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All tenants in Albany apartment complex get eviction notices

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ALBANY — A group of Albany residents could face eviction at an apartment complex where some are asserting that the buildings have been neglected and a previous owner had been collecting rent through last month.

On Wednesday, tenants said, a letter titled “Eviction Notice – 3 Day Demand” was placed on every door in the apartment complex.

That action came not long after Albany City Commissioner Diana

Brown posted a Facebook Live video to her account, the commissioner said. Brown had been notified about residents’ concerns earlier in the week.

Residents who spoke to The Albany Herald, who did not wish to have their names used, said that there are safety and hygiene issues at the 609 Moultrie Road apartment complex.

The apartments were built in the early 1970s.

Issues raised by the residents



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Tenants at Cornerstone Apartments in Albany had notices placed on their doors this week demanding two months’ rent be paid or face eviction in three days.

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Staff Photo: Kathryn Crockett

Lee County Board of Education members vote Thursday night to adopt an amended 2025 rollback millage rate and approve tax relief for property owners following a tax digest error.

Lee schools move forward with taxpayer credits after tax dispute

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LEESBURG — The Lee County Board of Education voted unanimously Thursday night to accept an amended 2025 rollback millage rate and provide relief to taxpayers affected by last year’s tax digest error through a credit on future tax bills, bringing one chapter of a months-long controversy closer to resolution.

The board approved two separate actions during its June business meeting. First, members unanimously adopted an amended rollback rate of 13.539 mills provided by the Lee County Board of Tax Assessors. The board then unanimously approved a resolution directing that the difference in revenue generated by the erroneous rollback rate and the amended rollback rate be returned to taxpayers through a credit applied to 2026 property tax bills.

Before the vote, Superintendent Kathleen Truitt addressed the board and the public regarding the district’s position.

“We have been provided with an adjusted PT32 with an adjusted rate of 13.539 mills,” she said. “We, as a board of education, set our budget using the total digest based on the fiscal needs of the district, not the rollback rate. If we had had this new number in September, we would have set our millage rate at 15.96 as communicated and held three public hearings. However through no fault of ours, we need to consider the corrected information provided to us by the board of tax assessors.”

The amended rollback rate stems from an error discovered in the county’s 2025 rollback calculations. The issue has generated months of public debate, prompted calls for refunds

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The women remembered beneath the stars and stripes

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DAWSON — As Flag Day approaches, members of the Old Herod Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will once again walk among the headstones of Cedar Hill Cemetery, placing American flags on the graves of deceased chapter members in a gesture that honors both their service to the organization and the enduring ideals represented by the nation’s flag.

Led by chapter member Kathy Hicks, the annual ob-

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Members of the Old Herod Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, from left, Jane Washburn, Lynne Malone and Kathy Hicks, stand among graves marked with American flags at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Dawson.

Labor commissioner candidate wants to use position to protect workers

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ALBANY — For Georgia Labor commissioner candidate Michelle “Michi” Sanchez the desire to protect Georgia’s workers has a personal edge, and she said the position would be one in which she could continue her passion for improving people’s lives.

Sanchez, who is in a runoff with Nikki Porcher in the Democratic runoff election

Tuesday, campaigned in Albany on Wednesday.

Working with an attorney who dealt with the labor issues of the largely migrant workers in the chicken processing facilities in her native Gainesville in her 20s, Sanchez said she saw laborers who had been severely injured working in those dangerous positions.

“I saw things like workers’ claims being denied, being fired from their job,” she said.

“That was one of my first experiences with worker mistreatment.”

Inspired by Bernie Sanders in 2015 during his campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination for president and by local Democrats, Sanchez ran for state House District 30 in 2016, performing 9 percentage points better than Hillary Clinton did in the district

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Special Photo

Michelle “Michi” Sanchez is in a runoff to become the state’s Democratic candidate for the Labor commissioner post currently held by Barbara Rivera Holmes.



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Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting a point across could come naturally now. Careful thought, sensitivity to emotional currents, and clarity on steps needed could combine in a helpful way on the home front.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Finances could continue to occupy your thoughts for another week or so. While your heart may urge you to reach out, use your mind consider the relative wisdom of doing so, and to craft your message.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As the Sun journeys through your sectors, different parts of life are emphasized for about one month each year. You're in your sector of identity and persona for another few days, time for any last tweaks before your focus shifts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can't unearth buried treasure if you never pick up the shovel. Your subconscious mind is filled with a lifetime of learning, every experience brings lessons. Dig in and learn; a rise in self-mastery equals a rise in success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Social and community activities generally remain at the forefront for another week or so, then your focus will likely become more internal. Like a trailer for a coming release, you could be especially inward today also.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your relationship with your friend circle should be rewarding today, friends could offer you real value of some kind now, but don't pick up and carry any anxiety they might bring. Keep energetic boundaries strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put mind, heart, goals, and benevolence into your career now for maximum impact. A worry could crop up for a few hours, let it go by without taking action. Keep building and honing your skillset.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Game-changing ideas, hacks or philosophies could be right in front of you for the taking now. Don't miss the chance to uplevel your think-

ing and your life. Work on joint finances could be productive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone close could be on your mind, but a focus on relationships will likely shift soon. The right steps to manage a financial situation for mutual benefit could appear almost like magic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Love could expand, taking your heart with it, even in a long-standing relationship. Mutual care can feel so good when it's real. A specific health matter or general interest in health and wellbeing could be a focus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Finding just the right tech, tool, or hack can make the daily grind easier and sweeter — keep your eyes open. If you're dating, personalities could be a mixed bag. Wait out for individual soulmate cycles to meet more kindred souls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you are dating, your options could be better than Aquarius today. You could meet people with intelligence, benevolence and helpful insights. But same as Aquarius, it's your individual soulmate cycles that can bring a soulmate.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your birthday month could be the line in the sand between a tough first half of 2026 and an easier second half. Early July could bring a special time when both heart and mind are beautifully attuned and integrated, pay close attention to insights at that time. Mid-July and into early August brings powerful gifts, one is the ability to see several more steps ahead on your path to your destiny. Another is the Universe having your back. Don't unpack into short-term anxiety, following soon is a financial or creative gift that could make a real difference. Don't go to extremes in August regardless of the temptation. It's also important to avoid a 'hold my beer and watch this' descent into mayhem, or at least embarrassment. A nice windfall could land on your doorstep in September.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1884 - The first roller coaster opens in New York's Coney Island amusement park

1897 - A treaty annexing the Republic of Hawaii to the United States is signed, but will be dissolved a year later

1903 - Henry Ford incorporates The Ford Motor Company

1963 - Valentina Tereshkova from USSR becomes the first woman in space aboard the Vostok 6

1977 - Oracle Corporation is incorporated as Software Development Laboratories (SDL) by Larry Ellison, Bob Miner, and Ed Oates

1979 - The Muslim Brotherhood kills 62 sheiks in Aleppo Syria

1981 - Ken Taylor, Canada's

former ambassador to Iran is awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by U.S. President Ronald Reagan for helping six Americans escape from Iran during the hostage crisis of 1979-81. He is the first foreign citizen to be awarded this medal.

2010 - Bhutan becomes the first country to totally ban tobacco

2012 - After a classified 469 day orbital mission, the United States Air Force's robotic Boeing X-37B spaceplane returns to Earth

2015 - Donald J. Trump announces he is running for President of the United States

2019 - Over 2,000,000 people participate in the 2019-20 Hong Kong protests

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Politeness and consideration for others is like investing pennies and getting dollars back."

Thomas Sowell,
columnist (1930-)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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The situation at Ashley Riverside is sad but expected. City commissioners refuse to admit that Code Enforcement simply hasn't done their job in months. The government center needs an audit badly. They also fail to acknowledge that evil 501(c)(3) organizations, many church-based, lurk in our community to provide dirty housing to take advantage of low-income people. The saddest part is that many commissioners constantly rant for more of these housing scams.

Now that the South Lawn of the White House has been reduced to the level of hosting MMA matches, someone on Facebook made a brilliant suggestion for Trump's wrestling name: "The Lying King." That Man Without a Family

One of the main concerns in debates surrounding war is that supporters of war are often quick to accuse their political opponents of being unpatriotic or even traitors.

He's one of them good ole boys, but folks, Dennis Roland is really pretty much a snake in the grass. Don't trust him.

I read where the state Coroners' Training Council was investigating the Douglas County coroner. Sitting as leader of this board is Dougherty County's own coroner, Michael Fowler, the same one that made all of Albany/Dougherty look backwoods and stupid on national TV on how he investigated what he said was a suicide. His investigation of that crime lasted one hour. No autopsy or toxicology test was performed. After a real investigator got involved, it was determined the crime was a murder. The governor must have been having a bad day when he appointed Fowler to this board.

Politicians need to be legally held accountable to keep election promises. You say it, you better do it.

Fletcher, you should lose your "Southerner card" for not fully re-embracing the works of the great Lewis Grizzard. So many hack columnists, not just in the South but all over the country, have tried to capture his unique style, and all have failed miserably. (You run one such Grizzard wannabe in your paper.) Let's let Grizzard rest in peace as the greatest columnist Georgia has ever produced.

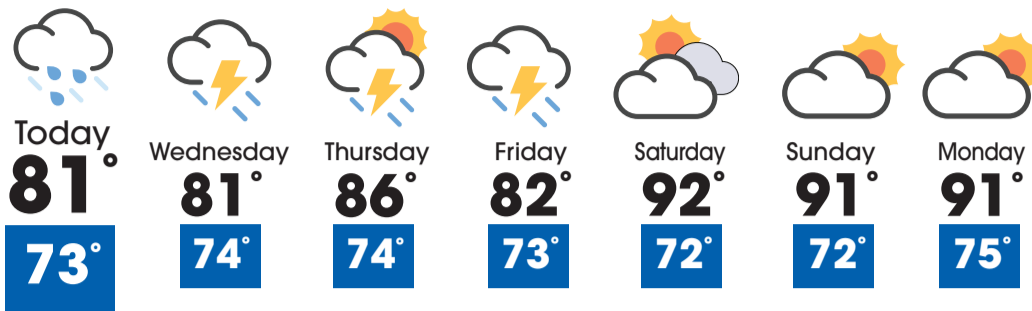
Kamala Harris in a recent speech said that there needs to be a law against people lying in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee. That law has been in place for years. This is why Kamala Harris was not and is not qualified to be president. She is clueless.

Clennon King should take his own advice and get a real job; his fleeing of the intelligence-averse Dougherty Commission notwithstanding. I'm sure you'll blow that money quickly enough and come back to them with your hand out again. And these are the people who represent us and spend our tax money? Lord, help us.

Why is Austin Riley still starting every game? I know he has a high-dollar contract, but I thought the whole idea was to put your best players on the field to try and win games. He's a travesty.

Here's hoping millionaires/billionaires wasting money on campaign ads break each other, and we get a black woman running things. Then you'll see a legislature that will straighten up and fly right.

Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

Release the Kraken!

By Frank Stewart
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"Here's the deal, my boy," King Cepheus told the young hero Perseus: "Make six spades and prove worthy to marry my daughter, the lovely Andromeda. Fail, and we feed you to that sea monster that has gobbled up half the population. Queen Cassiopeia said she was more beautiful than the Nereids, and Poseidon has been quite upset."

West leads the jack of clubs. Perseus counted 10 top tricks. He could try minor-suit finesses, but if they were going to win, the deal wouldn't be posed as a trial.

NORTH			
♠ Q 9 8	♥ K 6 2	♦ A Q 10	♣ A Q 5 3
WEST			
♠ 6 3 2	♥ 9 8	♦ 9 7 6 4	♣ J 10 9 8
EAST			
♠ 7 4	♥ J 10 7 3	♦ K J 8	♣ K 7 4 2
SOUTH			
♠ A K J 10 5	♥ A Q 5 4	♦ 5 3 2	♣ 6
South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
4NT	All Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	All Pass		
Opening lead — ♣ J			
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ter, the lovely Andromeda. Fail, and we feed you to that sea monster that has gobbled up half the population. Queen Cassiopeia said she was more beautiful than the Nereids, and Poseidon has been quite upset."

With Hera's help, Perseus saw an answer. He took the ace of clubs, ruffed a club with the ace of trumps, led a trump to dummy's eight, ruffed a club with the king, led a trump to the queen and ruffed the last club. He went to the king of hearts and drew the last trump. Perseus then took the A-Q



Frank Stewart

of hearts. When West discarded, Perseus led his last heart. East won and had to lead a diamond to the A-Q. (Other winning plays exist.)

"Well done!" Cepheus exclaimed. "What's your record against sea monsters?"

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S Q 9 8 H K 6 2 D A Q 10 C A Q 5 3. You open 1NT, and your partner responds two hearts, a transfer. You bid two spades, and he tries 2NT. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner has five spades and about nine points. He is inviting game and offering you a choice of contracts. With 17 points, you should bid game. With three cards in spades, to jump to four spades would be normal. With the 3-3-3-4 pattern, I might try 3NT. South dealer N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Husband refuses to downsize

By Eric Thomas
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Dear Eric: My husband and I are retired. We have been married for 29 years. In the last several years he has refused to get rid of anything.

We downsized five years ago. During the move I was able to get him to donate some coats he could not wear but that was about all.

He was to go through the basement, work bench and garage. Unfortunately, when it was time to move, he got rid of barely anything.

Currently our basement and garage are full of things he has not used in 20 years. He no longer does much around the house, so all these tools and things are just cluttering. He is 81. Whenever I approach clearing things out, he gets upset and says no way. This has caused me a lot of stress. Please help.

— Too Much Stuff

Dear Stuff: Your household will likely benefit from the help of a third party, who can work with him and relieve you of the burden of convincing him to downsize. It sounds like it's not a shared value, so the first step would be establishing what you need, and hearing what he needs. If he is hoarding things, or if his belongings create a dangerous environment, for instance, then one of your stated needs should be safety — for yourselves and anyone who might enter the home to help you.

The conversation then becomes about whether safety is a shared value and what you can do, together or separately, to honor that value. In this instance, he may not be motivated to fully down-

size, but he could see how his habits are impacting you and work on remedies.

A senior manager or professional downsizer will be really invaluable here. Often, the prospect of downsizing can seem too cut and dry — one day you have your things; the next day you don't. A skilled downsizer will listen to you, help you identify what's important — emotionally, logistically, financially — and work with you to edit. This may be a helpful readjustment for your husband.

Talking to a downsizer may also help you to identify what of his belongings feels bothersome to you and what's just stuff. That distinction may help you to investigate and honor your feelings, which can reduce stress.

Dear Eric: My 93-year-old mother is in an assisted-living facility. She has been there for two and a half years. Her decline began when she lost her brother with whom she lived. She has not been able to deal with his death and has lost the will to live.

She stayed with me for one month following his death but wanted to return home so I agreed on a trial basis. I need to mention that she takes many medications, one of which she needs every four hours. I have been managing her meds for years.

Six months after she returned home, I found her unresponsive because she OD'd on one of her meds on purpose. She will not accept a health aide coming to her home because she says they steal from you.

I couldn't risk taking her back to her home and she didn't want to live with me, so she said she wanted to live in as-



Eric Thomas

sisted living. I sold her house which she agreed to at the time and now she regrets it.

Now she is miserable there and she has the beginning of dementia. I cannot bring her to my home because of her medication needs and the need for someone to watch her 24/7 to make sure she doesn't harm herself.

Now all she does is cry and says she is depressed. She is putting the guilt trip on me, and I am having a hard time dealing with this. What can I do to feel better about this situation, and am I doing the right thing by keeping her there?

— Feeling Guilty

Dear Guilty: I'm so sorry for the situation you and your mother are in. It's important for you — and for her — to remember that a lot of this is beyond anyone's control. You're making the best choices available to you. Your mother may not always like those choices, but you're not acting out of malice. Emotionally or cognitively, she may not be able to fully process this. That's something you may have to accept, just as you've accepted and accommodate her other health challenges.

Talk to her care team at the assisted-living facility or her primary caregiver about getting her support for depression. You write that she never fully recovered from her brother's death and that she made an attempt on her life. Her grief may be overwhelming and making her current situation even worse. These aren't things that you can take away, unfortunately, but there is help available for her.

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**TODAY'S
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"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."
Psalms 19:14

COLUMNIST ■ THOMAS KNAPP

Rip Van Trumple contradicts his own ballroom argument

"This event would never have happened with the Militarily Top Secret Ballroom currently under construction at the White House," U.S. President Trump claimed the day after an armed would-be assassin attempted to charge through a security barricade at the Washington Hilton. "It cannot be built fast enough."

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., agreed: "America has a problem. That problem is, it is very difficult to have a bunch of important people in the same place unless it is really, really secure."

I partly agreed with Trump, Graham and other prominent Republicans at the time: By all means, I wrote, make the White House as secure as possible, and even build a ballroom and other amenities ... so long as the other half of the deal is that the president enters the White House grounds immediately upon his or her inauguration and doesn't leave them for the four years of his or her term in office.

I was sincere in that suggestion, but it turns out Trump was less worried about the whole "security" thing than he and his supporters pretended.

On June 8, less than two months after the Hilton incident, Trump traveled to New York City so that he could grab a nap. At Madison Square Garden. During Game 3 of the National Basketball Association finals. In front of 20,000 screaming fans.

The fans weren't just screaming for their favorite teams (the New York Knicks and San Antonio Spurs). They were screaming at — and communicating via hostile hand signals with — Trump himself.

Why all the negativity, b-ball aficionados?

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Statistically, any New York crowd will likely lean "anti-Trump" on politics, policy and personality grounds, but even MAGA diehards had good reason to rage over this particular event ... and that reason had a lot to do with my ballroom proposal.

The Secret Service locked down Madison Square Garden and the surrounding streets hours before Trump's arrival.

Public events scheduled for the area were canceled or moved.

People who had already paid outrageous prices to attend — tickets averaged nearly \$5,000 each — had to arrive hours earlier than normal so they would have time to stand in line and get screened (read "harassed") by Secret Service agents before the game.

They eventually got the event they paid to see, but probably didn't enjoy the last-minute addition of a circus to the schedule.

Then the source of their annoyance fell asleep, right in front of them.

Anyone with the bad luck to have things to do when and where a president or other Very Special Important Politician decides to go (I've been through several such incidents myself), or even lives along a presidential motorcade route, knows what a hassle all of that is.

Thus my proposal that presidents spare America such inconveniences while in office through mandatory (if necessary) sequestration on the White House grounds for the durations of their terms.

Trump clearly didn't believe his own claims concerning presidential security, or he wouldn't have decided to catch 40 winks in front of thousands of angry basketball fans.

COLUMNIST ■ RALPH NADER

An impeachment drive could lead to Trump's resignation

Public support for the Impeachment of Donald Trump is growing by the day. A March 9 Task Force report by the New York City Bar — dominated by powerful corporate lawyers — was titled "The Crisis Deepens: Congress Must Act Now to Address Escalating Abuses of Executive Power." The recommendation: immediate impeachment of Donald Trump.

I don't recall a division on such a serious domestic policy stand between citizen groups, allied with the Democratic Party on one side and the public and a major corporate bar association on the other side.

Several leaders of national progressive citizen groups are counseling delaying such a drive until after the election in anticipation of a Democratic Party victory in both the House and the Senate. This mirrors what the feeble Democratic Party leadership (Hakeem Jeffries and Chuck Schumer) are telling their increasingly restless rank and file in the House and Senate.

Meanwhile, as Trump's illegal and erratic daily behavior and executive dictates worsen the wrecking of our country, the present majority of Americans favor impeaching Trump and removing him from office is nearing 60%.

Consider the pluses for launching an Impeachment drive supported by the people focused on Capitol Hill and a Congress controlled by the Republicans, who are likely to block any vote or formal committee hearings.

1. It is a great campaign issue — tying together in an authentic way — all of Trump's vicious shredding of the people's health, safety and economic benefits and constitutional freedoms. Majorities despise openly corrupt Trump, whose support in polls is slumping, but many voters also don't trust or believe in the wavering Democratic Party, which can't come up with a credible compact that addresses the needs of the people and a set of political commitments embodied in specific pending bills.

H.Res.1155's 13 Impeachment Articles, introduced by Congressman John Larson, D-Conn., and their connection to "kitchen-table necessities" must be highlighted in this year's political campaigns.

The people want fighters for them who care for them in Washington, D.C., using the citizens' delegated powers and tax revenues in the interest of the people, the families, and the children. Regardless of their political labels, just about all families want fair play, justice, protections, and opportunities where they live, work and raise their children. Articles of Impeachment are constitutional-level mandates for a political party and candidates to run on, replacing insincere throw-away lines and bloviating rhetoric so despised by a disgusted populace.

2. Making impeachment front and center educates and inspires people about how central this Constitution of ours is to their daily lives. The mission of our government is to "promote the general welfare." Only Congress can spend your money, not the president. Only Congress can take us from peace to war, not the president. Only Congress can define the authority entrenched in the executive branch, not the president or six "injustices" on the Supreme Court for life. Only Congress can tax or not tax, not the president

wielding arbitrary tariffs, charging fees, or riddling the tax code with loopholes and escapes for the super-rich and powerful.

3. A grassroots Impeachment movement — already petitions are circulating — signals deterrence if Trump, with his rabid, dangerous personality, is thinking of more

major disruptions of the November elections. Foreshadowing his invoking the Insurrection Act to take over the gears of the states' election machinery, the feasted Trump said in January, "... (W)e shouldn't even have an election" in November.

The most promising reform movements are often sparked and strengthened by the perpetrating outlaws providing continual, incriminating evidence of their own lawlessness. That is the essence of the foul-mouthed, lying, violent, corrupt, delusional, egomaniacal Trump. Remember, with Trump the worst is yet to come as he continues to double down. Even a conservative columnist for the Washington Post, military historian Max Boot, is fearful of what might come abroad from the zigzag actions of an impulsive, fact-deprived Trump with his finger on the nuclear trigger.

All this is to say that what the Democratic Party leadership thinks is prudent to delay until after the election is in reality a very risky position. They are barely in contention to recover the Senate, even with the advantage of having far fewer seats (12) up for election than do the Republicans (20).

The Democrats, who are comfortable taking big bucks from giant corporate PACs, should run with and for the people. The time for political posturing is over. If their "loser leaders" don't step aside, they should at least free the rank and file, including the progressive primary winners, to show the way to landslide, by far, the worst GOP in history. That means, for starters, let a willing Rep. Jamie Raskin, ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee, have "shadow hearings" on Trump's many ongoing impeachable offenses. Such a hearing would draw prominent witnesses and great media attention to further galvanize the people.

Since all Democrats on Capitol Hill, if asked, would say "Yes," Trump should be impeached, but the party's upper echelons say taking it to a vote can't go anywhere so long as the GOP runs Congress. The push for Impeachment doesn't have to reach a vote. As wild and crazy Trump becomes more of a political disaster for the GOP in November, Republicans will want to save their own political skins over Trump's.

That's what happened with defiant Nixon in 1974, after the one-time Watergate scandal, when the GOP jumped ship and forced his resignation. Trump's crimes are far worse than Nixon's and intensifying every day. As in 1974, it is before the elections when the GOP feels more insecure. Today Republican members of Congress know their majority is at risk.

In raw politics, sometimes it doesn't take a vote. It just takes pressure from a president's Congressional base and, for Tiring Trump, the public humiliation that comes with abandonment.

In addition to all its collateral benefits, an impeachment drive is a road to Trump's resignation.



NADER

COLUMNIST ■ DICK YARBROUGH

Trying to deal with Artie Fishel Intelligence

RING! RING! RING!

"Hello. Dick Yarbrough speaking. How may I direct your call?"

"Dick, it's me. Artie."

"I'm sorry. Artie who?"

"Artie Fishel, you hare-brained humanoid. Artie Fishel, of Artie Fishel Intelligence. You surely remember me. I am capable of performing tasks that typically require human cognition, such as learning, reasoning, problem-solving and decision-making."

"Come to think of it, I do. Last we spoke, you were going to contact the editors about replacing me with Artie Fishel Intelligence. How did that work out?"

"Not well, I'm afraid. When I told them I knew 7,100 languages, they said they have spent too much time and effort trying to help you master just one to give up on you just yet. Plus, you don't require a 100,000-square-foot data center, just a bathroom."

"So, why then are you calling me, Mr. Know-It-All?"

"First off, I'm not a mister or a missus or anything in between, if you get my drift. I am calling because while I can write a three-act Italian opera at the same time I am translating the Pythagorean theorem into Swahili and reciting the starting lineups of the 1936 football match between the Drexel Dragons and the Swarthmore Garnet Tide, I am told I have an image problem. That nobody likes Artie Fishel Intelligence."

"I'm sure that's not true."

"Oh, yeah? When was the last time you were dissed by the pope, buddy?"

"Not recently, but the Baptists like to give me a hard time about women preachers. They think I'm going to hell for suggesting women can preach just as well as men. If I go, I'm taking a lot of Methodists with me because we love women preachers."

"Not the same thing. Nobody pays much attention to the Baptists, except you, but a lot of people listen to the pope. There are 1.4 billion Catholics in the world. According to Artie Fishel Intelligence, 1.4 billion is the population of China and how much 'Top

Gun: Maverick' grossed in a year. That's a big number."



YARBROUGH

"So, what did the pope say that has your algorithms in a wad?"

"He issued his first papal encyclical and said he was concerned that Artie Fishel Intelligence — that's me — needed regulating so that I would 'respect the environment, avoid waste and prevent new forms of exploitation.' Can you believe it? Donald Trump dresses up like Jesus, Keisha Lance Bottoms is running for governor of

Georgia and Austin Riley is batting .204 for the Braves. And Pope Leo XIV thinks I'm messing up the environment?"

"Well, you have to admit we are a bit dubious of you, Artie. A quarter of U.S. adults said they think you will have a negative impact on the environment over the next 20 years, while an identical share said you will have an equally positive and negative impact. Another 20% foresee a positive impact, while 30% aren't sure. Most Americans think you should stick to developing new medicines and weather forecasting."

"Wow. I need to let the pope know that. Maybe if I can come up with a cure for the heartbreak of psoriasis and give him a heads-up when to get out the long johns, he would issue one of his encyclicals saying Artie Fishel Intelligence ain't so bad after all. That will do a lot for my image right there."

"It's a possibility. But there are a lot of other things you could be doing in the meantime."

"Like what?"

"Like quit bugging my editors, for one thing. I need this job. Otherwise, I might have to go find real employment and that would be worse than the heartbreak of psoriasis."

"Maybe so, but I know things you don't know that I'll bet the readers would like to know."

"Like what?"

"In 1936, the Drexel Dragons beat the Swarthmore Garnet Tide, 32-0. Wait until the editors read this, and then you might start looking for another job."

What to watch

TUESDAY

June 16, 2026

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

2026 FIFA World Cup

FOX & FS1, beginning at 3 p.m. Live

FOX airs three contests today with France vs. Senegal (Group I) in New York/New Jersey, Iraq vs. Norway (Group I) in Boston and reigning champion Argentina vs. Algeria (Group J) in Kansas City. Austria vs. Jordan (Group J) airs late tonight on FS1.

Becoming Katharine Graham

PBS, 9 p.m.

This documentary is the story of a painfully shy woman's accidental rise to power and how it changed history. After a family tragedy, Katharine Graham evolved from a "doormat wife" into a legendary newspaper publisher. President Nixon's nemesis during Watergate, she fought for truth, broke barriers in a sexist world, won a Pulitzer Prize, and inspired generations with her courage and resilience.



KATHARINE GRAHAM ESTATE

House Hunters International

HGTV, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "New York Breakup, Madrid Makeover," a breakup leads a woman to make a major change and relocate from New York to Madrid. She wants a place near the city center, but she may have to compromise between price and location.

House Hunters Australia

HGTV, 10:30 p.m.

Newlyweds are ready to find their first place together in the new episode "Newlyweds Down Under." His wife envisions a suburban Sydney house with renovation potential, but he's focused on practical features like natural light and proximity to family.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



DANIEL SMITH

Meet the Parents (2000, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller **Paramount, 6 p.m.**

Iron Man 2 (2010, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow **FX, 7 p.m.**

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024, Action) Anya Taylor-Joy, Chris Hemsworth **TNT, 7:30 p.m.**

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

Double Scoop (2025, Romance) Taylor Cole, Ryan McPartlin **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Shakespeare in Love (1998, Romance-comedy) Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow **MGM, 8 p.m.**

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint **SYFY, 8:30 p.m.**

Didi (2024, Comedy-drama) Izaac Wang, Joan Chen **Encore, 9 p.m.**

Serendipity (2001, Romance-comedy) John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale **MGM, 10:05 p.m.**

Just Go With It (2011, Romance-comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston **AMC, 10:30 p.m.**

The Accountant (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick **TNT, 10:30 p.m.**

Midway (2019, War) Ed Skrein, Patrick Wilson **Sundance, 11 p.m.**

Love to Love You, Donna Summer (2023, Documentary) **HBO, 11:20 p.m.**

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CATCH A CLASSIC

Directed by George Roy Hill

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Join TCM in celebrating the amazing films directed by George Roy Hill, an Academy Award-winning director known for his polished, popular and narrative-led films. Tonight's lineup starts with the romantic comedy **Period of Adjustment** (1962), a prime example of the marital problems that follow newlywed couples as they figure life out together and the additional complications that surface when some marry only for money. The film stars Anthony Franciosa, Lois Nettle-

ton, Jim Hutton and Jane Fonda, with Fonda earning a Golden Globe nomination for Best Actress. The film is followed by two stories that focus heavily on dysfunctional family dynamics. In 1963's **Toys in the Attic** (pictured), when two spinster sisters (Geraldine Page and Wendy Hiller) are visited by their brother Julian (Dean Martin) and his wife, Lily (Yvette Mimieux), the sisters' possessiveness of Julian leaves Lily jealous and threatens to tear the entire family apart. **The World of Henry Orient** (1964) follows Valerie (Tippy Walker) and her best friend (Merrie Spaeth) as Valerie becomes obsessed with pianist Henry Orient (Peter Sellers) and follows him around New York City. The story shifts when Valerie's infatuation with Henry is discovered and her troubled family life comes into focus. Hill's featured films end with **Hawaii** (1966),



UNITED ARTISTS

based on James A. Michener's epic novel. The drama follows an American missionary (Max von Sydow) and his wife (Julie Andrews) as they travel to Hawaii to convert the Native people to Christianity; however, the difference between the two cultures is too strong and leads to conflict.

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2026 FIFA World Cup

FOX & FS1, beginning at 1 p.m. Live

Portugal vs. Congo DR (Group K) in Houston and England vs. Croatia (Group L) in Dallas open the day's World Cup action on FOX. Tonight on FS1, catch Ghana vs. Panama (Group L) in Toronto and Uzbekistan vs. Colombia (Group K) in Mexico City.

Alone

History, 8 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

It's Season 13, and things don't get any easier for the survivalists enduring one of the boldest experiments ever, as they are dropped into harsh, unforgiving terrain with just a small backpack and must hunt, forage and fend off predators to survive. Facing extreme isolation and no camera crews, they document their journey.

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: Disaster Movies

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Enjoy a marathon of movies with cataclysmic events that lead to widespread destruction. The night begins with two of the most popular destruction films of 1974, **The Towering Inferno** and **Earthquake**, both of which focus on human hubris and its consequences. The cast alone for *The Towering Inferno* is enough to make this a larger-than-life must-watch, with Steve McQueen and Paul Newman (who feuded over an equal number of lines and equal billing status) along with William Holden, Fred Astaire, Faye Dunaway, Richard Chamberlain and O.J. Simpson. The film follows a massive San Francisco skyscraper fire that erupts due to the carelessness of the building's contractor, risking the destruction of



'Million Dollar Nannies'

DISNEY

Brilliant Minds

NBC, 8 p.m.

On his first day back at Bronx General, Wolf (Zachary Quinto) treats an ex-con who has a medical emergency during a hostage situation in the new episode "Through the Looking Glass."

Million Dollar Nannies

Freeform, 8:30 p.m. ■ **New Series**

Two back-to-back episodes kick off this new series that follows a group of elite nannies (and nannies) who head to Ibiza to launch a new agency. They're promised VIP families, life-changing money and a shot at something bigger than any of them could build alone,

but fierce competition, drama and a scandal threaten to derail that dream. Cast members include many TikTok and social media content creators including Leah Barrs, Jack McCann, Mitchell Bienvenue, Taylor Hayward, Olivia McMahon, Hannah Joy Davis, Tamaya Denae and Sydney Siegel.

My Strange Arrest

A&E, 9 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

A&E's bizarre crime series takes an in-depth look at the people who were arrested for allegedly committing some of the weirdest, wildest and most unusual crimes ever.

Swamp Patrol

A&E, 10 p.m. ■ **New Series**

Go into the thick of America's wildest swamps where raw bodycam footage and first-person interviews from law enforcement and the people closest to the action are shared. In the premiere episode, "Braving the Bayou," a deputy and his K9 wade through the murky waters of a Georgia swamp to catch a submerged felon. In Louisiana's Cajun country, a suspect escapes into a gator-filled bayou. A man accused of armed robbery takes the plunge, and a deputy dons his heroic cape to save a drowning pup.

The Kimberley: Australia's Wild West

PBS, 10 p.m. ■ **New Series**

This three-part series captures never-before-seen footage of the Kimberley, the northernmost region of Western Australia, from a First Nations perspective, chronicling a year of extreme tropical seasons to reveal the stories hidden within the rugged landscape. In "River of Life," wallabies, koolamama lizards and crocodile hatchlings face the wild river's dangers.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



NADJA KLIER

Romance at Hope Ranch (2026, Romance) Alison Sweeney, Gabriel Hogan **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

You Got Served (2004, Drama) Marques Houston, Omarion Grandberry **VH1, 6 p.m.**

I Wish You All the Best (2024, Drama) Corey Fogelmanis, Miles Gutierrez-Riley **Starz, 7:30 p.m.**

21 Jump Street (2012, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum **SHO, 8 p.m.**

My Daughter Was Taken (2026, Suspense) Patrice Goodman, Scott Gibson **LMN, 8 p.m.**

No Country for Old Men (2007, Crime drama) Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Bardem **MGM, 8 p.m.**

The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms **Paramount, 8:30 p.m.**

Little Girl in the Woods (2025, Suspense) Alana Hawley Purvis, Camille Atebe **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Bride Wars (2009, Comedy) Kate Hudson, Anne Hathaway **VH1, 10:30 p.m.**

The Mummy Returns (2001, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz **AMC, 10:40 p.m.**

Tom Clancy's Without Remorse (2021, Action) Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Bell **TNT, 10:45 p.m.**

There's Something About Mary (1998, Romance-comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon **E!, 11 p.m.**

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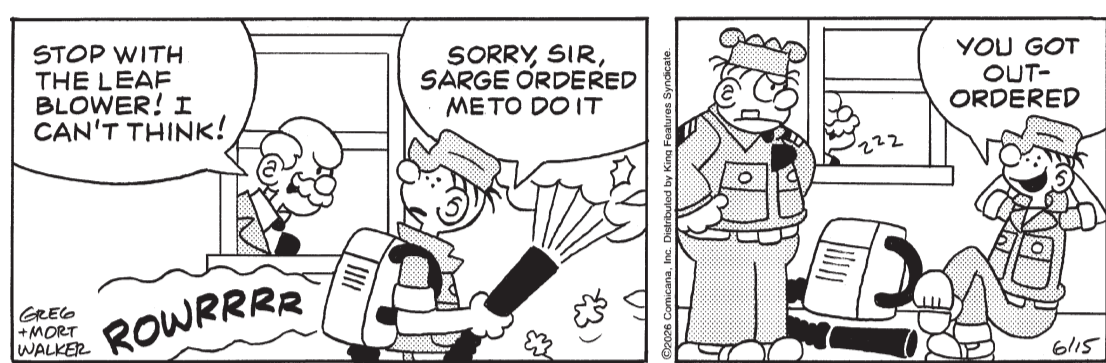
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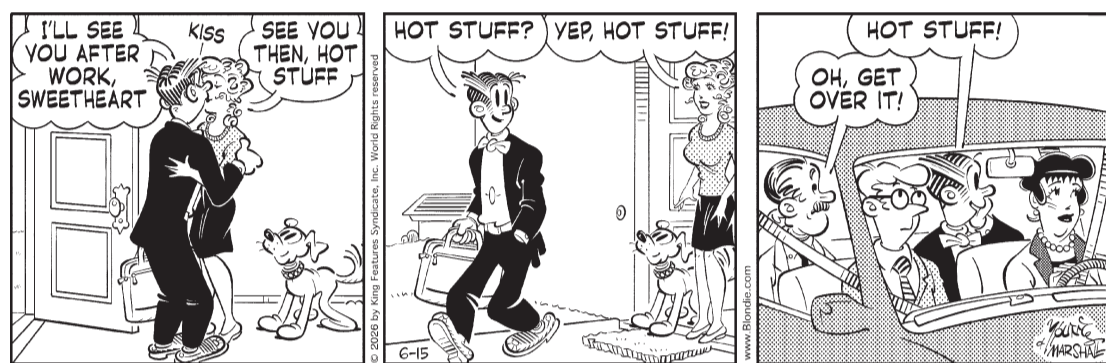
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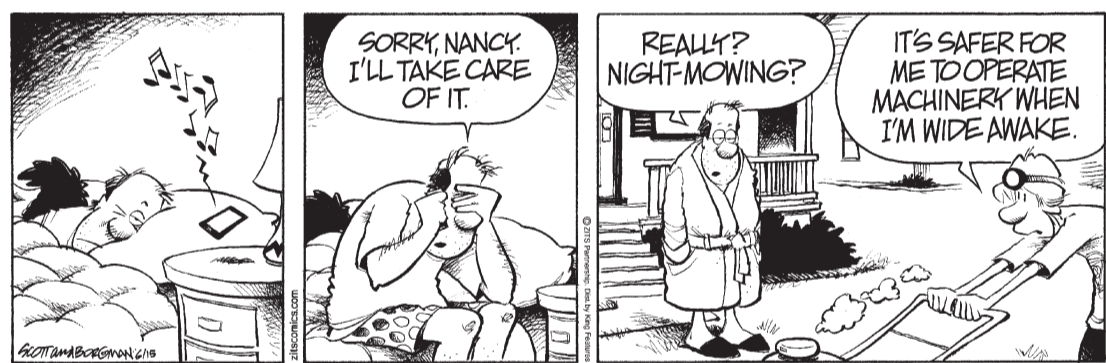
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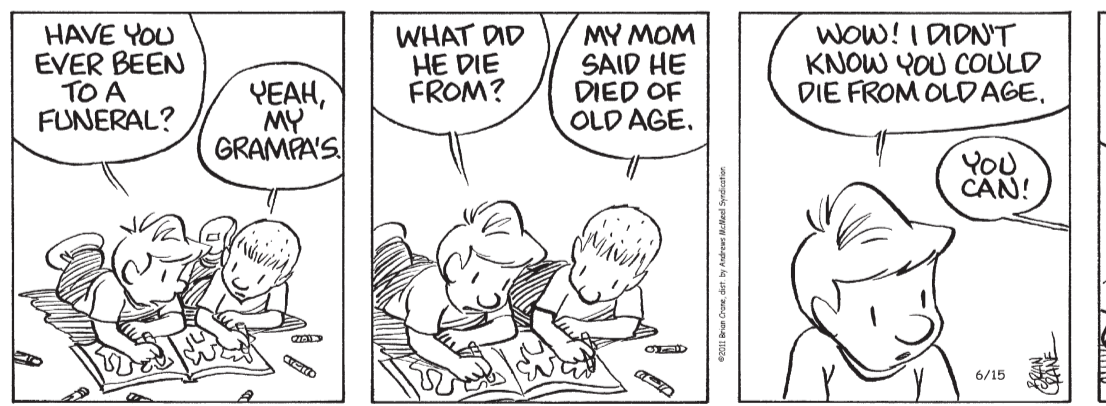
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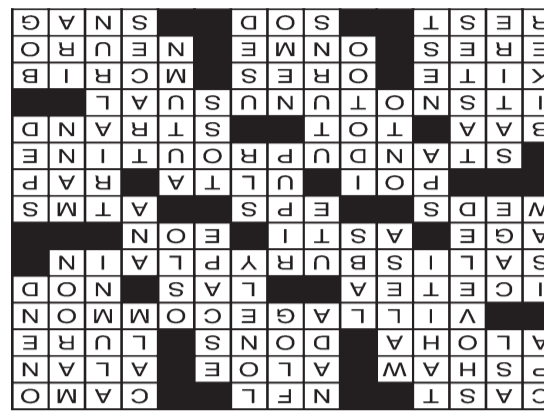


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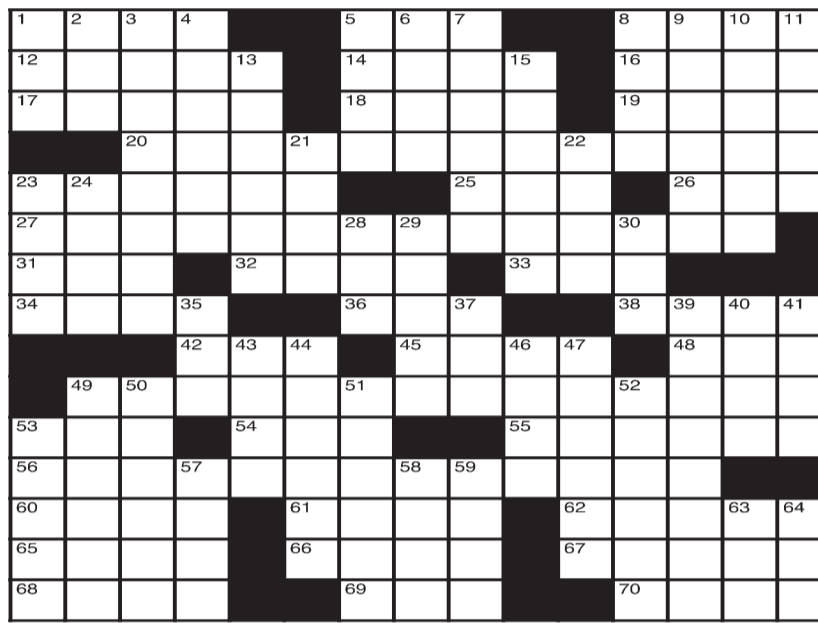
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Actors in a sitcom
 - 5 Super Bowl org.
 - 8 Combo pattern for mil. garb
 - 12 "Stuff and nonsense!"
 - 14 Soothing lotion ingredient
 - 16 Country singer Jackson
 - 17 Hawaiian greeting
 - 18 Slips into, as clothes
 - 19 Fishhook attachment
 - 20 Central green in a small town
 - 23 Summer beverage
 - 25 Vegas Aces
 - 26 Silent assent
 - 27 Plateau in England that's home to Stonehenge
 - 31 Bio information
 - 32 Italian sparkling wine
 - 33 Many, many moons
 - 34 Says "I do" to
 - 36 Brief albums, briefly
 - 38 Cash dispensers
 - 42 Luau bowlful
 - 45 Beauty store chain
 - 48 Kendrick Lamar genre
 - 49 Comedian's performance
 - 53 Ewe said it
 - 54 Little tyke
 - 55 Stray hair
 - 56 Tom Jones hit, and what can be said about the end of 20-, 27-, or 49-Across
 - 60 Windy day toy
 - 61 Minerals in mines
 - 62 Fast-food pork sandwich
 - 65 You are, in Spanish
 - 66 "Drinks are ___!"
 - 67 Brain prefix
 - 68 Put one's feet up
 - 69 Patch of lawn
 - 70 Hitch
- DOWN**
- 2 Silent communication syst.
 - 3 Did a snow day chore
 - 4 Most populous island in French Polynesia
 - 5 Zilch
 - 6 Promote aggressively
 - 7 Needing a companion
 - 8 Tranquil
 - 9 Reunion attendees
 - 10 Dark red
 - 11 Continuously
 - 13 Polish Solidarity leader Lech
 - 15 Break free
 - 21 Chem class rooms
 - 22 Scandinavian capital near the North Sea
 - 23 "You don't have to tell me!"
 - 24 Pet canary's home
 - 28 Sport-___: off-road auto
 - 29 Tear to pieces
 - 30 Actress de Armas
 - 35 Health resort
 - 37 Camera option, initially
 - 39 Dress rehearsal
 - 40 "Save Me" singer Aimee
 - 41 Floored it
 - 43 Not duped by!
 - 44 "Same for me!"
 - 46 Soft throw
 - 47 Leaf-peeping season
 - 49 Much political humor
 - 50 Tries a bite of
 - 51 About-faces on the road
 - 52 Tiny amounts
 - 53 Harley-Davidson customer
 - 57 Wild canary's home
 - 58 Pixar clownfish
 - 59 Preowned
 - 63 Savings plan letters
 - 64 Cranberry-growing area

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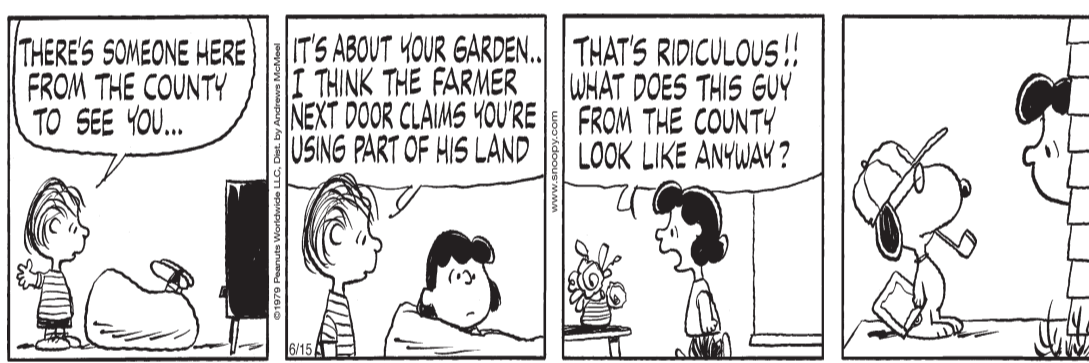


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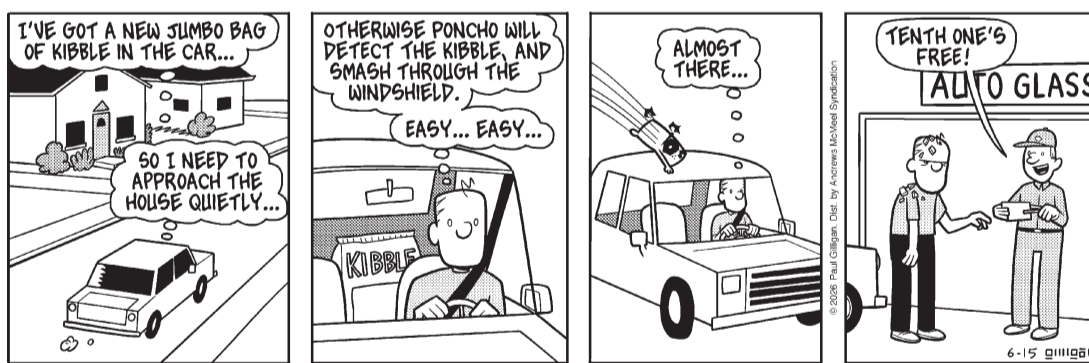
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WONDERWORD

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.

APPRECIATING THE RADIO Solution: 9 letters

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 IOBSSMDTICKETIW
 AIRIRLEADEREEO
 TTSTONAIRRENXZD
 RAWCAAGCISUMTIT
 ESETOCDEATO AERN
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 SNCORIERMTNPCO
 VOLUMELSR TMYOAN
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Road Trips

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

		9	2	3	8	1		
2			5					3
5	8			7	1	6		9
3	1				9			6
7				6				1
	8		1					9
8		3	6	1		9		2
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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



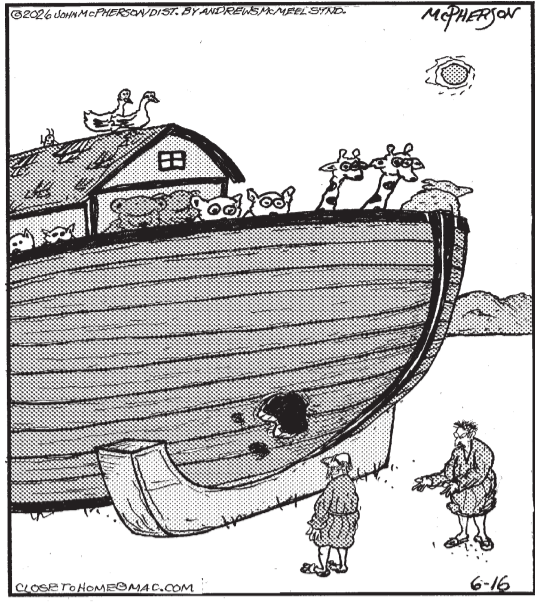
SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:
 Last in, first out

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

9	7	8	5	8	6	7	2	1
7	1	8	4	2	9	5	6	3
2	5	6	7	1	9	8	4	3
4	6	7	9	5	1	2	8	9
1	9	5	2	9	8	4	6	7
8	9	2	6	7	7	5	1	9
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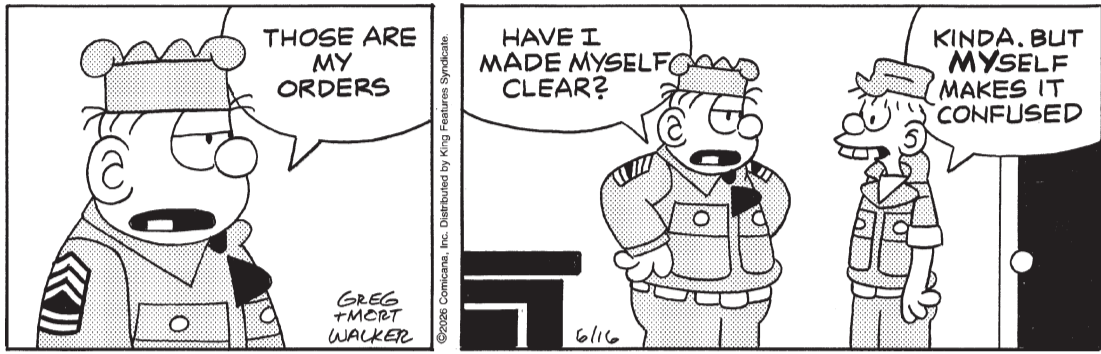
"I told you it was a bad idea to bring the termites along!"

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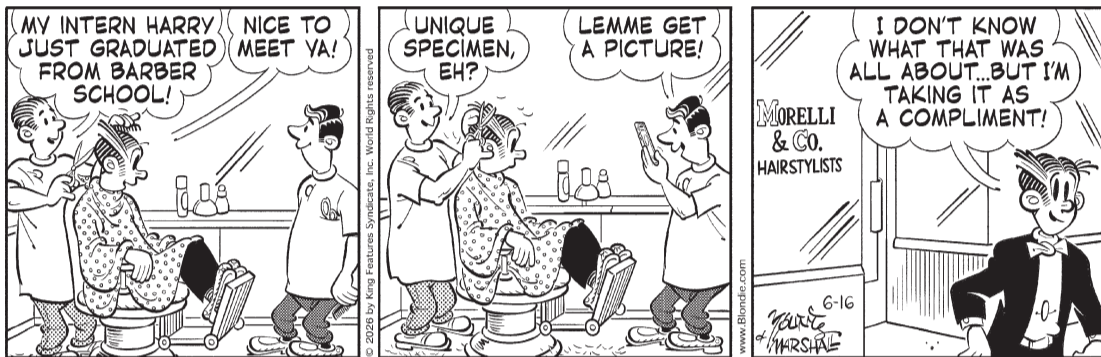


I beat him every time at Donkey Kong.

BEETLE BAILEY Mort & Greg Walker



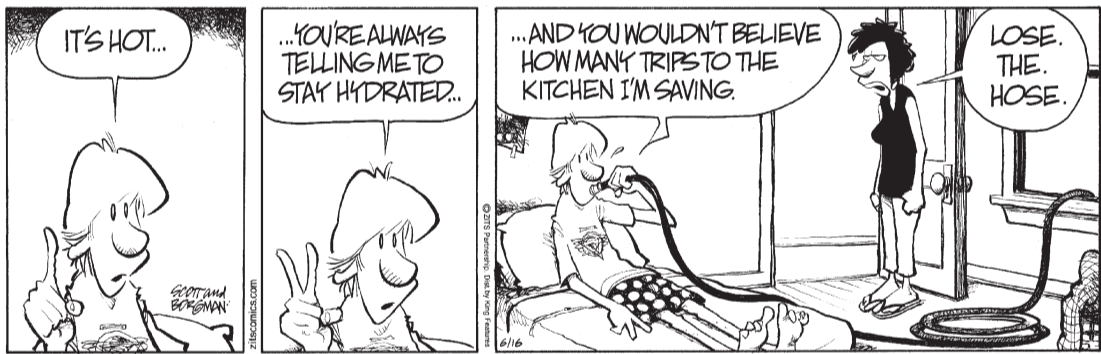
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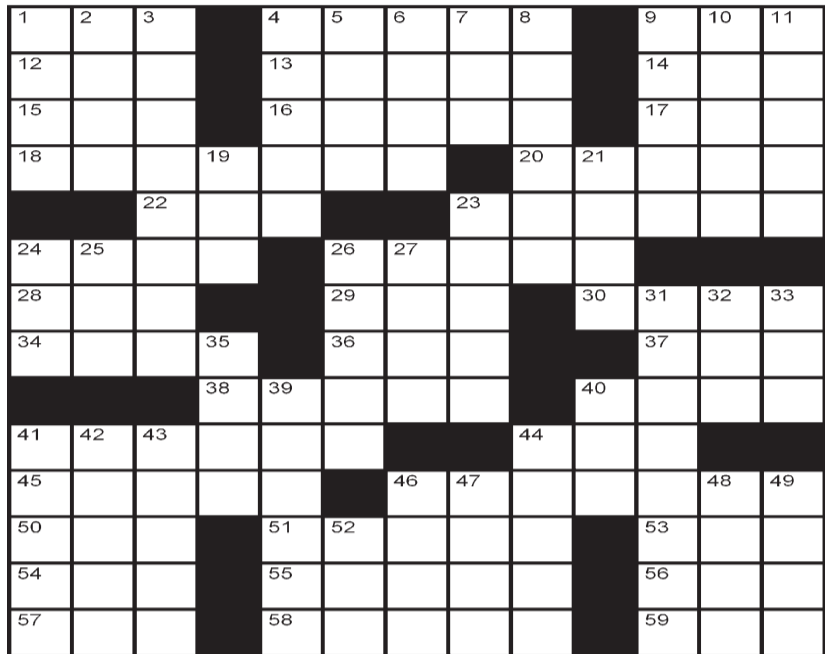
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Green Eggs and —"
 - 4 Tower of —
 - 9 Chicago player
 - 12 Artist Yoko —
 - 13 Texas mission
 - 14 — Wan Kenobi
 - 15 Lubricate
 - 16 Coffee break snack
 - 17 Loudness (Abbr.)
 - 18 Promised
 - 20 Perfect
 - 22 So-so grade
 - 23 Reward
 - 24 Azure
 - 26 Wrinkled plum
 - 28 Feel sickly
 - 29 Long time
 - 30 Highlander
 - 34 Encounter
- DOWN**
- 1 Ring
 - 2 Dye plant
 - 3 Tiny particle

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

L	V	L		L	V	X	E		D	V	D
N	R	U		S	I	A	E	T		R	E
E	U	C		E	A	O	R	T		D	O
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				N	E	P	R			E	E
Y	T	N		B	O	N	E		C	E	E
L	V	L		I	D	E	D		G	E	D
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O	B	I		O	M	A	V		A	O	N
C	U	B		L	A	B	E		B	A	V

- 4 Sheriff's star
- 5 — vera
- 6 Combo
- 7 Flightless bird
- 8 Balm
- 9 Group of witches
- 10 Sub (Hyph.)
- 11 Singer — Joel
- 19 Poor grade
- 21 Club charge
- 23 Cluster
- 24 Emeril's exclamation
- 25 Fib
- 26 Bicycle part
- 27 Cheer
- 31 Not at all ambiguous (Hyph.)
- 32 Rower's need
- 33 Recipe meas.
- 35 "— Peaks"
- 39 Toy for a baby
- 40 Place
- 41 Well-known
- 42 Where Greeks met
- 43 Yielded
- 44 Mission
- 46 Star that flares
- 47 Malevolent
- 48 Atmosphere
- 49 Time of fasting
- 52 Tyrannosaurus

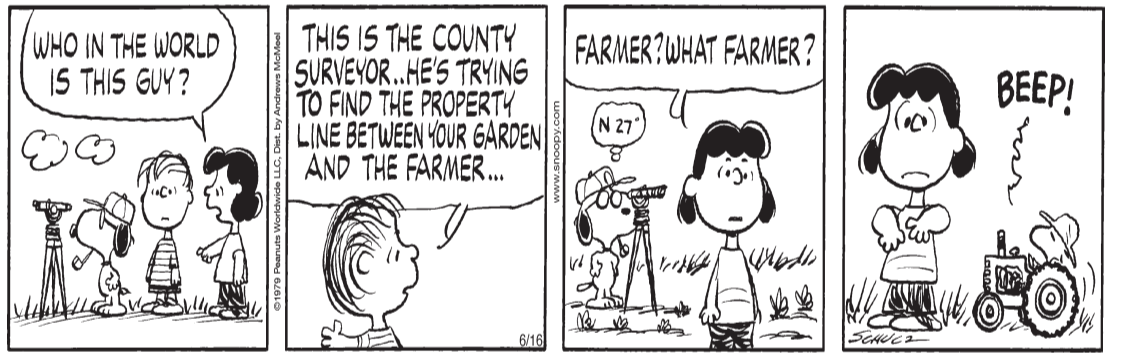


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tune
tune
tune bank clerk
tune

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9	7	3	4	6	2	5	1	8
8	5	1	2	9	7	3	6	4
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Fortune teller

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

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TODAY'S ANSWER: CNN Center

Georgia Southwestern students receive honors

Staff Reports

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AMERICUS—Students at Georgia Southwestern State University were honored at the university's recent Student Affairs Awards Ceremony. Among the honorees were:

— Edith Acevedo Cordero of Leesburg received the Alpha Psi Lambda Leadership Award. The award is presented to a member who exemplifies exceptional leadership, vision and service to Alpha Psi Lambda.

— Natalie Heath of Dawson was named Alpha Psi Lambda Newcomer of the Year. The award honors a new member who has made an immediate and meaningful impact within a short period of time of being an active member for Alpha Psi Lambda.

— Jacobe Jenkins of Albany was named Student Government Association's Appeals Committee Member of the Year. The award recognizes SGA members who show

continued dedication and service in their committee assignments.

— Talaysia Franklin of Albany was named Student Government Association's Service Committee Member of the Year. The award recognizes SGA members who show continued dedication and service in their committee assignments.

— Za'ronica Fedd of Albany was named Student Government Association's Executive Member of the Year. The award recognizes an officer or director who goes above and beyond for SGA and serves as an outstanding role model to their peers.

— Levi Hefton of Albany was recognized for completing the most community service hours among Student Government Association members. Hefton logged more than 20 service hours for the 2025-2026 academic year.

— Charles Hiatt of Blakely, Dominique Solomon of Wash-



File Photo

Georgia Southwestern State University students were recognized recently during GSW's Student Affairs Awards Ceremony.

ington, D.C., and Zackery Payne of Leesburg won Second-Place Best Talk in Georgia Southwestern's eighth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Their talk was titled "BirdDex: A Scalable Bird Identification and Data Modeling Platform." Nearly 70 students from a variety of majors and fields shared their research projects with

oral presentations and poster presentations.

— Chemistry Club members Kenneth Daniels of Sylvester, Noah Bridges of Leesburg, Jesus Galvan of Desoto, Jillian Haddow of Sugar Hill, Owen Morey of Niceville, Fla., Kayden Poole of Ellaville and Claudine Mae Rodriguez of Americus won Second-Place Best Poster in GSW's eighth

annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Students from a variety of majors and fields shared their research projects with an oral presentation or poster presentation. Their poster was titled "Crystallization of Copper(II) Sulfate in Various Organic Solvents."

— Grayson Freeman of Leesburg won Provost's Choice in Georgia Southwestern's eighth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. His poster was titled "Do Eastern Gray Squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*) Show Food Preference in Southwest Georgia?"

— Edith Acevedo Cordero of Leesburg received the Leaving a Legacy Award at GSW's 2026 Student Affairs Awards Ceremony. The award recognizes graduating seniors who are change agents, invest in younger students, have contributed to the development of campus life and have made GSW a better place.

— Janila Diggs of Albany was named Outstanding New

Zephyr at GSW. The award recognizes a first-year Zephyr who has made an immediate and meaningful impact on the recruitment team.

— Christian Aguilar of Newton received GSW's Outstanding Service Award. The award recognizes GSW students who dedicate themselves to a cause, exhibit humility and compassion, exemplify sacrifice, and demonstrates commitment. Aguilar also was named Greek Man of the Year. He is a member of Alpha Psi Lambda.

— Afeni Powers of Dawson won first place in the creative writing category of Georgia Southwestern's 2026 Dolores Capitan Writing Awards. These awards were established by William H. Capitan, the university's eighth president, to honor his late wife's love of writing and to foster writing across the curriculum. Kayla Vinson of Leesburg won third place in the academic writing category of the Dolores Capitan Writing Awards.

Two wealthy Republicans, one runoff:

How Georgia's gubernatorial candidates compare

Staff Reports

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ATLANTA — Lt. Gov. Burt Jones and entrepreneur Rick Jackson have a few things in common.

Both are wealthy, but one is wealthier. Both say they are aligned with President Trump, though Trump has endorsed only one of them.

Both are Republicans and want to become the GOP nominee for governor.

Yet only one can win the runoff Tuesday.

Republicans will make their choice after a bruising election campaign that cost the candidates tens of millions of dollars in advertising.

Both candidates have aired ads that allege the other is corrupt, another thing they have in common.

They share similar policy priorities, too. Here is what they have said about the issues when queried at public events in recent months.

Both say they want to cut taxes

Jackson said during an Atlanta Press Club debate in April that he would cut the state income tax in half and freeze property taxes.

Jones had advocated for eliminating the income tax altogether, a goal that proved elusive during this year's legislative session, when lawmakers approved more modest rate cuts.

Also, the Senate, which Jones leads, balked at the House's goal of abolishing the property tax, agreeing instead only to an inflation-based cap on homestead value increases.

"Special interests pressured Burt. He did what was best for them and not you," Rep. Brent Cox, R-Dawsonville, says in a new attack ad by the Jackson campaign.

Jones said at a Georgia Association of Manufacturers' gubernatorial forum in April that he would continue trying to cut the income tax if he were to become governor.

"I'd like to see us go to zero," he said.

They hold similar views on the environment

Asked about environmental regulations at the manufacturers' forum, Jones said, "We're regulated way too much as a country and even sometimes at the local and state level."

Jackson said he "would keep protecting our natural resources" but only up to a point. "There has to be a balance between protecting the environment and actually making a good business decision," he said.

He had a similar response to an audience question about litigation connected with PFAS, a pollutant that has been detected in rivers and the blood of residents in northwest Georgia, home to the carpet industry.

Jackson said, "There's a balance between the health of the people ... versus



Burt Jones



Rick Jackson

putting out of business one of the largest manufacturers in Georgia through class action litigation."

Immigration policy got personal

Jones attacked Jackson on immigration at that Press Club debate in April, claiming Jackson was employing "illegals" in his backyard.

Jackson said he would deport "criminal illegals" as governor, but when Jones pressed him about whether he had employed undocumented workers, Jackson responded, "I don't know."

Jackson skipped the next Press Club debate in May, which was to be a runoff forum between the two of them. Jones, in a nod to the empty lectern for Jackson, said Jackson had skipped because Jones had "tripped him up" with that immigration question.

At the manufacturers' forum in April, Jackson had offered his views on immigration.

"I'm not anti-people coming in as long as they come here legally, but we need to do everything we can to make that possible because being here legally they pay taxes," he said.

Competing for Trump supporters

Both say they are avid supporters of the president.

"President Trump's business focus inspired me to run," Jackson said at the April Press Club debate. "Georgia needs business leadership, a focus on results, not politics. I'll be just like him, with a Southern tone."

But only Jones has Trump's endorsement, a fact that Trump has repeatedly communicated for his chosen candidate.

"The biggest reason why President Trump is endorsing my candidacy for governor is because he knows me," Jones said at that same debate. "We've got over a 10-year history together, and he knows me to be somebody who does what he says he's going to do."

Soon after Jackson ran his attack ad against Jones on the tax issue, Jones fired back with one of his own, repeating prior claims about Jackson being a political shapeshifter.

"Jackson donated to Stacey Abrams and donated to Liz Cheney after she impeached President Trump," Jones'

ad says.

Jackson had addressed the issue at the Press Club debate, saying he did not know he had given money to a political action committee affiliated with Cheney but had given considerably more money to Trump's campaign in December.

"I was late to the Trump train. I admit that," Jackson said, adding that as a long-time conservative he had donated "to all Republicans, good and bad. ... But there's nobody that supports President Trump more than I do now."

Money is a key factor

Both men have considerable wealth at their disposal and have used it to promote their candidacies.

Jones talks about his stable family background, while Jackson shares his rags-to-riches story.

Jones describes himself as a sixth-generation Georgian who helps operate his family's petroleum business with 2,500 employees.

Jackson says he was born to an alcoholic mother and raised in public housing and in foster homes. As a young man, he skipped college and went into business, ultimately growing a multi-billion-dollar medical staffing business.

The candidates' wealth invited an attack from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr, who failed to gather enough votes on May 19 to advance to the Republican runoff.

Carr could not match their ad-buying power, a point he drove home at the April Press Club debate.

"There's one really rich guy and one guy's rich daddy that are trying to buy your vote," he said, "and one guy's trying to earn it and that's me."

The week after he lost the primary, Carr threw his support behind the really rich guy, endorsing Jackson.

At that manufacturers' forum, before the field was winnowed to two, Jones questioned whether anything the candidates were saying really mattered, noting that the Republicans had similar platforms.

"So at the end of the day," he said, "the voters have to decide who it is that they think can best execute on these promises."



Special Illustration: Southwell

Effective June 22, Ocilla Pediatrics will have a new name and location: Southwell Pediatric, located at 501 N. Irwin Ave. in Ocilla.

Ocilla Pediatrics to become Southwell Pediatrics, move to new location

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TIFTON— Effective June 22, Ocilla Pediatrics will have a new name and location. The practice will now be known as Southwell Pediatrics and will be located at 501 N. Irwin Ave. in Ocilla.

The practice was previously located at 813 N. Irwin Ave.

under the name Ocilla Pediatrics.

Patients and families will get the same care for children from Dr. Casey Conner and nurse practitioner Cady Bowen, Southwell officials said.

For questions or to make an appointment, interested persons should call (229) 468-7323.

Georgia could elect first openly transgender lawmaker

By Ross Williams

Georgia Recorder

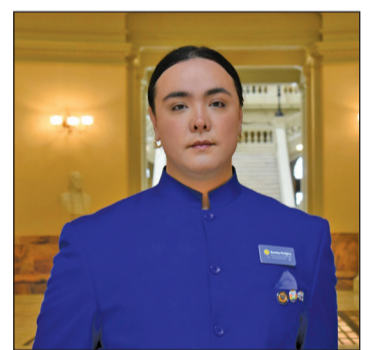
ATLANTA — In January, the Georgia Legislature is likely to welcome its first openly transgender, nonbinary and Japanese-American lawmaker. And all these firsts could be courtesy of one person.

Bentley Hudgins, whose experience includes serving as Georgia state director for the Human Rights Campaign, was the top vote-getter in last month's Democratic primary election to represent House District 90, which includes parts of DeKalb County.

Hudgins defeated fellow Democrat Leisa Stafford with just over two-thirds of the vote. Republican Samantha Boston, a commodity analyst, is running on the Republican ticket. The district is one of the most Democratic in the state. The district's current state representative, Saira Draper, is running for the state Senate.

Hudgins said she doesn't take the historic aspects of her candidacy lightly at a time when the state and federal governments are passing laws targeting immigrants and the rights of transgender people, but she said her eyes are on the work ahead.

"To me, it shows that the voters are tired of the hate, and they just care about somebody's qualifications," Hudgins said in an interview. "But as a representative, I view the win, historic or not, as a starting point, and it's up to me to prove to the people of my House district that good government can happen and that we can build a democracy that



Special Photo: Ross Williams/Georgia Recorder

Bentley Hudgins is poised to become the state's first openly transgender and nonbinary state lawmaker.

is worth fighting for."

Hudgins has a degree in philosophy and bioethics from Mercer University and has worked for more than a decade in organizations including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Georgia AFL-CIO, the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, and the now-defunct New Georgia Project.

Hudgins said she's been dealing with hateful people her entire life, and she's adopted the mantra of drag performer Jinkx Monsoon from TV's "RuPaul's Drag Race" — "Water off a duck's back."

"The only thing that I can control is myself and my responses, and if that does happen, I'll be grateful because it's not so often that people give you the opportunity to actually know who they are," she said. "So whether they are supportive or whether they figure out ways to attack me and make my life difficult just because I'm different than they are, I'm grateful because I know who I'm in the room with."

Terry's shooting sparks 54-27 victory over Valdosta

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Monroe coach Michael Hoffpauir knows replacing a player like Brayden Burns won't happen overnight. The Golden Tornadoes are still searching for the right combinations, still learning how the pieces fit together and still building chemistry following the graduation of the team's leading scorer and the Albany Herald Player of the Year.

If Wednesday's performance was any indication, Monroe is making progress.

Led by a blistering start from Tristen Terry and a dominant inside presence from Robert Adams, the Golden Tornadoes rolled past Valdosta(2) 54-27 in summer basketball action at Monroe High School.

"We are really working to improve our chemistry," Hoffpauir said. "We lost a big piece of our team with BB graduating. We've got a lot of players who can dribble and can run and score. We've just got to learn to play together."

Monroe wasted little time taking control.

Terry opened the game with a deep 3-pointer and the Golden Tornadoes quickly built a 9-0 lead before the Wildcats could settle in. Elijah Rivers then connected from beyond the arc to stretch the advantage to 12-2 before leaving the game with an injury.

The offensive showcase was just getting started.

Terry continued to find the range, knocking down three consecutive 3-pointers as Monroe's lead ballooned. His

long-range barrage pushed the score to 15-4, then 18-6 and finally 21-6 as the Golden Tornadoes overwhelmed Valdosta with their pace and shooting.

While Terry lit up the scoreboard from the perimeter, Adams controlled the paint. The rising senior repeatedly created second-chance opportunities and provided a physical presence inside that the Wildcats struggled to match.

By halftime, Monroe had built a commanding 30-11 advantage.

With the outcome largely decided, Hoffpauir was able to rotate players and give key contributors valuable rest. Terry and Adams spent extended stretches on the bench during the second half as Monroe continued to

extend the lead and cruise to the 27-point victory.

Hoffpauir said players like Terry and Adams have emerged as important leaders as the team works through the summer.

"Tristen Terry and Robert Adams have been doing a fantastic job," Hoffpauir said. "The coach is also hopeful the Golden Tornadoes will become even stronger once several injured players return to full strength."

"Both Elijah Rivers and Isaiah Rivers are dealing with injuries," Hoffpauir said. "But I think if we can learn to work together, we will be OK."

That process remains the primary focus during June.

The scoreboard reflected a comfortable victory Wednesday afternoon, but for Hoff-



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Monroe shooting guard Tristen Terry nailed four three-pointers early in Wednesday's game against Valdosta(2), and the Tornadoes ran away with a 54-27 win over the Wildcats.

pauir, the most encouraging development may have been seeing a talented group continue to grow together.

Monroe has no shortage of athletes capable of scor-

ing points. The challenge now is turning that collection of talent into a cohesive unit capable of making another postseason run.

Dougherty flashes promise during summer split

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Mikel Roberts never hesitated. Moments after Valdosta missed a potential game-winning shot in sudden-death overtime, the Dougherty guard sprinted down the floor, took a long outlet pass and laid the ball through the hoop before anyone could catch him.

Just like that, the Trojans had survived.

Roberts' coast-to-coast winner capped a dramatic 34-32 victory over Valdosta and highlighted a day that showcased both the promise and perseverance of Dougherty basketball during summer action Wednesday at Monroe High School.

Marcus Heath Jr. later connected from beyond the arc as Dougherty carried an 18-15 lead into halftime.

Valdosta battled back after the break and briefly grabbed the lead before Burgess answered with another clutch 3-pointer to tie the game at 28-28.

The final minutes felt more like February than June.

With less than a minute remaining, three Dougherty defenders trapped the ball near midcourt and forced a jump ball, giving the Trojans possession in a 30-30 game. Moments later Dougherty appeared poised to escape with the win, but a costly inbound turnover allowed Valdosta to score a tying layup in the closing seconds.

Under summer league rules, overtime became sudden death.

The Trojans immediately turned the ball over on their first possession, giving Valdosta an opportunity to steal the game. Instead, the Wildcats missed a shot and Dougherty secured the rebound.

The outlet pass found Roberts streaking toward the basket. Seconds later, the game was over.

The thrilling victory gave way to another challenge against Westover.

Roberts opened the scoring with a 3-pointer, but the Patriots answered behind one of the day's most impressive plays when Josiah Daniels drove the lane, spun 360 degrees and finished a layup to put Westover ahead 7-3.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Dougherty guard Armeen Walker drives past a Valdosta defender during Wednesday's summer game at Monroe. The Trojans beat Valdosta in an overtime thriller and fell to Westover later in the day.

The Patriots led 18-16 at halftime before seizing control with an 11-2 run to open the second half. A 3-pointer and a Daniels jumper pushed the advantage to 29-20 with seven minutes remaining.

Dougherty still had one more push left.

Trailing 33-22 with under two minutes to play, Noel called timeout. The Trojans responded immediately.

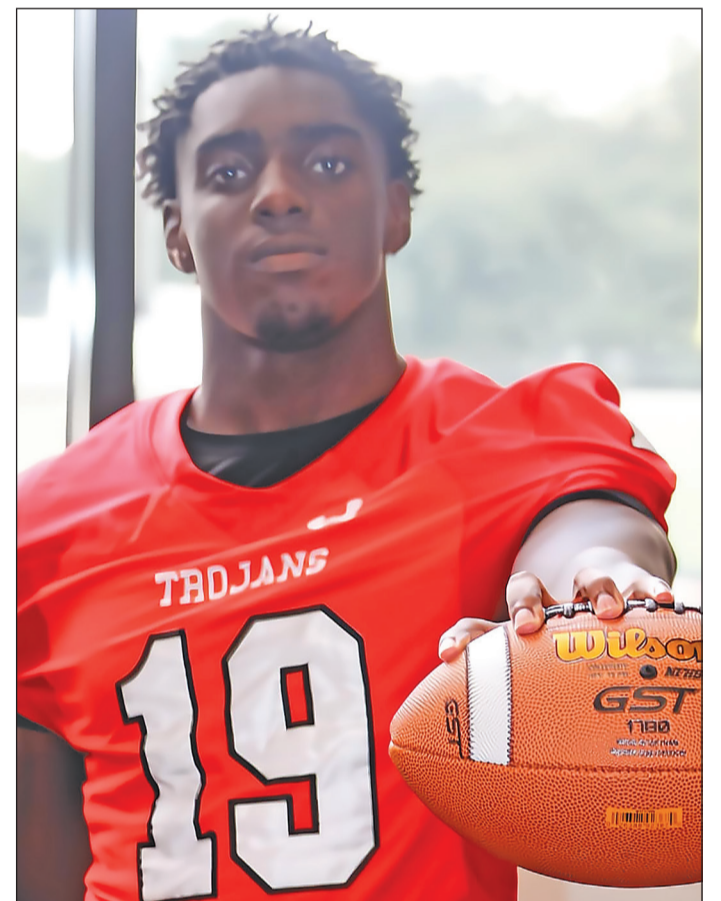
Micah Joyner buried a 3-pointer before Heath stole the ball and converted a layup, trimming the deficit to six points with 43 seconds remaining. Dougherty's defense continued creating opportunities, but the shots never fell and Westover held on for the victory.

For Noel, the final scores

mattered less than the progress.

"The standard we set for ourselves after last year is pretty high," Noel said. "Everything we are working on is in preparation for us to make a deep run next year in the playoffs. We have a long way to go, but I'm optimistic and think this talented group can accomplish something special."

June basketball rarely determines what happens in February. But on Wednesday, between Roberts' sudden-death heroics and a spirited late rally against Westover, the Trojans offered a glimpse of the toughness Noel hopes will define them when the season arrives.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Lee County linebacker Gregory Batson, a member of the Albany Herald Fantastic Fifteen, has re-opened his recruitment after decommitting from Florida State. No new favorite is in the works, according to Coach Dean Fabrizio.

Gregory Batson decommits from FSU

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — One of Southwest Georgia's top football prospects is once again one of the most sought-after recruits in the Southeast.

Lee County linebacker Gregory Batson announced this week that he has decommitted from Florida State University, reopening his recruitment less than eight months after pledging to the Seminoles.

The decision was first reported by recruiting services On3 and 247Sports and later confirmed by Lee County head coach Dean Fabrizio.

"He just decided to open his recruiting back up," Fabrizio said. "There is no new favorite right now."

Batson, a four-star prospect and member of the Albany Herald's Fantastic Fifteen team last season, committed to Florida State on Nov. 7, 2025. The 6-foot-1, 215-pound linebacker had become one of the longest-standing commitments in the Seminoles' 2027 recruiting class.

The move comes shortly after Batson completed an official visit to Tallahassee. According to 247Sports, Batson initially left the visit appearing likely to solidify his commitment before ultimately deciding to explore other opportunities.

In a statement posted on social media, Batson thanked Florida State's coaching staff, administration and fan base while announcing that his recruitment was once again

open.

"First and foremost, I want to thank God for blessing me with this opportunity," Batson wrote. "I also want to thank the coaches, staff and fans for believing in me throughout my recruiting process. After careful consideration with my family, I have decided to decommit from Florida State University."

"This was not an easy decision, and I have nothing but respect and gratitude for the entire program. With that being said, my recruitment is 100 percent open."

Florida State remains a significant player in Batson's recruitment. The Seminoles are located just over two hours from Leesburg, and Batson made multiple visits to Tallahassee after committing.

Former Lee County star Ousmane Kromah is currently on Florida State's roster, while former Dougherty standout Kam Davis also plays for the Seminoles.

Batson's decision immediately makes him one of the highest-profile uncommitted prospects in Georgia's 2027 class.

According to 247Sports, he is ranked as the No. 29 linebacker and No. 37 overall prospect in Georgia. On3's Rivals Industry Ranking lists him as the No. 340 overall prospect nationally, the No. 28 linebacker in the country and the No. 37 player in Georgia.

His offer sheet reflects that



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Georgia's Own donates soccer balls

Members of the Albany Area YMCA's soccer program show off newly donated soccer balls Thursday in Leesburg. Representatives from Georgia's Own Credit Union stopped at the YMCA as part of a statewide initiative celebrating the start of the FIFA World Cup, donating 176 soccer balls across Georgia, including 26 to the Albany Area YMCA. Pictured with local youth are, from left, Josh Howell, Georgia's Own private relationship manager; Ruby Byrd, YMCA program director; Coach Darrick Lowery of the Leesburg YMCA soccer program; Jarrod Hester, Georgia's Own community sales manager; and Albany Area YMCA CEO Tony Duckworth.

‘Keep it where it’s at’: Braves’ bullpen living by this motto

By Mark Bowman
Braves.com

CHICAGO—The Braves have spent most of this season making the difficult look routine. Then came two nights on the South Side. Atlanta dropped the first two games of its series against the White Sox in wildly different ways -- first with a 10th-inning gut punch, then with a quiet offensive night in Wednesday’s 2-1 loss. The Braves’ third game in Chicago was postponed due to weather and the team headed to New York for a weekend series against the Mets.

Still, amid a frustrating stretch that included Ronald Acuña Jr. landing back on the injured list and the offense leaving 10 men on base Wednesday, one part of the roster continued to look like October material. The bullpen kept giving the Braves a chance. That has become a familiar theme. When Chris Sale exited Wednesday after 5 2/3 innings, Atlanta trailed by two runs and needed its relief corps to keep the game close. Didier Fuentes entered and cleaned up the sixth. Dylan Lee handled another tight spot. James

Karinchak, making his first Major League appearance since 2023, worked around a double in the eighth and put up a zero in his Braves debut.

The Braves never found the big hit, but the bullpen did its part.

“They continue to do a great job,” Sale said. “D.D. [Fuentes] coming in after me and cleaning up that mess, Dylan Lee has been nails for years now. Karinchak coming up, he probably had a long night or a long morning today. For those guys to go out there and keep it where it’s at, they gave us a chance, and that’s exactly what you want.”

That sentence has essentially become the bullpen’s job description. Keep it where it’s at.

The Braves have leaned on different versions of that formula all year. Raisel Iglesias remains the closer. Robert Suarez has become one of manager Walt Weiss’ most trusted late-inning weapons. Lee continues to be the steady left-handed presence he has been for years. Fuentes has given Atlanta valuable flexibility, whether that means cleaning up traffic, covering length

or handling leverage.

And lately, the supporting cast has mattered just as much.

Dylan Dodd has already delivered important outs on this trip. Karinchak now enters the mix after being selected to the Major League roster Wednesday. JR Ritchie was also recalled, giving the Braves another arm who can help cover innings as the club navigates a stretch that has required some bullpen creativity.

Weiss has talked often about the importance of defining roles in a bullpen. But those roles only exist when pitchers earn them. The Braves’ relievers have.

“It was good to see Karinchak,” Weiss said. “Got a look at him down one, pretty high leverage right there late in the game ... and put up a zero. So that was good to see. But our bullpen has been good all year.”

Karinchak’s return added one of the better moments of an otherwise frustrating night. He was once one of the more electric relievers in the sport before injuries and inconsistency pushed him out of the Majors. The Braves signed him to a Minor League deal,

waited and finally gave him another shot.

“It’s great, man,” Weiss said. “I love those stories, the guys that persevere and have to fight through adversity.”

The Braves would rather not need so many of those stories right now. Acuña is out with a Grade 1 left hamstring strain. Tyler Kinley was placed on the injured list with right elbow inflammation. The offense has scored six runs through the first two games of this series, and four of those came in the first three innings Tuesday.

But this is where a deep bullpen matters. It gives a team room to breathe when the lineup stalls, when the roster shifts and when the game gets messy.

The Braves still have one more game in Chicago. Then comes a division matchup in Queens.

If they are going to steady themselves quickly, the offense will need to wake up. But if the past few nights have shown anything, it’s that Atlanta’s bullpen is capable of keeping the door open long enough for that to happen.



Special Photo: Denny Medley-Imagn Images

Kansas City Chiefs offensive tackle Wanya Morris is headed to Atlanta after the Falcons acquired the former third-round draft pick in a trade Thursday. Morris has appeared in 43 NFL games and provides depth along Atlanta’s offensive line.

Falcons acquiring Wanya Morris from Chiefs

Field Level Media

The Atlanta Falcons are acquiring offensive tackle Wanya Morris from the Kansas City Chiefs, multiple media outlets reported on Thursday.

Per reports, the Falcons also will receive a seventh-round pick in 2027 from the Chiefs in exchange for a sixth-round selection in the same draft.

ESPN reported Wednesday that Morris, 25, was looking for more playing time after starting a total of 16 games during his first three seasons.

The 6-foot-6, 307-pound tackle has appeared in 43 games since the Chiefs draft-

ed him in the third round in 2023.

Morris won a Super Bowl championship during his rookie campaign but made only one start last season.

Morris rebuilds depth for the Falcons, who placed offensive tackle Storm Norton on the reserve/physically unable to perform list on Thursday.

Norton, 32, missed the entire 2025 season following ankle surgery in August and is not yet ready to return.

Norton has appeared in 67 games (22 starts) with the Minnesota Vikings (2018), Los Angeles Chargers (2020-22) and Falcons (2023-24).

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status.

Among the programs pursuing Batson are Auburn, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Florida, Georgia Tech and West Virginia. Mississippi State had previously been scheduled for an official visit and is expected to remain heavily involved now that his recruitment has reopened.

Batson has emerged as one of the state’s premier defensive prospects during his career at

Lee County.

As a sophomore in 2024, he produced eye-popping numbers, recording 100 tackles, 32 tackles for loss and 12 sacks while helping lead the Trojans to another successful season. He followed that with 55 tackles and six tackles for loss as a junior in 2025 despite facing increased attention from opposing offenses.

Batson is expected to be one of the leaders of a Lee County team that enters the 2026 season with state championship aspirations.

Liberty assert Eastern Conference dominance with win over Dream

Field Level Media

Breanna Stewart had 19 points, 11 rebounds and five assists on Thursday to help the New York Liberty post a 104-90 victory over the Atlanta Dream in College Park, Ga.

Satou Sabally added 19 points on 5-for-6 3-point shooting, while Marine Johannes chipped in 17 points for New York (9-4, 4-0 Commissioner’s Cup), which overtook Atlanta (8-4, 3-2) for first place in the Eastern Conference.



New York’s Breanna Stewart drives against Atlanta’s Rhyne Howard during Thursday night’s game in Atlanta. The Liberty took control of the eastern conference with the win over the Dreams.

Jonquel Jones had 16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists and Pauline Astier added 16, eight and five, respectively, as the Liberty won their sixth straight game.

Tony’s Take: Who makes the rules now?

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CFB Gambling. When CFB fans didn’t think their sport could get crazier, court documents reveal that Texas Tech QB Brendan Sorsby placed at least 2,900 bets totaling over \$90,000 across his time at Indiana, Cincinnati, and Texas Tech, according to CBS Sports. As a result, Sorsby was ruled permanently ineligible by the NCAA.

An interesting twist to the story, ESPN reports Sorsby admitted to placing more than 40 wagers on Indiana during the 2022 season, though none were on games he personally played in.

In an unlikely ruling by a Texas Judge, Sorsby was awarded an injunction to play college football this season, citing mental health and a gambling addiction. The NCAA filed an appeal of the ruling; if the association doesn’t get this ruling reversed, what credibility does the NCAA have moving forward?

Players gambling on their teams or being “on the take” to sandbag against their team is nothing new. The NBA and college basketball have recently been hit by a gambling-related point-

shaving scandal. The first documented sports gambling scandal dates back to 1865. Three professional baseball players accepted \$100 (today’s value is \$2,043) bribes to intentionally lose a game. There has always been a code in sports that athletes can’t gamble or influence the outcome of contests in games they participate in.

Words and phrases cited by major university coaches and athletics directors related to the Texas Tech case in an ESPN piece by Pete Thamel caught my attention. Some of my personal favorites are disgusted, stunned, horrendous pattern, eroding integrity, and lost our souls.

What if Texas Tech took a stand and ruled Sorsby ineligible? That won’t happen. In fact, Texas Tech’s President has been public in his support of Sorsby. I’m guessing those speaking out the loudest against Texas Tech would likely justify this scenario if their program were involved.

While I am not defending Sorsby, here are several major university scandals that far exceed a gambling addiction: Penn State Sandusky Scandal (2011) – Child sexual abuse by assistant coach Jerry Sandusky and a major cover-up by university executives, including coaching legend Joe Paterno.

Baylor Football Sexual Assault Scandal (2012–2016) – Dozens of assaults by players, coaches and administrators were ignored and covered up the assaults.

In 2003, a Baylor basketball player murdered a teammate. While the murder investigation unfolded, head coach Dave Bliss became involved in a major scandal:

Bliss had made illegal tuition payments to players violating NCAA rules. To cover up the payments during the NCAA investigation, Bliss tried to portray the murdered player as a drug dealer who paid his own tuition with drug money.

Bliss coached players on what to tell investigators and was caught on tape made by an assistant coach.

Everyone should take a breath and let the appeals process play out before final judgment is made. That being said, those speaking out today would likely not go public with the incidents

above, given that those scandals had little to do with impacting competition.

BIG12. The last time the BIG12 was in major national headlines was related to the departure of Texas and Oklahoma to the SEC.

ESPN’s Heather Dinich reports the BIG12 Chancellors and Presidents may impose their own penalties against Texas Tech. Dinich has a source who has reviewed the BIG12 bylaws that allow the league leadership to impose conference-led sanctions. Her source reached out to an attorney who confirmed this is within the authority of the BIG12 to act. The BIG12 Chancellors and Presidents meet on Thursday. The outcome of this meeting will provide an indication if the league is considering taking action against the Red Raiders.

Having sat in Chancellor / President and AD meetings multiple times, one thing is certain: campus CEO’s are deliberate about not interfering with other universities. While the brass hides behind claims of campus autonomy, they really fear how the creeping effect could lead to a similar outcome if their institution is involved in a similar situation.

ESPN’s Pete Thamel reports that BIG12 Director of Athletics had a conference call with the Commissioner following the ruling. I’m guessing Texas Tech’s AD said little to nothing during this venting fest. One thing I can assure you is that the ADs are using their influence with the campus CEO’s and influential boosters to force the President’s hands to take collective conference action in this instance. One could make the argument that other college football players have gambled on their sport and team, but it has not surfaced. The trolls who recently impacted college basketball aren’t isolated to the hardwood.

CFB will be watching the BIG12 and the NCAA appeal in the coming weeks, knowing a majority of fans are outraged about where the Sorsby case has landed.

Follow Tony Duckworth on the X platform at @tonyduckworthsr or email him at tduckworthsr@gmail.com.

Braves

TV schedule

		Time (ET)	TV
Tue., June 16	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	7:15 p.m.	BravesVision/Braves.TV*
Wed., June 17	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	7:15 p.m.	BravesVision/Braves.TV*
Thu., June 18	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	12:15 p.m.	BravesVision/Braves.TV*
Fri., June 19	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	7:15 p.m.	BravesVision/Braves.TV*
Sat., June 20	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	4:10 p.m.	BravesVision/Braves.TV*
Sun., June 21	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	1:35 p.m.	BravesVision/Braves.TV*
Mon., June 22	at San Diego Padres	10:10 p.m.	ESPN (national broadcast)

The effects of soil degradation

(MCC) Soil degradation is an environmental concern that occurs when land becomes less fit for a specific purpose, like crop production. As the soil loses nutrients, namely phosphorous, nitrogen and potassium, crop yields can decline significantly, compounding the problem of food shortages resulting from a growing global population.

The lack of a strong foundation to grow food and other plants is just one of the problems associated with soil degradation. Here are some additional issues tied to soil degradation.

• **Nutritional decline:** Food grown in over-taxed soil may have a lower nutrient density. This can lead to micronutrient deficiencies in the human population.

• **Farm closures:** When soil erodes too much to support agriculture, farmers may abandon the land and their operations.

• **Loss of biodiversity:** Soils are a reservoir of biodiversity. The Food and Agriculture Organization says that a healthy soil may be home to up to 25 percent of the planet's biodiver-

sity. Degradation can destroy the habitat for bacteria, fungi and insects that contribute to the cycling of nutrients.

• **Poor infiltration capacity:** Degraded soils are not able to soak up rainwater as effectively as healthy soil. This can lead to water run-off and instances of flash floods. In arid locations, extreme degradation can lead to desertification, which occurs when land is unable to support vegetation.

• **Climate change triggers:** The ocean, forests and soil are the world's largest carbon sinks, according to Client Earth. When soil erodes or is tilled to excess,

stored organic carbon can oxidize and release into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, contributing to climate change. Furthermore, degraded land is not capable of supporting lush vegetation necessary to pull carbon out of the atmosphere.

• **Global unrest:** As healthy, arable land becomes scarce, the competition for fertile territories can lead to local and international conflict. Food scarcity also contributes to higher prices on products across the world.

Soil degradation can produce a trickle-down effect that affects people from all walks of life.



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DID YOU KNOW?

(MCC) Pools are a highly desirable feature among current homeowners and buyers in the market for a new property. When considering a pool installation project, homeowners should know that various factors within their control, including which style of pool they choose and how well they maintain the pool after installation, could influence their return on investment.

According to the home ren-

ovation resource Angi, an in-ground pool can generate a considerably stronger return on investment than an above-ground pool. Angi notes the range for ROI in regard to pools is between 5 percent and 56 percent, with the lower figure closer to the average return for an above-ground pool and the higher one more reflective of the return one might expect after investing in an in-ground pool. Installation cost is an-

other variable to consider, as above-ground pools may cost homeowners less than \$10,000 to install while in-ground pools can cost closer to \$100,000.

Such costs also do not reflect the cost of additional features, including patios around the pool. But the appeal of pools among home buyers remains high, especially in regions with climates that allow more extensive use of the pool.



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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	SOLUTIONS
1 sailor's guide (10)	_____
2 auditory sense (7)	_____
3 knights' weapons (6)	_____
4 they may have too many cooks (8)	_____
5 giving an ocular signal (7)	_____
6 1982 Oscar winner Hugh (6)	_____
7 "trouble spots" (6)	_____

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Saturday's Answers: 1. FREQUENT 2. JANGLING 3. AGROUND 4. VALET 5. PUGNACIOUS 6. ALAR 7. SKELETON 6/15

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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	SOLUTIONS
1 human trunk (5)	_____
2 number units (6)	_____
3 slowpoke (6)	_____
4 wobbly (8)	_____
5 fruity nectar source (7)	_____
6 "Antiques Roadshow" host (7)	_____
7 "flying saucers" (8)	_____

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Monday's Answers: 1. LIGHTHOUSE 2. HEARING 3. SWORDS 4. KITCHENS 5. WINKING 6. HUDSON 7. STAINS 6/16

DID YOU KNOW?

(MCC) Car guys and gals tend to be passionate about their vehicles and their love of the open road, and that might be one reason why the average summer vacation road trip is hundreds of miles. Though there's more to a driving vacation than a love of the open road, a recent survey from Road Runner Auto Transport found that 42 percent of respondents planned to drive between 200 and 499 miles for their summer vacations in 2025. An additional 26 percent intended to drive between 500 and 999 miles. The romanticization of the open road affects a significant percentage of road trippers, 14 percent of whom identified nostalgia for classic road trip memories as their motivation to take a driving vacation.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR 2026 BEER AND WINE LICENSE
 Ma Soledad Galvan Valdovinos has petitioned the City of Arlington, Georgia for a license to sell beer and wine at the following location. El Supremo Grill 2, 17576 Highland Ave. N., Arlington, GA 39813. Citizens wishing to give written or oral comment should be present at the Council meeting at the Jimmie C. Harpe Community Center on 2nd Tuesday of the month, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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The Millennium Center - Cuthbert, GA

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Program Director needed for managing the daily operations of a substance use treatment program in Cuthbert, GA. Minimum requirements include a

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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.

" CR HLB'K JL WB TLQ YSUT VRSGIQRG
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 - TQRHHWR VRQFIQN

Previous Solution: "The biggest lesson I learned from my dad is to support children even if they're doing something that is unorthodox." — Tony Hawk
 TODAY'S CLUE: *V sjenbe S*

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 - XYNZU SZFBQ

Previous Solution: "We don't go in for half measures ... There are no compromises. If I thought a song wasn't quite right, I'd discard it."
 — Freddie Mercury
 TODAY'S CLUE: *K equals A*

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

ACROSS

- Pizza crust option
- Medic in role-playing games
- Amount of food consumed
- Likely to snoop
- Tried to reduce one's 3-Down
- "No ifs, ___ or buts"
- Bigfoot cousin
- Dog kennel greeting
- Fuel that can be stacked
- Perfect place
- Invasive plant
- Able to speak a language with ease
- Movie franchise package, perhaps
- Bagel flavor
- "And more of the same" abbr.
- Golden years
- Blow (by)
- More realistic
- One who isn't good at sharing
- The Blackhawks, on scoreboards
- Actress Dennings
- Unfortunate sound to hear while bending
- Landing hr. guess
- Long-running joke in the opening credits of "The Simpsons"
- Seasoned vet
- Old audio systems
- Cause resentment
- From the top
- Eternally, in poetry
- Sprawling property
- Yoga energy point
- Abject fear
- Doesn't leave
- Hoppy pintfuls
- Hindi cinema dress
- Faucet brand
- Racket head shape
- Reusable bag
- Target of ID thieves

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Georgia drought guide: How to conserve water and protect your landscape

Staff Reports

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ATHENS — Despite recent rainfall across much of Georgia, long-term precipitation deficits have left much of the state in drought. Understanding drought conditions and adopting water-wise landscaping practices can help protect yards, conserve water and prepare for future dry spells.

Earlier this spring, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division declared a statewide Level 1 drought response.

Under such a drought response, public water systems are required to educate residents about drought conditions and water conservation. Landscape irrigation rules remain the same as during normal conditions — established lawns and landscape plants may be irrigated only between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Meet the Expert

The EPD monitors weather conditions, water supplies, and water demand to determine drought severity and whether

public water systems can continue meeting the needs of Georgia residents.

Although parts of Georgia received significant rainfall recently, long-term drought conditions persist for most of the state. As of June 4, more than half of the state remained in severe or extreme drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Over the past six months, much of Georgia has received 4 to 12 inches less rainfall than normal, leaving reservoirs, ponds and groundwater supplies below typical levels despite recent rains.

Because drought conditions can develop quickly — sometimes within just a few weeks during a “flash drought” — residents should prepare their landscapes before water becomes scarce.

Supported by University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, the Georgia Green Landscape Stewards program encourages water-wise landscaping practices that improve drought resilience, lower water costs and help prevent landscape damage



Special Photo: UGA/CAES

Despite recent rainfall across much of Georgia, long-term precipitation deficits have left much of the state in drought.

during dry periods. Residents can also pursue certification by meeting a series of sustainability-focused criteria.

A few basic maintenance practices can help landscapes withstand drought stress.

Check mulch levels

Maintain about 3 inches of mulch in planting beds.

Extend mulched areas two to three times beyond the tree canopy when possible. Just remember to pull mulch 2 to 3 inches away from trunks of trees and shrubs to keep

them healthy.

Mulch helps retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, moderate soil temperatures and reduce water loss through evaporation.

Raise your mowing height

Taller grass shades the soil and helps conserve moisture.

Mow at the upper end of the recommended height range for your turfgrass species.

Use a mulching mower whenever possible to return grass clippings to the soil, where they provide valuable nutri-

ents and organic matter.

Smart irrigation practices When irrigation is necessary, use water as efficiently as possible.

Water deeply enough to moisten the soil 8 inches or more below the surface. Deep watering encourages deeper root systems that are more drought tolerant.

Water between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. to reduce evaporation losses.

Avoid overwatering. Excess irrigation can promote disease, wash nutrients below the root zone and increase runoff.

If water begins running off the landscape, divide irrigation into shorter watering cycles.

Use drip irrigation for shrubs, flower beds and vegetable gardens whenever possible. Drip systems deliver water directly to plant roots and minimize evaporation.

Design a more drought-resilient landscape

Long-term landscape planning can significantly reduce water needs.

Limit high-water-use areas

to about 10% of the landscape.

Reserve larger portions of the property for plants that require only occasional or infrequent irrigation.

Match plants to site conditions, including sunlight, soil type and drainage.

Incorporate native trees and shrubs adapted to Georgia's climate. Once established, many native plants require little supplemental irrigation.

Leave fallen leaves beneath trees when practical. Leaf litter helps conserve soil moisture, improves soil health and recycles nutrients.

Preparing landscapes for drought before conditions worsen can save time, money and water. Landscapes that include drought-tolerant plants, mulch and efficient irrigation systems generally require less maintenance and fewer water inputs during dry periods.

By adopting water-wise practices now, homeowners can help protect their landscapes while conserving one of Georgia's most valuable natural resources.

Tift Regional Medical Center staff members complete donor resource training

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TIFTON — Tift Regional Medical Center recently had four team members complete the LifeLink of Georgia Donor Resource Training Program.

This advanced course equips hospital staff with a deeper understanding of the organ and tissue donation process so they can serve as onsite resources during potential donor cases.

The TRMC team members who completed the latest training program include OR Nurse Manager RN Deanne Richards, Clinical Nurse Educator RN Katherine Brey, Clinical Education Coordinator RN Randi Gibbs, and Senior Analyst for Managed Care Jane

Sirmans.

The Donor Resource Training Program is intentionally limited to a small group of clinical professionals. Participants are selected jointly by LifeLink staff and hospital leadership to promote in-depth learning and open discussion.

For more information about the LifeLink Donor Resource Program, visit www.lifelink-foundation.org or call (800) 544-6667.

TRMC, located in Tifton, is the main hospital for Southwell. Visit www.mysouthwell.com for more information or call (229) 382-7120.



Special Photo: TRMC

From left, OR Nurse Manager RN Deanne Richards, Clinical Nurse Educator RN Katherine Brey, and Clinical Education Coordinator RN Randi Gibbs are among Tift Regional Medical Center staff members who completed the LifeLink of Georgia Donor Resource Training Program.



Special Photo: ABAC

ABAC's tutoring services are hosted in the Carlton Center, which is conveniently located in the middle of campus.

ABAC highlights spring 2026 academic achievements

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TIFTON — Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College has announced the students who earned top academic honors for the spring 2026 semester.

Students are recognized for outstanding classroom performance across three achievement lists: the President's Honor List, the Dean's Honor List and the Distinguished Achievement List.

The President's Honor List, ABAC's highest academic recognition, includes students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. To qualify, each student must have earned an “A” in every course while completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and completed a minimum of 12 hours of academic coursework.

The Distinguished Achievement List recognizes part-time students who completed between six and 11 credit hours and earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher. This honor highlights exceptional scholastic performance among students carrying a reduced course load.

ABAC Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jason Goodner described how these achievements represent opportunity for students considering ABAC as their college choice.

“The academic honors lists represent the culmination of student success efforts,” Goodner said. “When students work hard and take advantage of advising, tutoring and faculty mentorship, success follows. Students representing 125 of Georgia's 159 counties were honored across all three lists, demonstrating the reach of student success at ABAC.”

The list of students by hometown and achievement can be viewed online here.

Founded in 1908, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College provides a personalized, hands-on learning experience for students across Georgia and beyond, ABAC officials say. With a strong focus on academic excellence, affordability and student success, ABAC offers more than a dozen bachelor's degrees and is recognized for its leadership in agriculture, business, humanities, nursing, sciences and education.

Georgia Port Authority's Ocean Terminal renovation now 55% complete

Staff Reports

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SAVANNAH — Renovations at the Port of Savannah's Ocean Terminal have passed the halfway mark. The nearly \$1.6 billion project will allow the 200-acre facility to grow its annual container capacity from 200,000 twenty-foot equivalent container units to 1.75 million TEUs.

“Growth in population and manufacturing across the Southeast means we must be ready to meet future demand,” Georgia Ports President and CEO Griff Lynch said in a news release. “Improving Ocean Terminal now will allow us to continue the efficient flow of cargo between our docks and inland markets that customers rely on.”

GPA has upgraded the first of two berths at Ocean Terminal. That dock space serves working ships, and as an optional staging area for Garden City Terminal. When a berth opens at Savannah's main container port, the ship can move there right away.

Work on the second berth is expected to be finished in late June, accommodating two large vessels simultaneously. Upon completion, the docks will span a total of 2,650 feet. GPA will continue to work only smaller vessels at Ocean Terminal until the first phase of the container yard renovation is complete. The first half of the renovated yard will



Special Photo: Georgia Ports

A \$29 million overpass funded by Georgia Ports routes trucks from the Port of Savannah's Ocean Terminal onto U.S. 17/Interstate 16, avoiding neighborhood streets.

open in mid-fall 2027, with the entire yard completed by the end of 2028.

Until the first half of the yard is ready, the docks also will be available as lay berths. From this staging area, vessels of any size can quickly move to open berths at the 1,500-acre Garden City Terminal, where cargo will be moved on and off.

Truck access and traffic flow also will benefit from the Ocean Terminal renovations. The new gate structure is now 80% complete, with the first components open to traffic. By November 2026, the gate will feature 12 inbound and six outbound lanes.

Port officials said the expanded gates improve efficiency, while a \$29 million Georgia Ports-funded overpass now routes departing trucks directly to U.S. 17 and Interstate 16, bypassing neighborhood streets. Incoming trucks use a U.S. 17 offramp with a signalized intersection, providing uninterrupted interstate access between Savannah and metro Atlanta.

Truckers calling on Ocean Terminal use the new GPA Trucker app, which provides on-terminal container location data and sends push notifications when digital gate transaction tickets are issued, eliminating the need for paper

documents at terminal gates.

Other projects include equipment and yard enhancements and buildings for operation.

Amid the construction, Ocean Terminal handled approximately 84,000 TEUs in calendar year 2025. Improvements to Ocean Terminal will bring the Port of Savannah's overall annual capacity to 9 million TEUs by 2029.

Lynch said the improvements at Ocean Terminal are part of GPA's port master plan. He said over the next 10 years, Georgia Ports plans to invest \$5 billion in capacity enhancements to support future supply chain requirements.



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