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MoCo commissioners approve new development authority contract

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners approved a renewed 15 year contract for the Montgomery County Development Authority on Nov. 9 during their regular monthly meeting.

Under the new contract, the county will pay the development authority equal to one mil, up from a one half mil payment under the previous contract. To make up these funds, the commissioners opted to utilize funds received from the local solar farm.

According to the development authority's executive director Michael Stanley, the increased payment will assist in the organization by providing it with sufficient resources to develop sites to be attractive to potential businesses.

"In the past, we've never had the funding to, you know..., put a bid out to see how far we could flesh that out," said Stanley during the board's Nov. 5 work session. "There has been conversation about it for sure, but beyond that, I would say the conversation is kind of null and void without the promise of some way to make it happen."

When asked if the authority had any specific plans to pursue with the increased funds, Stanley said no, because they have not had the funds to pursue any specific projects.

"I don't have a packet that I can say, 'Hey, this is the spec building that we want to do,' because we've never had the funds to do them," said Stanley.

However, if the board moved forward with the increased funding, Stanley confirmed the development authority board's next step would be beginning to determine a project to move forward with, as opposed to waiting and building up a reservoir of funds.

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Sue Johnson featured at Garden Club

SPECIAL TO THE TRI-COUNTY CONNECTOR

The Mt Vernon Garden Club Meeting on Nov. 10, 2026 was filled with interesting history, fellowship and a special tribute to those who have served and are currently serving in the military. Members brought photos of family members who had served in the military which made the meeting all that much more special since they were also recognizing Veterans Day.

Gail McDaniel gave a very moving devotional referring to John 15:13, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. A very appropriate verse recognizing those who have sacrificed their lives in times of war. She noted that Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, observed on Nov. 11, which commemorates the end of World War I and honors those who served. In the United States it became Veterans Day in 1954. A prayer was offered thanking them for their sacrifice.

Guest speaker Sue Johnson was introduced. Sue is a native of Vidalia and had been a member of the garden club there. She presented a program entitled "The Hanging Gardens of Babylon," which was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. She took us back in time to ancient Babylon, sharing the story of these remarkable gardens, believed to have been filled with beautiful trees, flowering plants, lush greenery and elaborate irrigation systems. Members learned about the history and mystery surrounding the gardens, including the stories of how such magnificent gardens may have been created in an otherwise dry landscape. We do not know for certain that the Hanging Gardens of Babylon existed. It remains one of the greatest mysteries of the ancient world. However, it was an enjoyable and educational program, and we are grateful to our guest speaker for sharing this fascinating glimpse into the gardens of the ancient world.

The program concluded with the garden club business meeting, during which members attended to club matters, discussed upcoming activities and took care of other organizational business.









Brewton-Parker Christian University held its "History Under the Stars" Event on Nov. 10 in its Historic Village, where United States military veterans Russia Little, Ric Robins, Karl Emmanuelson and Norman Munthe spoke about their experiences in the armed forces. The event also saw music performed by the Brewton-Parker Christian University Chamber Ensemble/**LOGAN REYNOLDS**

Brewton-Parker's "History Under the Stars" highlights Vietnam and Gulf War veterans

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

Brewton-Parker Christian University held its "History Under the Stars" event on the evening of Nov. 10 in its campus' Historic Village, allowing four United States veterans to speak about their experiences in the armed forces.

The event was introduced by Dr. Matthew Lempke, the university's assistant professor of history. Lumpke detailed how he became interested in history and veterans' stories during his time as a college student, when he attended a veteran panel group of survivors from the USS Indianapolis which sank on July 30, 1945.

"I think it shows you the power of hearing stories from veterans in different generations, especially to you young college students out there, because you never know what seeds of inspiration might be planted," said Dr. Lumpke.

Dr. Lumpke explained the purpose of the event was to highlight four veterans who served in and between the Vietnam War and the Gulf War to give attendees a greater understanding of both their service and their treatment afterwards.

The event saw musical performances by the Brewton-Parker Christian University Chamber Ensemble, which played the United States' national anthem and "America the Beautiful" by Samuel A. Ward. The event was also sponsored by Chick-Fil-A Vidalia and the Paul Thigpen Automotive Group.

The first veteran to speak was Russia Little, who served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam. With a goal to be the best, Little served as part of the Strategic Air Command and saw training with multiple military branches, and served in Vietnam from 1964 to 1965.

"Fighting war to maintain peace was my hobby," said Little.

Before his tours in the

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HIGHLIGHT REEL: BULLDOGS FALL TO VIKINGS IN PLAYOFF OPENING



The Wheeler County Bulldogs and the Treutlen County Vikings in action on November 13 at the Bulldog Stadium in Alamo. The Vikings won 36-6/**LOGAN REYNOLDS**

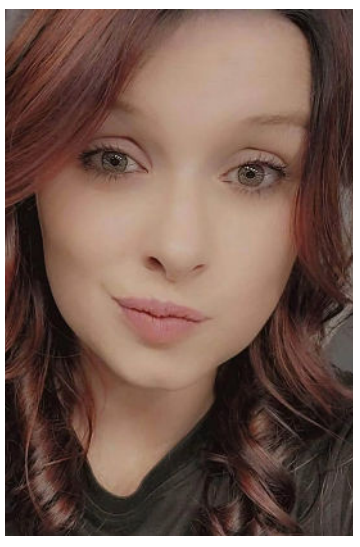
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OBITUARIES



Farrah Lynn Infinger

Services for Ms. Farrah Lynn Infinger of Soperton were held Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Higgs Funeral Home. Rev. Daniel Walker officiated. Ms. Infinger died Nov. 10, 2026.

Ms. Infinger, 34, was born in Valdosta, Ga. on May 3, 1992 and was an Honor Graduate of East Laurens High School. She had been a resident of Laurens County for the past 15 years before recently moving to Soperton. She was employed as a server for the LaJoya Mexican Restaurant in Dublin for the past seven years. Farrah loved her family, greeting people at work and her fiancé stated "she had a 'spooky heart' and her smile always lit-up the room". She was a Christian by faith and her father, Bobby Infinger, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her fiancé, Dylan Anthony Schriber; son, Colby Travis Smith and daughter, Cynclaire Amelia Schriber, all of Soperton; mother, Kitty P. Thomas of East Dublin; two brothers, Austin (Shcarlie) Parker of Adel and Gage Brooks of Homerville; two sisters, Cheyenne (Hunter) Collins of Tifton and Amber Brooks of Waycross; paternal grandparents, James and Nadine Hendry of Valdosta and maternal grandmother, Janice Abel of East Dublin.

Higgs Funeral Home (higgsfuneralhomeandflorist.com and facebook) of Soperton had charge of arrangements.



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PASTOR'S VIEWPOINT

By CHARLES "BUDDY" WHATLEY

"The Sacred Theft" might be an appropriate title for this story about Jesus' disciples picking up grain on the Sabbath; there are two immediate problems. The disciples don't own the field and it is the Sabbath. They don't own the field, but the law allowed people from the community to gather the grain around the edges of the field. In fact, farmers were required to leave grain around the edges of the field for anyone who needed it to feed themselves or their family if they were willing to work for it - pick up the grain, grind it into flour and make it into bread.

So, the real problem was not picking up a few grains of wheat to eat along the way; it was harvesting grain on the Sabbath, although technically they were not harvesting grain. Luke says they were rolling it in their hands to release the kernels and the Pharisees said that made it harvesting. I should think it was not about picking up grains of wheat, but it was about picking up nits ... or nitpicking!

Then Jesus spoke up, not to argue about the technicalities of harvesting, but to tell them a story about their own King David. And the message in his story is that God loves people more than he loves our denominational doctrines, our religious traditions and/or our personal opinions about right and wrong.

Back in the day, when David was hiding from his enemies, he and his men were hungry. They were running and hiding and hungry when they walked into the sanctuary and asked for food. There was no food, but there were 12 loaves of shewbread in the Holy Place representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Tradition said that only the priests could eat that bread and therein is the problem. David was hungry, and his men were hungry, and there was bread in the temple.

So, David ate the sacred shewbread and gave some to his hungry men. Under the law, that was forbidden, yet Jesus in Matthew 12 approves of what his disciples did saying, "Have you not heard what David did?" Here is the unique, uncomfortable truth at the heart of this passage; holiness is not about denominational doctrines or religious traditions or human opinions about what is right or wrong. Holiness is about discovering and living by what God says is right or wrong ... summed up as "Love the Lord your God" and "Love your neighbor."

Charles 'Buddy' Whatley is a retired Methodist pastor serving Dawson Street Methodist Church in Thomasville, Ga.

So Many Voices

By ALBERT WHITE

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest - Joshua 1:9

Joshua had these huge shoes to fill as he rose to leadership. He followed Moses. To that I could only say, wow!

There must have been some sort of anxiety to think that you have to live up to the standard of someone like Moses. I've never read that he had any such reserves but to know the way people think today, one could imagine that there were some.

The one thing that God told Moses to do was to bring him out in front of the people and anoint him and then give him a job to do, The words he used was to give him some of his glory. Give him a job. Let the people see him in your favor and let them see that he is called to serve in your absence. I am thinking here, but I think God shut so many mouths about the role and the expectations of Joshua. The charge was clear. God made it clear. The way God did it, he gave confidence in Joshua and the people followed him.

I could only imagine that put a lot of hush on the sceptics and the critics that would have thought to attempt to steer him with their opinions. Joshua had an incredible example of a leader in Moses. A mentor and a teacher. Joshua didn't have to figure it out; he simply had to complete the vision. That vision caused him to need an open communication with God to know how to complete the vision. Moses could only take him so far. Then there you are, walking with the people alone. That is a reality for every leader at some point. We then have to know how to hear God and who to lend ear to and who is just talking to make noise in our ears.

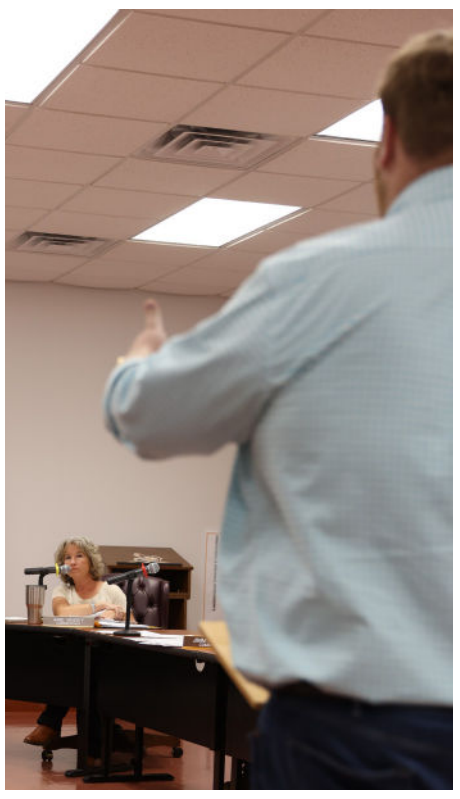
Some people will come alongside and work hard. Others come alongside to tell you how to work and they constantly cause you to second guess your motives. I call that noise.

We have to as leaders learn to drown out the noise with the voice of God. It takes being strong and committed to God to stand against the scoffers and in the face of adversity. To take it to another level, as a Christian we all have to be committed to the will and purpose of God to maintain our integrity of the call of God in our lives.

The real talk is that everybody gets noise. The devil makes sure of it. Planting insecurities and second thoughts. The truth is that sometimes that noise sidetracks us.

Moses got sidetracked, the voices sidetracked him and he disobeyed God. The voices aggravated him and he struck the rock when the charge was to speak to the rock. God gave water anyway but his cost was great. Please stay close to God and keep your circle clean and don't let the voices mess you up.

Albert White is a pastor serving Blocker's Chapel church in Vidalia, Ga.



Montgomery County Development Authority Executive Director Michael Stanley speaks to County Commissioner Amie Vassey during the Board of Commissioners' November 5 work session in Mount Vernon/LOGAN REYNOLDS

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"If that's the direction y'all decide to go, then those conversations can go to the next phase of, 'Hey, let's actually talk to some people who have put [spec buildings] up,'" said Stanley. "'Let's see who they're using. Let's have conversations with those guys and see what's up.'"

The Montgomery County Development Authority has achieved some successes with the one half mil funding, such as the Amazon last mile delivery center which has been under construction since May and a land swap with the city of Mount Vernon to consolidate a 100 acre site.

During the board's regular meeting on Nov. 9, Commissioner Amie Vassey expressed concerns about giving the development authority increased funding, citing concerns about transparency and accountability.

According to Vassey, the local development authority is missing financial documents with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certain years, and the development authority board allegedly could not produce meeting minutes for the years 2023 and 2024. She also cited the land swap with Mount Vernon, which was not reported to the board of commissioners, as an example of a lack of communication.

"I say that to just say this: I have concerns about the accountability coming out of that group," said Vassey.

Commissioner Leland Adams offered a motion to approve the new contract with the development authority, which passed in a three to one vote with Vassey against.

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Vietnam War, Little's first combat assignment saw him participate in the Cuban Missile Crisis. He went to Vietnam three times, engaging in reconnaissance missions and assisting in "packaging" the bodies of dead soldiers to be returned to the United States by the Navy.

"You learn to live how you can," said Little. "Life in Vietnam was not fun, but it's a purpose."

After the war, Little experienced poor treatment from civilians common among veterans of the Vietnam War. However, he maintained the conflict was necessary to maintain peace and American ideals.

"That's our purpose, to gain and maintain peace," said Little. "We love that. We love it, because we love each American."

The second speaker was Ric Robin, another member of the United States Air Force. Robin was the first of three Gulf War veterans to speak at the event.

Robin's primary role in the Air Force was in the operations and maintenance for "terrestrial and space communications."

"Fancy way of saying satellite communications and tropo," said Robins.

"Tropo" refers to a kind of microwave radio communication known as tropospheric propagation, utilizing devices which Robins described as resembling "shoehorns in the sky."

Robins spoke primarily on his day-to-day experience as a member of the Air Force from 1982 to 2003, drawing a comparison between the perceived experience of Air Force personnel to his own when deployed with the Army in "a year of sand and fun." During his time in the service, Robins visited 34 different countries, and he affirmed his enjoyment of his 21 years in the military.

"I'd go back and do it again in a heartbeat," said Robins. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me, was going and joining the Air Force."

Karl Emmanuelson was the third speaker of the event. Emmanuelson served in the United States Army for 23 years as a combat engineer.

According to Emmanuelson, his role as a combat engineer came with three advantages to provide to his comrades, including mobility, disarming enemy mines to allow for friendly troops to move unharmed; countermobility, placing mines and digging trenches to impede the enemy's mobility; and survivability, maintaining equipment and environment to keep friendly troops protected and supplied. Should the front line troops not have infantry, Emmanuelson could also fill that role.

"They [combat engineers] are not considered the front lines with infantry and tankers, but if the tankers ever don't have infantry, they look to the combat engineer," said Emmanuelson.

Emmanuelson served in the Gulf War, where he participated in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. During his service and after, he witnessed changes in how the Army organized itself, such as the reorganizing of battalion sizes over the years.

The final speaker was Norman Munthe, who served for 17 years in the United States Navy yet only spent one day aboard a ship, the USS Constitution.

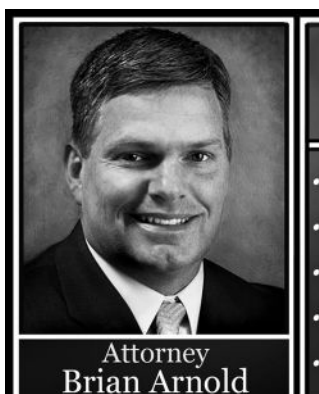
"I'm a Navy guy, and I've been on a ship for one day," said Munthe.

While he spoke briefly about his time in the service and his retirement just prior to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, Munthe spoke primarily on the treatment of veterans following their service, highlighting ways in which they receive inadequate care. Munthe said approximately 22 veterans commit suicide each day, with veteran treatment complicated over the years due to a worsening of the military's public image and the privatization of veteran care since the 1980s.

"Politicians toted out their new hospitals that were being built that were understaffed and not equipped to handle the influx of veterans who have lost limbs or traumatic burns across their entire body, nor could they handle the treatment of cancers and lung disease caused by the burn pits," said Munthe on the state of veteran care since the end of the Vietnam War.

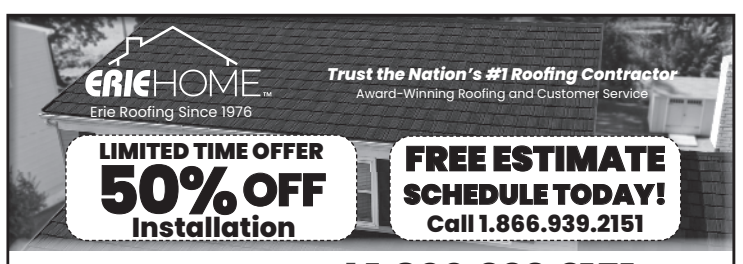
Munthe also spoke on the treatment of veterans by the Trump administration, criticizing the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) for cutting multiple workers from the Department of Veterans Affairs, resulting in the need to hire approximately 2,000 new employees to properly handle claims. In addition, he also criticized the compensation system in place by the federal government, which he said has not kept pace with inflation.

"You don't join the military for the pay," said Munthe. "You could care less about the pay. It's all about the guy standing beside you. You got his back, he has your back... You stand together, you fight together, you die together, and that's the military."



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DID YOU KNOW...?

Does a baseball player, retired since 2001, still get a salary check for over $1 million each year from the New York Mets?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

In this column's home newspapers, one week from today is Thanksgiving.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday, and I hope you get to share the love and camaraderie of family as you enjoy your repast.

For dessert, I could suggest many things, but at the top of the list would be these little tidbits of trivia, designed to be served with or without whipped topping.

Happy Thanksgiving, my friends. See you again next week - delivered after the holiday, I would imagine.

Did you know ...

... you may have seen a drey? In fact, there's a very strong chance you have. A drey is another name for the nest of a squirrel. *Additional trivia note:* Dray (note changed spelling) is also the word used for a group of squirrels; it's a nod to the name for their nests. (Sounds squirrelly, I know, but go with it.)

... the first modern skyscraper was constructed in 1885? The ten-story Home Insurance Building was located in Chicago. Designed by William LeBaron Jenney (1832-1907), the building was the first the use a structural steel frame to support its weight. (Chicago. Of course.)

... one of the most dangerous movies ever made was produced in 1981? That year, *Roar* hit theaters. Produced by Noel Marshall (1931-2010), the film featured more than 130 live, wild animals. Among the roster were lions, tigers, and an elephant. Many members of the cast and crew suffered injuries related to the animals on set. Star Tippi Hedren (born 1930) was bitten by a lion on her head. She also fractured her ankle, and after an elephant picked her up with its trunk developed gangrene. Hedren's daughter and co-star, Melanie Griffith (born 1957), was mauled by a lioness. (Roar, indeed.)

... onions are a remedy for a blocked nose? The sulfur content in the average onion is thought to be enough to draw mucus out of the body. (Try it and let me know if it works.)

... the bridal bouquet can trace its roots to early Rome? During the period of the Roman Republic, which existed from 510 BC to 27 BC, brides carried bundles of herbs such as garlic and rosemary under their veils. The herbs were used to symbolize fertility and to ward off evil. The herb bundles survive today in the form of the modern bridal bouquet of flowers. (Now the bouquet wards off other suitors.)

... a retired baseball player still makes over one million dollars a year in salary? When Bobby Bonilla (born 1963) left the New York Mets in 1999, the team decided to defer the remaining $5.9 million on his contract instead of paying him off all at once. The contract added 8% interest, with the payments scheduled to begin in 2011. Bonilla retired in 2001, and ten years later, the cash flow began. He will be getting checks for $1,193,248.20 every July 1 until 2035. *Additional trivia note:* The reason for the deferment was the investment plan that the Mets made with Bernie Madoff (1938-2021), which they didn't know was part of Madoff's Ponzi scheme that cost his investors an estimated $65 billion. Because of the money they lost to Madoff, the Mets simply could not afford to pay Bonilla off all at once. And Bonilla is a double-dipper – he also has a second deferred contract with the Mets and Baltimore Orioles, paying him $250,000 a year for 25 years. Those payments began in 2004. (Smart cookie, that Bobby Bonilla.)

... the first talking motion picture ever made in England was directed by Alfred Hitchcock? The famous director (1899-1980) made *Blackmail* in 1929 – the first sound-on-film motion picture made in the United Kingdom. Originally planned as a silent movie, the producers gave Hitchcock the green light to make some parts of it with the new novelty of sound – but Hitchcock thought that idea was absurd and made the entire picture with sound. (Hitchcock was something of a visionary, it seems.)

... during World War II, very few new automobiles were made? In 1941, before the United States joined the war, more than three million cars were manufactured in this country. During the following four years, only 139 more new cars for consumer use were manufactured, after the government practically froze the sale of new such vehicles. All of the major auto manufacturers turned their plants into war production. (Wonder who got to buy those 139 new cars?)

... a Japanese man holds the record for the number of patents held by one person? Shunpei Yamazaki (born 1942) holds more than 1800 patents in his name – about 1100 more than Thomas Edison (1847-1931). Yamazaki was president of the Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd. (Everybody has to be known for something, right?)

... the shopping cart was invented in 1937? Sylvan Goldman (1898-1984), the owner of the Humpty Dumpty Stores and Standard Food Markets in Oklahoma, designed the device so that customers would be able to easily move more groceries. The first cart was based on a wooden folding chair with a basket on the seat and wheels on the legs. Goldman then asked one of his employees, a mechanic, to create the cart out of metal. The first cart was a metal frame with two wire baskets, and he introduced them to his stores on June 4, 1937. (See, that's the kind of invention we all need.)

... a rodent's teeth never stop growing? The rodent wears them down by gnawing on bark, leaves, and other vegetable matter, and if they don't do that, their teeth became so long that they are unable to eat. (That explains it.)

Now ... you know!

Dog fennel and its uses: Another tale from the land

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

The first frost should be coming soon. Maybe as early as next week if you believe what the dog fennels have to say.

This native perennial started blooming in my neck of the woods and the old wives' tale indicates that the initial cold snap will come about six weeks after. The problem comes when determining which plant to believe. I noticed some dog fennel patches in other parts of the area put out their blossoms later than mine did. In that case it could be cold by Thanksgiving.

Eupatorium capillifolium, if you prefer the scientific name, is a species specific to the southern and eastern United States. It is also found in Cuba. It spreads aggressively on over-foraged or unimproved lands. I have a piece of soil that is very much in need of some improvement.

Dog fennel isn't suitable for eating, though it is named after and resembles various kitchen herbs. Cows will eat away at it, you know, because it grows on over-forage fields, even though it contains a toxin that causes dehydration, so many folks consider it a nuisance weed.

When mowed down the plumes emit a strong, sickly sour scent. It's a very distinct odor, that, during my increasing time on planet earth, I've been unable to find a match to. When you hit a clump of dog fennel with a bush hog, you know it. So does anyone nearby.

A good portion of a recent Saturday afternoon was spent with pungent aroma following me through the air as I caught up on some land clearing I've been putting off. I suppose I could have waited for the frost but I can be very impatient. I've encountered worse smells in the woods - not to be gross, but skunk and a rotting deer carcass comes to mind.

There are certain smells that you just know what they are.

Dog fennel served many purposes for the people native to this patch of the planet we call home. Native Americans crafted dog fennel into medicine and used it as an insect repellant. That sickly sour scent has a use, and now that you mention it, I don't recall being stung or bitten by any pests while working that portion of the land. I did, however, stir up a snake, but that's a story for a different day.

There's even a bug, the scarlet bodied wasp moth that lives in coastal areas, that gorges on the plant to make itself, its mate and later its eggs predator proof. Who said romance is dead?

Every year I mow down this patch of dog fennel. Every year it grows back, seemingly thicker and more vibrant than before. Every year, I'm reminded of the smell. Maybe next year I'll burn it, see if I can finally get rid of it.

Or I can just wait for the frost to knock it down for me.

COUCH THEATRE



Andrew Garfield, left, and Claire Foy star in "The Magic Faraway Tree"/**SPECIAL PHOTO, Courtesy of MovieStillsDB**

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

"The Odyssey" (R)

Four months after its theatrical release that led to a whopping $1.803 billion in the box office, the incredible epic fantasy film from Christopher Nolan ("Oppenheimer") will be available to rent starting Nov. 17. For anyone who had to read Homer's epic poem or watch the 1997 miniseries in their English classes, this film feels like an immersive experience that brings viewers directly alongside Odysseus as he faces a plethora of obstacles to get home to Ithaca. Matt Damon ("The Rip") gives arguably the best performance of his career, as he gives his all to the film's intense physical and emotional scenes. Anne Hathaway ("Verity") is absolutely breathtaking as Penelope, Odysseus' wife, and the rest of the star-studded cast each have their own captivating moments that make this film one of Nolan's best creations yet. (Fandango at Home)

"Sense and Sensibility" (PG)

Another film that's available to rent now following its recent theatrical release is this period romantic drama starring Daisy Edgar-Jones ("Twisters"). And this one's definitely for the yearners out there! Based on the novel by Jane Austen, the film follows the three Dashwood sisters and their mother who lose their estate to the sisters' half-brother John (Frank Dillane). As they deal with their economical circumstances and move into a cottage, the sisters deal with their fair share of romantic troubles as well. The oldest girls each find themselves head over heels for a man who is bound to another by honor or has other commitments. Will the Dashwood girls get their happy endings? Austen's readers surely know! (Amazon Prime Video)

"Heart of the Beast" (PG-13)

Brad Pitt ("F1") is keeping it chill this year, with only two major releases that feature him in a starring role. He's set to reprise his role as Cliff Booth in a Netflix film directed by David Fincher ("The Killer") and written by Quentin Tarantino ("Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"), but first up is this survival thriller film where Pitt plays retired Special Forces veteran James Belmont. James and his combat German Shepherd, Odin, crash-land in the Alaskan wilderness and face an arduous 58-mile trek to safety. Pitt still fills seats just fine on his own, earning this film $188.8 million in box-office grosses against an $82 million budget. And who could resist a film that features a dog as a supporting actor! Out now to rent. (YouTube)

"The Magic Faraway Tree" (PG)

This family-friendly fantasy film might've gone under the radar in the United States, but it's already been greenlit for two sequels, with production starting next year. Andrew Garfield ("The Uprising") and Claire Foy ("The Crown") play a married couple who decide to move their family to the countryside in an effort to get their technology-obsessed children to touch some grass. But one should be very careful what they wish for! As their children explore their new home, the youngest daughter finds an invitation to have tea at a "Magic Faraway Tree" in the woods. Once there, she's whisked away to a magical world where she's able to connect with her imagination like never before. Available to rent now. (Apple TV)

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The community of Culpeper



LORAN SMITH

CULPEPER, Va. – This cozy community of 20,000 plus is 70 miles west of the nation's capital and was laid out in 1749 by a young surveyor named George Washington.

It was, owing to its strategic position with the railroads, occupied by both Union and Confederate troops during the Civil War. The battle of Brandy Station, the largest calvary battle in U. S. history in 1863, took place near here, but a peaceful atmosphere hovers over this town, which has been recognized by Architectural Digest as the prettiest town in Virginia.

Virginia is a beautiful state, with Shenandoah Valley less than an hour away. I have accompanied Ted McMullan, a friend with close ties with the University of Georgia and who is the 8th generation of an Irishman who settled here in 1860 following the American Revolution. Ted has come to meet his 93-year-old cousin, Emily McMullan Williams, to record a conversation with her about their ancestor.

She is one of the foremost family historians, who spent years researching the history of John Francis McMullan, who emigrated from Tralee Londonderry in Northern Ireland and fought in the American Revolution.

A brand-new country could not pay its soldiers—there was no treasury—but there was plenty of land, which most people back then would have preferred. He was given a grant of land in this area following the Revolutionary War.

However, he must have gotten the itch to move again because he struck out in 1797 to the South, settling in what is Hart County, which at that time was Elbert County.

We are here to learn what we can from a conversation with Emily McMullan Williams, who was eager to share what she had gathered over the years.

A bonus on this excursion came about when Jenny Tucker Brinkley, who spends time in Middleburg, roughly an hour away, drove down to join us for lunch and provide local transportation. Jenny and her husband, Matt, are Athens residents, but her love of horses makes it a nice fit for periodic fox hunting outings and visiting her daughter, Matilda, who lives nearby.

Our agenda called for lunch, and Ted found a popular and historic restaurant on East Davis Street, "It's about Thyme," with a variety of options, including starters such as duck pate, bruschetta, smoked trout, soups and salads.

There were sandwiches, cheeseburgers, portobello mushrooms, pasta, and seven choices from the main courses, and of course there is a good wine list when you patronize this popular eatery.

While I am sure there are some blights, this is one area of the country that provides an environmental bonanza. Rolling fields dominate an attractive countryside, where there is no roadside trash and no billboards. The foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains are where Culpeper is located, so it should not come as a surprise that this is where the state looks its best.

"Thyme in Culpepper" is more than a popular restaurant. There are rooms for overnight stays and weekend getaways. Spend a night here and you might connect with visions of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, two of Virginia's most famous citizens.

Thyme's promotional materials are keen on relating to the past, suggesting you can enjoy a "little slice of Europe . . . with scenic murals and old-world ambiance and casual dining at its finest."

Harvest scenes are everywhere, a reminder that this time of the year, we have an opportunity to underscore humility, from the countryside to the storefronts of Culpepper, to say nothing the entire American landscape. I have never traveled to any part of the country during the harvest season when everybody isn't anxious to embrace Thanksgiving. However, it does feel a little different in Arizona and southern California.

What is so uplifting is that small-town America will always make your day, with inhabitants who enjoy being a good neighbor and who underscore faith, hope, and charity.

We don't know why the original John McMullan came to the New World or why he moved on to Georgia after the revolution. More than likely, more productive farmland had something to do with it.

Regarding that, what about these sobering statistics. The total land mass in the U. S. is 2.26 billion acres, with roughly 66-67 million acres being developed. Agricultural-related use is 1.2 billion. We do have room to grow, but let's not make everything metropolitan. Let's develop more small towns like Culpepper.

Georgia Is In A Time Of Transition



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

The reality and totality of the election results are still sinking in for many. It is the most dramatic change in power during one election for the state in a quarter century. It's only the second time since Reconstruction that the moving trucks at the Governor's mansion will represent different parties.

Thus, there are few precedents for what our state is about to undertake. Those of us who were around the last time this happened can somewhat recall some of the personal and personnel reactions to the changing of the guard, but that merely serves as a framework. The times, the parties, and this state are much different now.

For Republicans, it's a descent from a peak of power a dozen years ago with a supermajority in both legislative chambers and all statewide offices to holding only the slimmest of majorities possible in the State Senate. One could say the party here is in crisis.

The slimmest of comforts can be taken that a popular saying is that the Chinese write the word crisis by combining the symbols for danger and opportunity. The party is in danger of losing the Senate if current trends were to continue costing them two more seats. The opportunity is to rebound and in a couple of years retake a few of the House races lost by less than 1,000 votes, building towards rematches in statewide races four years from now.

The problem with this saying is that it isn't quite correct. The context for the "opportunity" symbol has a more literal interpretation of "crucial moment" or "turning point".

Republicans are where Democrats were 24 years ago. They're at the end of a steady declining trend in power and are barely holding on to one chamber. The next two years will clearly represent a crucial moment. Will there also be a turning point?

A turning point means there will be a conscious change in direction. For this to happen, there would have to be an honest discussion after thoughtful reflection on what went wrong.

There will be... let's be honest, there already are a lot of people pointing fingers. Those first out of the gate after political losses often do so to set a narrative in an effort to avoid blame. The blame game, however, isn't about what went wrong. It's about preserving the viability of an individual or organization and their proximity to power. This almost never leads to a turning point at a crucial moment.

Donald Trump wasn't on the ballot this year and won't be ever again, but he did tell voters to act like he was. A strong case can be made that they did.

Republicans' path back to majorities will begin with the Trump Administration having two years left on the meter. Candidates for office in 2028 will have to figure out how to rebuild a coalition of voters who previously supported the GOP without the President on the ballot but with him controlling partisan messages by action and by tweet.

Can or will the President discipline himself to act and message in such a way to demonstrate he and Republicans best understand the issues that matter most to voters and will act on them? Consider that his "closing argument" for this election was to muse that he might want to rename the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool after himself, and that his first remarks to reporters after the GOP drubbing was an unscheduled tour of the progress with the White House ballroom.

Meanwhile, the Democrats in Georgia's statewide offices will now begin to implement policies within the discretion given to the administrative branch and executive agencies. They will also have the Speaker's gavel in the House with which to pass legislation favoring changes they would like to make.

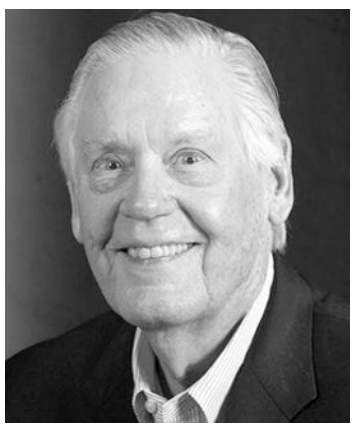
Both chambers have the opportunity to pass bills to appease their partisan bases. The slim majorities in each chamber will likely keep a bit of a check on some of the most extreme measures.

The partisan split between control of each chamber will likely limit many controversial bills from ever reaching Governor Bottoms' desk. It remains to be seen what topics will be chosen to find bipartisan consensus. The only actual requirement for this legislature is to pass a balanced budget. Anything else they choose to pass is up to the discretion of the majorities in both chambers.

Republicans will likely have a difficult time realizing how little power they maintain – and how to use that for their advantage. Democrats, meanwhile, will have two years to prove they can govern a state that has moved left, yet is still mostly centrist. They will have the same issues with the fringes of their base who won't understand why they can't get everything they want, immediately, now that their party won.

Both parties will have a couple of years to enjoy or "enjoy" the shoes they wore last year being on the other foot. They – and we – have yet to fully grasp what that ultimately is going to look like.

Some random thoughts on some random subjects



DICK YARBROUGH

According to the television commercials, it's Christmastime. Not sure what happened to Thanksgiving, which, according to my calendar, has yet to arrive. I'll have more to say about Thanksgiving next week, but this week, I give thanks that all the political ads are history. . . .

I was surprised at the amount of mail I received last week agreeing that the recent Democratic blowout was not so much an endorsement of Democrats as it was a repudiation of Donald Trump. We are in a Forever War with Iran that was supposed to last four or five weeks, gas prices and diesel fuel prices have skyrocketed along with groceries, and he is worrying about his ballroom and his arch and getting his name added to the Kennedy Center. Methinks Trump is out of touch with mainstream America. Me also thinks the election results should have convinced him of that. But I doubt it. . . .

As for the Democrats, if they believe We the Unwashed are ready to go back to open borders, tearing down statues, pushing socialist policies and encouraging boys to become girls in order to gain an unfair advantage in athletic competition, we'll send them to the sidelines in 2028 just like we did the Republicans this year. Just saying. . . .

A nod to Colin Kapperdoodle or whatever his name is. You remember the multi-millionaire NFL football player who made a big show of sitting and kneeling during the national anthem, and wearing socks comparing police to pigs, all with the acquiescence of team owners? Well, you should see the NFL today. They are so wrapped up in patriotism and the flag and saluting members of the military that you have to wonder if there wasn't a public backlash from his antics. It seems the NFL got the message that more of us love our country than care about what this guy thinks of it. . . .

It took Gov. Brian Kemp's personal intervention to get the field at Sanford Stadium rightfully named for the late legendary Hall of Fame football coach Vince Dooley. Now it is time to put Dooley's name on the field itself, as is the case with many other football fields I see on television, including the Southeastern Conference. Time is of the essence. Somehow, I don't think this will be a priority with our incoming governor. . . .

Speaking of our new governor, it will be interesting to see where Keisha Lance Bottoms comes down on the issue of mining our Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge for titanium dioxide in order that the world never runs out of toothpaste whitener. Despite the Conservation Fund's acquisition of nearly 8,000 acres of land and the designation of the Okefenokee as a World Heritage Site, the threat of mining still looms. The local timber barons and the chemical companies are not about to give up their efforts to mine the area. It is going to take legislation and a permanent ban on mining. Will it happen? Stay tuned. . .

Congratulations to Wesley Christiansen, of Jefferson, Georgia, and Nayela Vilton, from Lithonia. Both are enrolled in the Wellstar School of Nursing at Kennesaw State University, and both are recipients of the Jane J. Yarbrough Endowed Nursing Scholarships awarded to second-career nursing students. My family and I established the scholarships in memory of The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name and who was herself a second-career student at KSU, if you count raising two kids as a career while her husband focused all his time on scrambling up the corporate ladder. She became an RN at the age of 46 and enjoyed a satisfying career as an occupational nurse at Delta Air Lines before we lost her. I have no role in selecting the recipients, but I will remind them that they are representing a very special person. . . .

Finally, being a modest-yet-much-beloved columnist is not as easy as it looks, thanks to readers who don't cut me a lot of slack. I recently talked – actually whined a lot – about mangling my toe which required surgery and pins to put it back together and a longer than expected hospital stay. If I was expecting an outpouring of sympathy, I should have known better. Several wrote and asked me if I had called for a toe truck. A toe truck? Ouch.

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BPCU raises over $50,000 at Annual President's Gala

SPECIAL TO THE TRI-COUNTY CONNECTOR

MOUNT VERNON, GA – Brewton-Parker Christian University (BPCU) raised more than $50,000 during its annual President's Gala on Oct. 22, 2026. The event brought together university supporters, community leaders, and friends of BPCU for an evening dedicated to advancing the university's mission of providing a biblically-centered education.

The gala featured keynote speaker Matt Stinchcomb, former University of Georgia and NFL football player and current ESPN college football analyst. Stinchcomb shared his personal testimony, reflecting on the individuals who influenced his Christian faith throughout his football career and the importance of recognizing one's God-given value and purpose.

Drawing from his experiences in football and his personal faith journey, Stinchcomb emphasized the importance of Christian higher education in helping students understand their God-given value and purpose. He commended institutions like BPCU for providing a biblical foundation that prepares young people to navigate life with faith and conviction.

Funds raised through the President's Gala will support BPCU's ongoing efforts to provide students with opportunities for academic achievement, spiritual growth, and leadership development. Contributions from the event help strengthen the university's ability to invest in the next generation of Christian leaders while continuing to expand its impact on students and the communities they will serve.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of those who continue to invest in Brewton-Parker Christian University," said BPCU President Dr. Steven F. Echols. "Their support allows us to continue providing students with a strong academic foundation rooted in biblical truth. The impact of these gifts extends far beyond our campus as we prepare graduates to serve their communities, lead with integrity, and be ambassadors for Christ wherever God calls them."

The university also announced that the 2027 President's Gala will take place on September 30, 2027, featuring retired NASA astronaut and U.S. Navy Captain Butch Wilmore as the keynote speaker.

For more information about Brewton-Parker Christian University and its academic programs, visit www.bpc.edu.

FIRST GRADERS SHARE WHAT THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR



Top row (left to right): Caraline Hernandez, Eric Kinsey, Janiyah Walker, Emberlyn Keene, Fynn Burnsed, Korah Logue. Middle row (left to right): Kirby Horne, Lucas Leyland, Carter Stuckey, Raelynn Pope, Jaxon Rix, and Legaci Tarver. Bottom row: Daniela Ramirez, Eastyn Parks, Levi Hartley, Bryce Oliver, Saylor Wooten

Students in Mrs. Graham's class kicked off November by creating their very own Thankful Turkey. Each child listed six people or things they were thankful for. Some responses included "my mom, my dad, my grandma, my teacher, my brothers, my sisters, my pets, and my family." After completing their turkeys, students were able to get up and share what they wrote with their classmates. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to what each person was thankful for. This activity was a wonderful reminder that even the smallest things in life are worth appreciating. Mrs. Graham's first graders did a fantastic job sharing their gratitude and spreading a little Thanksgiving cheer! Happy Thanksgiving from Mrs. Graham's first grade class

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Christmas is not far away, so it is time to begin thinking about the Festival of Trees at the Treutlen County Library. The library has already had several inquiries about the guidelines, so we are hoping to have many businesses, churches, organizations, clubs and individuals taking part in this year's annual event. Make your plans now, as we would like to have all trees up before Thanksgiving, if possible. Trees need to be decorated during the library's hours of operation, which is Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Participants must use artificial trees only (live trees constitute a fire hazard) as well as provide their own extension cords. We had over 30 unique and beautifully decorated trees last year (with over 100 visitors). Viewing of the trees will be open to the public and free of charge. For more information concerning the 2026 Festival of Trees, contact Jeannie or Madelen at the Treutlen County Library at 478-246-7181.

The library board and library personnel reserve the right to remove trees which they may deem offensive or not in the spirit of Christmas. We also request that participants remove their trees during the first two weeks of January, 2027. We look forward to another beautiful Festival of Trees!

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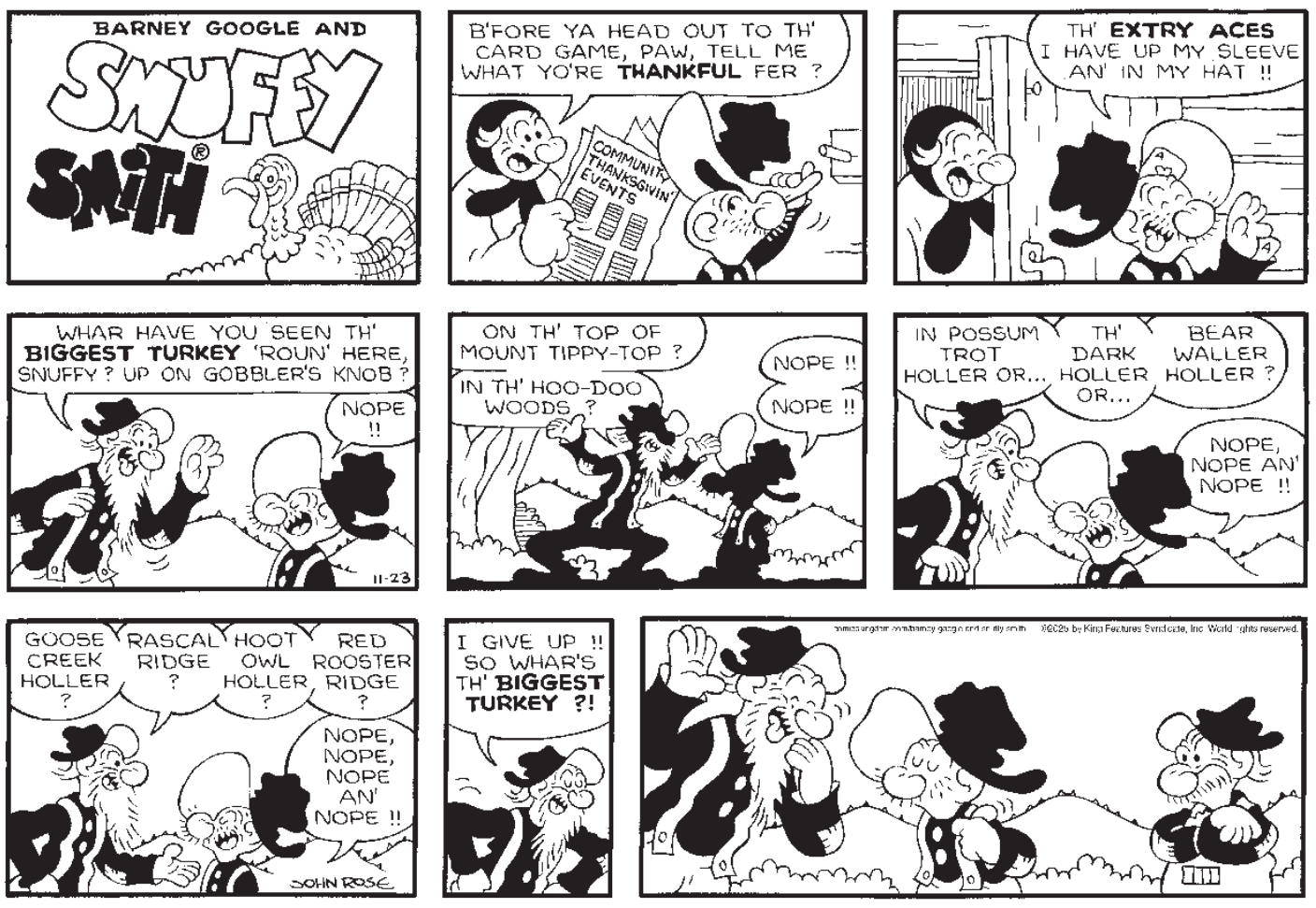
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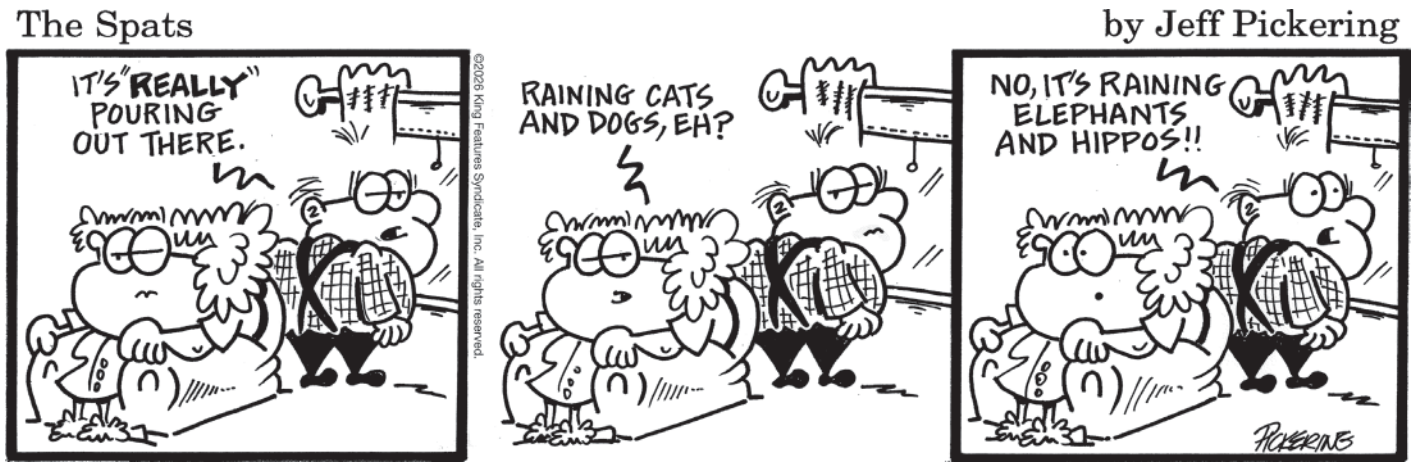
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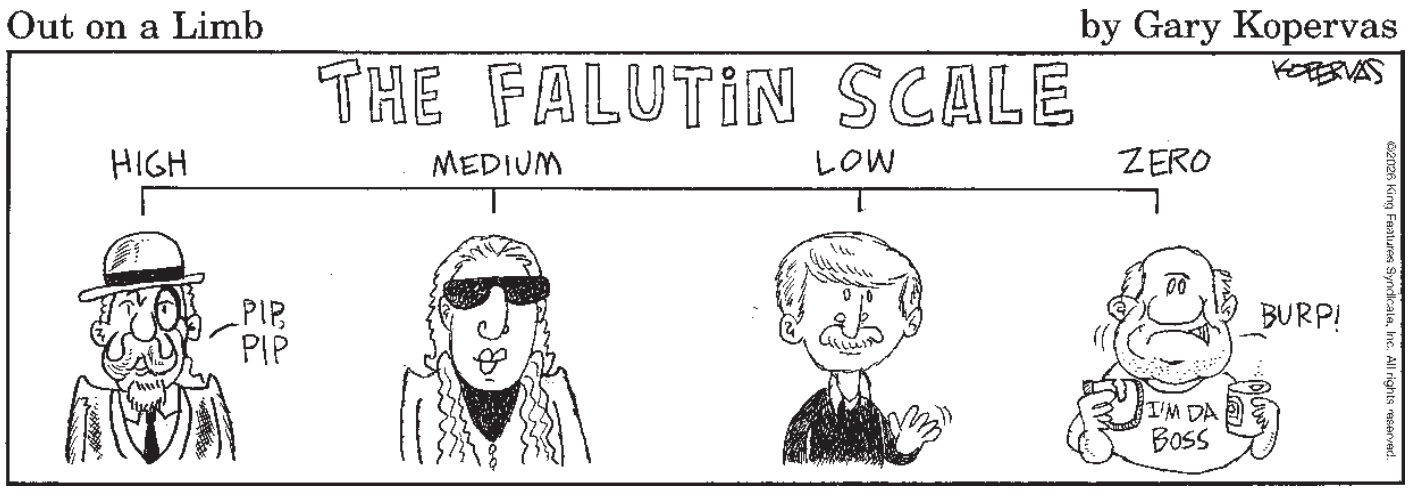
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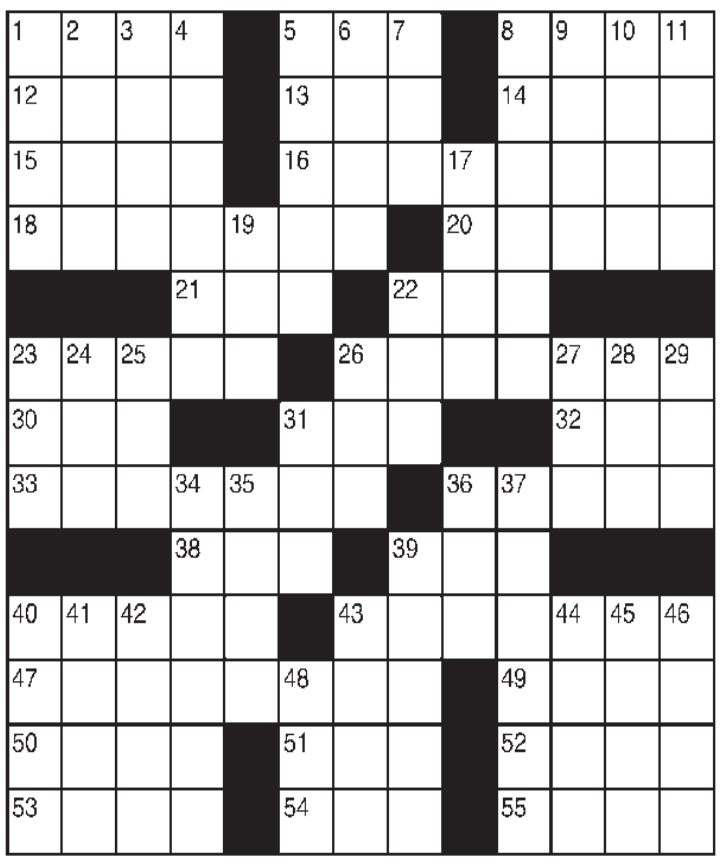
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"We've had a few minor problems ... misdemeanors, mostly."

King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Furnace fuel
5 Arles buddy
8 Grouch
12 Words said with a sigh
13 A Bobbsey twin
14 Corridor
15 Subsequently
16 Small orchestra
18 Tennis category
20 Like a gorilla
21 Up to
22 "Ben- —"
23 Marina boat
26 "My Way" singer Frank
30 Rock producer Brian
31 Monk's title
32 "Big Blue"
33 Tricky baseball pitches
36 Old photo tint
38 Hosp. hookups
39 Lincoln or Ford
40 Savory taste
43 Winding
47 "The Jungle" author
49 Haydn nickname
50 Essence
51 Joan of —
52 Not that
53 Spanish ayes
54 Salty expanse
55 Phoenix cagers

DOWN

1 Felines
2 Surprised greeting
3 "So be it"
4 Duration
5 Photographer Adams
6 French "but"
7 Hostel
8 "Quantum Healing" author Deepak
9 Hindu royal
10 Famed boxing family
11 Humdrum
17 Mythic goatman
19 Tipsy
22 That fellow
23 "Certainly!"
24 Singer DiFranco
25 Bamboozle
26 "Help!"
27 Bit of advice
28 Slugger's stat
29 Med. group
31 ER workers
34 Korean cabbage dish
35 Wicked
36 — Diego
37 Blows one's top
39 About, datewise
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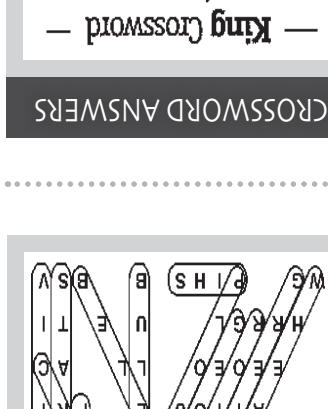
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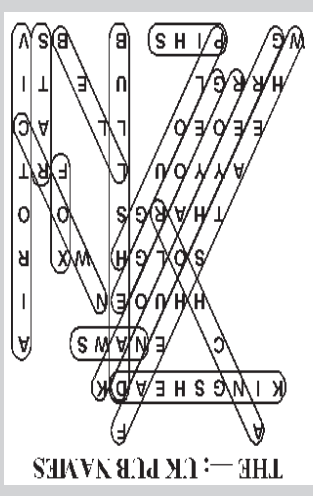
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C B Z V T H A R G S X W O U O
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B H R R G L A Y X U W E U T I
W G T S P I H S Q B P O B S V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: HONEY-MAKER'S HOME

Anchor	Fox	Plough	Swan
Bell	George	Royal Oak	Victoria
Bulls head	Greyhound	Ship	Wheatsheaf
Crown	King's Head	Star	

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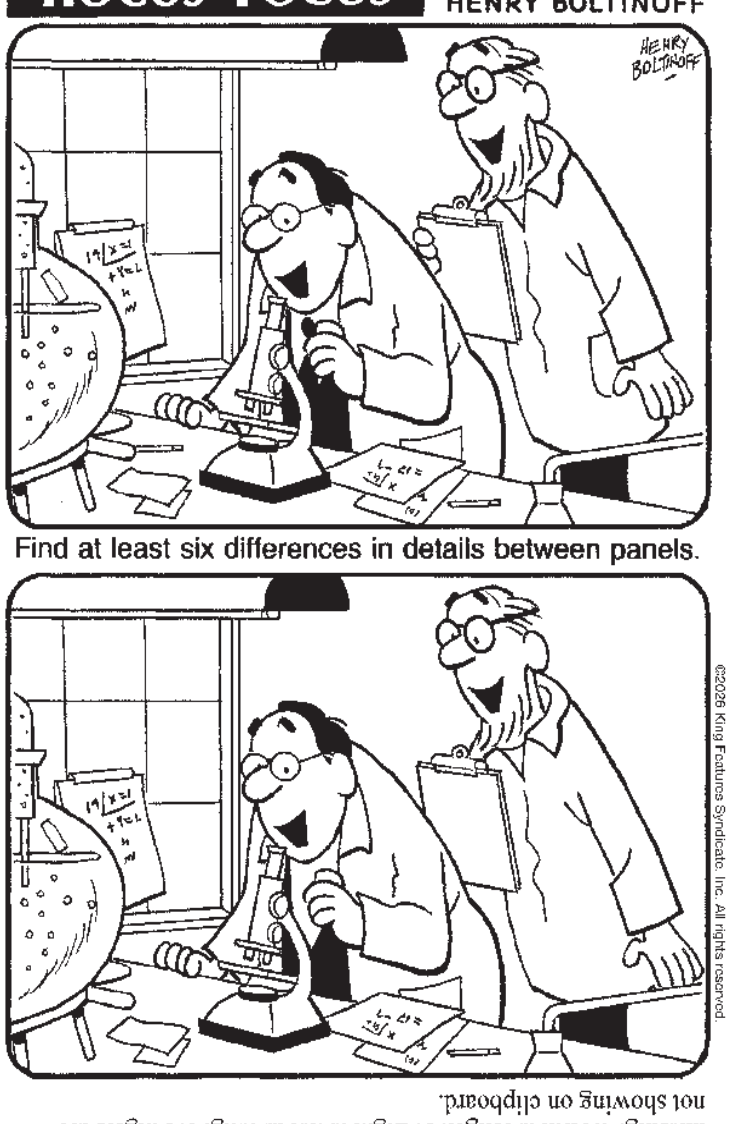
Just Like Cats & Dogs

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pencil is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Pocket is missing. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Light is not as long. 6. Fingers are not showing on clipboard.

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