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Terrell County commissioners are exploring a proposed law enforcement firing range, with discussion also touching on possible shared use for 4-H shooting sports.

Terrell sheriff seeks local gun range as county considers sites

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DAWSON — A request for a local law enforcement firing range drew support from Terrell County commissioners Tuesday, but finding a location that can safely accommodate firearms training without interfering with nearby homes, recreation or future business development remains the first hurdle.

Sheriff Vernon Jessie asked commissioners Nov. 3 to make county land available for a range where deputies could train without traveling outside Terrell County. The proposal remained exploratory at the close of the discussion, with no site selected or construction funding approved.

Jessie described a local range as an investment in officer preparedness and public safety that could save travel time and potentially reduce training expenses. He called for the county and sheriff's office to work through location, safety, environmental and funding considerations.

Commission Chairman Wilbur T. Gamble said commissioners would work with the sheriff's office to examine options, with the goal of developing a plan within a month or two.

Discussion initially focused on about 2 acres at a former archery site. Jessie suggested clearing the property and using inmate labor to help build the range, although no cost estimate was presented. That possibility raised questions about the land's availability. During the discussion, the former archery property was identified as development-authority land in the industrial park. Commissioners expressed concern that a firing range there could eventually have to move to accommodate a business.

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Judge denies challenge to school board primary despite finding scanner 'irregularities'

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ALBANY — A senior judge has denied Adam Inyang's challenge to the May Democratic primary for the District 4 seat on the Dougherty County School Board.

The judge ruled that Inyang showed "irregularities" in how ballots were scanned but did not prove those problems would have changed the outcome.

Senior Judge Gary C. McCorvey signed the order Oct. 28, two days after hearing the case in Dougherty County Superior Court. The order states that "all relief sought by Petitioner be, and the same hereby is, DENIED."

Inyang, who represented himself, lost the May 19 primary to incumbent Melissa Strother. The order puts the totals at 713 votes for Strother and 701 for Inyang, a margin of 12 votes, or 0.85%.

The ruling does not resolve who will represent District 4. Strother announced Oct. 26 that she was stepping down after her family moved outside the district, and the school board acknowledged her resignation letter Oct. 29. Her name remained the only one on the Nov. 3 ballot for the seat.

Unofficial results posted by the Georgia Secretary of State show Strother, the only candidate on the ballot, received 3,523 votes across the

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ADAM INYANG

'Blue tsunami' makes history, rebukes President Trump as voters express dissatisfaction with status quo



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Robert Davenport holds a campaign sign for Democratic candidate Harry James outside the Shiloh Baptist Church precinct on Tuesday. James defeated Republican Gerald Greene, who had held the House District 154 seat since 1982, in the race.

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ALBANY — In 2006, President George W. Bush described the Republican defeat in Congressional elections as a "thumping." Four years later, President Obama dubbed what happened to his party a "shellacking."

No term has emerged for what happened on Tuesday, but the term "blue tsunami" has been a popular one online. One thing it can be called is one of the most dramatic swings in political fortunes in the nation's history, especially considering some of the statewide results.

In Georgia, that included electing Keisha Lance Bottoms as the first African American woman governor in U.S. history and seven other black women to statewide offices. Democrats won all constitutional offices in the state and two Public Service Commission seats.

Several factors played into the giant wins for Democrats, University of Georgia Political Science Professor Charles Bullock said. Those included a popular U.S. Senate candidate in Jon Ossoff, whose popularity helped buoy down-ballot candidates, a massive repudiation of Republicans by young voters who turned out for Democrats, and perhaps most of all, the public's desire to move on from the presidency of Donald Trump.

"This is at least a generational election," Bullock said. "Maybe more than that. Maybe two generations. There was clearly dissatisfaction with Donald Trump and his administration, but I think once we dig into the results it is going to be a big black and youth turnout. Had they come out the

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A lesson shared in Thomasville became a voice heard around the world

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THOMASVILLE — The Hadley family paid for one daughter's piano lessons. What she learned, she shared with her sister, Marie.

Those lessons helped begin a musical life that reached the opera houses of Europe and, eventually, a classroom where Marie Hadley Robinson had lessons of her own to pass along.

Robinson, a Thomasville native who died in early November, built an international career as an operatic soprano before teaching at the University of Delaware. Her path took her from family performances at home to leading roles abroad, with marriage, five children and a return to college along the way.

"We would use music to keep ourselves happy," she recalled during a 1998 student program, according to the university's student newspaper, The Review.

Born Dec. 2, 1940, Robinson was one of 15 children of King Dennis and Rosetta James Hadley, according to family accounts and biographical records. She was the twin sister of musician and educator Richard Livingston Hadley and a sister of Thomasville historian and museum founder James "Jack" Hadley.

Their father worked as a chauffeur at Pebble Hill Plantation. Her family history included a grandfather who had been enslaved. The Jack Hadley Black History Museum identifies her as Thomasville's first professional opera singer, though her influence extended far beyond.

Getting to college required help from home. Her parents borrowed money, and she worked summers to help pay tuition, she told The Review. At Florida A&M University, she won a scholarship and traveled to Europe with the USO to entertain American troops.

She left college, married and had five children before returning to school.

Robinson earned a bachelor's degree in

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Thomasville native Marie Hadley Robinson performs in an undated photograph. The soprano took her voice to opera stages around the world before sharing her experience with students as a University of Delaware music professor.

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district's six precincts. More than half were cast before Election Day: 1,763 during advance voting and 91 by mail.

The county counted and reported those votes. Under state law, votes for a candidate are void and not counted only after the candidate files a notarized withdrawal with the election superintendent. On Oct. 28, Nickerson said her office had received no notice of Strother's resignation.

Rules not followed

The order sides with Inyang on how the county handled scanner problems on Election Day.

McCorvey found that poll workers who had trouble with the ballot scanning equipment "did not follow proper procedures according to Georgia Secretary of State rules." They did not report the problems to the election superintendent or prepare written reports of them, he wrote, "nor did the Board of Elections furnish any such reports to the Georgia Secretary of State."

The judge described the core of Inyang's case as a complaint that "the improperly functioning ballot scanners and the methods utilized in correcting such irregularities were not properly noted or reported locally or to the state level." He noted that no one claimed any ballot was improperly prepared or that any voter received the wrong ballot.

Why the challenge failed

Georgia law lets a candidate contest a result on several grounds, including misconduct, fraud or irregularity by election officials "sufficient to change or place in doubt the result." Another is an error in counting votes, but only "if such error would change the result."



MELISSA STROTHER

McCorvey wrote that Inyang had not shown misconduct, fraud or irregularity sufficient to place the result in doubt. He also found Inyang had not shown that illegal votes were received or legal votes rejected in numbers that could change the outcome.

In the next paragraph, the judge wrote that Inyang "has demonstrated 'irregularities' in scanning the ballots and thus the counting of the vote which could be interpreted as placing in doubt the result of the election in the opinion of this court."

But he concluded the counting-error provision offered no remedy, because the court "cannot determine that such alleged error in counting would change the result rather than just possibly casting doubt on the result."

The order also notes that neither side called a poll worker to testify. Inyang testified about what poll workers told him about problems at the precincts at issue. That testimony was hearsay, but the Board of Elections did not object to it, the judge wrote.

McCorvey found that Inyang's petition laid out an adequate factual basis for his claim that votes were miscounted. He rejected a separate allegation involving polling place signage as "without merit."

What the hearing covered

At the Oct. 26 hearing, Inyang testified that his own ballot jammed while he was voting, and according to Inyang, testimony by Board of Elections Chairman Benny Hand confirmed a Sherwood poll worker had been clearing repeated scanner jams and placing ballots in the collection bin by hand.

Election Day forms reviewed by The Albany Herald show a 34-ballot gap at the Westover precinct between voters checked in and ballots scanned. According to Inyang, testimony from Elections Supervisor Ginger P. Nickerson attributed inconsistencies on poll managers' forms to human error.

Ryan Germany, the attorney representing the Board of Elections, suggested in closing arguments that the board could take corrective action and improve poll worker training. It says McCorvey also suggested new systems for documenting equipment problems.

What comes next

Georgia law allows an appeal of an election contest ruling within 10 days. However, filing an appeal does not automatically put the ruling on hold.

Inyang told The Albany Herald on Friday that he does not plan to appeal and will wait to see how Strother's resignation is resolved.

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TSUNAMI

same in 2024, (Kamala) Harris probably would have carried Georgia."

In the 2006 election, Democrats picked up 31 U.S. House seats to gain a 233-202 advantage and picked up five U.S Senate seats. In 2010 Republicans gained 63 House seats to build a 49-seat majority and won six Senate seats, although that did not give them the majority.

As of Friday, Democrats were poised to have at least 253 House seats at the national level, with other races still not called.

The early momentum was seen building even before the election with more than 2.8 million Georgians casting ballots early, Bullock said. And many apparently voted a straight-Democratic ticket.

Turnout in rural areas, which have voted dependably Republican, also was depressed.

"Maybe there are a number of Republicans who are dissatisfied with Trump," Bullock said. "They said, 'I'm not happy with that, but I won't vote for a Democrat. Maybe I'll stay home today.'"

Georgia's political world was rocked in 2002 when Sonny Perdue became the first Republican to win the governorship since Reconstruction. But it would take another eight years for the party to take control of all of the state's constitutional offices.

The 2026 Democratic sweep occurred in one night. And the Democrats are poised to take control of the state House for the first time in 22 years. Democrats had won or were ahead in 94 races as of Friday in the 180-seat legislative body, with Republicans on the path to win 85.

In District 151, Republican state Rep. Mike Cheokas faces a runoff against Democrat Ethan Wolff.

The Georgia Secretary of State has until Nov. 22 to certify the election results.

"2002 was certainly significant, but it's not as significant as what we saw (Tuesday) night," Bullock said.

On the national level, Democrats will see many of their initiatives blocked by the president's veto pen, but there are still some areas where they can make a quick impact, the professor said. One of those is the Iran war, and another is tariffs.

Congress' cuts of funding for the Vietnam War was what helped bring that conflict to an end, he said, and Democrats can do the same to funding for military operations in Iran.

Tuesday's results indicate that Republicans are going to have to do some soul-searching, Colquitt County Republican Party Chairman Dennis Futch said. The party did not read the mood of the country, which was decidedly more focused on economic issues.

The party that holds the presidency traditionally loses seats during off-year elections, he said, but the 2026 election was a bigger rebuke than what is normally seen.

The Iran war and tariffs, which hit farmers and small businesses hard, had an effect, Futch said.

"We were talking about how bad the other side is and not about what we'd do for taxpayers," he said. "When you get down in the weeds, people are not doing well. We have to give them hope. This (election) is bigger than Georgia.

"I'll be the first to say that if we're going to make fundamental changes to the economy and we're going to bring jobs back, we've got to explain that to people and communicate that sacrifice is going to happen in the near-term. We have to tell voters what we're going to do for them and how we're going to make the country better instead of just vilifying the other side."

While Georgia is one of the better-run states, that wasn't enough to overcome the political wave, he said. That was evidenced in the pre-election polling showing a dead heat at 49% each for Bottoms and Republican opponent Rick Jackson.

"A lot of folks that voted in 2024 changed their vote or maybe they didn't vote at all," Futch said. "We were making assumptions that people who always voted Republican would vote Republican, and we were wrong. The voters basically told us the cost of living was the big issue. The second thing they told us was that they want the Iran war concluded."

Moving forward, Republicans need to take those lessons to heart, he added.

"Tuesday was a hard night for Republicans in Georgia and America," Futch said. "Georgia voters made their choice. I can respect that, and I can congratulate the governor(-elect) and wish her well."

The Democratic Party had the message that resonated on Tuesday, Dougherty County Commissioner Gloria Gaines said. While the election was historic in the choice of African American women, that was not the big takeaway.

"They had their finger on the pulse of ordinary people without regard to race or creed or color," she said. "I think that's what got them over the hump. It's great that they are black, but I think that the emphasis should be on the issues. This was a triumph of everyday Georgians.

"I certainly had my hopes always that we would have a color-blind society. That was the hope when I was growing up in the '60s and '70s. It pleases me that she (Bottoms) is black, but what I find very interesting is the issues."

The president did not do himself any favors asking people to pretend he was on the ballot, Gaines said.

"In an economic downturn, black people are the first to feel it," she said. "It was a reaction to that kind of bumbling and incompetence coming out of the White House. I think everybody coalesced around the proposition that we are better than this."

Bottoms' message was one of access, equality and opportunities, and the voters responded to that, Gaines said. They also were tired of the division and being ignored.

"Her color does not matter," she said, "Although it was important, that's not what mattered. We're not that stupid. It was just an appeal to the needs of ordinary people. I think people felt that we had had enough of the millionaires and billionaires and trillionaires, and our pockets are empty."

Democrats are buoyed by the wins, but it was not a foregone conclusion, Dougherty County Democratic Committee Chair Joyce Barlow said. Trump was not concerned about education, healthcare and small businesses, and that showed in the final results.

His appeal to pretend that he was on the ballot also did not go over well, she said.

"That sentence came back to haunt him," Barlow said.

Bottoms comes from a working family and will work to improve the lives of all of the state's residents, she said. During the campaign, the governor-elect made three stops in Albany and traveled extensively through the state, exhibiting her interest in the people.

"(Voters) want someone who would not just give lip service," Barlow said. "They want action.

"I'm just enthused. Our work paid off. We worked really hard and got the voters out. We canvassed. We did all the things you need to do to educate the voters about why and how and when to vote. That takes a lot of hours."

From 1A

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music education at Florida A&M, where she studied with Rebecca Steele, and master's and doctoral degrees at Florida State University, studying with Elena Nikolaidi and Yvonne Ciannella.

Florida State's music archive lists her December 1973 graduate paper on the texts of African American spirituals and their relationship to performance. Her studies came little more than a decade after the university began admitting black students in 1962.

Robinson's operatic debut came in the title role of Verdi's "Aida" with the Graz Opera in Austria, where she spent three years as a principal soloist. She later held a principal position for five years at Germany's National Theatre Mannheim, according to her artist biography.

The Vienna State Opera's archive records two appearances as Aida in 1975 and another as Elisabetta in "Don Carlo" in 1978. Engagements also took her to Berlin, Prague, Zurich and Japan. Her repertoire encompassed 33 major roles, and she appeared with 42 companies, according to a University of Delaware account.

A 1986 review in Colombia's El Tiempo praised her portrayal of Leonore in Beethoven's "Fidelio." A Hong Kong concert archive lists her as Aida in November 1991, sharing the title role across the run with soprano Leona Mitchell.

Robinson told The Review that her children's education prompted her return to the United States: She wanted them to attend an American high school. She continued performing before joining Delaware's faculty.

There, the experience she had gathered became something to share. In 2001, she produced an opera workshop that brought university students together with OperaDelaware's general director.

Her concert programs continued to include spirituals alongside European art songs and operatic works. In 2010, the National Opera Association recognized her with its Lift Every Voice Legacy Award, presented by tenor George Shirley. Her 2011 album "Come Down Angels" preserved 25 tracks of art songs and spirituals.

Back in Thomasville, concertgoer Scott Gamble found her willing to share her time, too.

Gamble attended her May 30, 2009, concert with two friends, hoping to get autographs from Robinson and her sister, pianist Agnes Adams. At the reception, the sisters made time for the visitors despite being surrounded by friends and relatives, he recalled in a 2012 account on his music blog.

He described them as "just as down to earth as you can get." His friendship with Robinson continued after that evening.

"I felt like I was part of their family," he wrote.

Years earlier, Robinson had brought her voice and her story to just 20 students at a 1998 Black History Month gathering. She showed a performance video and sang an aria from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

The girl who learned from her sister was now the professor, showing students how far those humble beginnings had taken her.

"You can do anything you want to do," Robinson said, "if you set your mind to it."

From 1A

GUN

Commissioner Larron Copeland said the county needed a location where the range could remain permanently, rather than one that might later be needed for economic development.

Safety and proximity to neighbors also figured prominently in the discussion. Commissioners discussed embankments behind and alongside the shooting area to contain bullets, fencing and enough separation from homes to limit noise concerns.

"You don't need to be too close to houses. People don't want to hear shooting all the time," Gamble said.

Land near the prison camp also came up, but participants questioned whether proximity to the airport would make it suitable.

Copeland suggested looking more closely at recreation department property, where earlier discussions had considered a clay target team. The board discussed whether an underused field could provide space and whether shooting could be oriented away from the highway. Questions remained about available space and how firearms training would fit alongside children's activities.

"I like the idea a lot. We just got to find the right spot," Copeland said.

The conversation also raised the possibility that a future range could support 4-H shooting sports. Margaret Halbrook, Terrell County's Extension coordinator and 4-H agent, said the former archery program had moved to a pavilion after losing access to the industrial-park property and later stopped operating after its coaches retired.

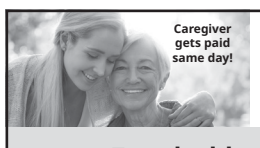
Halbrook asked whether the sheriff's office might consider sharing a future range to help revive youth shooting opportunities. No shared-use arrangement or new youth program was established during the discussion.

For now, commissioners' next step is to examine locations and determine what earthwork and other safeguards a range would require before bringing a plan back for consideration.

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Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today the stars are back into sunshine at last and the remainder of November is positive. Working through a shared situation could finally start to lay issues to rest. Teach out of your hardest lessons.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A partnership could level out after a period of instability as Universal stars become more solid and less tumultuous. Emotions could complicate a negotiation, waiting a few days could make a difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stay focused on pragmatic matters — if they've been stressful, they may now become much more manageable as Universal stars settle into a much more helpful rhythm. Touch base with someone close.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The next few days might make it hard to retain focus on everyday routines and easy to get sidetracked or distracted. Your creativity could be lit, and this could fill in some blanks for things that that live outside the box.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get your house in order both figuratively and literally, the effort should be easier with Universal stars back into daylight. The next few days could be very creative, and you could feel pounds lighter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A focus on thinking and communication could continue, but without the uneven vibe of the last few days that's been whiplashing you back and forth. Now may be the time to say what you've been thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have words for what's in your heart, writing poetry or lyrics could be flowing, even just journaling could have more grace now. Financial matters are now in a better place for taking action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An infusion of emotion into business or financial matters isn't likely to help move things into a positive direction. Keep working on how you want to show up in the world — some tweaks could feel just right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep going, keep growing. The more you work to release inner obstacles, the fewer you meet in your outer world. Progress is internal, first; external, second. Share your heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Friendships, alliances, social groups, networking groups, charitable groups — any or all could be on your radar now. Instead of stifling an emotion, embrace it fully and let it heal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your career path could be clearer after the last week or so of static and drama. Stay focused on your journey, it matters more than you could know. Something could get emotional with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Though Universal stars have settled a lot, your career sector could remain unsettled for a few more days. Lean in to proven strategies and away from impulse, self-sabotage, and anything sketchy.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Ground into yourself, your routines, and your truest authenticity through November, you could tap into a deeper understanding of yourself, your history, and how you tick during your birthday month. December could be eventful, with multiple positives and one test to pass. The test is one of self-sabotage. Will you shoot yourself in the foot to make a point or show off? If not, the goodies can start to land. Expect many of the resources you've needed and wanted to begin to seemingly drop from the sky. While the assistance will likely be multifaceted, money should absolutely be one of the blessings to arrive. Another blessing could be the healing or repair of something broken — a relationship, a situation, or someone's health. Last for the old year, a chance to really show your unique talents, with recognition continuing into the new year.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- **1775 -** The United States Marine Corps is founded in Philadelphia by Samuel Nicholas
- **1940 -** The Vrancea earthquake hits Romania killing an estimated 1,000 and injuring 4,000 more
- **1944 -** The ammunition ship USS Mount Hood explodes at Seeadler Harbour, Manus (Admiralty Islands), killing 432 and injuring 371
- **1946 -** The Peruvian Andes mountains are hit with a 6.9 earthquake that kills at least 1,400 people
- **1951 -** Dial coast-to-coast telephone service begins in the United States
- **1954 -** The USMC War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) in Arlington Ridge Park in Arlington, Virginia is dedicated by U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower
- **1958 -** New York diamond merchant Harry Winston donates the Hope Diamond to the Smithsonian Institution
- **1975 -** All 29 crew members on board are killed - when the 729 foot long freighter SS Edmund Fitzgerald sinks during a storm on Lake Superior
- **1989 -** Germany begins to tear down the Berlin Wall
- **1997 -** WorldCom and MCI Communications announce a $37 billion merger which is the largest merger in U.S. history at the time
- **2006 -** U.S. President George W. Bush dedicates the opening of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia
- **2008 -** NASA announces the Phoenix mission conclusion after communications with the lander were lost over five months after landing on Mars

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- American Frog Day
- Area Code Day
- Forget-Me-Not-Day
- International Accounting Day
- National Vanilla Cupcake Day
- National Young Reader's Day - November 10, 2026 (Second Tuesday in November)
- Sesame Street Day
- US Marine Corps Birthday (USMC)
- Windows Day (Microsoft)
- World Keratoconus Day
- World Science Day for Peace and Development

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it."

Ralph Waldo Emerson,
poet (1803-1882)

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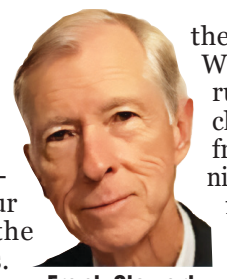
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51°	54°	54°	43°	46°	45°	47°

Daily Bridge Club

Resisting temptation

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency


Frank Stewart

Cy the Cynic says you don't need to lead him into temptation. Just tell him where it may be located, and he will find it.

NORTH
♠ A J 5 2
♡ K 7 3
◇ J 6
♣ A 9 6 2

WEST
♠ 8 4
♡ J 9 4
◇ Q 8 5 2
♣ K 10 5 3

EAST
♠ 9 6
♡ A Q 10 5
◇ K 4 3
♣ J 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 7 3
♡ 8 6 2
◇ A 10 9 7
♣ Q

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead – ◇ 2

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When Cy was declarer at today's four spades, West led the deuce of diamonds. Cy played low from dummy, and East put up the king. Cy took the ace, noting with approval that his good spot cards would produce two more diamond tricks. He drew trumps and led a diamond. West rose with the queen and, diagnosing the diamond situation, shifted accurately to the jack of hearts. Then the Cynic lost three heart tricks and went down one.

HEART SHIFT

Cy was tempted at Trick One – and succumbed. He must let East's king of diamonds win so West can't get in for a threatening heart shift. Suppose East shifts to a club: queen, king, ace. Cy draws trumps, takes the ace of diamonds and leads the ten through West. If West's queen covers, Cy ruffs in dummy, ruffs a club and discards a heart from dummy on the high nine of diamonds. Cy takes five trump tricks, two diamonds, two red-suit ruffs in dummy and the ace of clubs. He loses two hearts and one diamond.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A J 5 2 ♥ K 7 3 ♦ J 6 ♣ A 9 6 2. Your partner opens one spade, and you respond 2NT, a conventional forcing raise. Partner then bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: In conjunction with your 2NT response, partner's bid of a new suit shows a singleton there. Since your king of hearts is a "duplicated value" opposite his singleton, sign off at four spades. If partner had instead bid three clubs, your ace would be a working card, and you would be encouraged to look for a slam.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Partner leaves 10-year relationship over towed car

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency


Eric Thomas

Dear Eric: I've been in a great relationship for 10 years. We dated prior to marrying other partners and then reunited after those marriages ended. We're both in our 60s.

While we don't live together, he did assist financially, often without asking. I rent a home owned by my extended family; he would stay over twice a week.

He moved a '62 Chevy into my driveway. I also acquired a '74 Vega wagon. Neither vehicle was operable. However, my uncle asked on two occasions when my partner would be moving the vehicle.

My partner had plans to move it to his friend's facility when space opened up. I'd observed a tow truck on several occasions make passes through the neighborhood. One day, my doorbell camera notified me while at work. I attempt to speak with whomever was in the driveway regarding the vehicles. They were only removing the '62 Chevy and when I realized one of the guys was my uncle, I lost it.

I couldn't leave work and I couldn't contact my partner. Now he refuses to speak to me and blames me for what transpired. I am still in contact with my partner's sister and daughter, however, my partner picks and chooses when, if at all he chooses to respond. What do I do?

– Driving a Wedge Between Us

Dear Driving: Nothing that transpired is irreversible. No one was hurt and, it would appear, nothing was damaged, so blame isn't really the issue here. That said, your partner's car is and was his responsibility, so taking this out on you is unfair.

And the near-silent treatment is not a healthy form of conflict. He can feel his feelings and still communicate with you, even if it's just to say, "I'm upset and I can't talk about this right now."

You owe each other a conversation about how this relationship works and what comes next. You can ask for that, and it may help to be frank in this request. "The sporadic communication is hurtful and it's sending a message to me that you no longer want to be in a relationship. I value our relationship and, after 10 years, I'd really love the chance to talk with you about how we can move forward together."

It may be more effective to do this by phone, in a letter, or, ideally, in person.

Dear Eric: I'm a college student. It's my first year. And I'm really enjoying it. I'm anxious about going home for the holidays, though. My parents fight all the time, and I realize I went away to college to get some peace. It's not violent but it's constant, sometimes there's screaming and throwing things. They came for parents weekend this past weekend and really upset me. Do I have to do it all over again at Christmas?

– No Home for the Holidays

Dear Home: No, you don't. But try to be specific about how you'd like things to be different. Otherwise, you risk inviting more conflict.

Your parents may still resist this change – and that's understandable – but remind them that one holiday isn't forever. Setting a boundary is often meant to preserve the relationship, not destroy it.

So, think about what a healthy holiday looks like – both one that's solo and one with your parents, and talk to them about how you all can get there. Throwing things is violent and screaming is emotionally disruptive, to say the least. You're allowed to ask for a safe home.

Dear Eric: This is in reference to the letter from "Shellshocked in the Mountains", about the two in-laws who got into an altercation on a family vacation.

Some ground rules should be established before next summer, even if the conversation is difficult. They should disallow threats, like what happened this year, and talk about what to do if children act up, which was what started the conflict. It won't be perfect, but it will help the daughters, their partners, and the letter-writing parents to function together more harmoniously.

I faced this situation many years ago when we were late to a family luncheon, and my sister-in-law criticized us as her daughter had been bored and crying for her cousins. For the first and only time, I offered the advice of keeping a small travel bag of toys, coloring materials, et cetera, that could only be used outside of the house. My sister-in-law took her child and stormed out of the grandparent's house. My children were never able to have a close relationship with this cousin, sadly.

– Peaceful Family

Dear Family: A resetting conversation before next year is crucial. And I like that you brought up discussing how the different couples speak to and discipline their children, and how they want others to speak to said children.

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SQUAWKBOX

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The Lee County Commission and School Board need a few good Democrats to straighten out their mess.

Fletcher, you name Barbara Holmes as one of the state officials who should have kept her job? She knew nothing when she was recruited to go to Atlanta, and she'll know nothing when she leaves. I'm sure the person following in her footsteps will be equally as capable as she was when she was given the job.

"Turn out the lights, the party is over." The folks on Fox News were crying during election night.

Please, Keisha, ask Barack for advice.

The Democrats were working hard committing election interference. Decoy candidate in Alaska, Communist candidates posing as moderate candidates, postal carrier in Kansas stole over 400 Republican flyers, and people sending out texts giving out bogus poll locations.

Politics is always marked by the swing of the pendulum. When it swings too far one way, it starts to swing back the other. In this most recent example, the pendulum had swung almost to the tipping point before people said, "Hey, this guy that's running the country is a fraud, and he's about to ruin our wonderful nation." The pendulum will swing back the other way soon enough.

Politics has become a business with investors expecting a large return on their contributions.

WNBA is a Thug-Fest, they let those girls play rough to get attention and high TV ratings. They're not playing basketball like it is supposed to be played.

Largest health care fraud schemes in U.S. history: Herbert Kimble was sentenced to a mere 20 years and token restitution. Complicit call centers remain, lives forever broken. This lenient judicial system, the politicalization, impotency and incompetency of present government is the very incubator of the fraud and corruption which applauds its overwatch. We are just plain stupid.

Facebook post: When I was a kid, they made me say "with liberty and justice for all." Now they call me "woke" and "un-American" if I say I want liberty and justice for all. That Man Without a Family

Does good news ever happen in ALL Benny?

It's pretty quiet, except for the extremists who are going to cry "Steal!" no matter what, since Tuesday's midterms. Even the most partisan Republicans can't explain away the huge, landslide victories all across the nation. We know you won't admit it, all you Trump worshipers, but this election loss falls directly on him and his inane policies.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.
Deuteronomy 31:8

COLUMNIST ■ Thomas Knapp

Election 2026: Happy days are here again ... in the worst way

I'm writing this column on the morning of Nov. 3, technically "Election Day" in the U.S., even though, per the Associated Press, more than 57 million Americans voted "early" (in person or by mail) this year. Chances are you won't read it until later this week, after the polls have closed and most of the mail ballots have purportedly been received and counted.


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In almost any U.S. election of the 20th century, the election would have mostly been considered "over" late Tuesday or early Wednesday. Perhaps a few razor-thin races might remain unresolved, with recounts in the offing.

Not that there wasn't any grousing about it. Many still living can recall the claims in 1960 that "the graveyards of Chicago" brought in late and fraudulent votes to put John F. Kennedy over the top versus Richard Nixon for president. But that grousing was after the fact — the election was "over," and by golly those deemed winners were certain to take office.

These days, elections don't end when the votes are cast and counted. In every close race (and many not-so-close races) of consequence, the supposed losers and their supporters move immediately to screeching, "Rigged! Stolen!"

They demand recounts. They go to court seeking to have ballot boxes seized and election officials indicted.

In one case, which you may remember, they even stormed the Capitol to prevent certification of the results and, potentially, to hang the vice president of the United States as he presided over said certification.

In another, earlier case, the losing candidate immediately went to work trying to blame Russian meddling, rather than her lackluster campaign and well-deserved negative public image, for her loss.

How did we get here? I trace it all back to a presidential election that was arguably actually "stolen."

In 2000, it came down to 537 votes in Florida. The courts halted recounts and declared George W. Bush the winner; subsequent analyses almost uniformly concluded that Al Gore would have won the presidency if the recounts had proceeded.

Attempts to undo the courts' rulings failed, in part because Gore, himself vice president, congenially presided over Congress's certification of his loss instead of going to war over the matter. But Democrats never forgave, or forgot ... and we entered a new era of bipartisan "fight them until hell freezes over, then fight them on the ice."

No matter what happens today, expect Election 2026 to drag on into the new year.

If the predicted "blue wave" materializes, Republicans will contest every close election both in the courts and, quite possibly, by declining to seat newly elected Democrats in the U.S. House and Senate. They'll declare any and every unfavorable result "rigged" or "fraudulent."

If the "blue wave" crests lower than predicted, Democrats will contest every close election in the courts and declare any unfavorable result "rigged" or "fraudulent."

Those of us who expect (and usually get) business as usual from government no matter how elections come out can only shake our heads and note "play stupid games, win stupid prizes."

If you voted last week, or vote today, I won't put you down for it. I voted, too, because voting is one way of expressing my opinion, and I like to express my opinion.

But voting is mostly just entertainment — and the Great Election Show, like "Happy Days," has long since "jumped the shark."

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COLUMNIST ■ WAYNE FOWLER

God is glorified in our imperfections

A lesser man would not have tried again. My friend's first sermon could hardly have been more embarrassing. After reading his text, he dived into exposition and emerged with impressive admonitions. He was confident in his message about Jonah and the ark.


FOWLER

Afterwards, a kindly old man took his hand, leaned forward, and whispered, "It was Noah, not Jonah."

Another story. I hired a young man to help split wood for the woodshed. I enjoy my wood stove and the aroma of hardwood smoke on a cool fall morning. Anyway, his first swing resulted in a glancing blow. He immediately laid down the maul saying, "I can't do this."

For my preacher friend, lack of perfection did not waylay his career as pastor. (It did humble him.) The young man, however, suffered from "maladaptive perfectionism." He tied his self-worth to his ability to perform, which led to an intense fear of failure.

We Christians have a unique view on failure. As you grow in faith, you learn to recognize the providence of God more and lean less on your own understanding or ability. You trust God for what is missing and for the outcome.

It's a Biblical theme. Noah (not Jonah) needed God to close the door of the ark. Abraham decamped from his home, trusting God to lead him. God led Gideon to victory with only 1% of his army. Peter walked on water only because Jesus was there. Paul could not endure his life-threatening burdens but for God, who raises the dead.

You can trust that God "is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Phil. 2:12) But in an unexpected twist, God is also glorified in your imperfections.

Paul wrote, "I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me." (2 Cor. 12:9)

My preacher friend gives God the glory for his ministry. But he will never forget that cringy sermon when he confused Noah and Jonah. As for the young man, he now knows that to fail is to learn.

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COLUMNIST ■ GAIL DRAKE

Ask a Marine: Major James Charles Capers Jr.

"The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten." U.S. President Calvin Coolidge


DRAKE

March 31, 1967, near Phu Loc in South Vietnam. A nine-man Marine reconnaissance patrol is creeping through the rugged jungle terrain and hills. They have been tasked with locating a North Vietnamese military base and providing intelligence to Company M, 3rd Battalion.

They are Team Broadminded, part of 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company that carried out some of the most dangerous missions in the Vietnam War. As small teams, they relied on their stealth, recon skills and Marine discipline. If discovered by enemy forces, they would be grossly outnumbered and fight to survive until extraction occurred. Their team leader was 2nd Lt. James Capers.

James Charles Capers Jr. was born in Bishopville, S.C., to a sharecropper family in 1937. The family moved from the Jim Crow South to Baltimore, where he lived the rest of his youth. Capers joined the Marine Corps in 1956 and set records as an exemplary soldier. He was the first black Marine accepted into Force Reconnaissance. He was the first black Marine to receive a commission for Marine Special Operations.

And he was the first black Marine appointed to command a Reconnaissance Company. On Day 1 of recon patrol, the team encountered 20 enemy soldiers. The second day, they encountered two more contacts and were outnumbered. Capers pursued the enemy troops and called for backup to fire on an enemy base camp poised to attack Company M.

Team Broadminded continued on its mission. On Day 4, the team was ambushed by a large enemy force and attacked with claymore mines and direct fire. Capers sustained multiple gunshot wounds, a broken leg, and loss of blood,but continued to lead his team. He continued to direct defense actions and coordinated support efforts. He was treated with morphine, then called for artillery fire while continuing to bleed out.

When a helicopter arrived to extract the wounded, it was so full of wounded soldiers it struggled to gain altitude. Capers attempted to leave the aircraft to reduce the weight, but his Marine comrades refused to leave him behind. After every member of his team was evacuated to safety, Capers then agreed to medical treatment.

All of Team Broadminded survived. Their story became well-known within the Marine Corps. And Capers' courage under fire was legendary.

Until he retired in 1978, Capers went on to participate in motr than 50 classified reconnaissance missions and was wounded several times. His military expertise and leadership skills helped to improve traditions and tactical training within Marine special operations. In 2010, Capers was inducted into the inaugural class of the U.S. Special Operations Commando Hall of Honor.

Capers also was known for breaking barriers within the Marine Corps. In 1967, he became the face of a major recruiting campaign for young black men. His striking face graced posters with the phrase, "Ask A Marine." The campaign offered opportunities and greater diversity in the ranks of the Marine Corps.

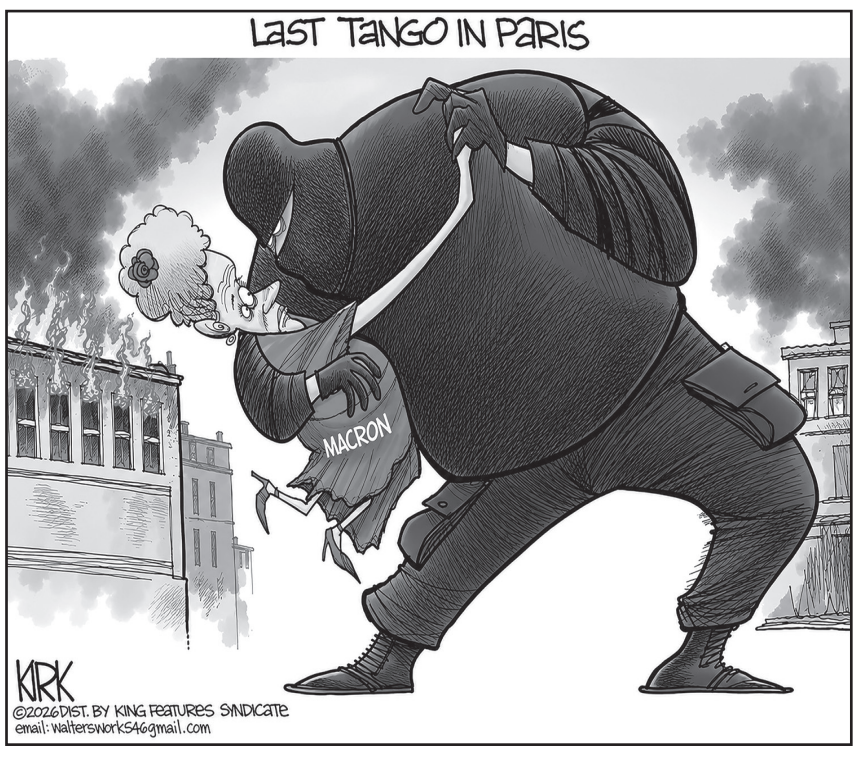
After his retirement, Capers supported veterans organizations, filmmakers and historians. He published his memoir, "Faith Through the Storm," and spent years encouraging fellow Marines.

After Vietnam, Maj. Gen. Bruno Hochmuth pursued a recommendation for a Medal of Honor but was killed in a helicopter crash. Incomplete paperwork and missed deadlines stalled efforts to award the soldier. Eventually Capers received a Bronze Star that was upgraded to a Silver Star in 2010. After 50 years of advocacy, including legislation by Sen. Lindsey Graham, Capers was finally honored in a White House ceremony with the Congressional Medal of Honor, presented by President Trump.

The citation reads: "By his bold leadership, undaunted courage, and complete dedication to duty, Second Lieutenant Capers reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

James Charles Capers Jr.,: Major, U.S. Marine Corps. Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V", Purple Heart (3). An American hero. Lest we forget.

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What to watch TUESDAY

November 10, 2026

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

Dancing With the Stars

ABC, 8 p.m. Live

Dancers perform to the music from some of the biggest Grammy-winning songs of all time in the new episode "Grammy Night."

We Chose to Go to the Moon

PBS, 8 p.m.

Filmed at New York's Carnegie Hall in April and presented by PBS on Veterans Day eve, this "living documentary" combines music, theatrical performances, photos, videos and historical artifacts to tell the story of the space race set against the social and political turbulence of the 1960s. Creator, writer and historian John Monsky is joined by the Orchestra of St. Luke's, and performers Skylar Astin, Brent Comer, Claybourne Elder, Elizabeth Gillies, Taylor Louderman and Joy Woods, to bring the story of humankind's greatest achievement — landing astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on the moon in July 1969 — to vivid life through words, images and song.


'Big Bargain Holiday Showdown'

HGTV

Big Bargain Holiday Showdown

HGTV, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski serves as host of this fun holiday decorating competition. Each episode of the frugally festive series will follow two teams of friends, family and neighbors battling to prove who has the most holiday spirit without blowing their budget. With the help of two DIY experts, the teams will have just 48 hours and $500 to transform their homes' interiors into stunning Christmas wonderlands using ingenious DIY hacks, custom projects and smart spending.

History's Mystery Files

History, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

This new series revisits the most unforgettable cases, from sacred discoveries and bizarre weapons to unsolved disappearances and high strangeness. The host for the series is actor and comedian Jorge Garcia (*Lost*, *Hawaii Five-0*), and in each episode he shares the clues, the evidence and the questions that refuse to go away. In the premiere episode "Hidden Treasures," the search doesn't always lead to ancient ruins. Sometimes, priceless history is concealed inside a home, buried among unwanted possessions or waiting unnoticed at a garage sale.

Frontline

PBS, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Coal's Human Cost," *Frontline* investigates how industry and government have failed to protect miners in Appalachia from black lung disease.

My Big Fat Fabulous Life

TLC, 10 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Whitney Way Thore is stepping into a transformative new chapter. Back in her home state of North Carolina, Whitney has found love with Jake, a man she first met years ago before reconnecting after her return to Charlotte. As their relationship deepens, Whitney is rediscovering her confidence through dance, exploring new possibilities on her health journey and taking meaningful steps toward the future she's always wanted, including her biggest dream of becoming a mom.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Star of the Month: Burt Lancaster

TCM, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Burt Lancaster plays a newspaper columnist, a soldier and even a trapeze artist during this afternoon and evening of his films. **Vengeance Valley** (1951) and **Ten Tall Men** (1951) start the lineup, followed by 1957's **Sweet Smell of Success (pictured)**, with Lancaster as a ruthless columnist and Tony Curtis as a press agent seeking his favor. **From Here to Eternity** (1953), which won eight Oscars, follows. Later films include **Gunfight at the O.K. Corral** (1957), **Come Back, Little Sheba** (1952), **Trapeze** (1956) and **Jim Thorpe: All American** (1951). *Trapeze* gave Lancaster a chance to draw on his early work as an acrobat with childhood friend Nick Cravat, though doubles handled some of the more dangerous stunts.


UNITED ARTISTS

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE


'Gran Torino'

ANTHONY MICHAEL RIVETTI

We Are Marshall (2006, Drama) Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox **BBC America, 6:30 p.m.**

Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (2012, Children) Danny DeVito, Ed Helms **NICK, 7 p.m.**

Click (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale **SYFY, 7:30 p.m.**

Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Romance-comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas **E!, 7:30 p.m.**

Adopting St. Nick (2026, Romance) Amy Groening, Michael Rady **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Crowning at the Prom (2026, Drama) Danielle Panabaker, Anwen O'Driscoll **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns **Paramount, 8:30 p.m.**

Rudy (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty **BBC America, 9:30 p.m.**

Apocalypse Now Redux (1979, War) Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall **SHO, 10 p.m.**

The Invite (2026, Comedy-drama) Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde **HBO, 10:20 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019, Action) Tom Holland, Samuel L. Jackson **FX, 10:35 p.m.**

Gran Torino (2008, Drama) Clint Eastwood, Christopher Carley **AMC, 11 p.m.**

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Veterans Day Marathon

MOVIES!, beginning at 6 a.m. ■ Catch a Classic

Hollywood has an important role to play on Veterans Day, when the nation turns its attention to honoring the sacrifice and service of our military members past and present. A daylong lineup of distinguished films begins with 1963's *PT 109*, a rousing account of John F. Kennedy's exploits aboard a patrol torpedo boat in World War II's Pacific theater. Cliff Robertson stars as Kennedy in a movie that was released just five months before the president's assassination. World War II remains the focus throughout the marathon, which continues with the Best Picture Oscar winner *The Best Years of Our Lives* (1946), a moving drama about the struggles of servicemen returning home from the war, and 1962's epic *The Longest Day*, reliving the events of D-Day with an all-star cast including John Wayne, Henry Fonda, Robert Mitchum and Robert Wagner. 1970's *Tora! Tora! Tora!* then dramatizes the events of Pearl Harbor. Two films starring William Holden follow: 1957's *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, another Best Picture Oscar winner, is set in a Japanese prison camp, while 1953's *Stalag 17,* which won Holden a Best Actor Oscar, takes place within the confines of a German POW camp. The tribute ends overnight with 1958's *The Young Lions,* starring Marlon Brando as a disillusioned German soldier and Dean Martin and Montgomery Clift as U.S. recruits.


'Forged by War: The Navy SEALs'

HISTORY

Scrubs

ABC, 8 p.m.

When an overflowing emergency room sparks chaos within the hospital, J.D. (Zach Braff) is surprised to learn the reason why in the new episode "My Emergency."

Forged by War: The Navy SEALs

History, 8 p.m.

This two-hour special traces the extraordinary history and evolution of America's most elite fighting force. From their origins in World War II through the pivotal missions and conflicts that shaped the modern SEALs, the special reveals how generations of warriors forged their legendary culture of courage, sacrifice and brotherhood. Featuring firsthand accounts and remarkable archival footage, *Forged by War* honors the SEALs while celebrating the commitment and service shared by veterans across every branch of the U.S. military.

NOVA

PBS, 9 p.m.

The special *NOVA* series on evolution concludes with "On the Run," looking at how life on Earth changed from stationary creatures to animals that can swim, slither, run and fly. Follow the horse — perhaps the ultimate icon of power and endurance — as its limbs evolved into precision tools for running, and see how humans harnessed that power to amplify their own.

Secrets of the Dead

PBS, 10 p.m.

The new episode "Finding America's Fallen" reveals how the Continental Army's decisive loss at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina forced a change in strategy that turned the tide of the American Revolution.

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CATCH A CLASSIC

Veterans Day

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

John Wayne, Kirk Douglas and Patricia Neal lead the cast of 1965's **In Harm's Way (pictured)**, the first of three war dramas airing for Veterans Day. Otto Preminger's film follows naval officers through the attack on Pearl Harbor and the fighting in the Pacific. David Lean's **The Bridge on the River Kwai** (1957) follows, with Alec Guinness as a British officer leading fellow prisoners who are ordered to build a bridge for their Japanese captors. Guinness won an Oscar for the role, one of the film's seven Academy Awards. Later, **The Deer Hunter** (1978) follows Pennsylvania steelworkers whose lives are changed by the Vietnam War. An installment of **MGM Parade** (1955) ends the lineup.


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MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE


'Shazam!'

STEVE WILKIE

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (2022, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen **FX, 6 p.m.**

Rudy (1993, Drama) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty **BBC America, 6:45 p.m.**

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

Stitch! The Movie (2003, Children) Chris Sanders, Daveigh Chase **Disney, 7 p.m.**

A Veteran's Christmas (2018, Romance) Eloise Mumford, Sean Faris **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns **SHO, 8:05 p.m.**

Legally Blonde (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson **Paramount, 8:30 p.m.**

Cars 3 (2017, Children) Owen Wilson, Cristela Alonzo **Freeform, 8:35 p.m.**

The Replacements (2000, Comedy) Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman **BBC America, 9:15 p.m.**

Merry Memories (2026, Romance) Brendan Morgan **Hallmark, 10 p.m.**

The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy-drama) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway **Paramount, 10:30 p.m.**

Flags of Our Fathers (2006, War) Ryan Phillippe, Jesse Bradford **SHO, 11 p.m.**

Shazam! (2019, Action) Zachary Levi, Mark Strong **TBS, 11:30 p.m.**

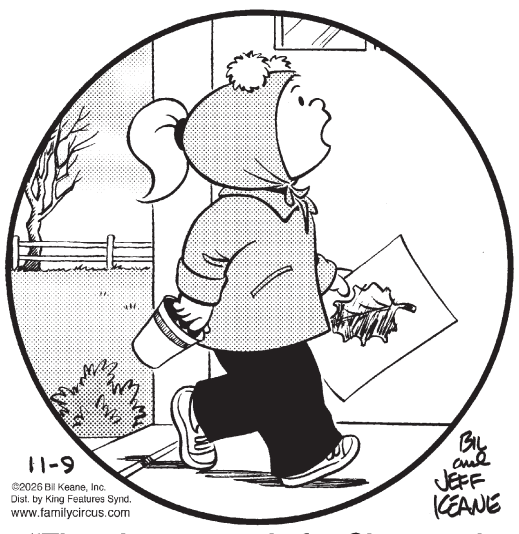
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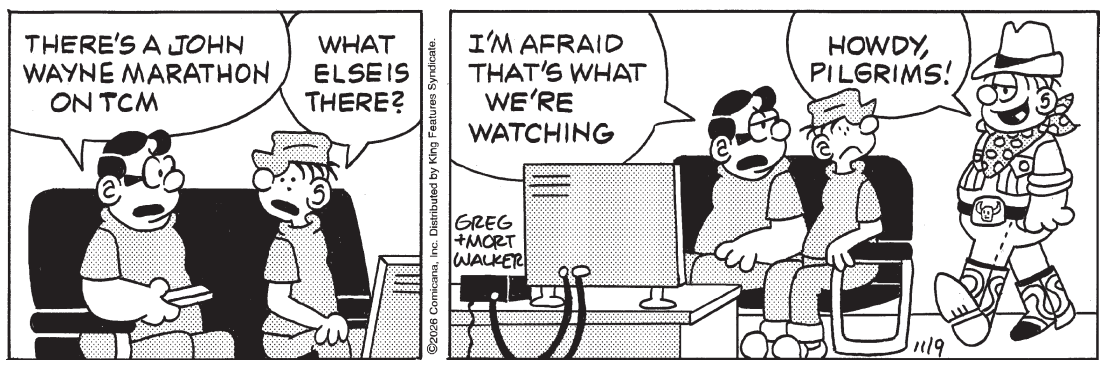
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane

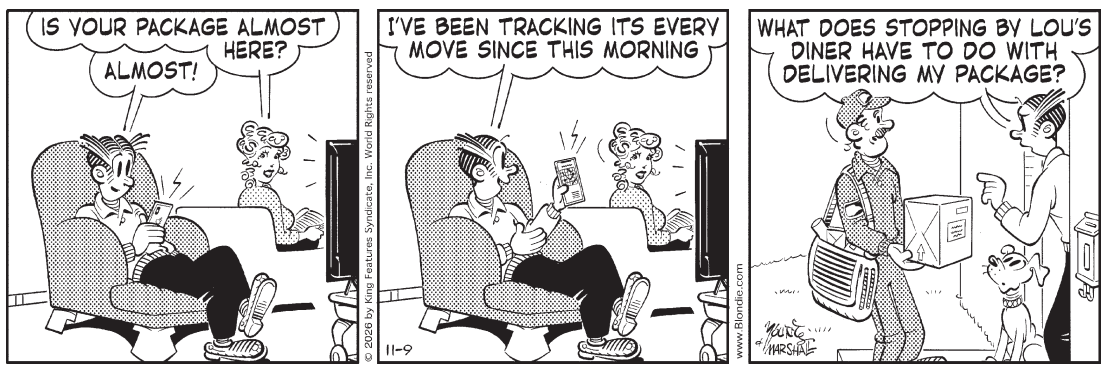


"There's a new rule for Show-and-Tell. No more bugs."

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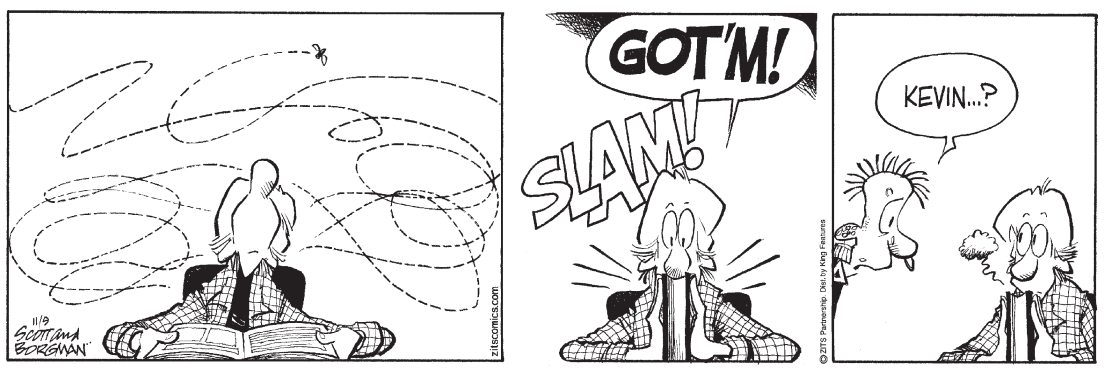
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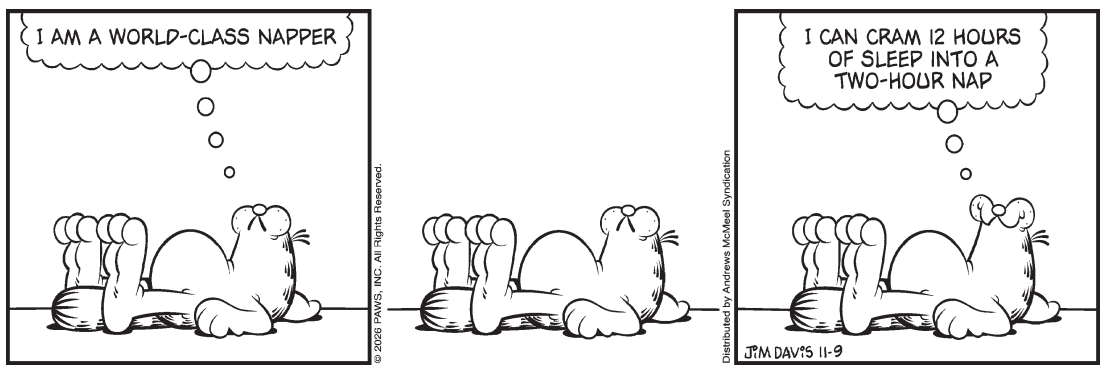
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6 Radio band toggle
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23 Other, in Spanish
25 Short choral compositions
26 *"I Don't Like Mondays" new wave band
31 Official state sport of Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Texas
32 Lithium-___ battery
33 Lyft rival
37 Mattel game with colorful cards
38 "The __ of the Opera"
42 St. crosser
43 Skater Lipinski
45 Have bills to pay
46 Lubricated
48 *"Mighty Morphin" heroes of 1990s television
52 College grounds
55 Auth. unknown
56 Opera solos
57 Failed to float
59 Slender woodwind
63 Has a thrilling opening, or what the answer to each starred clue does
66 Heavy book
67 Slowly grow dim
68 Student of Socrates
69 Garden dirt
70 Pundit piece
71 Mexican bucks

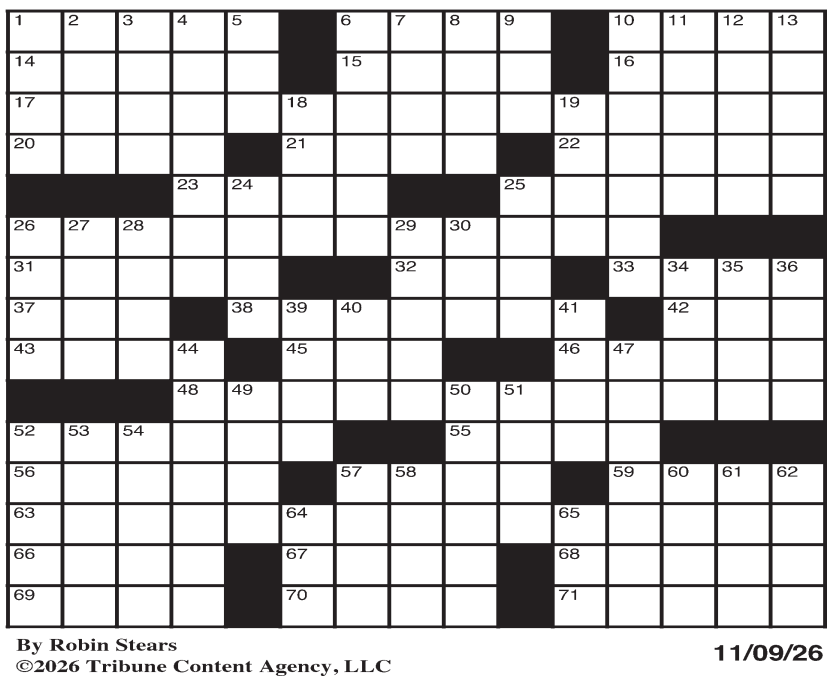
DOWN

1 Smurf with a white beard and red hat
2 Noisy commotions
3 Baseball officials
4 "I can't handle the truth!"
5 "___ ideas?"
6 "Don't wait or you'll miss out!"
7 Fish often grilled for tacos, informally
8 Ridge on a guitar fingerboard
9 Rx writers
10 Japanese massage technique whose name means "finger pressure"
11 Heart rate
12 "You beat me"
13 Starchy roots used in poi
18 Continental currency
19 Like crazy
24 Sporty car roof
25 Spanish hand
26 Dry, as champagne
27 Actress Chaplin
28 Febreze target
29 Bay Area NFLer
30 Decompose
34 Hay bundle
35 Penultimate word in many fairy tales
36 Maroon, crimson, ruby, and the like
39 "___ it going?"
40 Astonishment
41 Stereo alternative
44 Clothes
47 Dishonorable
49 Depose
50 __ and raved
51 Egyptian cross with a top loop
52 Acting ensembles
53 Threepio pal
54 "The Golden Girls" city
57 Trade
58 Office helper
60 Sheep sounds
61 "I'm __ your tricks!"
62 Inner selves
64 Bay Area hub, for short
65 iPad download

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

S	O	S	E	P	■	D	E	P	O	■	L	I	O	S
O	T	A	L	P	■	E	D	A	F	■	E	M	O	T
G	N	A	B	A	H	T	I	W	S	■	S	A	T	S
E	O	B	O	■	K	N	A	S	■	S	A	I	R	A
■	■	■	N	O	N	A	■	■	S	U	P	M	A	C
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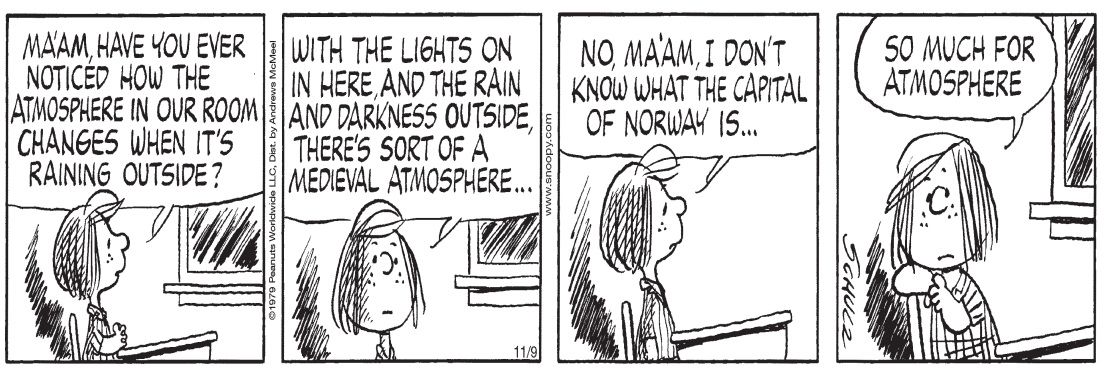
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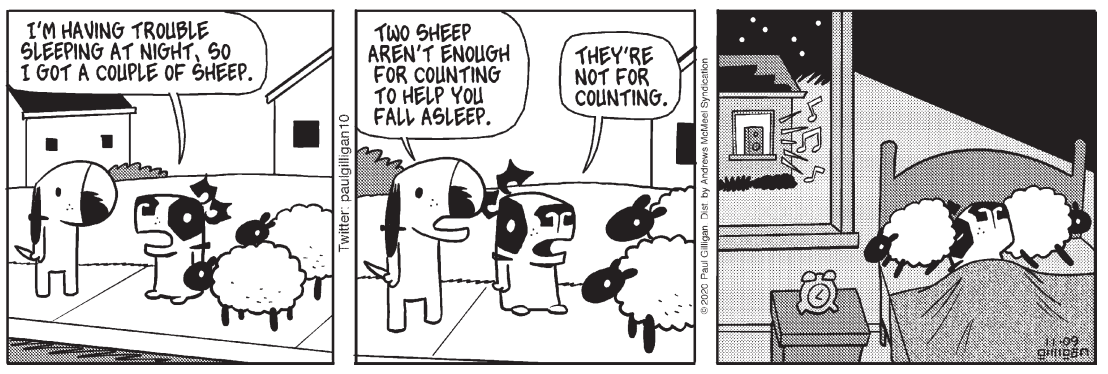
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WORDS WITH 'OA' IN THEM — **Solution: 6 letters**

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

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Aboard, Anoa, Approach, Balboa, Bioactive, Bloat, Boast, Boat, Broadway, Coach, Coact, Coagulate, Coal, Coapt, Coarse, Coast, Coaxial, Cocoa, Croak, Doable, Epizoa, Feijoa, Float, Goalie, Groan, Hoagie, Hoarse, Hoax, Joanna, Joaquin, Loach, Loathe, Metazoa, Neuroanatomy, Oaken, Oasis, Oaths, Oatmeal, Oats, Poach, Roams, Roast, Shoal, Soap, Throat, Toad, Whoa, Woad

TODAY'S ANSWER: Quinoa

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

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

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

Mix business with pleasure

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

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

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



"I tell ya, Dave, Matilda is just what I've always wanted. An old-fashioned girl with old-fashioned values."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane

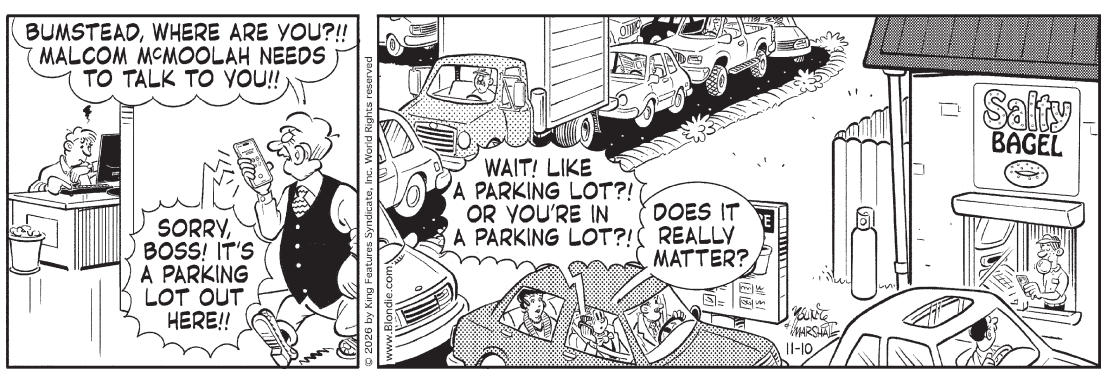


"If you wash your hair first, you don't hafta wash your hands."

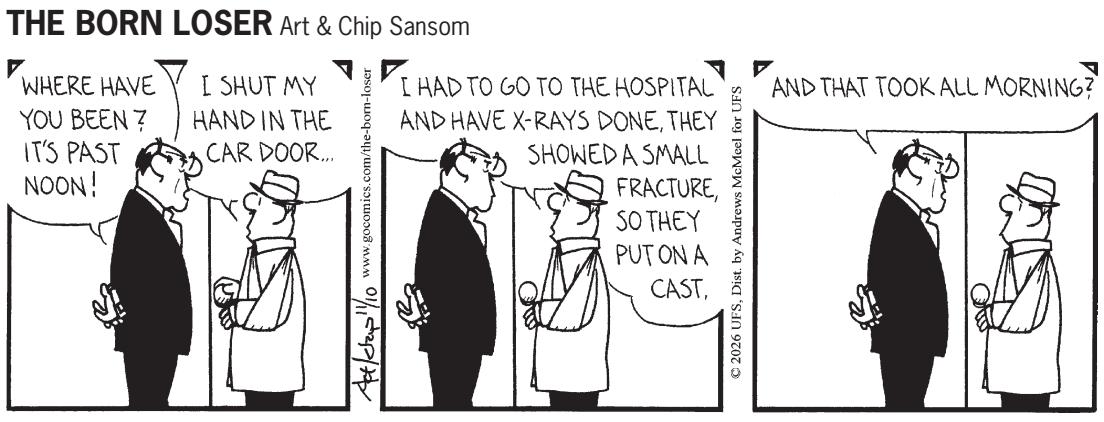
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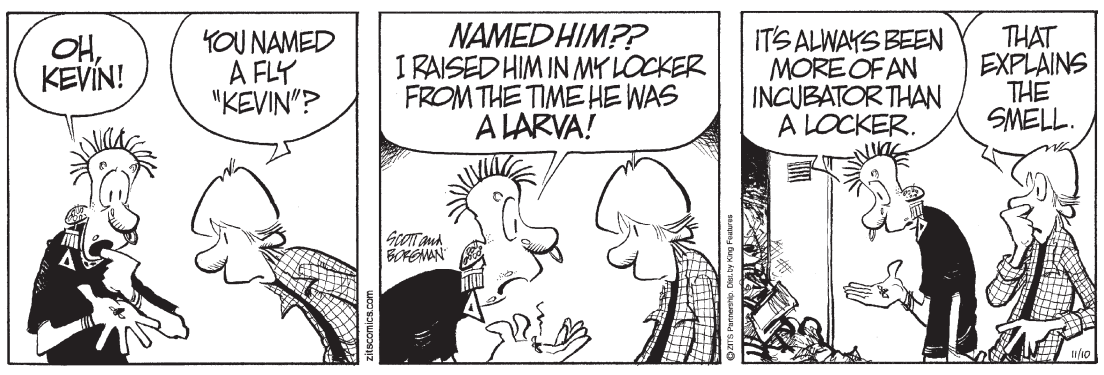
BLONDIE Dean Young & John Marshall



THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



ZITS Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



GARFIELD Jim Davis



PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	3		8	2				
			7	6	4	3	9	8
6				3	5	7	2	
	7				3	1	5	9
1				7				3
9	4	3	5				7	
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: No doubt about it

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

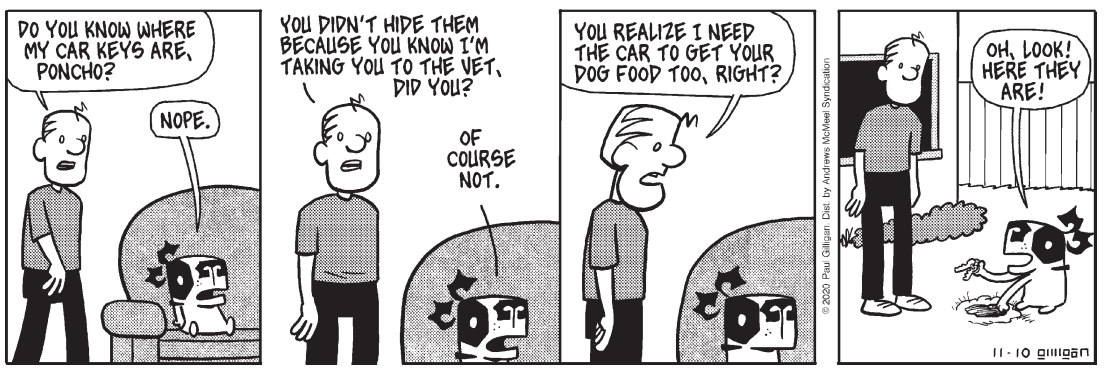
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1	2	5	8	6	7	4	3	9

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FAMOUS ROSES — **Solution: 7 letters**

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

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Actress, Ausmas, Beauty, Billy, Bloom, Blush, Bourbon, Bridesmaids, Buds, Byrne, Crimson, Delicate, Elegant, Floribunda, Fragrance, Garden, Gillian, Heritage, Hollywood, Horan, Leslie, Love, Matriarch, McGowan, McIver, Nylund, Petals, Plant, Rollins, Rugosa, Scott, Shrub, Soil, Spring, Stem, Stone, Summer, Thorn, Titanic, Valland, Ygritte

TODAY'S ANSWER: Kennedy

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Nocturnal bird
4 "— Make a Deal"
8 Strongbox
12 "The Spy — Loved Me"
13 Settled on a tree branch
14 Dressed
15 — Claire, Wisconsin
16 Isinglass
17 Maintained
18 Strike down
20 Unyielding
22 Calendar abbr.
23 Showy performer
24 Holy
28 — and desist
32 Greek letter
33 "— of Eden"
35 Harden
36 Came in first
37 Hindu princess
38 Cul-de- —
39 Elbow room
41 Like a scoundrel
44 Crimson
46 Family nickname
47 Dissimilar
50 Aquarium fish
53 Witnessed
54 Duo
57 Feel poorly
58 Unexpected difficulty
59 — podrida
60 Sgt., for one
61 Philosopher — Descartes
62 Spill the beans
63 Links peg

DOWN

1 Is in debt
2 "Pow!"
3 The Pelican State
4 Bemoan
5 Actor — Wallach
6 Twitch
7 Hidden supply
8 Plot
9 Toward shelter
10 Tumble
11 Circular current
19 Cask for wine
21 Diplomat's forte
24 Stitches
25 On
26 Pasture
27 Pull
29 Aide
30 Seven —
31 Engrave
34 Do the wrong thing
37 Smell strongly
40 Cower
42 Of the stars
43 Contend
45 Train stop
47 "Back in the —"
48 Hawaiian goose
49 Spare
51 Paddy plant
52 — vera
55 Pub drink
56 Under the weather

1	2	3	■	4	5	6	7	■	8	9	10	11	
12			■	13				■	14				
15			■	16				■	17				
18			19		■	■	20	21					
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24	25				26	27	■	28		29	30	31	
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36			■	37				■	■	38			
39			40		■	41		42	43				
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47	48	49				■	■	50			51	52	
53				■	54	55	56		■	57			
58				■	59				■	60			
61				■	62				■	63			

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TODAY'S SOLUTION:

E	E	T	■	L	L	E	T	■	E	N	E	R	
O	C	N	■	A	L	O	■	G	A	N	S		
L	I	A	■	R	I	A	P	■	N	E	E	S	
A	R	T	E	T	■	■	E	K	I	L	N	U	
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Y	L	E	E	T	S	■	■	E	T	I	M	S	
D	L	E	H	■	A	C	I	M	■	U	A	E	
D	A	L	C	■	T	I	L	A	■	O	H	W	
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Special Photo: Colquitt Regional

Colquitt Regional Health System celebrated the opening of Sterling Group Mammography with a ribbon cutting ceremony, marking an important addition to the health system's breast imaging services and commitment to providing convenient access to care for women throughout southwest Georgia.

Colquitt Regional celebrates opening of Sterling Group Mammography

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MOULTRIE — Colquitt Regional Health System celebrated the opening of Sterling Group Mammography with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, marking an important addition to the health system's commitment to providing convenient access to breast imaging services for women throughout southwest Georgia.

Located at 123 31st Ave. SE in Moultrie, Sterling Group Mammography offers mammography services with walk-in availability Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The new location is designed to make it easier for women to prioritize their breast health and access recommended screenings close to home.

"Providing convenient access to preventive care is an important part of our commitment to the health and well-being of our community," Colquitt Regional President & CEO Jim Matney said during the ceremony. "The opening of Sterling Group Mammography gives women another accessible option for breast health services and reinforces our dedication to helping patients receive the care they need close to home."

In addition to mammography, DEXA bone density scanning and breast ultrasounds also are offered at Sterling Group Mammography.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Colquitt Regional offered free mammograms throughout October to help increase access to early detection and encourage women to prioritize their breast health. The health system also showed its support by lighting the hospital pink throughout the month.

Additionally, the Colquitt Regional Medical Foundation's third annual Pink Out The Night event brought the community together in support of breast cancer awareness, raising more than $60,000 to benefit the Edwards Cancer Center. The event continues to demonstrate the community's commitment to supporting patients and families affected by breast cancer and enhancing cancer care close to home.

Regular mammograms play an important role in the early detection of breast cancer. Colquitt Regional encourages women to stay current with recommended screenings and speak with their healthcare provider about their individual breast health needs.



Special Photo: TRMC

The lighting ceremony for Tift Regional Medical Center's Tree of Life will be held on Dec. 3.

Tift Regional Tree of Life supports hospice, cancer patients

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TIFTON — The annual lighting of the Tree of Life at Tift Regional Medical Center serves as a symbolic tribute to friends, family and lost loved ones during the holiday season while supporting Hospice of Tift Area and the TRMC Anita Stewart Oncology Center. Located in Tifton, TRMC is the main hospital for Southwell.

This year's Tree of Life Lighting Ceremony will be held on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. on the TRMC front lawn. This free event includes a candlelight service, live holiday music, special tributes and refreshments. Purchasing a light for the Tree of Life in honor or memory of a person is a tax-deductible contribution. Different giving levels are available.

"If you are looking for a Christmas gift for family members, friends or co-workers, consider purchasing a light in their honor or in memory of someone close to them," RN Tressie Mathis, Southwell's director of hospice and palliative care services, said. "You'll be benefiting a great cause."

In its 41st year, the Tree of Life remains a cherished Tifton holiday tradition, Mathis said. Proceeds support Southwell's hospice and cancer patients who may struggle to cover household bills, groceries, utilities, travel expenses and other essential personal needs as they face the financial burdens of a serious or life-limiting illness.

"The holidays are meant to lift your spirits and that's the goal of the Tree of Life ceremony," Mathis said. "We encourage residents to bring their families and friends to enjoy this poignant, yet festive lighting ceremony on Dec. 3. We appreciate the community's support."

Visit www.mysouthwell.com/TOL to give to the Tree of Life. Call (229) 353-6330 for more information or assistance.

Albany Tech to honor first-generation students

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ALBANY — Albany Technical College recognized National First-Generation College Celebration Day with a campus celebration Monday in the Kirkland Conference Center. Willie Lockette, a first-generation college student and Senior Judge of the Superior Courts of Georgia, served as the featured speaker.

The event brought together first-generation students, alumni, faculty and staff to share experiences and recognize the determination and achievements of individuals who are among the first in their families to attend college. National First-Generation College Celebration Day is observed annually on Nov. 8 to highlight their contributions and the support that helped them succeed in higher education.

Lockette earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Fort Valley State University in 1971 and a juris doctor degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1974, graduating with high honors from both institutions. He served for 19 years with the Albany office of Georgia Legal Services before beginning his judicial service on the Dougherty County Magistrate Court in 1991. He became chief judge of that court in 1993.

Elected to the Superior Court of Dougherty County in 1996, Lockette served as chief judge of the Superior Court from 2009 until his retirement in 2024.



Willie Lockette

Gov. Brian Kemp appointed him Senior Judge of the Superior Courts of Georgia in January 2025. His career includes numerous honors for civic, legal, social and community service.

Individuals interested in becoming the first in their families to attend college can learn about Albany Technical College programs and admissions at www.albanytech.edu or call 229-430-3500.

Four arrested, charged with murder

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ALBANY — Four individuals, three of them teenagers, have been arrested and charged with murder in connection to the homicide of 15-year-old Austin Payne.

On Nov. 1, officers responded to the 800 block of Cameo Lane in reference to a reported incident. Upon arrival, officers discovered the deceased Payne inside an abandoned residence.

Following an investigation and several subsequent interviews, investigators identified and charged the following individuals with murder for their alleged roles in Payne's death: Jansquincey Donaldson, 15; Omari Marion, 15; Adarious Wallace, 16; and Detravion Parker, 22

All four individuals were arrested and transported to the Dougherty County Jail.



Detravion Parker



Jansquincey Donaldson



Omari Marion



Adarious Wallace

The road starts at home

Lee County, Dougherty, Randolph-Clay and Mitchell County host playoff openers as Westover and Worth County hit the road

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Uyl Joyner knew exactly how far Dougherty had come when he saw the state football playoff bracket.

"We were number 32 last year, and we are in the top ten this year, so that's good," the Dougherty coach said.

The Trojans landed at No. 6 in Class 4A, a climb that brings the playoffs to Albany. Dougherty will host No. 27 Gilmer in the first round Friday, Nov. 13, and will get another home game if it wins.

Dougherty closed the regular season with a 62-0 win over Hardaway after clinching the Region 1-4A title a week earlier against Westover. Its first playoff opponent went 5-5. Gilmer will make a roughly five-hour bus ride from Ellijay in the north Georgia mountains. A Dougherty win would bring either Hampton or Woodland of Stockbridge to Albany in the second round.

Lee County has an even longer runway at home. The Trojans earned the No. 2 seed in Class 6A and can play at Trojan Field through the semifinals as long as they keep winning.

Asked about his team's 49-7 homecoming win over Houston County, Lee County coach Dean Fabrizio summed up the regular-season finale in two words: "Good performance."

The win sent Lee County into the playoffs at 9-1, with a familiar opponent coming to Leesburg. The Trojans beat first-round opponent Northside-Warner Robins 37-0 on Oct. 9. If they beat the Eagles again, they'll host the winner of Houston County and Kell.

Randolph-Clay also earned the chance to open with back-to-back home games. The Red Devils beat Pelham 40-6 Friday to finish 10-0 under coach Charles Truitt.

See **PLAYOFFS**, 10A



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Lee County's Destin Bell, left, and Carter Blackwell celebrate after Bell's touchdown pass in the second quarter. The Trojans built a 36-0 halftime lead and cruised past region rival Houston County, 49-7.



Special Photo: Submitted

Monroe's seven seniors pose ahead of the start of the 2026-27 basketball season. From left, Antasia Vickers, Mariah Toye, Glendalys Harvey, KJ Acree, Karma Pope, and Miesha Ellis. Laying in front is Taylor Mckinzy.

ONE MORE SHOT

After two Final Four trips in three seasons, Monroe's seven seniors set their sights on a state title

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — As freshmen, they reached the Final Four. As sophomores, they made the Elite Eight. As juniors, they got back to the Final Four.

Now they're seniors. There's one round they haven't played.

"This is their last shot," Monroe coach Jennifer Acree said. "There is no next year. I believe that will be enough motivation for them and their younger teammates."

The seven seniors have won 73 games in three seasons. Texas A&M commit Kie'Aundria "KJ" Acree leads a class that includes Taylor McKinzy, Glendalys Harvey, Mariah Toye, Karma Pope, Antasia Vickers and Miesha Ellis. The Lady Nadas enter the season ranked No. 3 in the preseason poll, behind defending state champion Sandy Creek and Luella.

Monroe knows the team at the top well enough. Sandy Creek ended the Lady Nadas' season in the semifinals last year, when Harvey had returned from an injury but, in her coach's view, was still short of full strength. That limited what Monroe could do defensively. Jennifer Acree tried to schedule Sandy Creek for a preseason scrimmage, but illness scuttled the plan.

If Monroe gets another shot at the defending champions, it may have a deeper team. The seniors have set the tone in practice, Jennifer Acree said, but three sophomores have given her another reason for optimism. Newcomer Justyce Cole joins Maleyah Hines and Naraji McDowell, who stood

See **MONROE**, 10A

ASU volleyball wins 15th straight, heads to SIAC tourney

Staff Reports

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Albany State heads to the SIAC volleyball tournament with 15 straight wins and a chance to get another crack at the only team that beat it in conference play.

Spring Hill College went 18-0 in the SIAC, including a Sept. 19 win over the Golden Rams in Albany. If both teams reach the final in Fort Valley, their rematch will be for the conference championship.

Albany State (24-8, 18-1 SIAC) closed the regular season Thursday night by beating Edward Waters 3-1 at the Adams-Jenkins Complex. The Golden Rams dropped the opening set 25-23, then won the next three 25-19, 25-19 and 25-22.

After evening the match in the second set, Albany State took control in the third with 18 kills and a .438 hitting percentage. Edward Waters kept the fourth set close, but the Golden Rams took it 25-22 to finish the match.

Freshman Amiria Anderson led all players with 20 kills, and two seniors gave the Golden Rams options elsewhere at the net. Shaniya Banks put away 11 kills while hitting .556, and Jarianis Perez had 11 kills and 15 digs.

Setters Liannette Burgos and Trinity Britt combined for 53 assists. Burgos added 14 digs and two aces, while Myra Lopez matched Perez with 15 digs. Brooklyn Jones led Edward Waters (13-12, 12-7) with 16 kills.

The SIAC tournament runs Nov. 10-12 in Fort Valley. Albany State's first-round opponent and match time have yet to be announced.



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Albany State volleyball coach Verniece Graham leads the Golden Rams into the SIAC tournament in Fort Valley on a 15-match winning streak.

Monroe's early lead slips away in finale

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

COLUMBUS — Carter Hudson gave Monroe an early lead with a 77-yard touchdown run. The Golden Tornadoes held it with a goal-line stand before halftime and an interception just after it.

But the offense never found the end zone again, and Shaw turned a screen pass into the go-ahead touchdown in a 12-8 win Thursday night at Kinnett Stadium.

The loss ended Monroe's season at 2-8 in Bo Daniels' first year as head coach.

Hudson, a sophomore running back, broke loose in the first quarter, and Monroe added a two-point conversion to go up 8-0. Shaw quarterback Daylen Peterson answered with a touchdown on a keeper, but the Raiders missed the two-point try, leaving Monroe ahead 8-6 after one quarter.

That two-point margin held through halftime, though both teams had chances to change it. Shaw stopped a Monroe drive at the Raiders' 8-yard line, then moved deep into Monroe territory when Peterson hit Marquell Charleston for 35 yards on third-and-18. The play set up first-and-goal, but the Tornadoes kept Shaw out of the end zone. Later, a Monroe punt pinned the Raiders at their 1, and Shaw came away empty again before the half expired.

Monroe's defense picked up where it left off. Junior linebacker Amicah Sanders intercepted Peterson on Shaw's opening possession of the second half, giving the Tornadoes another chance to stretch their lead. They came away without points, and on the Raiders' next possession, Peterson found Charleston again. This time, Charleston took a screen pass 59 yards for a touchdown and Shaw's first lead.

The Raiders missed the two-point try, so a touchdown still would have put Monroe back in front. Shaw's defense held in the fourth quarter, though, and Peterson helped keep the ball out of Monroe's hands. With 5:11 remaining, he scrambled 13 yards on third-and-10 to move the chains. Shaw ran out the clock from there, clinching its first state playoff berth since 2024.

Information for this article came from Richard Holdridge of the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer.

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Trading Acuña? Here's why Braves should think twice

By Mark Bowman
Braves.com

ATLANTA — Trading Ronald Acuña Jr. would leave the Braves looking for exactly what they already need more of: a right-handed hitter who can change a game.

That's the strongest case for keeping the former National League MVP, whose future has become an offseason talking point among Atlanta fans. Acuña's injuries have limited his time on the field, but his production when healthy and the cost of keeping him make a deal difficult to justify, MLB.com's Mark Bowman wrote in an offseason analysis.

The Braves have already exercised Acuña's $17 million option for 2027 and hold another at the same price for 2028. If they pick up both seasons, Atlanta would pay him $34 million over two years. For comparison, the New York Yankees committed $32.5 million per year to another former MVP, Cody Bellinger, on a five-year deal last offseason.

Acuña has also outproduced two of the top outfielders in this winter's free-agent class. Over the past two seasons, he hit .271 with an .860 OPS, ahead of Seiya Suzuki (.822) and Randy Arozarena (.811). Acuña is three years younger than both.

The question is how often Atlanta can count on him to be in the lineup. Acuña tore his right anterior cruciate ligament in 2021 and his left ACL in 2024. He played 95 games after returning in 2025, then appeared in 107 games in 2026 as two left hamstring strains interrupted his season.

Even in those 107 games, Acuña hit 20 home runs and stole 21 bases. He posted a .997 OPS over his final 26 regular-season games, a stretch that showed how much he can still give the Braves. Atlanta can benefit from that production without counting on a repeat of 2023, when he became the first player in major league history to reach 40 home runs and 70 stolen bases in the same season.

The rest of the lineup makes that production harder to part with. Austin Riley and Sean Murphy have seen their numbers decline in recent seasons, leaving Atlanta in need of another dangerous right-handed bat. A trade would make sense only if the return were substantial enough to offset what the Braves would lose at the plate.

Atlanta enters 2027 looking to contend, and Acuña has two seasons to build his case for his next contract if the Braves exercise the 2028 option. For now, the Braves' best opportunity to strengthen the lineup may be to find another hitter to put alongside him.



Special Photo: Braves.com
Atlanta Braves outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. hit 20 home runs and stole 21 bases in 107 games in 2026. The Braves have exercised his $17 million option for 2027.

Bill Belichick leads 5 Hall of Fame coaching nominees

Field Level Media

Six-time Super Bowl-winning head coach Bill Belichick leads the five coaching nominees still under consideration for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2027.

The Hall of Fame announced Thursday that Belichick, Tom Coughlin, Mike Holmgren, Dan Reeves and Mike Shanahan were chosen by the coach subcommittee from an original list of 14 nominees.

The subcommittee members will meet virtually on Nov. 17 to select one candidate from those finalists to present to the full selection committee for possible enshrinement in Canton, Ohio.

Belichick was selected over the same four candidates in last year's coaches category. Under the previous voting format, however, one coach, one contributor and three senior candidates competed for between one to three slots. Former San Francisco 49ers running back Roger Craig earned enshrinement as a senior candidate, while Belichick and Patriots owner Robert Kraft fell short.

Controversy and confusion over Belichick's snub led to an overhaul of the selection process. This time, voters will meet ahead of Super Bowl LXLI and choose between three and seven candidates from a 15-person pool of 13 modern-era players, one coach and one contributor.

Belichick, 74, won six Super Bowls during his 24 seasons as head coach with the New England Patriots from 2000-23. He won 333 games, including the playoffs and his time with the Cleveland Browns (1991-95). He won two other rings as an assistant coach.

Coughlin, 80, spent 20 years as head coach of the Jacksonville Jaguars (1995-2002) and New York Giants (2004-15), winning a pair of championships with the Giants — against Belichick's Patriots — in Super Bowls XLII and XLVI.

Holmgren, 78, coached the Green Bay Packers (1992-98) and Seattle Seahawks (1999-2008), winning a Lombardi Trophy with Green Bay at Super Bowl XXXI and taking Seattle to Super Bowl XL.

Reeves, who died in 2022 at age 77, was head coach of the Denver Broncos (1981-92), Giants (1993-96) and Atlanta Falcons (1997-2003), reaching the Super Bowl four times and registering 201 wins, including playoffs.

Shanahan, 74, won back-to-back Super Bowls during his tenure with the Denver Broncos (1995-2008) and also coached the Los Angeles Raiders (1988-89) and Washington (2010-13).



Special Photo: Matt Marton / Imagn Images
Milwaukee Brewers players celebrate with the championship trophy. The Brewers are among 12 teams that would need to raise payroll under Major League Baseball's proposed $180.2 million floor for 2028.

MLB proposes delaying salary cap until 2028 season

Field Level Media

Major League Baseball proposed delaying the implementation of a salary cap until the 2028 season as the current collective bargaining agreement approaches its Dec. 1 expiration.

"With free agency already underway, and recognizing that clubs will need a full offseason to operate within the cap and floor system, MLB is proposing to phase in the salary cap and floor in 2028," MLB wrote on social media Tuesday.

"The projected cap and floor payrolls for 2028 would make 12 clubs increase payroll by $636M to reach the floor, and 8 clubs to decrease payroll $528M to reach the cap. Overall, this would net a $108M payroll increase.

"Starting in 2028 would allow a smoother transition into the cap and floor system without delaying key player benefits."

MLB Players Association interim executive director Bruce Meyer strongly rebuked the proposal.

"Yesterday, the MLBPA presented a comprehensive package of proposals designed to improve compensation for players at all levels, and to incentivize and reward competition on the field," Meyer said. "The owners responded today with a demand for a salary cap system, something generations of players have fought against. The last time the owners made such an explicit push for a cap – over 30 years ago – it led to the longest work stoppage in MLB history.

"For generations, our members have fought against cap systems because they harm players at all levels, erode or eliminate contractual guarantees, pit player against player, lead to more work stoppages, not less, and get worse for players over time. Caps don't lower ticket prices for fans, eliminate tanking or ensure teams are run with equal competence. They suffocate competition by offering owners an all-purpose excuse for inaction and mediocrity."

The $258.2 million cap and $180.2 million floor that the league proposed for 2028 in a meeting with the union Tuesday were higher than the original targets (245.3 million and $171.2 million, respectively).

Should the salary cap and floor be implemented, the following teams would need to increase their payroll: the Athletics, Chicago White Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Guardians, Colorado Rockies, Miami Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins, Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, Tampa Bay Rays and Washington Nationals.

The teams that would need to lower their payroll are the Boston Red Sox, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres and Toronto Blue Jays.

A lockout is expected should no agreement be reached when the current collective bargaining agreement expires at 11:59 p.m. ET on Dec. 1.

LIV Golf will liquidate, shut down efforts to reboot

Field Level Media

LIV Golf is ceasing operations, its lawyers told a judge on Thursday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey.

The move was expected after it became clear Wednesday that efforts to regroup with financing from investors BC Partners would not happen. A group of 10 players, who remained unsure about committing to the so-called LIV 2.0, wanted to hold an 11th-hour meeting Wednesday night to discuss the financial structure but were rebuffed by BC Partners, The Athletic reported.

Now, per the report, the bankruptcy process will focus not on restructuring the business model but instead shifting to selling off its assets and paying creditors.

LIV Golf CEO Scott O'Neil issued a lengthy statement about his "rewarding" experience on the job.

"Building a global platform designed to bring new, younger, and more diverse fans to the sport of golf has been the round of a lifetime for all of us," his statement read. "LIV Golf was fun, demanding, inspiring, at times challenging — but always rewarding.

"Together, our team delivered world-class individual and team competitions across five continents, built a global business, secured pathways to The Open and U.S. Open, earned Official World Golf Ranking points, engaged with stakeholders focused on the health and future of the game, created value in our teams, attracted premier sponsors, brought investors to the table around a next-generation business plan, and built a league capable of attracting both elite and rising talent from around the world.

"At the heart of these achievements were our players, a global roster representing more than 20 countries, whose passion, commitment, and belief in the vision helped us build something extraordinary.

"... We created memories that I hope will inspire a new generation of fans to follow, play, and fall in love with this great game," O'Neil concluded.

The Athletic reported that the liquidation effort is expected to begin Monday.

The launch of LIV Golf in 2022, with the financial support of the Saudi Public Investment Fund, fractured golf as PGA Tour stars were lured away with huge contracts, big tournament paydays, top-of-the-line travel accommodations and a more family-friendly tour schedule.

Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka, as well as up-and-comers like Joaquin Niemann.

Koepka returned to the PGA Tour for the 2026 season. The rest of the players who competed with LIV will need to work with other tours around the world to determine whether they will be welcome and at what financial penalty.

The Athletic said Thursday that the PIF had spent $5 billion on LIV Golf before saying this spring that it was pulling funding and allocating its resources elsewhere.

BC Partners was putting up $300 million to get a streamlined LIV Golf through bankruptcy but decided this week that a restart was not viable, according to The Athletic.



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LIV Golf is shutting down after a bid to secure new financing fell through, the league's lawyers told a federal bankruptcy judge Thursday.

From 9A

MONROE

out as freshmen last season.

"I'm really happy with what I am seeing from our sophomores," Jennifer Acree said. "They have got to be able to set themselves apart, and they are doing that in practice."

The first chance to see how far Monroe has come will come against a familiar opponent. Lee County was the only local team to beat the Lady Nadas last season, and the teams split their two games. Many of the players have been facing one another since middle school.

"It's always a rivalry game," Jennifer Acree said. "They want to stop No. 32 and beat us, and we want to beat them."

No. 32 has a chance to make the opener memorable for another reason. KJ Acree needs 21 points to break the Dougherty County Schools career scoring record and is fewer than 400 points from 3,000. Both marks are within reach this season. The first could fall on opening night.

Ask her what Monroe needs from her when a game gets tight, though, and she talks about poise.

"I'm going to be the coach on the floor and keep order," she said. "We have to play our game, stay focused on what we do best and not let them rattle us."

Jennifer Acree has built a schedule that should give her team plenty of chances to do that. Veterans follows Lee County. A Thanksgiving tournament takes Monroe to Jacksonville. New Manchester of Douglasville and St. Francis of Alpharetta, both 24-5 last season, will come to Albany. St. Francis visits just before Christmas.

Some of those games will put KJ Acree across from players she knows from AAU basketball. Her coach calls it "kind of like a farewell tour."

There's a reason she scheduled it this way. If Monroe is still playing in March, she wants her team to have already faced the kind of pressure that can decide a close game. McKinzy is the player the Lady Nadas turn to when they need a late 3-pointer. Harvey wants to hustle for more rebounds. Toye, a guard who has played with this group since seventh grade, wants her teammates talking more on the floor.

For Toye, the thought of winning a championship starts with who would be there to share it.

"Winning the state championship with this team would be amazing," she said. "To go down in history together would be everything. It would show how hard we trained together for four years."

Monroe is scheduled to face Lee County at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, in the Dougherty County Tip-Off Classic. The game could move to Saturday, Nov. 14, if a home football playoff game is scheduled for Friday.

From 9A

PLAYOFFS

They drew the No. 4 seed in Class A and will host No. 29 Telfair County. A win would bring either Hawkinsville or Schley County to Randolph-Clay in the second round.

Mitchell County opens at home as well. The ninth-seeded Eagles will host No. 24 Miller County in Class A.

For Westover and Worth County, the final stretch changed where they'll open. Westover had been in the top 10 but lost its final two regular-season games and fell to No. 17 in Class 4A. The Patriots will travel to No. 16 West Laurens. Worth County also drew a No. 17 seed after Friday's 42-14 loss to Carver dropped the Rams in the Class 3A postseason rankings. They'll open at No. 16 Lamar County.

Elsewhere in the area, Bainbridge visits Cairo in Class 4A, and Crisp County travels to Stephens County in Class 3A. In Class A, Early County opens at Macon County and Seminole County visits Taylor County.

The second round is scheduled for Nov. 20, followed by the quarterfinals Nov. 27 and the semifinals Dec. 4.

Alabama man sentenced to prison for distributing child sexual abuse material

Staff Reports
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ALBANY – An Alabama resident was sentenced to serve more than a decade in prison after he was caught by an undercover Homeland Security Investigations agent distributing child sexual abuse material of young female children online while he was living in southwest Georgia.

Bradley Love, 37, of Dothan, Ala., and formerly of Blakely, was sentenced to serve 135 months in prison to be followed by 25 years of supervised release by Chief U.S. District Judge Leslie Abrams Gardner after he previously pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography. In addition, he will have to register as a sex offender for life. There is no parole in the federal system.

"Our office will tirelessly pursue all those who exploit children online and hold them accountable for their crimes at the federal level," U.S. Attorney Will Keyes said. "Working alongside law enforcement, we will use every resource available to safeguard children and bring offenders to justice."

"Let this serve as a warning: Anyone who distributes child sexual abuse material will be found and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Georgia and Alabama Steven N. Schrank said. "HSI's undercover operations are designed to expose predators who target children online. We will not tolerate these crimes, and we will use every tool at our disposal to protect children and ensure offenders are removed from our communities."

According to court documents and statements referenced in court, an undercover agent with HSI joined a "teen chat" room on a website called "chat-avenue.com" and posted "Dad of 2 8yro and 10yro." Soon after, the agent received a private message from an individual with a screen name of "Whiteranger," who was Love.

During the undercover investigation, Love asked the agent about his daughters and if he had sexually abused them. Love then asked the undercover agent to move their conversation to the messaging platform, Kik. On Kik, Love sent the undercover agent a photo of male genitals and requested explicit photos of his daughters. Love also relayed he had child sexual abuse material of children he wanted to share, but that he didn't want to be kicked off Kik for sharing CSAM, and requested to move that conversation to another platform, Session.

On Session, Love's screen name was "Jackkfrost." Love sent one photo of a naked prepubescent female child, one picture of two naked female children, and a picture of a prepubescent female engaging in sexually explicit conduct to the undercover agent. HSI investigators located the defendant at his home address in Blakely. On Sept. 5, 2024, HSI, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Early County Sheriff's Office executed a federal search warrant at Love's Blakely residence. Several electronic items belonging to Love were seized. Love told investigators he was interested in minor children who were "toddler age," and confirmed that he sent and received CSAM on these platforms.

For more information about HSI's efforts to protect children from sexual predators, visit Know2Protect.gov. To report suspicious activities, call (787) 729-6969.

HSI investigated the case with assistance from the GBI and the Early County Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Monica Daniels and Julius Jefferson prosecuted the case for the government.

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Jared Goudsmit

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

"P JSKNTR NF QT S CHV JIF YDSVTR NIT YPSKF SKR GSKC, JIPDT YTFYDT GABTSLTR. NISN GFHKRTR DPWT UHK." — AFLYFGTB/ DVBPAPGN OSGFK BFQTBN QBFJK

Previous Solution: "Each person needs his or her own formula for healing. My function as an entertainer is to provide escape if they need it." — Luther Vandross

TODAY'S CLUE: I = equals P

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

"Z XCQ'W JOQW O PMCJ ZQ JMZIM VEVHGLCXG ZP LVMOEZQT JVBB OBB WMV WZNV. O AVNZQZPW PMCJ XCVPQ'W PMCJ JCNVQ LVZQT FVHAVIW." — IGQWMZO QZSCQ

Previous Solution: "I wanted to be a guy who played the piano and sang, while people screamed. That sounded like fun." — Composer/lyricist Jason Robert Brown

TODAY'S CLUE: S = equals P

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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 lavender and baby pink (7)	
2 "Star Wars" star Ford (8)	
3 care for your little ones (6)	
4 hitting the wall (7)	
5 leaders in Japan, formerly (7)	
6 netting on a lacrosse stick (6)	
7 pro bono hero (9)	

TE PAS HAR ENT SON
RI BON POC VOL SHO
TE UN LS KI GU
ER NS KET NG PAR

Saturday's Answers: 1. LANKINESS 2. SPAIN 3. HOPELESS 4. TARSIER 5. STANTON 6. ERITREA 7. GLITZY 11/9

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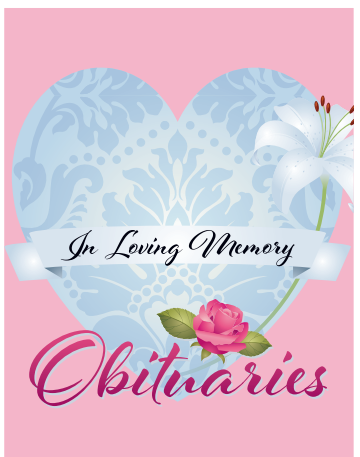
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CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 mountain of money (4)	
2 personal preferences (6)	
3 "spearfishing swimmer" (6)	
4 stereotypically rural region (7)	
5 more verbose (7)	
6 auteurs, perhaps (10)	
7 Silk and Abbey (5)	

MA ES MI BOO TA
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RS ADS LM RD NI

Monday's Answers: 1. PASTELS 2. HARRISON 3. PARENT 4. BONKING 5. SHOGUNS 6. POCKET 7. VOLUNTEER 11/10

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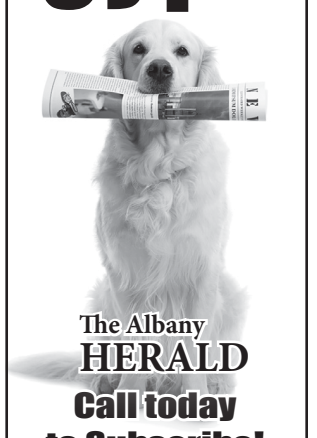
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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Democrats claim majority of governorships for first time in 16 years

By Kevin Hardy
Georgia Recorder



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Ohio governor-elect Amy Acton's election Tuesday helped Democrats claim the majority of governor's offices in the country for the first time in 16 years.

WASHINGTON – Democrats have won the majority of governor's offices for the first time in 16 years after the GOP racked up major losses across the country.

Democrats flipped governorships in Georgia, Iowa, Nevada, Ohio and Texas and defended competitive races in Maine, Michigan and Wisconsin, according to unofficial results from The Associated Press and Decision Desk HQ.

With election results still unofficial, Democrats were set to hold 28 governor's offices compared with Republicans' 20. Races in Alaska and Kansas still have not yet been called.

In a historic night, voters elected a record number of four black governors, including the first black woman and first black Republican ever elected governor.

Midterms are always tough for the party that holds the White House, but high prices and growing disapproval of President Trump delivered even stronger-than-expected results for Democrats Tuesday.

"It's a blue wave that was bigger than anyone had expected, and it's having consequences across the country, including here in Texas," Mark Jones, a political science professor at Rice University in Houston, said. "Overall, Donald Trump has single-handedly turned many red states blue — or at least purple."

The Democratic party made major gains coast to coast, particularly in reliably conservative states, that could reshape state policy for years to come.

In Iowa, the election of Democrat Rob Sand ends more than a decade of Republican control of the legislature and the governor's office.

In Ohio, Democrat Amy Acton's win marks the first time in 20 years that Ohio voters have selected a Democrat to lead the Buckeye State.

Former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms will become Georgia's first Democratic governor since 2002 and the nation's first black woman governor.

While governors were on ballots in 36 states, the nonpartisan Cook Political Report with Amy Walter had identified only a dozen races for governor as competitive. Those included: Alaska, Georgia, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin.

Republicans have controlled a majority of state governments since 2010. Before Tuesday's election, Republicans boasted a 26-24 gubernatorial advantage over Democrats. But the GOP's state legislative advantage was even stronger, with Republicans controlling 28 state legislatures and Democrats controlling 18 with divided control of chambers in three states, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

By Wednesday morning, Democrats had notched major legislative wins. Democrats broke the GOP supermajority in Florida, flipped control of the Wisconsin state Assembly and Senate, and flipped the North Carolina state House.

In Pennsylvania, Democrats won the GOP-held state Senate, seizing a trifecta – control of the governor's office and both chambers of the legislature – in Harrisburg.

"Tonight's earth-shattering victory is undeniable proof that voters are fed up with the MAGA agenda," Heather Williams, president of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, said in a news release.

In Arizona, Democrats declared victory in a yearslong effort to win control of the legislature, proclaiming that Republicans would be in the minority at the state Capitol for the first time in 60 years.

Phoebe Foundation, Lights of Love fund port shirts

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The Phoebe Foundation and Lights of Love are partnering with the Phoebe Cancer Center Boutique to fund port shirts for all newly diagnosed chemotherapy patients.

ALBANY – The Phoebe Foundation and Lights of Love are partnering with the Phoebe Cancer Center Boutique to fund port shirts for all newly diagnosed chemotherapy patients. The initiative reflects a shared commitment to providing comfort, dignity and compassionate support throughout cancer care.

Chemo port shirts are specially designed with discreet access points that allow nurses to reach a patient's port without requiring them to fully undress. The shirts make treatments more comfortable, more convenient, and less stressful for patients. Providing one at diagnosis ensures patients are prepared for treatment from the very beginning.

"Every dollar raised through donors and Lights of Love supporters goes directly toward helping local cancer patients," Phoebe Foundation Director Parker Douglas said. "For someone newly diagnosed, a port shirt may seem like a small gesture, but it can make a meaningful difference in their comfort and experience throughout treatment.

The generosity of our community is making an immediate, tangible impact in the lives of our neighbors, and that is the true power of giving."

By providing port shirts at no cost, the Phoebe Foundation and Lights of Love are taking away one additional financial burden for patients and families already facing a great deal. This initiative is just one example of community generosity, making an immediate difference for neighbors.

"This donation demonstrates the power of community philanthropy in enhancing the patient experience," Lori Nurmi, Phoebe's director of Clinical Oncology, said. "It reinforces our commitment to treating every patient with compassion, dignity and respect. We are deeply grateful to the donors and supporters who made this possible."

The Phoebe Cancer Center Boutique offers a multitude of services for cancer patients and survivors, including mastectomy care, wigs, hats and scarves, and compression and support wear. Call (229) 312-0042 to make an appointment with the boutique.

This year's Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony at the Phoebe Cancer Center will be held on Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Those who would like to make a Lights of Love donation in honor or memory of someone, visit www.lights-of-love.org or call 1-877-312-4483.

Clint Peacock named chief of DNR Fisheries Management

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Clint Peacock

SOCIAL CIRCLE – The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division has announced the appointment of Clint Peacock to WRD Chief of Fisheries. Peacock is a 15-year employee of the division, most recently serving as assistant chief of the Fisheries Management Section.

As chief, Peacock's responsibilities will include coordinating and managing the statewide fisheries program, development of fisheries management budget, and supervision of Georgia's public fishing areas. Additionally, he will oversee the drafting of fishing regulations statewide.

"I look forward to the experience and knowledge that Clint Peacock will bring to this role as chief of the Fisheries Management Section," WRD Division Director Chris Harper said. "His years of service has more than prepared him to be a leader and continue to move the fisheries section forward with the great work they are doing."

Peacock joined WRD as a fisheries biologist at the Go Fish Education Center in 2011. There he oversaw hatchery production of a variety of species, helped maintain the aquariums, and assisted with several statewide projects.

Following a promotion to assistant chief in 2020, his day-to-day work has focused on the administration of the Fisheries Management section. This includes overseeing the section budget, serving as federal aid coordinator, working with staff and universities to develop research projects, working with legislative and regulatory issues, and a variety of other responsibilities.

Peacock holds a master's degree in Aquaculture and Fisheries from the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. He lives near Athens.

For more information on fishing in Georgia, visit https://georgiawildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources or contact a local Wildlife Resources Division office at (http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact).



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The Ramp Crew from AmeriCorps Retired Seniors Volunteer Program is joining with the Sowega Council on Aging to build a handicap ramp for a veteran in honor of Veterans Day.

SOWEGA Council on Aging Ramp Crew plans Veterans Day build

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ALBANY – Sowega Council on Aging is celebrating Veterans Day by building a wheelchair ramp at a veteran's home. The Ramp Crew members are volunteers from the AmeriCorps Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, some of whom are veterans.

The ramp build is a private event, closed to the public. It will take place on Tuesday at 8 a.m. at 610 Johnnie Williams Road in Albany.

Special Logo

For more information about the Ramp Crew, AmeriCorps Seniors or Sowega Council on Aging, visit www.sowegacoa.org or call 1-800-282-6612.

Georgia Promise Scholarship deadline approaches

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ATLANTA — Georgia families have until Nov. 30 to apply for the Georgia Promise Scholarship for spring 2027, officials said. With specific income, residency, and school eligibility requirements, understanding who qualifies may not be as simple as parents expect.

The program helps eligible families cover private school tuition, homeschooling expenses, tutoring, and other approved educational costs. For this application window, only families with household incomes at or below 400% of the federal poverty level will be considered.

According to a 2026 national survey by the National School Choice Awareness Foundation, 42% of parents said they wanted clearer information about government programs and funding that could help them access different education options.

NSCAF conducts national research on parents' education decisions and works on school choice policy and family navigation.