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Hatchett returns as state representative for District 155

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Matt Hatchett will return to Atlanta next year for his 17th year as state representative for House District 155.

According to the Secretary of State's results, Hatchett finished with 11,610 votes against Democratic challenger Joe Powers' 6,425 for the Nov. 3 election.

"This was a relief," Hatchett said after receiving the numbers from the precincts to know that he had won. "It has been humbling. I'm thankful to all of the people who have helped in this whole journey. It is very uplifting when you have so many friends to come on and help defend what I've done."

Overall, 18,221 of 36,694 registered voters went to the polls for a 50 percent voter turnout in Laurens County. This was the first time since 2012 that Hatchett has faced opposition.

"In my first race, there were five of us running, we kept it positive," he said. "Things have changed since 16 years. I kept (this campaign) positive. Sixty six percent (of the voters) liked that I kept it positive. I want to thank my wife, my family and my friends for all of the heartache that we've had the last couple of months and hanging in there."



Matt Hatchett (above) will return to Atlanta next year for his 17th year as state representative for House District 155/ PAYTON TOWNS III

Hatchett has spent the last 26 years serving the public in an elected capacity, with 16 underneath the Gold Dome in Atlanta. Before that, he spent 10 years as a Dublin City Council member. He has been focused on the budget over the last four years.

"I'm going to continue what I've been doing and continue working for this district," Hatchett said. "That's my job and I take it like it is a job. I work hard at it and I'll continue to work hard at it and move forward. I want to keep trucking."

Hatchett knows he will be back in Atlanta in a few months. At the time of talking about returning to his seat, Hatchett did not know about the other statewide seats.

"We'll know a lot more by (Wednesday)," he said.

Almost an hour later, Keisha Lance Bottoms became the first African American woman to win a governor's race by beating Rick Jackson. In Laurens County, Jackson finished with 11,307 while Bottoms received 6,803.

The trend followed for the rest of the races in Laurens County. Republican Mike Collins received 10,749 votes to Democratic incumbent Jon Ossoff, who picked up 7,325.

Greg Dolezal picked up 11,034 to Josh McLaurin's 6,927 for lieutenant governor. Tim Fleming received 11,119 to Penny Brown Reynolds' 6,880 for secretary of state.

Brian Strickland led with 11,133 against Tanya Miller who picked up 6,911 for attorney general. Tyler Harper got 11,330 votes in Laurens County for commissioner of agriculture while Katherine E. Juhan-Arnold received 6,690.

Laurens County gave John King 11,192 votes for commissioner of insurance while Keisha Sean Waites picked up 6,803. Richard Woods led the way for state school superintendent in the county with 11,159 to Lydia Powell who received 6,843.

Barbara Rivera Holmes led Laurens County for labor commissioner with 11,153 to Nikki Porcher's 6,792.

Fitz Johnson led the way for Public Service Commission District 3 with 10,964 against Peter Hubbard's 6,947. Josh Tolbert took PSC District 5 with a total of 11,090 to Shelia Edwards' 6,893.

Rick Allen, the incumbent in U.S House District 12, received 11,272 votes, while Ceretta Smith picked up 6,778. Overall, Allen won the seat with 136,166 to 127,172.



Fr. Robert Phillips (furthest right) and a group of parishioners from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dublin in Savannah for a Mass and dedication ceremony/DUBOSE PORTER

Beatification ceremony held in Savannah for The Georgia Martyrs

By DUBOSE PORTER
Publisher Emeritus

Five Spanish Franciscan friars ministered to the Guale people in five missions in 1597 and were massacred by Guale warriors for defending their Christian faith 429 years ago. Three of those friars were killed in what is now McIntosh County and two on St. Catherine's Island.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, mass and beatification ceremony was held at the Savannah Convention Center where more than 8,000 gathered for the step to declare the friars 'Blessed' a significant step toward sainthood.

This is the sixth such ceremony to ever be held in the United States and the first in Georgia. Only 11 people in America have been declared saints in America by the Catholic Church up until this time.

In attendance were Catholics from near and far, including a large group from Dublin's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, along with its Pastor, Father Robert Phillips.

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Inspired by injured birds, 13-year-old writes book about autistic brother

By KYLE DOMINY

When Regina Wood and her family moved to Dublin from Naples, Florida, a few years ago, the group took a liking to the Fairview Park Hospital walking track. The idyllic scene set by the pond and fountains reminded them of their previous home and the people they left behind.

"We didn't have any friends or family here, and this park became part of our community," Wood said. "It is beautiful. We came here every day."

The location would soon serve as more than just a reminder of a past home, but, particularly to Wood's 13-year-old daughter Holly, a representation of the family itself. During one of their recent visits to the track, Holly spied a one-winged goose and a duck with a misshaped beak.

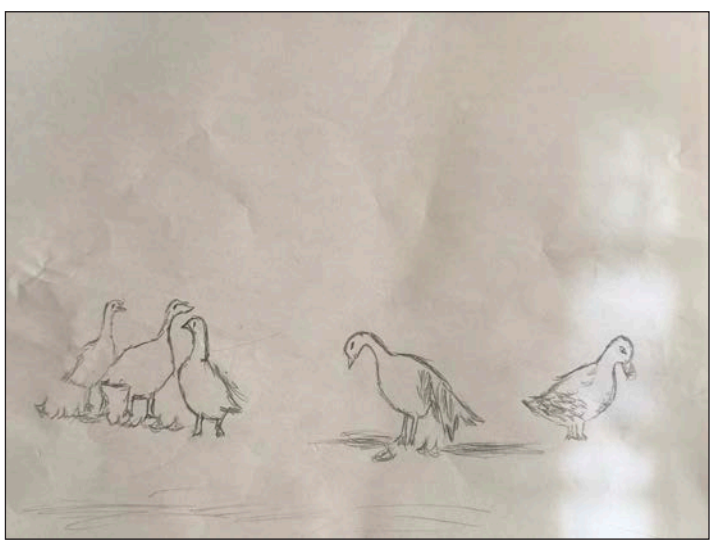
The animal duo, which she named Broken Wing and Twisted Beak - and how the other waterfowl behaved around them - reminded her of her younger brother Jack, who has level 3 non-verbal autism.

"The first one I noticed was the goose with the broken wing," Holly said. "He's different than the rest of the geese. He's pretty much alone, none of the others seem to know what to do when Broken Wing is around."

Level 3 is the most severe classification of autism, a neurodevelopmental disability, and requires lifelong support for daily activities. Autism has gotten much attention as documented cases have soared over the past 20 years. The condition is diagnosed on a spectrum from high-functioning patients to those who require various therapies and treatments.



Gina and Holly Wood at the Fairview Park Hospital walking track. The mother/daughter duo are each working on books to raise awareness and on disabilities/KYLE DOMINY



One of Holly's sketches of the ducks and geese at Fairview Park walking track. After encountered a goose with a broken wing and a duck with a misshaped beak, the 13-year-old was inspired to write a children's book based on her own experiences with her brother Jack, who has level 3, non-verbal autism/SPECIAL PHOTO

"Autism and other disabilities are on the rise," Holly said. "People need to know about them, and understand what they are."

Over the past few weeks Holly has been hard at work drafting her book. The story includes themes of inclusivity and learning to cope with and understand differences.

"If someone with a disability reads this, I want

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OBITUARIES



Nona J. Burney

A home-going celebration of life for Ms. Nona Jane Burney will be held Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 at 2 p.m. in the God's Divine Vision Ministry, 600 Telfair Street Dublin, Interment will follow at Royal Springs Church Cemetery (also referred to as Williams Chapel Mission Cemetery). Nona was born in Dublin, Ga. on Jan. 28, 1942, to the late Mr. Oscar Daniel Sr. and Mrs. Tommie Lee Daniel. She was called home to the Lord on Oct. 30, 2026.

While living in Detroit, Michigan, she dedicated herself to rearing her three daughters, nurturing them with unconditional love, wisdom, and the strong Christian values that defined her life. She was a woman of unwavering faith whose trust in the Lord sustained her throughout life's journey. Grounded in Christian values, she faced every challenge with remarkable strength, steadfast determination, and grace. Her faith was the foundation upon which she built her life, guiding her actions, shaping her character, and inspiring all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory, including her daughters, Inez Smith (Darren), Monkeea Stateson of Florida, Lashunda Stateson, her brother, James Daniel; and her sisters, Ruthie Williams and Shirley Polite (Hayes). She was preceded in death by her beloved brothers, Oscar (Joe) Daniel Jr., Sammie Lee Daniel and her beloved sisters Avis Jean Kinsey and Earnestine Barnes.

She was a proud and devoted grandmother to Chief Warrant Officer James O. Jones Jr. MSHS (Rohey) of South Korea, Cierra Jones BSN, RN, Dr. Aaliyah Harris DDS (Colton) of Florida and Megan Vickers, MSCJ.

Her love and legacy will continue to live on through her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, James (JJ) Jones, Elijah (EJ) Jones, and Colton (CJ) Harris Jr. She was also blessed with two beloved bonus grandchildren, Gabrielle Smith and Kailand (KJ) Smith. In addition, she leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who brought immense joy to her life.

She will be remembered not only for her strength, determination, and steadfast faith, but for the way she made individuals feel loved, valued, and at home. Her hospitality provided a source of comfort, and her bold prayers were a source of strength.

Because she firmly believed that Abraham was the father of faith, she often looked to his example of unwavering trust in God. She took pride in modeling the importance of living out that faith through love, kindness, compassion, and service to others. The seeds of faith, love, and grace that she planted throughout her life will continue to flourish in the hearts of her children, grandchildren, family, and friends. She was an example of remaining anchored in God's promises, through every trial and triumph.

While we will grieve her absence, we find peace in knowing that her beautiful legacy lives on in every life she touched, every prayer she prayed, and every cherished memory we hold dear.

Though she is no longer with us in body, her prayers will continue to surround and uplift us, and her loving spirit will forever watch over us beneath the shadow of her wings. Her unshakeable faith, boundless love, and enduring legacy will remain deeply rooted in the hearts of all who were blessed to know and love her. Even though the Lord has called her from labor to reward, the memories she created, the Christian values she instilled, and the love she shared will continue to guide and inspire generations to generations.

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed." Proverbs 31:28

Arrangements entrusted to Wyche's Funeral Home (www.wychesfuneralhomeinc.com.

New invasive insect poses 'serious threat' to Georgia farmers

By ROSS WILLIAMS
Georgia Recorder

A grass-eating invasive pest has been spotted in Georgia, and it could mean further headaches for cattle ranchers and farmers.

The pasture mealybug has been spreading across the Southeast since it was first confirmed in Texas last October, and Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper announced recently the insect had been spotted at a turf business in Decatur County in the southwest corner of the state in August.

The bugs are native to Southeast Asia, and researchers think they hitched a ride on storm winds from the Caribbean, where they had established a presence by around 2020.

"Pasture mealybug is a serious threat to Georgia agriculture, and we're asking Georgia farmers and producers to stay vigilant in order to protect their operations," Harper said. "This pest can spread quickly and kill grass, potentially causing significant losses for our farmers and making biosecurity more important than ever."

Female pasture mealybugs are wingless and appear white and fluffy. Males are gnat-like and have wings but no mouthparts, do not feed in their adult stage and only live a few days as adults.

They can produce up to 100 offspring at a time and can have three generations in a year. They feed on grass by sucking out sap, which damages the plants and makes them more susceptible to disease. They also inject toxic saliva into the plants and produce a thick honeydew that promotes mold growth.

Researchers say the bugs could pose a major economic threat to livestock because they can decimate grazing grasses that cattle rely on, and they also pose a threat to crops like rice and sugarcane, both of which are types of grass.

"We still know very little about it overall, since it is relatively new to the United States," said Lisa Baxter, a professor at the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences who studies crop and soil sciences. "But our understanding from literature is that any warm season grass could be affected, so that means pastures, hay fields, lawns, sod farms, seed farms, crop fields that are grasses. People forget that things like corn and wheat and things like that are grasses."

According to UGA, which is tracking sightings of the bug throughout the state, beef was the second most valuable farm commodity in 2024, generating $1.2 billion to the economy.

But cattle ranchers have reported struggles in recent years from droughts and higher costs for inputs like fuel and fertilizer, and the U.S. cattle herd is at its lowest point since the 1950s.

The pasture mealybug's newness on the scene in the U.S. also means farmers and scientists don't know what kinds of pesticides might be effective against them. Baxter said researchers are testing existing products, and if one is found effective against mealybugs, it could receive temporary approval, but so far nothing has been found.

Baxter said that means it's important for farmworkers to take precautions to slow the spread of the bugs as much as possible. Young mealybugs can be blown from place to place by the wind, and they can also hitch a ride on animals, including humans, attaching to their clothes, tools and vehicles.

"It's keeping people and animals and equipment clean as you are moving from farm to farm, limiting traffic through your farm and monitoring, like, always looking down, keeping an eye as to what's happening," she said. "And if you have an infected area, kind of self-quarantine it off, and make sure that we're cleaning equipment from the infected area to the non-infected area or cleaning your boots from one area to the next."

Signs of infestation can appear within a week and may include yellowing leaves that progress to purple or red discoloration and death of the plant.

University of Georgia entomology professor Shimat Joseph stressed that much is still unknown about how this bug could affect crops in the United States, but he said the creatures are likely to cause problems for pasture growers, and they could also create challenges for commercial sod and turf farms and for those who grow ornamental grasses.

Turfgrass was a $284 million business in 2024, according to UGA.

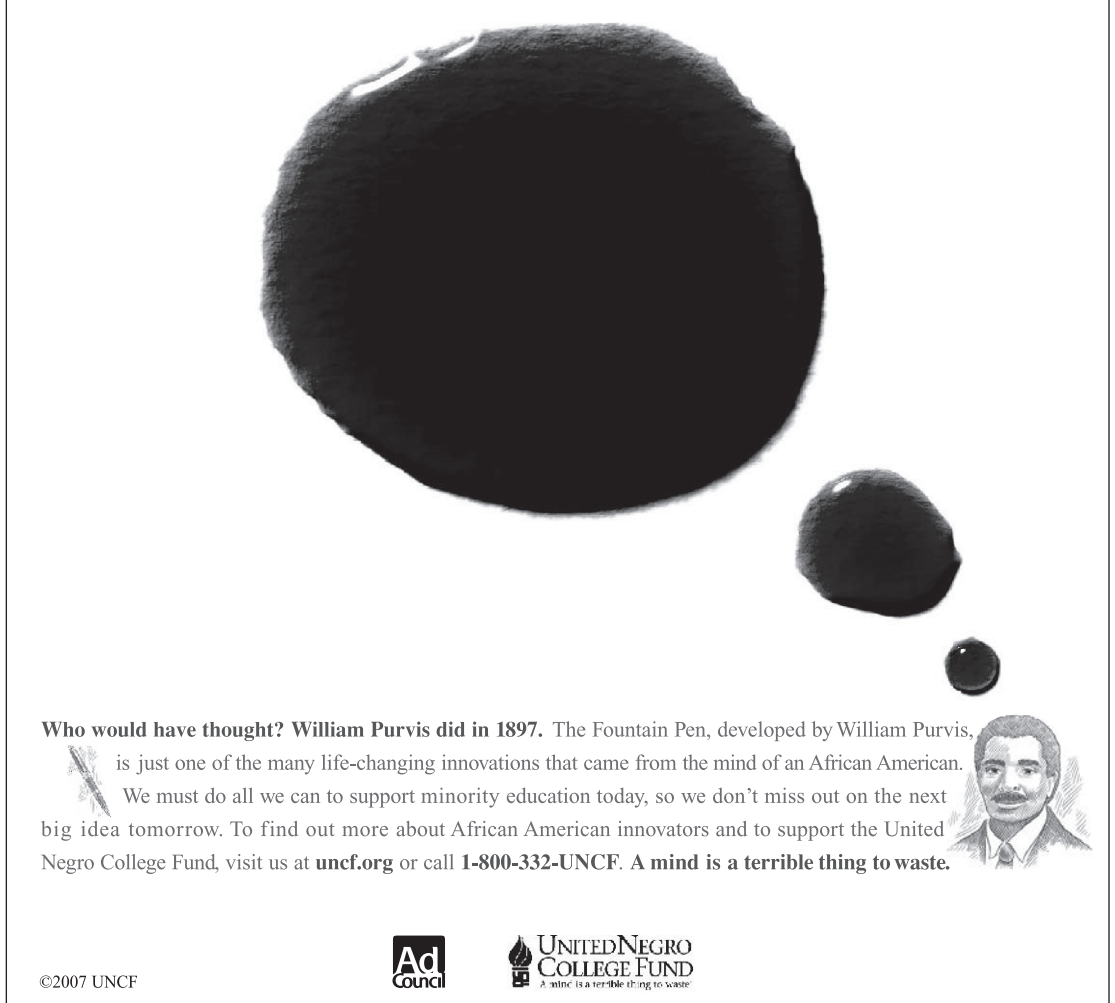
But he said he is hopeful that, based on infestations in other countries, the mealybugs will not be a major threat to residential lawns or places like parks or golf courses with regularly maintained grass.

"It was introduced for a long time in Australia, it's been there. And wherever they reported problems in turfgrass, it was when the grass is not mowed or the grass is growing very tall, so if we keep the grass mowed and keep it low, most probably we may not see this as a major problem in turfgrass. But again, this is all based on what we know from Australia and in Florida, but as time goes, we might know more about this."

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Marie McKinley
Gail Jones Pomare

Nov. 6
Dorothy Green
Kelly Pitrie
Cora Pooler
Euless Stuckey
Gary Turner











The City of Dublin will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, 2026 to observe Veteran's Day

Garbage schedule as follows:
Monday, November 9th,
will be Monday and Tuesday route customers
Tuesday, November 10th,
will be Wednesday route customers
Thursday, November 12th,
will Thursday route customers
Friday, November 13th, will be recycle for Wednesday and Thursday route customers

Election Day lines were short and sweet

By KYLE DOMINY AND DONNELL SUGGS

UPDATE: 9pm- With the majority of the 13 precincts counted, Hatchett will retain his seat in a clear victory with over 60% of the vote.

8pm Hatchett held a substantial lead over his opponent Joe Powers.

7:30pm – Republican State Representative Matt Hatchett walks into the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration and takes a seat in the front row. In his hands is a pen and a legal pad.

7:01pm – The count has begun inside the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration.

At 3pm polling stations in Dublin and East Dublin were getting voters in and out within minutes. At the Calhoun Park precinct in Stubbs Park in downtown Dublin, voters had to wait in short lines before voting. The average wait time was between 3-5 minutes.

At 3:30pm, in East Dublin at the Smith Precinct Building on Soperton Avenue, there were no lines and the average vote time was less than two minutes.

7am-People queued in the early morning hours as polls opened across Dublin, Laurens County.

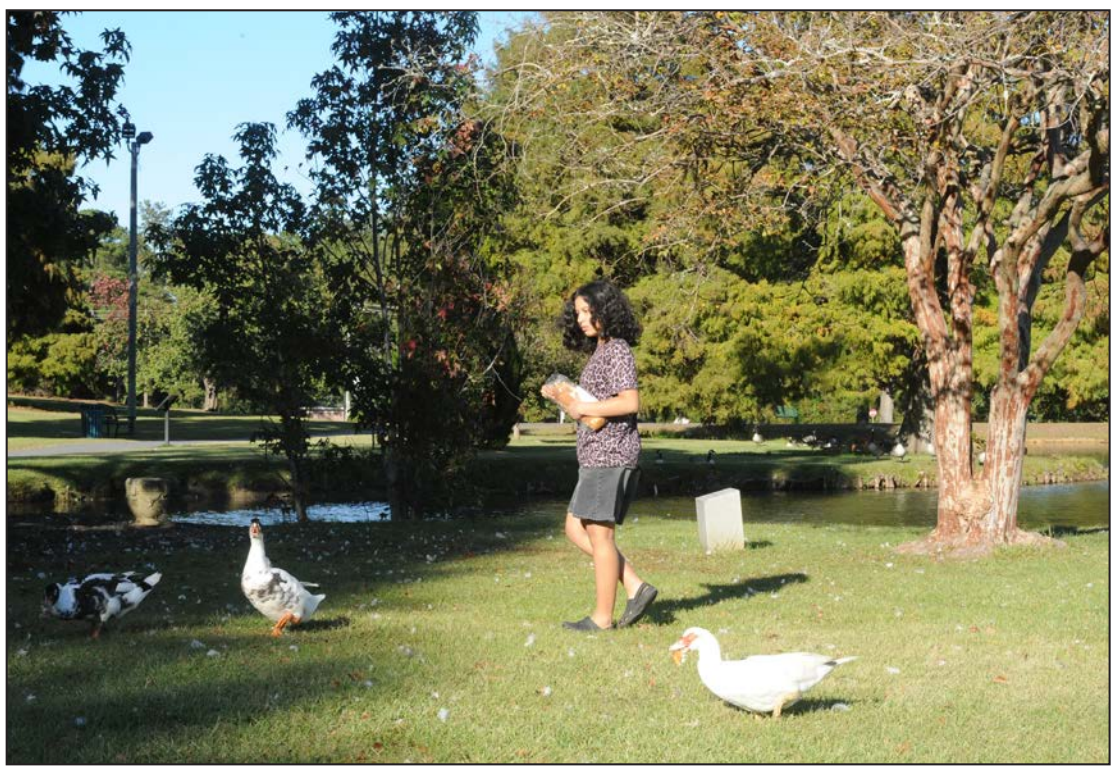
Many area voters cast their ballots before starting their day with lines forming at some precincts, including Adams Fire Station in the northern part of the county and at the Dexter Civic Center precinct.

Only minor technical problems met some poll workers as they fired up voting machines, but all issues were cleared up quickly, said Laurens County's Chief Deputy Registrar Susan Rooks.

By 7:30 a.m., a steady stream of voters easily made their way through the Stubbs Park Gym with no delays at one of the area's busiest districts.

"They were able to get the polls open and everything is running smoothly," Rooks said.

Editor's Note: The Courier Herald updated Election Day/Night coverage every hour till the votes were counted.



Holly Wood feeds the ducks and geese that occupy the pond at Fairview Park walking track. The park became a favorite spot for Holly, 13, after her family moved to Dublin from Florida/KYLE DOMINY

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them to know that they are not the only one struggling with something like that," Holly said. "And I want people to know that there are plenty of people around with disabilities."

When the writing is complete, Holly, also a budding artist, will illustrate the book. Though she prefers abstract art, she has been practicing her realism, sketching the ducks and geese at the park.

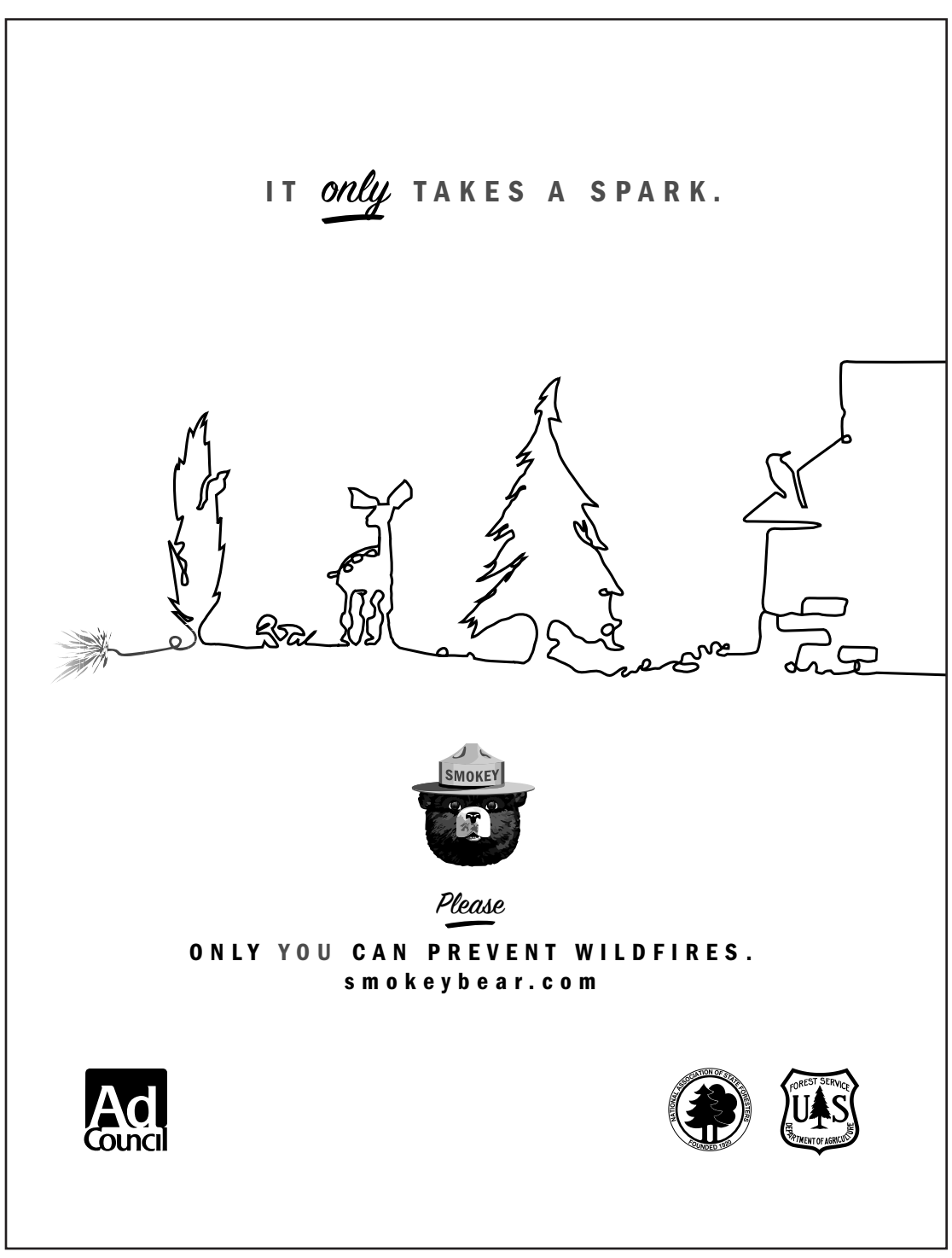
Meanwhile Wood is working on a project of her own, a guide on how to travel with children with disabilities. Jack, 11, can be aggressive if agitated. Wood is crafting a how-to guide, based on her experiences, on traveling everywhere from across town to out of state.

The guide will include simple safety reminders, like how to stay calm in hectic situations, and even tips on how to interact with police officers in traffic stops.

"It's to let parents know how to get from point A to point B with your child," she said. "You have to be careful when you are driving, you don't want to hurt anybody or get in an accident."

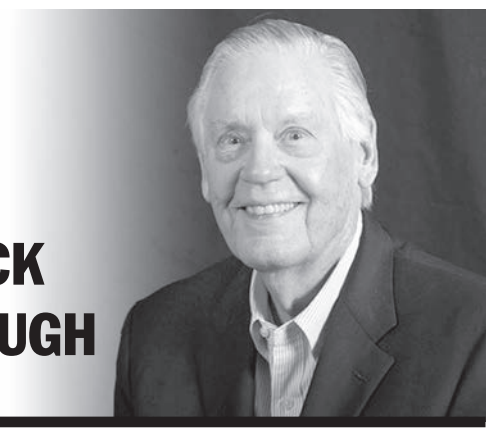
Above all Wood wants Jack to be better understood and other families facing similar situations to know they can lead fulfilling lives.

"I want other women, other families, to know these things," she said. "If their baby is different, it's not a bad thing. You can still live a productive life in society."





No longer dipping a toe in the political waters



By DICK YARBROUGH

Before I let the rest of the world know, I wanted to share with you first the news that it looks like I won't be governor of the Great State of Georgia after all. My write-in campaign ran out of time.

Things looked very promising. I had 45 firm commitments, including the prized endorsement of the Ryo Morning Coffee Club and its chair, Skeeter Skates, owner of Skeeter Skates Tree Stump Removal and Plow Repair in Ryo, Georgia. That was huge. Ryo Morning Coffee Club is a collection of Great Americans which includes Walleye, who runs the bait shop over in Red Bud; Booger Bledsoe, who operates a local roadside vegetable stand on State Route 136 near Sugar Valley; and Uncle Coot, recently retired from the porta-potty transportation industry.

The Ryo Morning Coffee Club doesn't endorse just anybody. That is why you didn't see Donald Trump or Barack Obama stumping in Ryo. Trying to win over Skeeter and the boys would be a monumental waste of time. Can you imagine Trump trying to chat up Walleye on whether gizzard shad or red wigglers is the best bait for catching catfish? Or Obama discussing the logistics of porta-potty transportation with Uncle Coot?

All that was left for me to do was to round up another 2,111,547 more votes. No question they were there for the taking. Once you have Skeeter and his colleagues on board, the rest of it should have been a piece of cake. I certainly had no plans to ask Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to see if he could find them for me. I remember that's something he is not very good at doing.

So, what happened? My toe, that's what. Big toe. Right foot. This is don't-ask-don't-tell territory, but let's just say I messed it up big time. A short version: While walking across the floor my foot decided to stop without alerting my brain, which said keep going. My brain sometimes has a mind of its own. As a result, my big toe folded up under my foot like a tent. The rest is R-Rated.

I ended up in the hospital emergency room and then in surgery. All this for a toe? Yes, for a toe. Surprising what kind of damage you can do to such an insignificant digit when you aren't paying attention. As I share this with you, my big toe now has more pins in it than a bowling alley.

This is also the reason you didn't see the column here last week. You may have been wondering, where is that guy that looks like a young Brad Pitt and who knows a lot of stuff about a lot of stuff and isn't hesitant to remind us of that fact? And why didn't he respond to my email? Has he all of sudden gotten too big for his britches and lost touch with the common folks?

Those are fair questions. The answer is that when you are flat on your back on a hospital bed with a mattress as soft as concrete being poked like a pig, it is hard to be creative. I'll bet even the woman from Canada who got the Nobel Prize for Literature couldn't have written her "bold and inventive oeuvre" with somebody sticking a needle in her every hour. I did make good use of that time, though. I whined a lot.

I hope I have gotten word to you in time for you to make an informed decision on who is best to lead our Great State of Georgia for the next four years, be it the gazillionaire with the creepy smile or the cut-and-run former mayor of Atlanta. I feel your disappointment. Not sure who else could (Inhale) Lower our taxes. Reduce crime. Shrink the size of the government. Create jobs. Stand up to powerful special interest groups. Fight bureaucracy. Secure our borders. Take care of our veterans. Improve education and fix Medicare. (Exhale.)

But please know I am not going away. Aching toe or no aching toe. Even though I won't have my hands on the levers of government, I plan to keep a close eye on those who will. I am very much alive and kicking. Well, maybe not kicking. My big toe says I may be alive, but it is going to be a while before I do any kicking. I agree.

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"Democratic" Socialism Is Still Socialism And A Bad Way Forward

GEORGIA POLITICS



By CHARLIE HARPER

I officially renounced punditry years ago. I have no idea how Tuesday's results will turn out. Instead, we're going to use this time between the deadline for this column (before the votes in Tuesday's elections are counted) and when most readers will see this in print to have a long needed talk about socialism.

Like most things that come from the far-left, socialism has arrived in stages. The first stage was denial, where we were told only crazy people on the far right were hallucinating that it was happening. Once the evidence was undeniable, the push back pivoted to "it's too small of an amount to matter" before we arrived at "of course it's happening, and here's why it's a good thing."

The Democratic Socialists of America are as much of a force in Democratic Politics as the Tea Party was a decade and a half ago. That anti-establishment movement wasn't able to define itself with a successful Presidential candidate, but it paved the way for Donald Trump and the related MAGA movement to push the remnants of Reagan aside, if not out of the party completely.

The DSA were successful in many Democratic primaries over the summer. As is typical with an electoral success, those behind it got quite proud of it, and made the mistake of going on Sunday network shows to make clear their positions.

In late July and August they were very up front with their intentions. The DSA's national Co-Chair went on Fox News and confirmed the positions from their website which included Eliminating the U.S. Senate, President, and Supreme Court, with an Executive and Judiciary chosen by and subordinate to Congress.

That eliminates checks and balances in the Federal government, and obliterates all protections of anyone in any minority against mob rule. And that's just their start. They want to not just "abolish ICE", but to abolish borders. They want amnesty give to anyone and everyone currently here illegally.

Other minor quibbles with the status quo would be taken care of by prosecuting U.S. and Israeli leaders for "genocide in Gaza", abolishing the police and the prison system, defunding the Department of War, instituting aggressive wealth taxes, and turning the ownership of the largest corporations over to the public.

Set aside the complete re-writing of the Constitution and many of its protections in that first plank for a moment. These people proudly advocate for no police, prisons, borders, or military. It is a wholesale gutting of any structure of law and order of any kind, completely devoid of any enforcement mechanism.

Naturally, this received about a week's worth of negative coverage and mainstream Democratic leaders and their compatriots in national media went into overdrive

downplaying or dismissing these clearly stated objectives. With most primaries over, there was no need to signal to the Democratic base what the "long term plan" is. They needed to pivot hard back to the center in preparation for November. Much of this was quickly forgotten.

A few cycles ago when objections to socialism here in America were brought up, those advocating would say "but it's DEMOCRATIC socialism" as if adding a word made a tangible difference in the outcome. They countered that by pointing to all the glory of Europe and derided us clinging to our red-state backwoods nature that we needed to aspire to be more like Europe anyway.

Fast forward a decade and the U.S. state with the lowest GDP per capita remains

Mississippi, but they have a higher score than the U.K., France, Italy, and Spain and are roughly on par with Germany. Americans, by and large, have a higher income level than Europeans.

Meanwhile, much of Europe has been experiencing riots with "students" demanding even more government spending from an already very left wing administration. 57% of France's GDP is government spending. About half of that is transfer payments, meaning redistribution from taxpayers to people rather than the government's spending on services. And those on the receiving end are rioting because it's not enough. America, with its base of capitalism and western values, has raised more people out of poverty than any nation in history. Socialism and its uglier twin Communism not only destroys value, but only works as a long term plan with oppression and violence against its own citizens.

Much of the current Democratic Leadership is pretending this internal fight isn't happening. The GOP avoided a similar necessary internal debate almost two decades ago. To their credit, leaders like Senator John Fetterman on the national level and Representative Esther Panitch at the State level pull no punches when talking about the goals of those on the far left.

Too many of my Republican friends want the Democrats to become the party of Socialism. They think that's an easier fight to win. This is not our way forward.

Like it or not, our system forces binary choices at the ballot box. Pendulums swing. And at some point, voters will demand a change, even if the only alternative is an absolutely horrible one. We need to reject socialism here, now, at its root. It must never be allowed to bloom.

DAILY SCRIPTURE...

"Even youths grow tired and weary; and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

-Matthew 3:17 (New International Version)

THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

"George Washington is the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles."

- Author Unknown

EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY...

Nov. 5, 2026 is...
- American Football Day
- National Cash Back Day
- Gunpowder Day
- Bonfire Night
- National Men Make Dinner Day

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Have you ever been riding down the road around lunchtime and you're really hungry and All of a sudden, something pops in your mind that would be so good, but it's no longer in business! For instance: The barbecue sandwiches at ELANMA (That's spelled correctly, according to the sign, that's still out front) Or how about one of their hamburger steaks with gravy and homemade french fries! I wish they sure would open up again.

It is amazing that the ones who blow their horn the most, are the ones who are guilty of holding up traffic because they're on their cell phone. Give them an inch and they'll take a mile pulling out in front of you!

If you are tired of East Dublin smelling like dead animals, go to CleanAirGA.com and file a complaint with the state environmental agency. The site fast tracks the complaint process. File a complaint every time there's a stink cloud over your house will help get a state enforcement and force Darling Ingredients to clean up its act.

Democrats organizing souls to the poll is laughable. Why would a Christian or church support a party that supports abortion up to the end of the ninth month, gay marriage, sex changes and the biological males in girls sports and restrooms? The party that cannot even define a woman.

Bring on consolidation. I wouldn't have to be mad at one group of people instead of two groups.

There are some at Fairview Park hospital so concerned for their safety they only back into their parking spot so they can make a quick getaway from a prisoner outbreak. Not talking about the measles.

Data centers are coming, like it or not. Electricity once alarmed people; now we depend on it. Leaders must prepare now to maximize the benefits, including company tax revenue that eases our burden.

Honey, I've lived here long enough to know we're stronger together. It's time our city and county became one government. If you feel the same, let's make sure our leaders hear us. Love my city!

Why do people want to go to the school board meetings whenever they have already made up their minds what they wanted to do? We went several times before telling them the money was going out the door. They knew all the questions and answers. No one has been held accountable about the money that was thrown away or stolen from the Dublin City Schools. At this point, probably no one will be held accountable.

Somebody told me a long time ago that Dublin used to have a one-cent sales tax.

Can we please get some speed bumps in the City Of Dudley?

The City Of Dudley needs to be interviewed by TV35 on their behind the scenes activities.

I pray that the Lord helps our country.

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PIECES OF OUR PAST

By SCOTT B. THOMPSON SR.

THE SANDERS TWINS - Dennard and Leonard Sanders, of lower Wilkinson County, were twins. Wherever you saw Dennard, Leonard was close by. The boys even married twins. During the war, the twins served together in the U.S. Navy. In March 1943, their ship was attacked by a German submarine. The boys figured out a way to get to the torpedo room to fire and sink the German boat. They were commended by the U.S. Secretary of the Navy Knox for their heroism and ingenuity. Macon News, March 8, 1943.

RE-PURPOSING A LANDMARK - Laurens County's fourth courthouse building was constructed on the courthouse square in the latter half of the 1840s. When a new courthouse was completed in 1895, the old courthouse was moved to the southeast corner of the square at the intersection of East Franklin and East Jackson St. T.B. Hicks, who had a deep affection for buying historical properties bought the building and put up under the management of Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Harrington. The new name for the two-story building was the "Artesian House" for its location across the street from the downtown's most prolific public well. Many businessmen thought a more modern, more attractive structure than the half-century-old, bland and ugly building remained. Macon Telegraph, Nov. 29, 1896.

THE NATIONAL GUARD RETURNS - Dublin's National Guard unit's predecessors were the local guards of the Georgia Militia in the 1890s. Many of the remaining men enlisted in the regular army in 1916 and 1917. During World War I, the local guards fought in different units. In September 1919, the local unit was established as Company A of the 121st Georgia Infantry. The headquarters was in Dublin for a few years before it was moved to Macon. The guards were kept intact until World War II. The army developed a policy of breaking up local units to prevent a local company from being completely wiped out.

On July 11, 1954, a unit for Dublin was established as Headquarters Company of the 286th Infantry Battalion Heavy Mortar National Guard.

Col. W.V. Crowley and Capt. Beverly B. Hayes were place in command. Macon News, Feb. 1, 1954.

ARE YOU SHAKIN' NUTS? - Andrew Stevens Jr., of Dublin, started thinking about an easier way to get his pecans to the ground. If you Google the question, "Who invented the pecan tree shaker?" you will see the name of Basil Savage, who used a tractor to shake the nuts loose, letting gravity take care of the rest of the process. In fact, two decades before, Andrew Stevens Jr., of Laurens County, jerry-rigged a tractor and materials around his orchard to harvest as much as ten thousand pounds of nuts per day. Stevens knew of only two other orchards in Georgia which were using their heads instead of their backs. Macon Telegraph, Dec. 11, 1943.

YOUNG SECRETARY - After she graduated from Wrightsville High School after three years at Dublin High School, Iris Kight took a secretarial job in the law office of Eugene Cook, Solicitor General of the Dublin Judicial Circuit. When Cook was named to head the Georgia Department of Revenue in the winter of 1943, Miss Kight, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kight, went along. Still 18, Miss Kight was the youngest secretary of a Georgia Department head in state history. Macon Telegraph, Feb. 10, 1943.

FARM CHAMPIONS - In grateful acknowledgement of service rendered to their county in its time of need, the Agricultural Achievement Award by the War Food Administration. Courier Herald, Dec. 2, 1943.

CHIEF MP - During the middle year of World War II, the city of Macon was having issues on how military personnel, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Cochran Field, Herbert Smart Airport, and Robins Field, were policed. Camp Wheeler Provost Marshal Major Phil Adams of Dublin was assigned to command military policeman in the four areas. Adams had been a lieutenant on the Georgia State Patrol before the war. Macon Telegraph. Jan. 21, 1943, Sept. 4, 1943.

NO WORKING FROM HOME - In 1825, the Georgia legislature passed a law requiring the Clerk of the Superior Court to have his office within five miles of the Courthouse. Georgia Journal & Messenger, Dec. 28, 1825.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

What are the names of the characters shown on the Monopoly™ game board?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

How was your Halloween? Did you get buckets and buckets of candy?

I didn't. I don't participate. I'm cheap.

The good part is, I realize it.

Next on the year-end holiday list is Thanksgiving, which is a real favorite. I know I've talked about it here before, but I reiterate - it's a favorite. I love any holiday that allows me to ignore my diet and eat to my heart's content.

Since last year, my heart has been less than content, but hey - you only live once.

Trivia, however, shows up every week. Here's the installment for this week! Enjoy!

Did you know ...

... elephants can run at 20 miles per hour? Hummingbirds can fly at 60 miles per hour. (Me, I'm lucky if I can get out of my chair.)

... in Egypt about 1400 B.C., there was a rather gross fashion practice? Among the rich women of Egypt at that time, the fashion involved placing a large cone of scented grease on top of their heads and keeping it there all day. As the day went along, the grease would melt and drip down over the women's bodies, coating their skin with an oily, glistening sheen and giving their clothing a fragrance. (Yeah, I'll bet it did.)

... the first U.S. Eagle Scout received his rank in 1912? Arthur Rose Eldred (1895-1951) was 17 years old and a member of Troop 1, Rockville Centre, New York when he achieved the milestone. The award was so new that the National Court of Honor deliberated an entire month before voting to approve the award, and Eldred had to wait another five months before receiving his Eagle Scout medal – it had to be manufactured. Eldred went on to become an agricultural and railroad industry executive. (I guess the Scouts weren't ... prepared.)

... the characters depicted on the Monopoly™ game cards and board have names? The fellow looking glumly from the "In Jail" space is named Jake the Jailbird. The police officer who took him to jail – and who takes you if you land on his image on "Go To Jail" or draw a bad Chance or Community Chest card – is Officer Edgar Mallory. And the portly gentleman with the tuxedo and flowing mustache, who is the official mascot of the game, is Mr. Monopoly. He was originally named Rich Uncle Milburn Pennybags, but his name was officially changed in 1999. (And no, he never wore a monocle. Not even once.)

... a once-popular amusement park ride is almost non-existent today? Back before 1950, one of the most popular rides in amusement parks was the Tunnel of Love. It was even featured in movies and cartoons. But after the 50s, public displays of affection became more accepted, and the ride – a slow, dark water ride in which couples took advantage of the moment to be affectionate – became more and more unnecessary. In 1950 there were about 700 Tunnel of Love rides nationwide. Today, according to Mental Floss, the number is in the single digits. (I have a line here, but it would close the show.)

... a color exists that is named after a President's daughter? You may have heard of alice blue, a shade of pale blue. It is named after Alice Roosevelt Longworth (1884-1980), eldest child of President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919). It was said that her eyes matched the shade. Additional trivia note: the color made it to Broadway in the 1919 musical Irene, featuring a song called "Alice Blue Gown." (TR once said he could either govern the country or Alice, but not both. I think I understand.)

... salt can be poisonous? We all need some daily intake of salt in our diets, but too much of anything – even salt – is not necessarily a good thing. Eating a lot of salt all at once, for instance, is just as effective a method of suicide as taking cyanide. In ancient China, in fact, a popular method of committing suicide involved eating several spoonsful of salt. (What a salty way to go.)

... Russia has many more women than it has men? As of 2015, women in Russia outnumbered men by some 11 million. The primary reason is the number of Russian men who were killed during World War II. (That explains the "Marry a Russian bride" ads I used to get in the mail.)

... the ancient Greeks may have come up with the Cyclops after finding a mammoth skull and not knowing what it was? The Cyclops, the mythical giant one-eyed creature that menaced Odysseus and his crew, is thought to be based on a mammoth skull. National Geographic magazine reported that paleontologists think the large hole in the center of the skull – where the trunk would come out – was considered by the Greeks to be an eye socket. They then built the entire myth of the Cyclops from that. (That would explain it, I agree.)

... instant mashed potatoes were invented in the 1950s? Made from potatoes that are too small to be graded or otherwise rejected for other uses, the potatoes were initially made into granules with the consistency of sand. In 1962, however, the instant potato flake was developed, which all but pushed the granules off of store shelves. The granules are making a comeback these days, however, as many people feel the mashed potatoes created from them are more "true to life" than those made from the potato flakes. (Whatever; they beat peeling spuds any day of the week.)

... it would only take 1.2% of the Sahara Desert, covered in solar panels, to supply all of the energy needs of the world? (That's the good news. The bad news is, who'd keep those panels cleaned of sand?)

Now ... you know!

COUCH THEATRE

BY DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

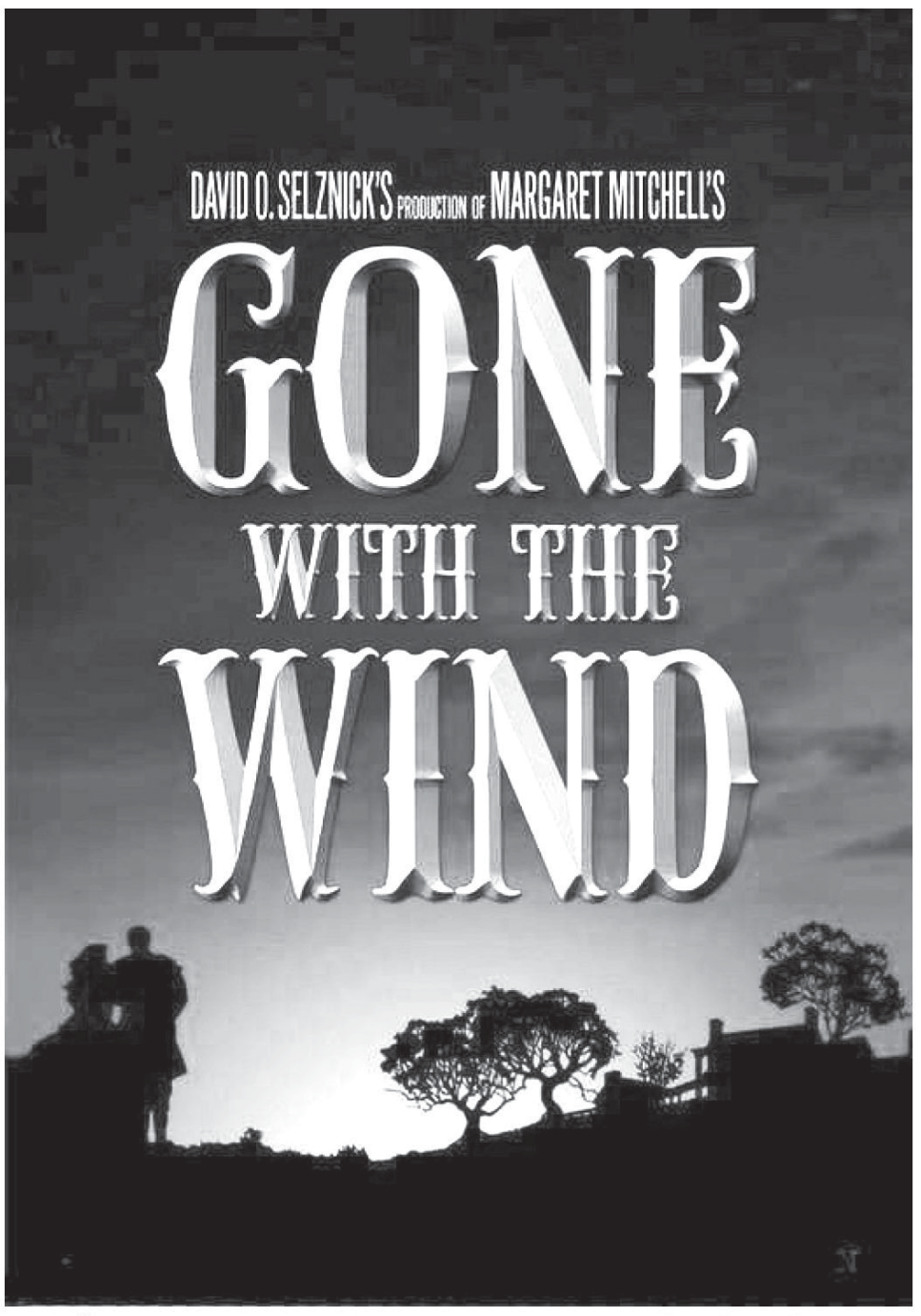
"Verity" (R) -- This erotic psychological thriller is yet another adaptation of a novel from Colleen Hoover ("It Ends With Us"). Led by the trio of Anne Hathaway ("The Odyssey"), Dakota Johnson ("Materialists"), and Josh Hartnett ("Below"), the film follows a writer named Lowen (Johnson) who gets approached by the husband of a mainstream author for a ghostwriting opportunity. Lowen just needs to finish the final book of Verity Crawford's (Hathaway) popular series, since Verity is unable to do so due to a terrible car accident that left her catatonic. Verity's husband, Jeremy (Hartnett), allows Lowen to move into their house, where Lowen then discovers an unfinished manuscript of Verity's autobiography with a confession that sends her into an all-out spiral. The film is out now to rent after pulling in $162.7 million at the box office (at the time of this writing). (Fandango at Home)

"Buddy" (R) -- Next up to rent this week is this black-comedy horror film that might seem like it's for the entire family, but it's definitely the stuff of nightmares! The film first lures viewers into a 1990s children's show (Think "Barney & Friends") that's hosted by a talking unicorn with magical powers, named Buddy (Keegan-Michael Key). Then, it simultaneously weaves in and out of "the real world," where a woman named Grace (Cristin Milioti) senses that her house is haunted by a spirit. After hiring a psychic investigator who performs a ritual to contact said spirit, Grace gets sucked into Buddy's show, where she sees firsthand that Buddy tends to get very angry, and this tendency can turn deadly very quickly. Only then is she able to put together the puzzle pieces behind the show's existence. (Amazon Prime Video)

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"It was a blessing to be there," said Lula Leckie, who was among the delegation from the Dublin Church. "In the Catholic Church, Mass is where Heaven and Earth come together to give glory and praise to God. We were grateful to have this opportunity. It was a chance of a lifetime."

Most recently, the mission of Tupiqui, where Frey Blas Rodrigues was killed, was discovered on Creighton Island by archeologists. Also attending the ceremony were Frank and Martha Williams, owners of Creighton.

In 1595, Spain sent missionaries to serve on the coast of Georgia, after Jesuit missionaries left the area numerous years before. Fray Francisco de Verascola served at the mission, Talaje in Darien, where Fort King George is located. Fray Blass Rodriguez was at Tupiqui on Creighton, Fray Pedro de Corpa was at Tolomato. The location has not yet been identified, but possible locations are the north end of Harris Neck, Sutherland Bluff or current day Tolomato in Carneghan. Friars Miguel de Anon and Antonio de Badajoz ministered on St. Catherine's Island in Liberty County.

The friars preached the Gospel and lived peacefully among the thousands of Guale natives, without any Spanish military protection. Until one day in September 1597 when Friar Pedro de Corpa at Tolomato would not permit don Juanillo, who was baptized Christian and was in line to become the head of the chiefdom (cacique), to take a second wife, which was the custom of the Guale people, but not the custom of a baptized Christian.

The Catholic diocesan publication, The Southern Cross, Sept. 13, 2018 issue, stated: Fray Pedro at Tolomato probably had the ultimate responsibility for defining the official position of the Church. Perhaps after consultation with Fray Blas in the nearby mission of Tupiqui, and adhering faithfully at the Church's teaching on the essential nature of Christian marriage as the exclusive union of one man and one woman, Fray Pedro admonished the errant Juanillo to adhere to the marriage promises he had made as a baptized Christian in receiving the sacrament of Matrimony. Moreover, in union with Blas, he made known his opposition to Juanillo's succession as cacique."



Cardinal Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and Representative for His Holiness Pope Leo XIX, presents the Homily following the unveiling of the image of the five martyrs/**DUBOSE PORTER**



The procession entered the Savannah Convention Center holding a Palmetto and the Cross, symbolic of the friars who lost their lives on the Georgia Coast in the Spanish Missions in what is now McIntosh and Liberty counties in the late 1590's/**DUBOSE PORTER**

That did not sit well with Juanillo, so he assembled a Guale revolt. He gathered his warriors and murdered Fray Pedro de Corpa with a macana, a wooden club, on Sept. 14, 1597. Next, Fray Miguel de Anon and Fray Antonio, a layman, were massacred on St. Catherine's. Then they headed to Tupiqui, where Briar Blas was killed by a macana to the head.

Then Fray Francisco de Verascola was arriving by canoe to his mission at Lower Bluff in Darien, bringing supplies back from St. Augustine, when he was taken by surprise by the warriors and killed by blows from a macana.

The process of canonization ḃ ecoming a saint) is called a Cause and it can't begin until five years after a candidate has passed away. The Cause for Canonization for the five friars began in 1950, 353 years after their deaths. Franciscan Fr. Marion Habig was appointed as the first Vice-Postulator for the Cause.

Then in 1984, the 12th Bishop of Savannah, Raymond W. Lessard accepted the petition for canonization of the five martyrs and the process of Diocesan Investigation began. On March 16, 2007, that phase was complete, and the documents submitted to the Congregation ḣ ow Dicastery) for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

On Jan. 27, 2025, Pope Francis authorized the Dicastery of the Causes of Saints to recognize the martyrdom of the five friars in 1597 in which they were murdered "in hatred of the faith." That decree makes it possible for the beatification of five venerable servants of God, which was held on Oct. 31.

The beatification ceremony was deemed "Blessed" and worthy of imitation by the faithful.

Most Rev. Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, welcomed Pope Leo XIV's official delegate, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto, and the numerous bishops, vast number of clergy and the faithful to the beatification celebration.

The homily was delivered by His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, who called for holiness, respect for human dignity, the sanctity of marriage and family, and evangelization through missionary witness.

He said, "Very often today, aspects of Catholic faith are challenged by many, and in countless ways we are cajoled and tempted to water down the very demands of the Gospel, to compromise the integrity of our faith, and to conform ourselves to the spirit of this age. And yet today, we come to comprehend more clearly the need to always put Christ first, and to see everything and anyone in our life, relationships, studies, work, and ministry, in relation to Him and to His eternal kingdom.

"This beatification has likewise celebrated a very important milestone year of two types. First, we're in the midst of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America....It is a duty for us to keep praying and striving for true unity and healing in this land and of every land across the world, since polarization is not from God.

"The second significant commemoration this year is the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. (O ct. 31) " he noted.

"The church considers martyrdom as an exceptional gift and as the fullest proof of love. By martyrdom, a disciple was transformed into the image of his master by freely accepting death for the salvation of the world, as well as the conformity to Christ and the shedding of His blood."

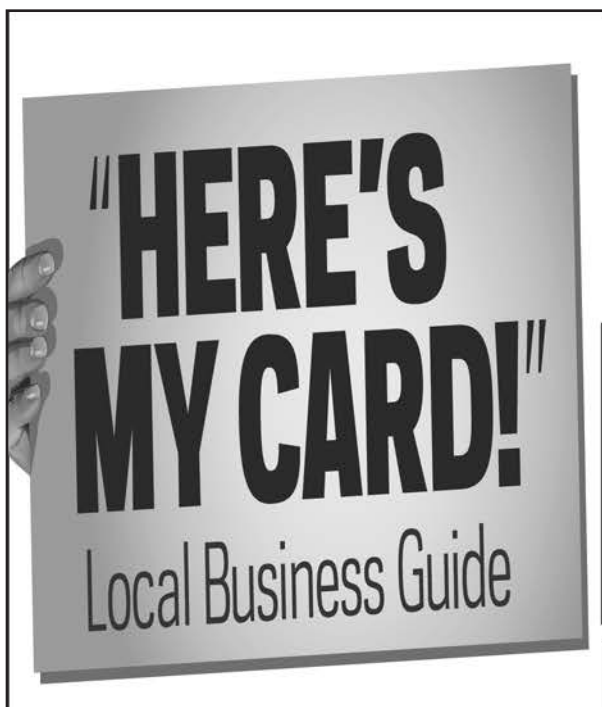
There were three specific dimensions of the Georgia martyrs that he noted. "First is their witness to the universal call for holiness and service. We can never overstate how crucial it is for followers of Christ to embrace the vocation to become saints..."

The second aspect was the martyrs' witness to the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of marriage and family.

The third aspect was "their witness to evangelization and dialog with apostolic zeal and charity. Intuitively, what comes to mind when we consider the life and death of our beloved and blessed friars are Jesus's words in the Gospel of John. No one has greater love than this to lay down one's life for one's friends, having left everyone and everything behind to follow the Lord, a calling which brought them across the Atlantic to this very place, they fulfilled Christ's words with great zeal and vigor."

Kathleen Russell, Editor and Publisher of The Darien News, contributed to this article.





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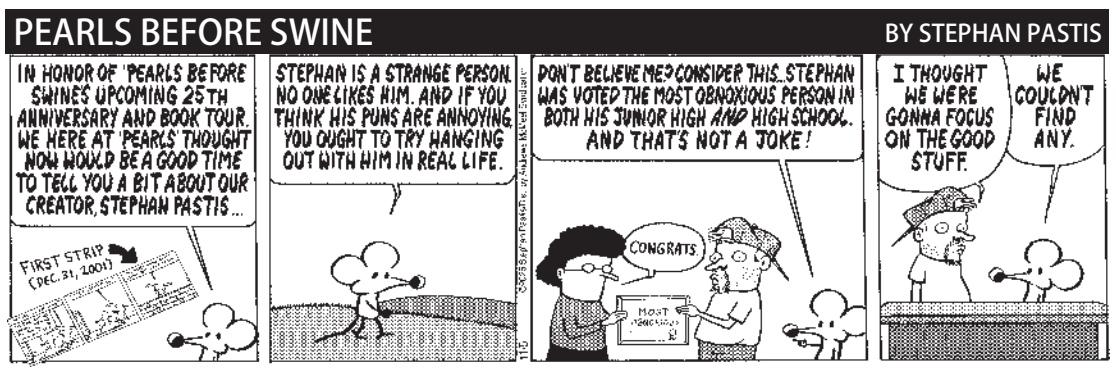
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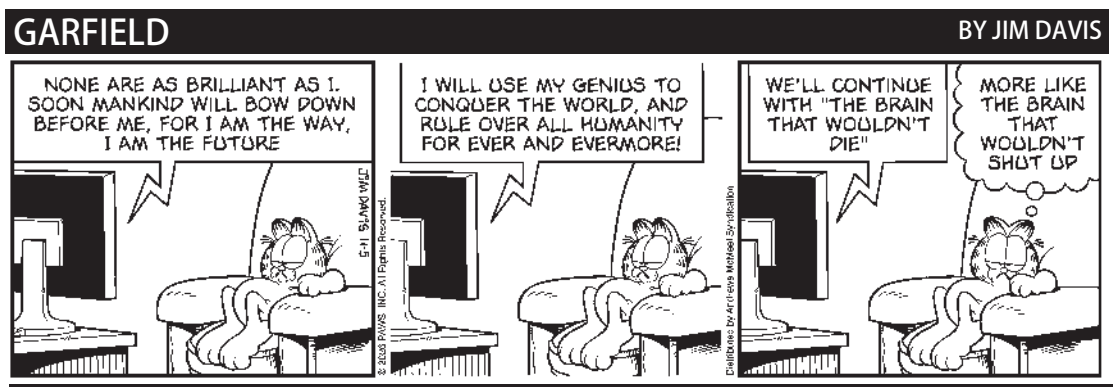
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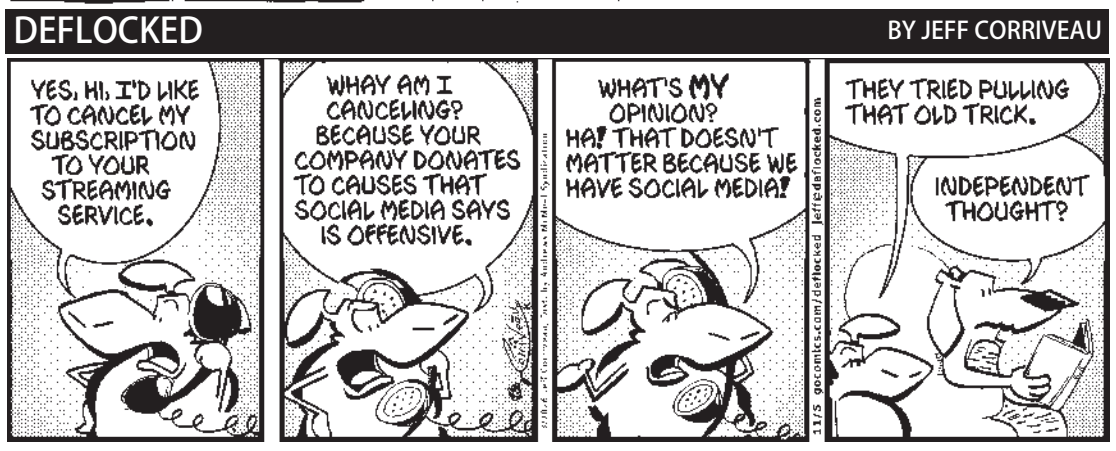
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Young trespassers were playing with fire



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: There is an 8-foot privacy fence all around my backyard, except for a small path that goes from the corner of the driveway around the side of the house. You can't see the path or the backyard from the street.

The other evening, I was grilling dinner when a pair of young women walked right up inside the fence. One of them introduced herself as a college student from Europe. At first, I thought they were hurt or something and needed help, but then they said they were selling magazines.

I asked them to back off my property and told them that strangers needed to use the front door to people's houses. I wanted to add that, at least where I live, it can be dangerous to trespass, and they were lucky my dog was inside.

It seems obvious to me that backyards, especially fenced ones, are private, and they should have known better. Then I got to wondering if that is true everywhere. Are there places where letting yourself into a stranger's fenced yard would be OK? As an aside, I know they were probably not college students or legitimately selling magazines -- that's an old one.) -- PRIVATE PROPERTY

DEAR PRIVATE PROPERTY: You are correct on every level. What these young women did was foolish, rude, illegal and potentially dangerous. In Europe, just as in the U.S., a backyard is sacrosanct, and strangers should never enter without an invitation. These "students" were playing dumb because they got caught, and every part of their story is pure malarkey.

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DEAR ABBY: Fifty-two years ago, while in high school, I met a young lady. We hung out then and for two years after graduation. We did everything together, and at the time it seemed she was my soulmate. Then I dumped her with no explanation except that I had met someone else. I married that someone else within a year.

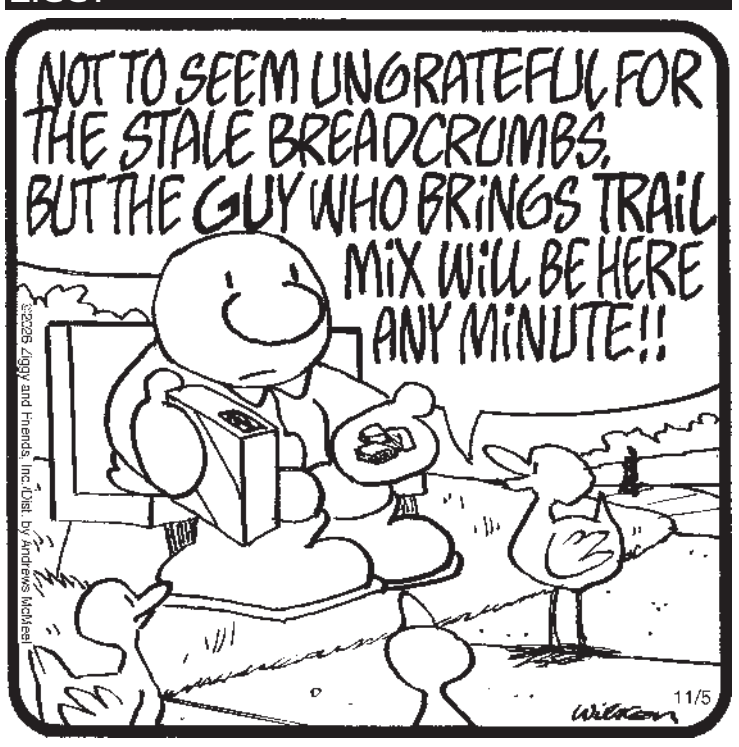
Twenty years went by, and during that time I reached out to the first lady a few times to wish her happy birthday and say that I hope all is well. After a few attempts at this, I received a certified letter saying I was to have no contact with her; otherwise, attorneys would become involved. It has now been 30 years of silence between us.

For more than half a century, I never thought about needing to apologize for leading that woman on when she was expecting our relationship to lead to marriage. In your opinion, would it be right to send her a letter to apologize for all the years of never saying I'm sorry, I was insensitive, and I was an idiot? -- ANOTHER DUMB MALE

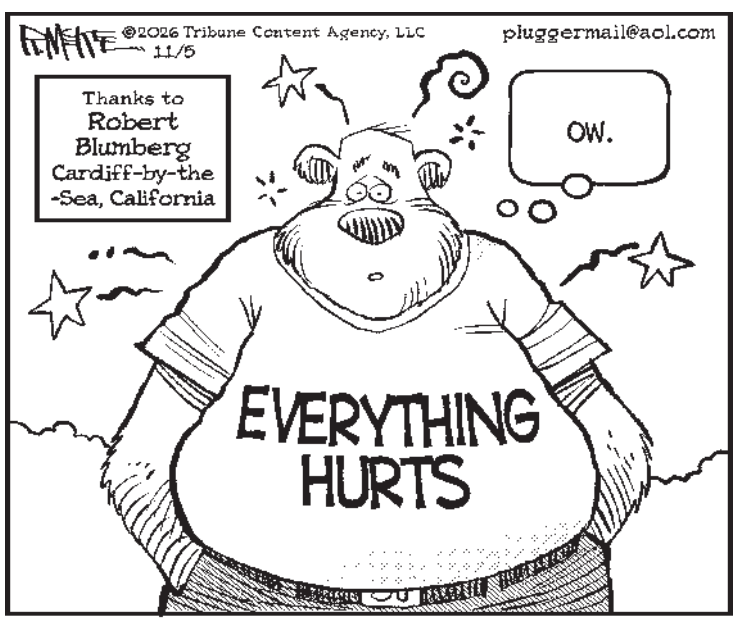
DEAR MALE: What part of "no contact" don't you understand? This woman wants nothing to do with you, and rightly so. You broke her heart. No matter how profusely and sincerely you apologize, she is not going to forgive you. The letter you want to send would be for your benefit, not hers. Stop being selfish, and let her leave that emotional trauma in the distant past.

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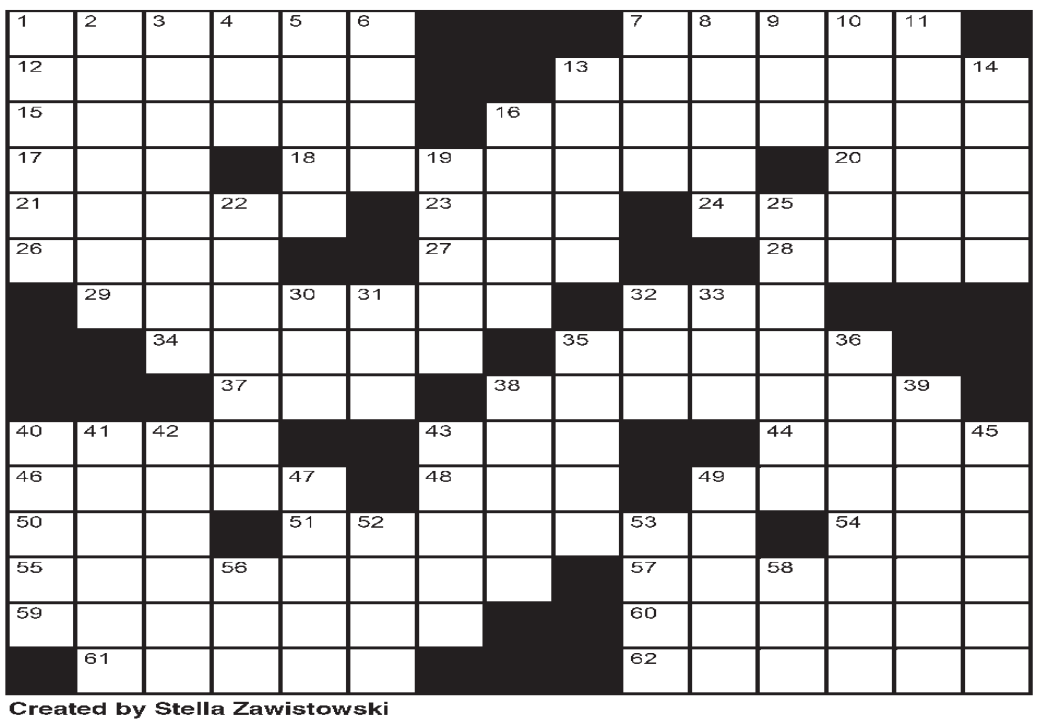
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East would call his double a "Lead-Directing Double". He can call it whatever he likes, but a double is a penalty double until someone else bids. The doubler must not only want a lead in that suit, but he should have enough defense to defeat that contract if the opponents decide to play it there. Two diamonds doubled would be a hard contract to defeat on this deal. The double "worked" here, as West led the ace of diamonds against four hearts. He continued with a diamond to the 10 and East cashed the king of diamonds. West discarded an encouraging spade on the third diamond, which should have been all it took to defeat four hearts. Instead of leading a spade, however, East tried to promote West's trump holding by leading the queen of diamonds at trick four.

South made the most of this chance. He ruffed with the queen of hearts and led the ace of hearts. Noting the fall of the jack from East, South led a heart to dummy's nine, finessing West out of his 10. South cashed dummy's king of hearts, followed by two more hearts as South discarded both of his spades. In the resulting four-card ending, West could not keep all four of his clubs and the ace of spades. West had to make a discard that gave declarer his contract. West might have ruffed the third diamond and cashed the ace of spades, but he never thought East would ignore his signal.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS
1 Captain ___ (rum brand)
7 Greatly fear
12 To an excessive degree
13 Handled, as a sword
15 Iridescent materials
16 Causing weariness
17 Three-part race, for short
18 Rode a bicycle
20 Operated
21 Unexpected problem
23 "Get ___ of that!"
24 Fragrance
26 "Kiss From a Rose" singer
27 Bitter beer
28 Kentucky Derby numbers
29 Advertising phrases
32 ___ pal (female friend)
34 Big wading bird
35 "Tell me everything!"
37 Burning to the touch
38 Poker game error
40 Bill with Lincoln's picture
43 "Cool" amount of money
44 Firmly hold
46 Mennonite group
48 "It's ___ in the details"
49 Tea variety
50 Actress Lupino
51 "Sounds right": 3 wds.
54 NBC sketch show: Abbr.
55 Site
57 Force (to)
59 Kids' winter creations
60 Charge with a crime
61 "Nice to ___ you!"
62 Wish for water

DOWN
1 Calendar units
2 Egg-bearing organs
3 Solo concerts
4 Angry dog's sound
5 First Hebrew letter
6 Wall Street group: Abbr.
7 Horror-inspiring
8 Oboe parts
9 Chicago trains
10 Loved and admired
11 Supply and ___
13 Author Oscar
14 Fender blemishes
16 Coin-toss choice
19 Imbibed
22 Pants, shirts, and skirts
25 Higher-ed institution
30 Gloppy gunk
31 Creative pursuit
32 Google Maps tech: Abbr.
33 Help out
35 Nonsensical
36 Delphinium
38 Italian fashion city
39 Female in a pride
40 Falls short
41 "No more for me": 2 wds.
42 CBS merger partner
43 Stoneworker
45 Bit of hamster food
47 Blackjack requst: 2 wds.
49 Pup
52 Eating plan
53 Jazzy singing style
56 Wonderment
58 1101, in Roman numerals

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ANSWER:

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Brentwood begins GIAA playoffs; JoCo, Wheeler Co. go for region titles in final week of GHSA's regular season

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

The playoffs are here! Well, kind of.

GHSA members still have a week left to wrap up regular seasons, and make final playoff cases before brackets are set and the state tournament begins next week.

But postseason play will begin for qualifiers out of the GIAA this Friday as the remainder of the Heart of Georgia completes week 12.

Second-seeded Brentwood (7-3) kicks off its pursuit of a third-straight AA state championship at home against Southland (4-6), with some renewed confidence after last week's return of its fearless leader at quarterback in Baylor Cobb, who's hopeful to give it a go on an injured knee that had him sidelined for the bulk of October.

Despite their slow start and rash of recent injuries complicating a potential road back to the top, wins in seven of the last eight games have the Eagles feeling the buzz once again as confidence rises in their chances of making another run.

A region champion will be crowned in Millen, where No. 1 Johnson County (9-0) faces Jenkins County (5-4) for top honors in 5-A, and can complete a second-straight perfect regular season if its dominant play in the three phases – good for an average victory margin of 41 points – rolls on.

Wheeler County (5-4, 4-1 region 4-A) will also be playing for its second-straight, in need of just a win at Dooly County (3-6, 2-3 region) to clinch a race that was neck-and-neck between multiple contenders just a week ago. Though the Bulldogs will be a sizable favorite, chaos still looms should they have trouble closing the deal on the road in a league where stranger things have happened this season.

Locally, a title may also ride indirectly on the outcome of a battle between two of region 3-AAA's hottest teams in West Laurens (5-4, 4-1 region) and Windsor Forest (5-4, 2-3 region), who both come into The SHU riding two-game win streaks.

The Raiders rose to 21st in the Post Season Rankings with the results of an open week last Friday, but due to the volume of once- and twice-beatens still above them at the top of the list, a win alone likely won't provide enough of a boost to get them a first-round home game without an automatic shoo into the top 16 that's afforded the region champ.

Needing New Hampstead to hand Harlem a second region loss to make that a possibility, West Laurens will likely sneak a few glances at the out-of-town scoreboard over the course of the night, though it won't be able to afford not to keep both eyes on its own matchup with the Knights, who have too much speed at the skill positions and size on the lines to overlook.

East Laurens (3-6, 2-3 region 2-AA) and No. 3 Dublin (8-1, 5-0 region), crosstown rivals who are both secure in their playoff standing going into the season's final week, will play their 33rd all-time meeting in the Shamrock Bowl. Irish eyes will be on a ninth win needed to maximize chances at securing a top playoff seed in the upcoming bracket, while the Falcons look to make some more noise in a matchup that's had a good bit of it from their side the past two seasons.

Whether this edition goes the direction of a Dublin runaway that's the historical trend, or sees East Laurens continue a season-long pattern of strong performances on the road to put some more pressure on the Irish, will depend on which version of the Falcons shows up.

In the rest of week 12's regular-season finales, Montgomery County (4-5, 0-3 region 1-A) plays host to Claxton (5-4, 0-3 region) as both teams look to salvage a win in their last region games; Dodge County (4-5, 2-3 region 2-AA) travels to ACE Charter (5-4, 1-4 region) in desperate need of a victory to break up its three-game slide and perhaps avoid going on the road again in the first round of the playoffs; Treutlen (7-2, 3-2 region 4-A) bids a fond farewell to Bobby Driggers Stadium, its longtime home field, in its final regular-season home game against Wilcox County (0-9, 0-5 region); and Twiggs County (1-8, 0-5 region 5-A) hosts Hancock Central (2-7, 1-4 region) looking to make the best of one last opportunity to pick up an elusive second win.

WEEK 11: HOW THE REST OF THE AREA FARED

Wheeler Co. whips Telfair to take lead in 4-A; Treutlen tramples Hawkinsville; Swainsboro dismantles Dodge

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Wheeler Co. 42, Telfair Co. 25

Three ball-carriers reached triple digits – Jah Dinkins 273 for the team lead – as the Bulldogs manhandled their way to a massive home victory to take exclusive control (by virtue of a loss by former co-leader Hawkinsville) of first place in region 4-A. Dinkins ran for two touchdowns on his 14 carries, but was joined with multiple big plays, and big numbers in the rushing count, by Malik Madison, who ran for 129 and a TD, and John Miller, who scored twice on 131. Wheeler County had 533 yards total, with the addition of 68 yards passing on a 5-for-8 night by quarterback Kavion Williams. J.J. Woodard caught three of those passes for a total of 51.



Wheeler County running back John Miller roars after one of his two touchdown runs in the Bulldogs' home win over Telfair County Friday night/LOGAN REYNOLDS, GTLN

Treutlen 41, Hawkinsville 7

The Vikings rushed for 352 yards as a team, and kicked over another important domino in the 4-A title race, to beat Hawkinsville for only the second time ever, 65 years since the only other in 1961. Peanut Tobler was the star of the ground attack with 19 carries for 90 yards and five touchdowns, but Treutlen was led by the 135 of Jabari Taylor, who had its only other score. The Red Devils, whose Ethan Coffey completed six passes for 108 yards, were held to only 58 on the ground, with Johnathan Solomon punching in their only touchdown of the game on a seven-yard keeper to tie things up at 7 midway through the first quarter. But the Vikings retook the lead with their first of five unanswered touchdowns, and held onto it tightly from there. Michael Boone recovered a fumble and Jalek Johnson came up with an interception for a hand in multiple Treutlen stops defensively. Major Morton completed two passes, both to Zan Stokes, for 62 yards. Tobler, who is in position to potentially break the school's single-season rushing record held by Cartel McLendon, broke 100 in all-purpose yardage with two kickoff returns for 40.

Swainsboro 52, Dodge Co. 13

This was a surefire trap game, coming on the heels of emotional rivalry matchups in back-to-back weeks, that turned to a woodshed trip for the Indians as Swainsboro took full advantage of their struggles completing tackles and controlling run gaps on its way to 326 rushing yards. Kyle Johnson pounded out 240 of them, and three touchdowns, on 38 carries. Marco Danford and Daveyhon Williams also scored once each in support. A Dodge defensive bust led to the biggest of two touchdown passes for Joshua Gray, going 52 yards over the middle to a wide-open Christian Tarver, for one of his seven completions that totaled 116. Shannon Benjamin had the other touchdown reception. The teams traded two scores each in the early portion before things came apart, and Swainsboro reeled off the rest unanswered starting in the second quarter. The Tigers' lead was only 19-13 at the break, but two more touchdowns in each of the final two quarters, then a final pick-six, gave them all 33 of the game's remaining points.

McIntosh Co. Academy 12, Montgomery Co. 0

Touchdown runs by Earnest McIntosh (18 carries for 97 yards) and Keyshawn Tyson (six for 78) gave the Buccaneers an upper hand in a tight one as some recent struggles finishing drives continued for MoCo, which has scored just 13 points in region play. The Eagles rushed for 137 yards of their 198 total, but couldn't find a touchdown on any of Zaden Waller's 22 carries that produced 120, or a 61-yard pass completion from Elijah McEwen to Kenya Tate. MCA rushed for 257 yards as a team. Hayden Hayes and Christian Jordan led the Montgomery County defense with double-digit tackles.

Washington Co. 48, Butler 0

Daveion Holmes ran for 123 yards on nine carries, Kade Swint for 94, and multiple touchdowns each as the Golden Hawks put away any questions lingered that surrounding a 19th-consecutive state playoff berth going into their last game of the regular season. Marderius Poole added 74 yards rushing, and Aiden Watts a pick-six, to assist in completing the shutout.

Appling Co. 11, Toombs Co. 7

The Pirates shocked the state by not only going on the road to upset AAA's top-ranked team, but also holding Toombs to its smallest point total since 2024, on a single touchdown that resulted from a fumble inside their own 5. The Appling County defense, impressively, limited the Bulldogs to only 47 yards rushing and picked off two passes of Joseph Owens, whose 10 completions for 169 produced the balance of their offense. The Pirates got all but 14 of their 272 total yards on the ground, where Jaiden Knight carried the load on 25 attempts for 204 and their only touchdown to draw first blood early in quarter 3. Eduardo Delgado added a 35-yard field goal for some insurance in the fourth, but Knight's two-point conversion run after the score would've been enough to win it, as Toombs opted to kick the point-after its score to answer later in the quarter on a run by Donterrius Mincey. The Dogs would be denied any further opportunity on positive drives that ended in another interception, and on downs.

Peach Co. 52, Baldwin 24

The Braves held a slight 452 to 426 edge in total yardage, but were outscored significantly – a difference of 10 in the first half and 18 more in the second – by a Peach County attack that maxed out its opportunities to put points on the board, including with a second of the teams' two reciprocal turnovers. The Trojans' Caiden Ivory was 7-of-17 for 128 yards and a touchdown passing, and rushed for 99 and two others. Ashton Barton carried 25 times for 141 and a TD, and Deandre Stinson added a couple more scores on 58, plus a pick-six on defense. The bulk of Baldwin's 452-yard total was passing yardage belonging to Kamden Patterson, who completed 32 out of 44 for 334 and two touchdowns, but was picked off twice. He also rushed for a touchdown on 37 of 118 more that came on the ground.

Troup 42, Howard 14

The Tigers won big to set up a top-ranked battle Friday with fellow unbeaten Peach for the region 2-AAAA title in LaGrange. Howard's Tashawn Poole and Milton Ivery picked off two of his passes, but Troup's Chase Mosley was otherwise 10-of-17 for 176 yards through the air, with a passing touchdown to Davis Moncus and a rushing score on one of three carries for 58. Moncus would come up with two intended receptions for 65 yards, but also a couple throws of the Huskies' Zavion Deshazier, who'd be picked off three times on a 12-for-25 line that rendered 180 yards and both Howard's touchdowns, on two of Poole's six catches numbering 167. The Tigers went on to rush for 378 and five difference-making TDs. Tristan Moss scored three of them on 19 carries for 116 yards, but was joined in triple-figures by Javarris Warner (105) and Kadarin Smith (100).

SCOREBOARD

FLAG FOOTBALL
Monday
East Laurens 26, ECI 0

Tuesday
EL 13, Dodge Co. 6

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
Friday
EL at Dublin
Windsor Forest at West Laurens
Johnson Co. at Jenkins Co.
Claxton at Montgomery Co.
Dodge Co. at ACE Charter
Wilcox Co. at Treutlen
Hancock Central at Twiggs Co.
Wheeler Co. at Dooly Co.
/7:30 p.m.

GIAA Playoffs, Round 1
Southland at Brentwood
/7:30 p.m.

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Other week 11 finals...

Jones Co. 51, Warner Robins 14
Callaway 42, Central Macon 6
Upson-Lee 16, Westside Macon 8
ECI 36, Portal 28
Houston Co. 56, Northside 34
Jackson 45, Southwest 16
Jeff Davis 41, Berrien 20
Jefferson Co. 28, Glenn Hills 22



THE PANEL...	RODNEY MANLEY	PAYTON TOWNS III	KYLE DOMINY	JEREMY PAYNE	JANICE BALLARD	RALPH JACKSON	DON CARSWELL	FORREST KILGO
Last week/OVERALL	10-1/98-33	9-2/91-40	9-2/80-51	9-2/98-33	9-2/90-41	10-1/95-36	10-1/95-36	9-2/91-40
THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS...								
East Laurens at Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin	Dublin
Windsor Forest at West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens	West Laurens
Johnson Co. at Jenkins Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.
Southland at Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood	Brentwood
Edmund Burke at Briarwood	Briarwood	Briarwood	Briarwood	Edmund Burke	Briarwood	Edmund Burke	Edmund Burke	Briarwood
Pierce Co. at Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.
Houston Co. at Lee Co.	Lee Co.	Lee Co.	Lee Co.	Lee Co.	Lee Co.	Houston Co.	Lee Co.	Lee Co.
Hawkinsville at Telfair Co.	Telfair Co.	Telfair Co.	Hawkinsville	Telfair Co.	Hawkinsville	Telfair Co.	Telfair Co.	Hawkinsville
Peach Co. at Troup	Troup	Peach Co.	Peach Co.	Peach Co.	Peach Co.	Troup	Troup	Peach Co.
Perry at Warner Robins	Perry	Perry	Perry	Warner Robins	Perry	Perry	Perry	Warner Robins
Georgia at Ole Miss	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia
Alabama at LSU	LSU	LSU	Alabama	LSU	LSU	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama

HIGHLIGHT REEL: SCENES FROM WEST LAURENS' RUN AT THE STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



Second baseman Ella Thompson with a somersault tag to catch Cherokee Bluff's Haley Stephenson stealing for an out that helped secure Thursday's 10-4 victory to advance in the winner's bracket/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Chandler Malone fires one back in after a play in the outfield during Saturday's first win over Heritage/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Peyton Crabb pitches during Wednesday's opening win over Ridgeland/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Demmie Moss celebrates after rounding the bases on her three-run home run that put West Laurens up 5-2 in the second inning of Saturday's last game **/DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



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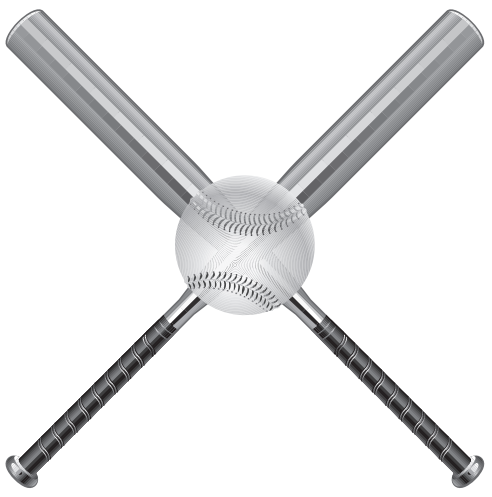
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Demmie Moss tags Ridgeland's Jordyn Thomas for an out at third base in Wednesday's opening win/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Catcher Kinsley Moore, another of the Raiders' fearless freshmen, fires back a Moss pitch late in the first of Saturday's games against Heritage, a 4-3 win to force a re-match with North Hall/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Allie Sahli advances two West Laurens runners with a fly ball during Friday's loss to North Hall **/DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Paisley Powell slides in safely to score on a base hit by Madison Brown that was part of a six-run third inning to put West Laurens up 11-2 in Saturday's finale against North Hall **/DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**

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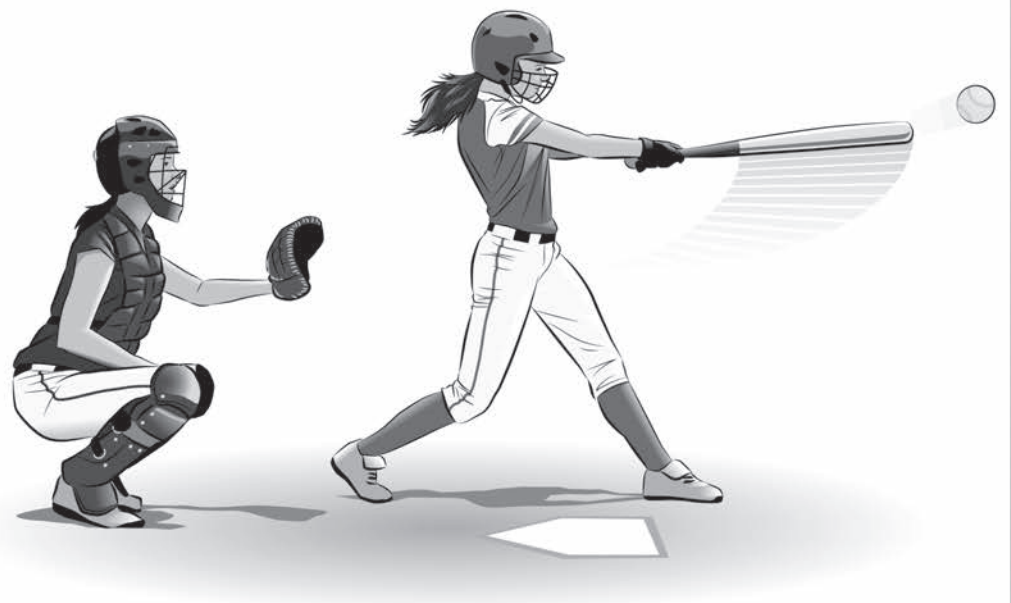
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Audrie Edenfield puts one in play Wednesday against Ridgeland/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Paisley Powell tracks down a pop-up near the first base dugout in the fifth inning of Thursday's matchup against Bluff **/DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



HOW SWEET IT IS!: Player siblings Lydia Sahli and Ariel Edenfield crash the postgame photo scene with a shower of pixie sticks – a treat of special importance to several upperclassmen on this WLHS team who were part of Dudley Little League's 12U all-stars that advanced to the Southeast Regionals in 2021. Thompson, who was also the head coach of that squad, had famously banned the powdered candy from team functions when those players arrived at the high school, remembering how several had gone a little too crazy with a case of them that a parent supplied for the trip. He made an exception for another handful that were brought along to toast Saturday's state title/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Maggie Shea Lord crosses the plate to score one of Thursday's 10 runs in a second-round win over Cherokee Bluff/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**

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