, armed drug traffickers are being held accountable for their crimes with lengthy prison sentences.”

“Operation Mobile Order dismantled a violent drug trafficking organization that treated a Macon neighborhood like a retail storefront for cocaine, backed by an arsenal of firearms,” Robert Gibbs, supervisory senior special agent in charge of FBI Atlanta’s Macon office, said. “This investigation shows the FBI’s commitment to targeting criminal networks that fuel addiction, violence and fear in our communities. We will continue to work shoulder-to-shoulder with our partners to make central Georgia a safer place to live.”

The following defendants were sentenced to prison on March 2:

-- Devonta Jackson, 31, of Macon, was sentenced to serve 155 months in prison to be followed by four years of supervised release after he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances;

-- Laderion Jacobs, aka “Johnny,” aka “Johnny Cain,” 30, of Macon, was sentenced to serve 100 months in prison to be followed by four years of supervised release after he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances;

-- Ladarrious King, 31, of Macon, was sentenced to serve 70 months in prison to be followed by four years of supervised release after he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances.

The following defendant was sentenced to prison on Feb. 5:

-- Leroy Mintz, aka “Booman,” 29, of Macon, was sentenced to serve 132 months in prison to be followed by four years of supervised release after he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances.

According to court documents and statements in court, in 2022 and 2023 the FBI conducted Operation Mobile Order, a Macon-centered investigation targeting an armed drug trafficking organization led by Reese, and in which Daniels was a key member. During the investigation, the FBI ran nine controlled purchases of cocaine and crack cocaine, and intercepted phone calls and text messages, detailing transactions involving kilograms of cocaine from an Atlanta supplier.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY 2026-2046 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City of Albany and Dougherty County will hold Public Hearings to consider a Draft for the 2026-2046 Comprehensive Plan Update. The County hearing begins at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as possible, on April 20th. The City hearing begins at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on April 21st. The hearings will take place at the Government Building, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31701. The purpose of these hearings is to brief the community on the contents of the plan, provide an opportunity for residents to make final suggestions, additions, or revisions, and notify the community of when the plan will be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs for review.

All interested parties are invited to attend, be heard, and share relevant information. Copies of the Draft Plan Update are available during normal business hours at the Planning Department, 240 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31701. Written comments will be considered and may be sent to the Planning Department prior to the public hearing at the above address or by e-mail to Paul Forgey, AICP, CFM, Director of Planning & Development Services, at PForgey@albanyga.gov or by telephone at 229-302-1848.



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Las Vegas, Nevada is a popular hot spot for wedding venues.

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Many cities around the world are known for being wedding hot spots. But no city is more popular for getting hitched than Las Vegas, Nevada. Business Insider reports that Las Vegas hosted more than 75,000 marriage

ceremonies in 2024. So many people get married in Las Vegas that the city has been deemed “The Marriage Capital of the World.” Las Vegas is renowned for the volume of its wedding chapels and its easy licensing process, which facilitates spontaneous weddings.

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.

“ SCSZEFBXE JUDSG U FOUMI RASDS
BJ RURS Z MB TULLSZ VQUL LQSE’CS
VZALLSM BZ RUAMLSX BZ DBTRBGSX
FSJBZS.” — GLSRQSM GBMXQSAT

Previous Solution: “We live by each other and for each other. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” — Helen Keller

TODAY’S CLUE: *a sɪnəʁ X*

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

“ SLA CARAWUX XYZYSG NJ ONHW
JWAAINZ UWA ZAWAXO SLAGA: SLUS
ONH IN RNS SWAGQUGG HQNR SLA
AEHUX WYCLSG NJ NSLAWG.”
— ITYCLS I. AYGARLNTAW

Previous Solution: “Everybody faces a blank piece of paper no matter what they’ve written or painted or composed before.” — Stephen Sondheim

TODAY’S CLUE: *v sɪnəʁ ɲ*

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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 short-term workers (5)
- 2 hanging back (7)
- 3 like dollhouse furniture (9)
- 4 examining accounts (8)
- 5 sounds of a traffic jam (5)
- 6 like a three-dog night (6)
- 7 one eating on a blanket (9)

SOLUTIONS

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PS DI CNI URE HO
MIN NKS TI GG GID
FRI ER PI CK AU

Tuesday’s Answers: 1. DORMITORIES 2. FLAMMABLE 3. FAVOR
4. EAGLES 5. ULTIMATE 6. BATEMANS 7. MIRRORING 4/8

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 least polite (6)
- 2 takes the helm (6)
- 3 pizzeria fixtures (5)
- 4 lemon’s cousin (4)
- 5 pharmacy purchase (8)
- 6 “That Girl” Marlo (6)
- 7 speech from a soapbox (6)

SOLUTIONS

RE RU ST CI NS
ME TH OVE SC ST
AS EE NE DE DI
RS ED ME LI OM

Wednesday’s Answers: 1. TEMPS 2. LAGGING 3. MINIATURE
4. AUDITING 5. HONKS 6. FRIGID 7. PICNICKER 4/9

Obituary

announcement



Charlotte Rae Chalker (Nygren) Esq.

Charlotte Rae Nygren was born in Albany, Oregon to Carl and Persis (Hulshof) Nygren on January 18, 1935. Growing up on the Nygren Brothers dairy farm fostered Charlotte’s lifelong love of animals and her dedication to land conservation. Throughout her time at home, she was a prolific award winner, gathering many 4-H honors. Charlotte was particularly proud of her “Chicken of Tomorrow” plaque and of being named Miss Cherry Pie of Oregon in 1951.

Charlotte attended Oregon State University and found lasting sisterhood amongst the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma. In the process of making friends and earning her degree in education, she met Raymond Chalker, an engineering student from Gresham, Oregon. Charlotte and Ray married in 1956 and, after a brief time on various Navy bases, they settled in Oak Harbor, Washington. They soon welcomed two children, Linda (1957) and Carl (1961), and in 1968 they moved to their farmhouse in Parkland, a place that would eventually become known for hosting parties and family celebrations over four decades.

In the first two decades of the marriage, Charlotte dedicated herself to supporting Ray’s expanding engineering firm and raising their children. In 1975, Charlotte decided to further pursue her own education and in 1977, she graduated with a J.D. from the University of Puget Sound Law School. She joined the Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell et al. law firm in Tacoma and became the first female associate (and later partner). She continued to provide legal services for 40 years, working as counsel for individuals and organizations throughout the region, and for many years after retirement in a pro bono capacity.

Charlotte found many outlets for her various passions over the years in Tacoma. She served on boards throughout the region focused on arts and culture, animal welfare, health and wellness, and education. While a comprehensive list would be difficult to compile, she was particularly involved with the Tacoma Art Museum, the Washington State Historical Society, the YMCA of Kitsap-Pierce County, the Tacoma Rose Society, Tacoma Rotary, Pacific Lutheran University, and Western Washington University. Shortly before her passing, she established endowments with the children’s summer camp at Kitsap-Pierce County YMCA, the music program at PLU, and the children’s studio at the Tacoma Art Museum to promote continued access to the arts in our region, especially for young people..

Charlotte was predeceased by her husband of 57 years Ray Chalker, her parents Carl and Persis, her brothers Eugene (Joan - deceased) and James (Joanie - deceased), and her son Carl. She is survived by her two dear sisters, Bunny (Frank) and Lucille Anne (Roy - deceased), her daughter Linda (Jim) Scott and grandchildren Charlotte and Jack (Justine), and her daughter-in-law Darlene Chalker and step-grandson Owen (Kim) Locke and their family. Charlotte’s passing leaves a significant hole in her family, her circle of friends, and her community. Her generosity and dedication will be remembered by all who knew her.

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Qualification Packages will be received by Christy Wilkerson, Interim Director Facilities Services, on behalf of the **Dougherty County Board of Education** in the Office of the **Logistical Services Department** located at **601 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia, 31701** until **2:00 PM EST on Thursday, April 23, 2026.**

The scope of services includes Architectural Design and Construction Administration Services for New Construction Projects; Renovations, Modifications, and/or Additions Projects; and HVAC/ Plumbing Fixture Upgrades associated with Educational SPLOST (ESPLOST), GaDOE Capital Outlay, and other funding sources. The Construction Delivery Method will be Design/Bid/Build with Owner provided, third-party Program Management Services.

DCSS’s intent is for the selection process to pre-qualify Architectural Firms in order to establish an approved ‘pool’ of qualified Firms from which to choose for future projects.

There will be a **VIRTUAL PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING** at **1:00 PM EST on Monday, April 13, 2026** via Google Meet: Meeting Code: **meet.google.com/wec-vhaw-rjm** Phone Number: **470-499-0125** PIN: **610 627 850#**

Firms planning to attend should complete the Virtual Pre-Submittal Meeting Response Form (Exhibit 1) and e-mail it to christy.wilkerson@dccschools.org. **RFQ Documents** may be obtained from the DCSS Facilities Services Department. Requests for RFQ Documents shall be addressed to Christy Wilkerson via e-mail: christy.wilkerson@dccschools.org. Christy can be reached by phone at (229) 431-1301. All inquiries or questions concerning the RFQ Documents shall be addressed to Christy Wilkerson.

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ACROSS

- 1 Designation for some food carts
- 6 Outer space?
- 10 Portal name with an exclamation point
- 15 Actress Woodard
- 16 Tales as old as time
- 17 Justice Kagan
- 18 Needing a nap
- 19 Pot filler
- 20 Put in a seat, say
- 21 Travel approx.
- 22 Crushes underfoot
- 25 “Misérables”
- 26 Orange variety
- 28 Work ____
- 30 Kinds
- 32 Online image
- 35 Poetry event
- 38 Much-used pencils
- 39 One with good taste?
- 40 Falafel bread
- 41 Langley org.
- 42 “The lady ____ protest too much, methinks”
- 43 Small island
- 44 Orinoco flow
- 46 Having more wiggle room, say
- 48 Gumbo vegetable
- 49 A lot alike
- 51 Arrives casually
- 53 Free (of)
- 54 Small tweak?
- 55 Spots to let sleeping dogs lie
- 59 Small spot
- 63 Waste time and effort, in a way, or progress as this puzzle’s circled letters do?
- 66 Part of UAE
- 67 Not as grim
- 68 Large vases
- 69 Green carpet
- 70 Boggy places
- 71 Teeny bit

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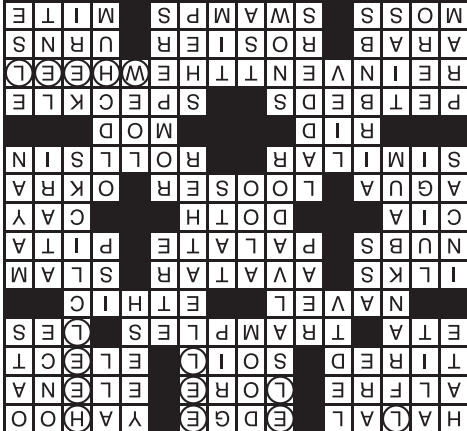
- 1 Abhor
- 2 Settled
- 3 “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” novelist

- 4 “All bets ____ off”
- 5 Streaming device, maybe
- 6 Smallest Central American country
- 7 Tragic fate
- 8 Strong hold
- 9 Durable material made from hagfish skin
- 10 “Oof”
- 11 Every last one
- 12 Sideways jump flourishes
- 13 A single time
- 14 Quaker grains
- 23 Sow’s counterpart
- 24 To be, in Paris
- 27 Donkey
- 29 Co. for surfers
- 30 Natives of pre-Columbian Peru
- 31 Super Mario brother
- 33 Potatoes, in Urdu
- 34 Body art
- 36 Arcade pioneer
- 37 Like the ruins in Tulum
- 45 Some short-term rentals

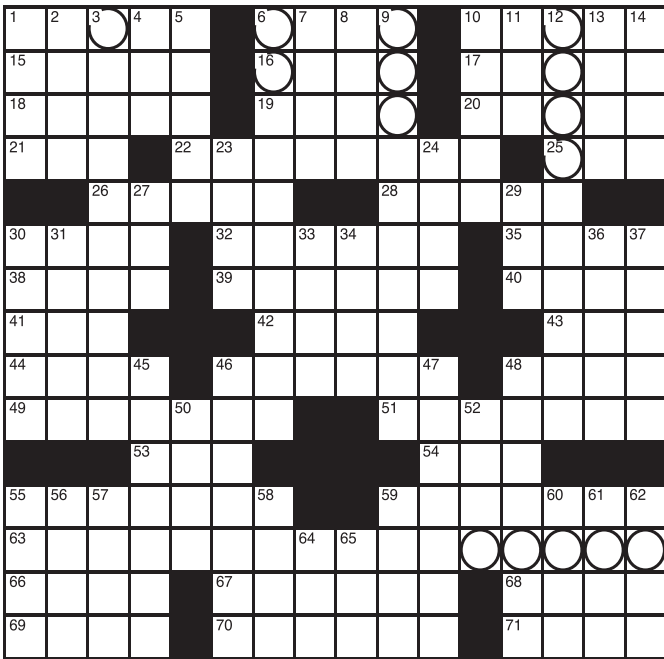
- 46 Corporate structures
- 47 Tots’ playwear
- 48 Buddy from way back when
- 50 Actor Schreiber
- 52 Theater eponym
- 55 Brit’s stroller
- 56 Wireless router brand named for a Finnish architect
- 57 Spanish aunts

- 58 Winter coat?
- 59 Herding dog name
- 60 Russell of “The Diplomat”
- 61 Mardi Gras follower
- 62 “How ____ can I say it ...”
- 64 Org. that operates AIT scanners
- 65 Actor/comedian Meadows

ANSWER TO TODAY’S PUZZLE:



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Phoebe nurse’s ‘compassion beyond the bedside’ earns him DAISY award

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ALBANY – Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital honored RN Aaben Hilton as the hospital’s February 2026 DAISY Award recipient, recognizing the compassion, clinical excellence, and leadership he demonstrated during some of the most critical and emotional moments in patient care.

Hilton, who works in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, received three separate DAISY Award nominations in one month from patient nominators and colleagues, each highlighting his ability to care deeply not only for patients

but for those standing beside them. In moments marked by shock, grief and life-changing decisions, nominators consistently described Hilton as a steady and calming presence who brought clarity, dignity and compassion to every interaction.

Nominators shared powerful reflections of how Hilton went above and beyond expected care, taking time to explain complex medical situations with patience and empathy, ensuring loved ones felt informed rather than overwhelmed, and creating a space where families felt supported, valued and never alone. His attentiveness extended beyond medical needs, as he

proactively connected families with emotional and spiritual support and remained present during their most vulnerable moments.

Patients under Hilton’s care were consistently described as being treated with the utmost respect and dignity. Nominators noted his gentle approach, thoughtful communication, and commitment to comfort and compassion, even in high-stress ICU settings. His ability to balance technical expertise with genuine human connection left a lasting impression on families he encountered.

In addition to his bedside excellence, Hilton was recognized for his leadership. Nominators

emphasized the way he guided and supported fellow staff members, fostering teamwork and compassion throughout the unit. His example helped ensure that every patient and family experienced coordinated care, reinforcing Phoebe’s commitment to treating each person as more than a patient number.

“Aaben exemplifies the very best of nursing at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital,” Maureen Jackson, the chief nursing officer for Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, said. “His compassion, professionalism and leadership consistently rise to the moments when patients and families need us most. This

DAISY Award reflects not only his clinical excellence, but the genuine humanity he brings to every interaction.”

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program that honors the amazing work nurses do for patients and families every day.

Phoebe remains committed to recognizing the extraordinary contributions of nurses who make a lasting difference in the lives of patients and families every day. Interested persons may go to www.phoebehealth.com/nursing/daisy-award to nominate a nurse.



Special Photo: Phoebe

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital honored RN Aaben Hilton as the hospital’s February 2026 DAISY Award recipient.

University of North Georgia cadets complete advanced leadership course

Staff Reports

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DAHLONEGA – The University of North Georgia’s Cadet Leadership Academy held its inaugural six-week Cadet Advanced Leadership Course in the fall for 156 sophomore cadets to prepare them for escalating levels of responsibility in the coming years.

Designed as a key developmental pillar of the CLA’s new 48-month curated cadet experience, CALC delivered rigorous, outcome-based training focused on leadership, readiness and character, mirroring standards found across the Army’s premier leadership development programs.

Among the cadets who completed the leadership course were Brady Perkins and Joseph Williams of Albany. Among the group’s honorees were:

Distinguished Honor Graduate: Josh James, who achieved the highest overall score across academic performance, peer assessments, discipline metrics, and leadership evaluations. He exemplified the highest standards of competence, discipline and character throughout the course.

Honor Graduate: Cotton

Teaster, who demonstrated exceptional and consistent excellence across all evaluated categories, ranking immediately below the Distinguished Honor Graduate. He embodied reliability, steady performance, and professionalism in all facets of CALC.

Iron Boar Award: Alyssa Estes and Stephen Medlin III, the top overall performers across CALC’s most rigorous physical readiness events, including the Army Physical Fitness Test, the 12-mile foot march, the 5-mile run, and meeting Army height and weight standards.

Casey Dunn, CLA assistant director for leadership development, served as lead planner for CALC.

“CALC is the second major course under the Cadet Leadership Academy, joining the Cadet Basic Leadership Course as a cornerstone of CLA’s long-term leadership development strategy,” retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joey Blacksher, senior executive advisor to the CLA superintendent, said. “Feedback from cadre and cadets indicates the course is already driving positive cultural momentum within the Corps.”

“As UNG continues to ex-



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University of North Georgia cadet Josh James earned Distinguished Honor Grad for his performance in CALC, with Cotton Teaster being named Honor Graduate and Stephen Medlin earning the Iron Boar Award.

pand the CLA, CALC will remain a central component in developing agile, disciplined leaders who embody the values of UNG and the U.S. Army.”

James, a sophomore pursuing a degree in information systems, serves in the Georgia Army National Guard and is on the Georgia Military Service Scholarship. He said he was excited for the development CALC provided for him.

“It’s great that they’re doing it,” James said. “It refines us and will help us be prepared for the Leadership Develop-

ment Program.”

Most cadets complete the Leadership Development Program during their junior year in preparation to attend Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, Ky., the following summer, a key milestone on their journey to commissioning.

Medlin, a sophomore pursuing a degree in strategic and security studies, said he was grateful for CALC. After initially considering attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Medlin is glad to be part of America’s Corps at UNG.

“I’m able to get off the clock sometimes and be a normal person,” Medlin said. “That nets a better Army officer. You’re more balanced and sociable. You’re not around military people all the time. You have civilian friends. There’s a lot of growth to be had from that.”

Estes, a sophomore pursuing a degree in political science with a minor in Japanese, is a member of UNG’s Ranger Challenge team. Her team recently finished second in the 6th Brigade Titan Ranger Challenge and will compete this May in the Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at West Point.

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DCP investigates domestic case in which wife shot in the face

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ALBANY – The Dougherty County Police Department is investigating a domestic-related shooting that occurred during the early morning hours of Monday.

At approximately 12:23 a.m., officers responded to a residence on the 400 block of Lovers Lane Road in reference to a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers made contact with a female victim who reported that her

husband shot her in the face during a domestic argument.

The suspect, identified as the victim’s husband, was taken into custody at the scene without incident. He was transported to the Dougherty County Jail.

The victim was provided emergency medical assistance and transported for further treatment. Her current condition has not been released.

This case remains under active investigation.



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The Moultrie and Tifton chapters of the National Technical Honor Society at Southern Regional Technical College inducted 15 new members into the organization during a recent ceremony.

SRTC inducts new members into National Technical Honor Society

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TIFTON – The Moultrie and Tifton chapters of the National Technical Honor Society at Southern Regional Technical College inducted 15 new members into the organization. The formal ceremony was held at SRTC’s Tifton campus.

The 2026 Spring NTHS inductees included: Mackenzie Attebury of Doerun, studying Nursing; Tyetiyuna Bennett of Tifton, studying Radiologic Technology; Jessica Bishop of Naylor, studying Surgical Technology; Karen Brandon of Tifton, studying Surgical Technology; Amanda Clark of Moultrie, studying Nursing; Aniecia Cobb of Ty Ty, studying Early Childhood Education; Valentina De Gouveia of Tifton, studying Surgical Technology; Zakiiyah Everson of Ashburn, study-

ing Interdisciplinary Studies; Kaliyah Glover of Tifton, studying Surgical Technology; Shelby Hicks of Norman Park, studying Early Childhood Education; Cameron Loving of Valdosta, studying Surgical Technology; Marquavius Prater of Ashburn, studying Criminal Justice; Ashley Salabarría of Moultrie, studying Surgical Technology; Kaitlyn Spivey of Wray, studying Surgical Technology; and Tristan Toussaint of Covington, studying Steel Fabrication.

Benefits of membership in NTHS include a diploma or certificate seal indicating membership, three letters of recommendation sent upon request to any business, industry, or educational institution where the member applies, and an excellent resume entry denoting leadership and participation in a student organization.



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