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Talbot Man Arrested in Phenix City Murder Case

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

A Talbot County man was taken into custody on Monday, May 11 in connection with a Phenix City, AL murder case, according to police reports.

According to reports, Harvey Lee Walker, 36, of Columbus was pronounced dead after a shooting incident that occurred at the Colonial Inn located on Highway 80 in Phenix City on Monday May 11 around 2 a.m.

The Phenix City Police Department responded to the scene and have stated that Walker sustained a single gunshot wound. His body

was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in Montgomery for an autopsy.

According to police reports, Tionne Carreker was taken into custody by the Talbot County Sheriff's Office at a location in Junction City on a charge of capital murder. He was taken into custody without incident and is expected to be extradited back to Phenix City.

According to reports, LaVincent Harris was also arrested in the case and charged with tampering with physical evidence and possession of marijuana in the first degree as a result

of the investigation.

Reports also noted that Tisha Gibson is being sought on an outstanding warrant for capital murder and law enforcement is attempting to locate her.

Anyone with information about Gibson's whereabouts or the case are encouraged to call the Phenix City Police Department at (334) 298-0611 or Investigator Buchanan at (334) 448-2792 or Lieutenant Anglin at (334) 448-2839. All callers will remain anonymous.

According to police, the investigation into the incident is ongoing and more arrested are expected in the case.



Photo By LG Broadcasting

TRIAL BEGINS IN DARYUS BRYANT MURDER - Last week the Muscogee County Court held jury selections and on Monday, May 18, the trial got underway in the murder of Daryus Bryant.

Trial Begins in Bryant Murder Case

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

The murder trial of Manchester High star athlete, Daryus Bryant, got underway last Monday and is still ongoing. It is believed the trial could take up to two weeks or more.

Three Talbot County residents are facing charges of murder, three counts of aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime. Bryant was shot and killed only a few days before his 17 birthday in Columbus after attending the school's prom on April 20, 2024.

Bryant and Clarence Favors, both attending the school's prom, received injuries in the shooting that occurred that evening near Macon Road. Favors survived the shooting.

Talbot County teens Semaj Copeland, a distant cousin of Bryant's, Zion Horton and Jaquan Mahone are all on trial in Muscogee County Court with Judge Art Smith presiding.

Mahone was arrested in the case and was taken into custody on July 21, 2025, Copeland turned himself in to the Talbot County Sheriff's Office on July 8 and Horton was taken into custody in Coweta County on July 3.

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In opening statements last week, prosecutors pointed out that the school's prom was held at the Columbus Trade Center. Bryant was to meet a girl after the prom but met friend at a Circle K near Flat Rock Road. A four car convoy of Manchester High football players and students left the Circle K a silver Impala pulled up beside the cars near an intersection and opened fire.

Prosecutors pointed out that Copeland drives a silver Impala and said they believed that Horton and Mahone were in the vehicle

as well. They stated surveillance video footage will show occupants opening fire on the red Mustang Bryant was driving.

Defense attorneys asked jurors to watch the video evidence and make their own decision about what it might show. The defense also said that witnesses said a raggedy Toyota with four occupants did the shooting.

Prosecutors noted that Central Elementary-High School also held its prom in Columbus that same evening and Copeland's cell phone pinged at the Circle K around the time that Bryant and his friends were there and that Mahone's phone pinged near Crystal Valley Drive, near the shooting location, at the time of the shooting.

Two Columbus police officers made statements on the stand about the investigation and jurors heard 911 calls and body camera video from the night of the shooting.

The trial resumed on Friday, May 15.



Photo By Keneice Adams

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS HONORED - Central Elementary-High School recently honored students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and the National Honor Society.

Honor Society Inductees Honored at CEHS

Submitted to NEW ERA

Central Elementary-High School recently recognized a distinguished group of students during its National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony. The event celebrated students who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship.

Newly inducted members of the National Junior Honor Society include Zonneque Johnson, Tiana Wright, Korzoria Oglesby, Tanyah Matthews, and Skyla Sullivan.

Students inducted into the National Honor Society were Korderion Oglesby, Carmen Cheney, Darriuna Leonard, Madison Daniel, Adrea Thomas, Kamari Mizell, Zakiya Durham, and Carmelo Searcy.

Current chapter members also participated in the ceremony and assisted in welcoming the new inductees. Participating members included Richard Kirk, Sylrena Hardnett,

Sylvetta Hardnett, London Nieves, Amiyah Harris, Ava Whittemore, TrueDeSue, and Gauge Sullivan.

Students recognized but not pictured included Jazyln Copeland, Sasha Mata, Samiya Mata, Anabella Edwards, Alisha Hollis, James Whittemore, Darryl Leonard, Rachel Rowland, Jada Strickland, Adrienne Steverson, and Amari Hall.

The ceremony served as a meaningful reminder of the dedication and academic

excellence displayed by CEHS students. Special appreciation was extended to Advisor Teresa Cannon for her leadership, mentorship, and continued commitment to fostering student achievement and leadership development.

Central Elementary-High School congratulates all inductees and members for this outstanding accomplishment and looks forward to their continued success both in and out of the classroom.

Early Deadlines for Next Week

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the Manchester office of Georgia Trust for Local News will be closed on Monday, May 25 and reopen on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m. Also, the newspaper will have early deadlines for next week's issue. All items for the newspaper must be received tomorrow, Friday, May 22 by 5 p.m. to be included in the May 28 issue.

Graduation Exercises Friday for Central High

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Central Elementary-High School (CEHS) will hold graduation ceremonies for the 2026 graduates on Friday, May 22, according to Superintendent Jonathan Taylor.

This year 26 students will participate in the commencement exercises.

Alisah Hollis is this year's class Valedictorian and James Whitmore is the class Salutatorian.

This year's honor graduates include: Caitlyn Leonard, Darryl Leonard, Rachel Rowland, Adrienne Steverson, Jada Strickland, and Ja'Mya Thomas.

Commencement exercises for the Central High School graduating class of 2026 has been scheduled for Friday, May 22 at 6 p.m. in the CEHS gymnasium. Graduation will be a ticketed event.

Additional ceremonies will take place on Wednesday, May 20 in the Arthur Miller Gymnasium. The 8th grade Promotional Ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., followed by Kindergarten Graduation at 1 p.m.

Balloons and noisemak-



Valedictorian
Alisha Hollis



Salutatorian
James Whittemore



Honor Graduate
Caitlyn Leonard



Honor Graduate
Darryl Leonard



Honor Graduate
Rachel Rowland



Honor Graduate
Adrienne Steverson



Honor Graduate
Jada Strickland



Honor Graduate
Ja'Mya Thomas

ers will not be permitted inside the ceremonial spaces.

Central Elementary-High School congratulates the Class of 2026 and all pro-

moting students on this important milestone. See next week's issue of

the Talbotton New Era for the annual graduation section honoring the graduates.



Things to Do In and Around Talbot County This Week

Church Anniversary

Powell Missionary Baptist Church has some exciting events taking place. The congregation is preparing to celebrate its 147th anniversary. Plans are also underway to expand the physical footprint of the existing building. This expansion is a part of the church's desire to broaden its outreach in the community by providing space for church and community activities. There is a capital campaign underway to raise the funds to make this possible. There are several fundraising activities taking place. The church is planning a souvenir memory book and selling advertisements to help with the cost. For more information or to place an advertisement please contact Doris M. Perryman-Epps by calling (706) 575-0026.

Special Service

Concord Baptist Church, located at 803 Chalybeate Springs Road in Woodland, will observe the 163 anniversary of the church on Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. Guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Kenneth "George" Bailey, pastor of White Oak Baptist Church in Senoia.

BOC to Meet

The Talbot County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, June 1 at 6 p.m. for its monthly board meeting. The meeting will be held at the Commissioner's Office located at 35 West Madison Street in Talbotton.

Combined Revival

To kick off the 2026 Combined Revival, there will be a prayer meeting at Sweet Home Baptist Church in Box Springs on June 14 at 7 p.m. Come experience Jesus with us. The 2026 Combined Revival will take place June 15 through June 19 at New Salem Baptist Church located on Geneva Highway in Talbotton at 7 p.m. nightly.

Alumni Banquet

The Talbot County Schools Alumni Association Scholarship Banquet will be held on Saturday June 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton located at 5351 Sidney Simons Blvd; in Columbus. The cost of the event is \$75 per person. This year's quest speaker will be Dr. Terrance Ferguson from the TV Show Critter Fixer

(class of 1987). You may pay by Cash App: \$talbotcsaa2024 or pay by mail and please make checks or money orders payable to Talbot County Schools Alumni Association and send to P.O. Box 364 Talbotton, Ga 31827. If you have any questions please contact Leticia Cook at 706.326.0099.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Ministry Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 8 a.m. at Smitty's Restaurant in Woodbury by Victory Temple Worship Center. All men are invited to come be with us for a time of fellowship and food and Word. For More information call Pastor Richard Nash (478)-998-2996.

Gospel Singing

A fifth Sunday afternoon singing will be held at Victory Temple Worship Center located at 1515 Ga. Hwy. 85 in Manchester. In House Gospel Sing at 5 p.m. The congregation would like to invite everyone to come be with them for a time of singing and worship. For More information call Pastor Richard Nash (478)-998-2996.

Outreach Program

Fishing For Youth of America was founded in memory of Richard Nash's mother and father. The program provides fishing supplies for our youth. It is the hope of FFYA to encourage our youth to fish and do other wholesome activities and to stay away from drugs, guns, gangs and violence. If we can get our youth to appreciate the outdoors they make better young people. If you know of a child or grandchild that could benefit from this program we would love to hear from you. It's also a program that benefits children that would otherwise not get anything for Christmas. If anyone would like to support this cause you can give in Honor or in Memory of someone. For more information on how you can be a part of this much needed outreach you may call Richard 478-998-2996.

Help for Elderly

The River Valley Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging is ready to help senior citizens. If any senior citizen in the Talbot County Region has problems or needs help with utility bills or more, please call Woodland Mayor and Board Member of River Valley Regional at 706-256-2900 or 706-256-2928 or Katie Howard at 706-256-2910.

New Life Services

New Life Community Church invites everyone to fellowship with the church family on the sec-

ond and fourth Sundays of each month. The church is located at 9108 GAHWY 85 in Waverly Hall at the City Hall building. Rev. Desmond Thornton and associate pastor Rev. Solomon Terry presiding.

Church Pickup

Friendship Baptist Church located in Woodland is offering a Transportation Ministry free to any person who would like to attend the church. The transportation service will be available every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. For more information please contact Clarence Leonard at 706-427-3443 or Scott Hope at 706-573-8231. A mask is advised and social distancing is required.

Free Produce

Geneva Baptist Church will be giving away free produce to everyone every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Produce will be given away while supplies last from FTV Food Bank.

Let Us Help You

Christ the King's Outreach Ministry welcomes Harris and Talbot County residents in need of short-term assistance with groceries, utility bills and rental payments and do what the church can to help. Christ the King's Outreach Ministry office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling the Ministry at (706) 663-0090.

Clothing Center

New Beginnings Outreach Ministry of Woodland has a special clothing center. All items are from community donations. We also have household items, baby accessories and furniture. EVERYTHING IS FREE. For more information contact Bro. Richard Crawl at 706-977-5469 or Pastor Searcy at 706-601-6776.

Free to Needy

Pastor William Searcy of The New Beginnings Church of Woodland announces that their Outreach Ministry's Center will be open two days a week from nine to five on Monday and Friday. This will be the last week. EVERYTHING IS FREE. They have clothing, miscellaneous items, including furniture. Remember, this is FREE to the public. Call 706-601-6776.

Change of Service

Valley Grove Baptist Church, Manchester (Tax), will have services on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. until further notice.

How to Submit Items

Send you items of interest to starmercuryjohn@gmail.com by 12 noon Monday. Items received after 12 noon will be published the following week.

The Talbotton New Era gladly prints items of interest for the community as well as local church news and events by non-profit organizations.

Please note the deadline for items for the community and church events section of the newspaper must be received by 12 noon on Monday, prior to run date to be printed in that week's issue. Items received after the

Monday deadline will not appear until the following week.

Please do not send items more than once. Items will continue to be printed in the newspaper until the event is over. Sorry no flyers, items written in all capital letters or items sent as pdf files are accepted.

Please email items as an attached on a Word document or as email body copy. Jpegs, pdfs, etc. can not be used by the newspaper for news copy. Please do not indent or double space between paragraphs and sentences. Please do not use 2025

or spell out months of the year, simply use Sept. 10. Do not use times in this manner 5:00, please use 5 p.m. Photographs can only be accepted in jpeg format and as an attachment to an email. Please do not attached them to Word documents. Such photographs do not work well. Please note the newspaper reserves the right to edit or reject any submission to the newspaper for the things to do section or the newspaper. We appreciate your continued support of the Talbotton New Era and the Talbot County Community.

GTLN Names DuBose Executive Director

By JOSHUA WILSON



CYNTHIA DuBOSE

Journalist and media executive Cynthia DuBose has been tapped as the new head of the Georgia Trust for Local News, which, as the Peach State's largest independent newspaper company, operates 20 publications throughout Middle and South Georgia.

DuBose, a former Atlanta Journal-Constitution newsroom lead and McClatchy Media Co. administrator, will lead the group's continued digital transformation, according to officials at the nonprofit National Trust for Local News, which owns the Georgia Trust. As executive director, DuBose will be responsible for, among other duties, audience and revenue growth and editorial innovation.

She starts her new role on June 1 at a "pivotal moment" for the Georgia Trust, said Tom Wiley, CEO of the National Trust, in a news release. The group, which runs some of the state's oldest newspapers as well as the Knight Foundation-backed startup *The Macon Melody*, has been investing in the future of its properties, the release notes. Those endeavors include equipping newsrooms with digital infrastructure and helping them launch newsletters, podcasts and social video to grow and sustain local audiences.

Wiley said in the release that those efforts are "vital" and that DuBose's "talents in building new digital products that drive audience growth, her hands-on leadership and mentorship experience, and her focus on executing bold ideas to strengthen local news

pair well with our leadership team's energy, direction and style."

"We're thrilled to have Cynthia ... drive our next stage of growth," Wiley said.

DuBose, a native of Long Island, was first attracted to journalism as a student at Spelman College in Atlanta. There, a professor urged her to write for the campus newspaper. She later became its editor.

"I fell in love with the opportunity to be able to tell stories and meet people and learn something different every day," DuBose said in the National Trust's press release.

After graduating from Spelman with her bachelor's degree, DuBose attended Columbia University, where she earned a master's degree in journalism. She then worked for Long Island's *Newsday* before returning to Atlanta in 2006 to work as a reporter at the state's largest newspaper. Over the next nine years, she served in several audience engagement and digital growth roles, helping to modernize the publication and grow its revenue.

DuBose then spent almost seven years in management roles at McClatchy, which operates 29 newspapers

across 14 states. Rising to the role of executive vice president of membership, she built the organization's audience growth, product development and content monetization teams.

In 2022, DuBose completed the executive program in news leadership and innovation program at the City University of New York's Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism. She later became the program's lead coach, a position she will continue to hold as she also works to strengthen the Georgia Trust.

DuBose said she is eager to build deep relationships with the communities the Georgia Trust serves and to bring her experience developing digital products and growing audiences to her new role. She said she will "work tirelessly to ensure" residents have "access to credible, community-centered news and information."

"Throughout my career, in every position I've held, I have always valued bringing coverage to local communities," DuBose said. "I see tremendous opportunity for the Georgia Trust moving forward."

DuBose replaces DuBose Porter, who served as executive director of the Georgia Trust through this January. The longtime newspaper publisher, attorney and former state representative now focuses on fundraising, partnerships and acquisitions as publisher emeritus. Danyale Starley, who served as interim executive director of the Georgia Trust, will return to her role as the organization's controller.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Barbara Ann Thompson Montgomery

July 29, 1939 - May 17, 2026

Operated Dog Grooming Business

Barbara Ann Thompson Montgomery, of Junction City, GA, passed away on May 17, 2026.

A graveside service will be held at Pine Level Cemetery, 273 Hayes Road, Mauk, GA 31058 on May 20 at 11:00 am with Reverend Franklin Holmes officiating. Pallbearers will include: Jake Montgomery, Craig Montgomery, Seab Massey, Asa Massey, Andy Harbin, and Howard Marshall. The family will have a visitation at Cox Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 5:30 -7:30 pm

Barbara was born on July 29, 1939 to Lawrence and Effie Belle Thompson of Thomaston, Georgia.

After graduating from Manchester High School in 1957. Barbara was well known throughout her community for her dog grooming business, her love and knowledge of estate jewelry and antiques, and for the many years she devoted to helping run the family business and farm. She worked hard, loved deeply, and took pride in caring for both her family and the life they built together.

Barbara passed peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of her family. Anyone who knew Barbara knew she was the very definition of a loving matriarch. She was a mother not only to her own children, but to generations of family members she helped raise, guide, and care for throughout her life. Her home was a place of comfort, wisdom, laughter, and unconditional love.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Freeman Montgomery, Sr., of 63 years; her son, Richard L. "Ricky" Montgomery; and her parents.

She is survived by her sons, Robert "Robby" F. Montgomery, Jr. and wife Datha of Woodbury, and Roger C. Montgomery and wife Cheryl of Talbotton; her grandchildren, Lauren Harbin (Andy) of Manchester, Jake Montgomery (Brittany) of Macon, Craig Montgomery (Rachel) of Macon, Layne Voher (Matt) of Waverly Hall, and Lynne Montgomery of Talbotton.

She also leaves behind her treasured great-grandchildren: Seab, Asa, Jessie (Jonathan), Cassie (Gabe), Breana, Sutton, Lucy, Chaela, Caroline, Ellie, Joslynn, Layla and William along with great great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who were so very special to her.

Barbara is also survived by her brother, Hulan Thompson and wife Janice of Macon. Her memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of all who knew and loved her. The love she gave so freely and the family she nurtured across four generations will remain her lasting legacy.

Cox Funeral Home in Manchester, GA will be in charge of the arrangements. Please sign the online registry and leave condolences for the family on the tribute wall page.

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I Find the Strangest Things in Odd Places

As many of you know, my weekend side gig is being a tour guide at the Pine Mountain Wild Animal Safari. It's a fun job, gets me out into the fresh air and sunshine, and adds a little bit to my bank account.

And ... I get tips.

On Mother's Day, I had a bus load of people going through the park and did my best to not only give them a great time with the animals, but to also entertain them with (admittedly corny) jokes. I usually do pretty well when it comes to tips, which I use as walking-around money.

That day, among the many passengers on the tour bus who enjoyed the animals (and, I hope, enjoyed the jokes), I had some people visiting from Europe. I didn't get much of a chance to talk to them one-on-one, and from the looks on their faces I could tell they didn't really get all the jokes I was telling, but they were very nice, very pleasant, and one of them actually apologized as he placed a folded piece of paper into my tip jar. He said he didn't have any American money on him but hoped I would accept this:



That, friends, is a 10-euro note, the euro being the medium of exchange throughout much of Europe. At the rate of exchange as this is written, that 10-euro note is worth about \$13 in our currency.

I responded eagerly, telling the gentleman that I accepted his tip with gratitude and that I actually collect such things as foreign money. To my knowledge, there aren't many banks around here that would exchange that 10-euro note for \$13 (or whatever the going exchange rate is at the time I bring it in), but that's okay because it's a gorgeous piece of paper and I'm very happy to have it.

The 10-euro note joins two other foreign bills placed in my tip jar during my years at the Safari. For instance, about five years ago, a patron got off the bus and, while doing so, dropped this:



A five-euro note, this one featuring another classic piece of architecture from the continent. The exchange rate as I write this would



Jack Bagley

Musings of An Aging Mind

place its value at around \$6.50 or so, but I have no intention of exchanging it. It now has a 10-euro note to keep it company.

But those are eclipsed in just plain oddness by one I received not long after I started as a tour guide. It's been a very long time and I don't recall the exact circumstances (when it was dropped, who dropped it) but it raised more than a few eyebrows when I shared it:



It's very hard to see, but this is a five-peso note from Cuba.

Yes, Cuba ... home of Fidel Castro, Communism in the western hemisphere, and raw sugar.

Where the person who dropped it into my tip jar got it, I don't know. Why he (or she) gave it to me as a gratuity for entertaining them on the trip, I don't know. What the exchange rate is - if there even is one - I don't know.

What I can do with it, I don't know.

So I keep it.

These three notes are being added to my small collection of foreign currencies which include bank notes from Bulgaria, the Bahamas, and Belize.

I didn't say it was a large collection.

The Bahamas money I was able to acquire on my own, during my (to this point) sole trip to that delightful country.

Belize cash came courtesy of a colleague at one of the schools where I taught, who spent a summer there and brought me back a souvenir.

As for the currency from Bulgaria, I don't recall how I acquired it - but I most certainly didn't go to Bulgaria to get it.

I might add, at this point, that I am always on the lookout for foreign bills to add to my collection, so if you happen to have any lying around that you don't want ... well, you know what to do.

Thanks to the wonderful people who tipped me the best way they could ... helping my collection grow!

Cox Didn't Mind Speaking Out When Needed

I remember a lot of things about former Atlanta Braves Manager Bobby Cox and so will the history books. Some of the records he set can be looked upon as great accomplishments, but there is one record that most people might think is not so wonderful but it truly is.

Cox set several records, accomplished a great deal and a player and manager, which I will cover a little later in this column. The one record in his career as a manager is one I want to talk about. Cox holds the all-time record for ejections in the MLB. Sounds bad but as an old player and coach, I think it's great and I'll explain.

During a sporting event, officials are going to make mistakes and bad calls. That is just a fact. It is the manager's responsibility to point out such calls or mistakes when it is crucial in the game and Cox didn't mind doing that and when the official didn't listen, he became very boisterous and animated. Those acts usually ended with him being ejected from the game.

As a manager it is also his responsibility to speak up for his players, and Cox didn't mind one bit doing that and letting the officials know he wasn't happy.

As a player and former coach, I can tell you when you

speak up for your players they step up to the plate, so to speak. I'm not sure how many times when the Braves were trailing in a game, and he challenged the officials, the Braves' players responded on the field and turned things around.

It also showed how much Cox cared about his players and that is why the players loved and respected him.

Cox played third base during his playing days and managed the Braves twice in his career. He first managed the Braves in 1978 and then in 1981 became the manager of the Toronto Blue Jays. Cox returned to the Braves' as manager in 1986 as the General Manager. In 1990 he moved back to the position of team manager and remained until he retired in 2010. Not many managers in the MLB can say they only managed two teams and managed a single team as long as Cox did with the Braves. He had other managing jobs, but not in the big leagues.

During his tenure as the Braves manager, Cox led the team to 14 consecutive division championships with the first in 1991 and the last one in 2005. He led the team to a World Series title in 1995.

Cox is a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and set a record with a



John Kuykendall
Publisher & Editor

100-win season six times, another record matched by Joe McCarthy.

He also is the all-time leader among MLB managers in playoff seasons with 16, and he was the first manager since Casey Stengel to have qualified for the postseason 10 times (four managers have accomplished that feat since Cox did).

He actually began his career in managing teams with the Yankees in the team's farm system and served as the first base coach with Billy Martin when the Yankees won the World Series in 1977.

Overall, Cox had two World Series Championships, the 1977 Yankees and the 1995 Braves. Cox was named Manager of the Year four times during his career, is in the Braves Hall of Fame and his jersey, number 6, has been retired by the Braves.

He was a five time National League Pennant winner during his career and was the first manager since Casey Stengel to help his team qual-

ify for postseason play 10 times.

He amassed a .556 winning percentage, which ranks second among all-time MLB managers. He is second to John McGraw.

Cox won 2,504 games as a manager and is the fourth all-time in managerial wins.

There can be no argument that Cox knew baseball, was a winner, and loved by his players and Atlanta Braves fans.

Cox earned his first win as a manager in 1978 in Fulton County Stadium. The Braves were playing the San Diego Padres and Darrel Chaney hit a walk-off home run to win the game.

It's been a long time since that first win. But during those year's Cox became a baseball legend and turned his beloved Braves in one of America's teams.

"A manager's job is to make players believe in themselves," Cox once said. He realized the importance of having the trust and confidence of his players and team. That is why he was a great manager.

Cox brought greatness to the Atlanta Braves and will always be remembered for his accomplishments and his ejections. But those ejections were an indicator of how much he loved the game and his Braves.

You will be missed and remembered, Number 6.

Change Is In the Air

A bit of a news junkie, I periodically peruse foreign news sources for reports regarding the US.

These sources can be quite insightful and forthcoming, often more so than domestic news sources with the added benefit of providing some indication of what foreigners are thinking about the US. Moreover, the ones I watch appear to still have some sense of integrity, something sadly lacking at most American networks.

Late last week a foreign broadcast featured just how much the situation had deteriorated in Cuba. It was later echoed by some domestic news outlets.

As of last Friday, supplies of gasoline and diesel fuel throughout the entire island country were largely exhausted. For any country dependent on fossil fuels, as all industrialized countries are, that is a socio-economic disaster that can quickly lead to a complete breakdown of society - and it is happening.

Without fuel, electrical generating plants begin shutting down and without electricity, almost everything else grinds to a halt. People must then survive without all the modern conveniences.

Without fuel to power vehicles, military personnel and police officers will have to ride horses - at least those that know how. Fire trucks will sit in stations unable to move. Emergency medical personnel will be hamstrung because without electricity hospitals cannot function.

Without fuel and electricity, public services grind to a halt. No trash pickup will inevitably lead to widespread disease, especially in Cuban cities. Without electricity, pumps in municipal water systems will stop and that means the flow of drinking water stops. People will be forced to step centuries backward, boiling water obtained from creeks and streams in an effort to kill harmful bacteria - provided they know the process - and some will not. Without electricity sewage pumps stop and that stuff will back up fast in Cuban cities, spilling untreated sewage everywhere, also leading to widespread disease.

If this sounds like an apocalypse, it will very likely become one and with Cuba just 90 miles off the US coast we will have a front row seat. The early stages have



Andy Kober
Columnist

already started as reports and video clips of the deteriorating situation in Cuba are indicating.

There are those who will say the Cuban situation is President Donald Trump's fault as he instituted the naval blockade of Cuba, but the situation began decades ago when the island country turned to socialism.

As is happening in this country, socialism was envisioned as a great ideal, creating a classless society. Unfortunately, it is only a great system for those in control. Everyone else living under that rule must work to support the government and those in charge. It is not classless and never was.

Those who believe in socialism will cry that true socialism has never been tried. The truth is that it has

been tried - repeatedly - but fails because of the greed and thirst for power of those in charge who do not face fair and honest elections. In Cuba, dissidents protested in the streets. Some were thrown in prison - likely tortured, some were shot and killed in the streets, and other simply disappeared with their fates remaining unknown.

IN this country we have the freedom to disagree with the government and many people do. Our votes can and do change the direction of the country, which recently happened. In socialist countries, including Cuba, people do not have such freedom.

The naval blockade was instituted to bring down the repressive socialist government in Cuban, allowing the people to live free and truly elect leaders.

Cuba was once a very prosperous country and a major tourist attraction. It could be again.

But for that to happen, change must happen, and the Cuban people must be free.

That's my opinion.

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* 2026 Graduates: Choose The Road To Success *

Greetings and blessings! Congratulations all 2026 Honor Graduates! We are so extremely proud and grateful to acknowledge your challenging achievements and accomplishments. Perhaps you are now thinking, "I got it made now" or maybe saying, "It's all over now" but be not deceived (misled). Surprise! Surprise! Spoiler alert, it's just the beginning! Yes, your riding days are over and you must now take hold of the wheel. Graduates, you are about to embark on a challenging journey that will have many stops, blocks, adversities and disappointments along the way. So then, I strongly encourage you to be vigilant, alert, focused and most of all, prayerful. And please don't go to sleep or let go of the wheel! It's essential that you make good, sensible, positive and thoughtful choices to aggressively achieve your dream and ambitions. Most importantly, petition God for guidance and trust His Word, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me"



Pres Hall
Columnist

(Philippians 4:3) and "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalms 37:4). In fact, these are godly sound doctrines that will never fail and are not found in textbooks but in God's Holy book, the Bible. Graduates, certainly there will be times when you want to quit or give up, turn around and head for home. But there's a true quote, "Quitters never win and winners never quit" and "If first you don't succeed, then try again." Graduate, I believe in "you", so, you must also believe in "you" too. "Believe and Achieve."

Once again, I vividly remember a poem from high school, "The Road Not



Taken" by Robert Frost that impacted me. It tells of two roads diverged (split-off), he couldn't travel both, so he takes the one less traveled and it ultimately made all the necessary differences. In other words, "Going with the crowd is not always the right road to take." Nevertheless, whatever road, you'll need something money cannot buy, that's God's sustainable grace and mercy. So then, when you come to the road that points in all directions, pause and ask God; do listen attentively, "He will

direct your path" (Proverb 3:5,6). More so, be kind and humble on the road, Luke 18:14 says "Those who humble themselves shall be exalted (elevated)..." Also pack a good, gentle attitude with integrity and respect. And too, character is imperative; it helps you "Do the right thing when no one is looking." Honor Graduates, no doubt the road will get bumpy; it will take relentless efforts, unwavering courage, self-confidence, perseverance and endurance to travel on. Graduates, I fervently pray that something said will make an enormous, significant, encouraging and genuine difference. God's Word and promises which are a sure map (GPS) for the challenging road ahead. Now a meaningful song of assurance, "Nobody told me that the road would be easy, but I don't believe He (God) brought me (you) this far to leave me," NO! God surely didn't! So again, just be the best "you", you can be! May God grant you an abundance of success and happiness! Thank You Lord!

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BIBLE THOUGHT: "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." - Proverbs 16:3

Open House for Recreation Center

Submitted to *NEW ERA*

Talbot County is proud to invite residents and surrounding communities to the grand Open House of the brand-new Recreation Center, taking place May 18th through May 23rd from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily.

This exciting event is an opportunity for everyone to come out, explore, and experience the county's newest facility designed to promote health, wellness, and community connection. After much anticipation, the citizens of Talbot County finally have a space where individuals and families of all ages can come together to enjoy recreation, fitness, and relaxation.

The new Recreation Center offers amenities that support a healthier lifestyle—from fitness areas and activity spaces to welcoming environments where families can gather, exercise, unwind as well as serving

community meeting space. This facility represents more than just a building it reflects a commitment to improving the quality of life in Talbot County.

For years, the community has looked forward to a place where wellness, stability, and togetherness are at the forefront. Now, that vision has become a reality. Whether you're interested in staying active, meeting new people, or simply enjoying a family outing, the Recreation Center is designed with everyone in mind.

The grounds offer lots of on-site parking for all visitors throughout the Open House week, with clearly marked spaces for convenient access to the facility. Designated accessible parking spaces are located entrances to ensure ease for individuals with disabilities. The Recreation Center is fully accessible and designed to accommodate all guests. Features include wheelchair-

accessible entrances, ramps, restrooms, and wide interior spaces to ensure a comfortable experience for everyone. Staff will be available on-site to assist with directions and provide support as needed. We encourage all residents to attend the Open House, tour the facility, and learn about the programs and opportunities that will be offered.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and be part of this exciting new chapter for Talbot County.

Together, let's embrace a healthier, more active lifestyle and move forward in creating a stronger, more connected community.

Join us May 18 through May 23 and see what the future of recreation looks like in Talbot County!

The recreation center is located at 545 N. Washington Avenue in Talbotton.

For more information or questions please call 706-665-9423.

Sweet Dreams are Made of This: Learning in Your Sleep

The average human spends about a third of their lifetime asleep. That equates to about a quarter of a million hours, or roughly 26 years. If you include time trying to go to sleep, and restless nights, a person will have spent over 30 years of their time on Earth lying in bed, assuming you make it to the ripe old age of 90.

These calculations, and I'm trusting the internet on this because I've never been good with figures, are based on a body getting a healthy eight hours a day. But we all know few people actually get the required amount of rest a human needs to function properly and that is why most people either shuffle around like zombies or, in the case of mass caffeine consumption, are as jittery as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs.

All that being said, and the fact that to be healthy you must sleep aside, that seems like a lot of time wasted. With our waking moments crammed with the obligations and monotonous tasks required by this great society of ours, it seems a shame that most of our free time is



Kyle Dominy
New Southern Dad

spent with our eyes closed.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good sleep and I am usually the first person among my family and friends to call it night, but I always end the day with too many tasks left undone. There are things I want to learn, skills I want to cultivate. I often leave work with lofty expectations for my evening, that I will make time to run a few miles or practice playing guitar and the like.

But that's not often the case, and as any one with a family can attest, time slips away from you and by the time you get to sit down a spell, closing your eyes for a moment seems like a great idea. The next thing you know, tomorrow has come and gone.

There may be hope for me yet though. New research suggests that people can communicate and strengthen

skills while sleeping and dreaming, particularly in lucid dreams, a state of sleep where the brain recognizes it is experiencing a dream.

For instance, dreaming about playing the piano or speaking in a foreign language will register as practice for that skill. The dreamer will wake up and the body will retain that experience as if it really happened.

The setback, however, is that my dream self is quite inept. In my dreams (I guess you can call these nightmares) I can never perform the skills that I want to improve. If I need to run, my feet are like anchors. If an instrument is placed in my hands, I can't make it produce anything close to music.

I've never been one to put meaning to a dream, but if a dream can improve your abilities can it also impair them?

I may need to drop some hobbies, but at least I'm getting enough shut eye.

You can reach Kyle Dominy at: k.l.dominy@gmail.com or write to 115 South Jefferson St. Dublin, Ga. 31021

Sheriff's Office to Hold Senior Fishing Rodeo

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Talbot County Sheriff Bobby Gates, Jr. and the Talbot County Sheriff's Office has announced it will sponsor a fishing event for senior citizens.

Sheriff Gates invites senior citizens to the 2026 Senior Citizen Fishing Rodeo that will be held at the facility formally known as the Youth Center (now Heritage Park) and is located at 170 Park Street in Talbotton.

"We want to see who is the

When: May 30th
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 noon
Where Heritage Park
170 Park Street
Talbotton, GA

"REEL DEAL" to have bragging rights about their fishing skills," Sheriff Gates aid.

"We are asking that participants bring his or her own tacklebox, folding chair, rod and reels, poles, sunhats, baits, nets, sunscreen and sunglasses to this fun filled, relaxing, exciting and fellowship morning of fishing."

The event will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Heritage Park.

There will be prizes awarded to seniors for the heaviest fish caught, most fish caught and the oldest fisherman or fisherwoman.

The event is open to senior citizens age 55 and above.

Snacks will be provided as well.

For more information, please contact Sheriff Gates at 188 Jackson Avenue in Talbotton or by calling him at (706) 665-3111.

The Lighter Side of This Week's News Stories

A Free Fifty Grand
A Maryland man won a \$50,000 lottery prize from a Bonus Match 5 ticket he received for free with a Fast Play purchase.

The Calvert County man told Maryland Lottery officials he frequently plays Fast Play games, and that's what

he was doing when he recently stopped at the Fastop convenience store on Chesapeake Avenue in North Beach.

"I chose the Lightning Cash Fast Play game and was surprised when a second ticket came out," the player said.

The man benefited from a promotion that dispensed

free Bonus Match 5 tickets to players who bought tickets for that particular Fast Play game.

The player checked his ticket the next morning and was shocked to see he had won the \$50,000 prize.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," he said. "Total shock."

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Debtors & Creditors Notice

26-046

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF THELMA L. ADAMS

All creditors of the Estate of THELMA L. ADAMS late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 29TH day of APRIL, 2026. JACKIE HOLLOWAY 6580 SMOKE RIDGE DRIVE COLLEGE PARK, GA 30349 Executor(s) of the Estate of THELMA L. ADAMS, Deceased (5:7, 14, 21, 28)

26-045

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF MABLE L. HOWARD

All creditors of the Estate of MABLE L. HOWARD late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 29TH day of APRIL, 2026. VIVIAN L. HOWARD 326 JEFFERSON DR. COLUMBUS, GA 31907 Executor(s) of the Estate of MABLE L. HOWARD, Deceased (5:7, 14, 21, 28)

26-043

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TALBOT COUNTY, GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF VERNON JERRY JERNIGAN All creditors of the Estate of VERNON JERRY JERNIGAN late of Talbot County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person(s) indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 21st day of APRIL, 2026. KIMBERLY VERA 3032 PATRIOT LN. FREDERICKSBURG, VA 22408 Executor(s) of the Estate of VERNON JERRY JERNIGAN, Deceased (4:30, 5:7, 14, 21)

Foreclosures

26-044

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF TALBOT Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by RUBY L KIMBROUGH, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns, dated April 15, 1996, and recorded on April 16, 1996 in Deed Book 109, begin-

ning at page 177, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Talbot County, Georgia, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Talbot County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that certain tractor parcel of land situate lying an being in Land Lot 288 of the 23rd Land District of Talbot County, Georgia and being further shown on a map or plat of survey entitled "PLAT OF THE PROPERTY OF RUBY KIMBROUGH", dated August 21, 1995, prepared by Hugh P. Riley, Georgia Registered Surveyor #1285, of record in Plat Slide 196, Page 7, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Talbot County, Georgia, to which reference is expressly made for the description therein. This tract contains 1.01 acres, more or less.

Said property may more commonly be known as 5576 Po Biddy Rd, Talbotton, GA 31827

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Dawson Management is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed, and it may be contacted at: Address: 3775 Venture Drive, Duluth, GA 30096 Phone: 770-962-4981 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be RUBY L KIMBROUGH, or tenant(s). United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, its successors and assigns, United States Department of Agriculture, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor. Please note that if any borrower or obligor has received a discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, no personal liability will arise from this foreclosure action against that individual. This foreclosure action is being pursued solely against the real property to enforce the lien created by the Security Instrument.

SHATARA POWELL Judge of the Probate Court By: NI LEJA WILLIAMS Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 157 TALBOTTON, GA 31827 706-665-8866 (5:7, 14, 21, 28)

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(5:7, 14, 21, 28)

Incorporations

26-049

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE Notice is given that Articles of Incorporation, which will incorporate Second Wind Rescue, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code on May 14, 2026. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 88 Goose Rd, Box Springs, GA 31801, and its initial registered agent at such address are Gregory D Lockhart, Jordan Knight, Jennifer Graessler, Nina Koslova, James Donovan. (5:21, 28)

Probate Notices

26-047

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TALBOT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF REGINALD B. LEONARD, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2026-P-020

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: WILLIE FRANK LEONARD has petitioned to be appointed Successor Administrator(s) of the estate of REGINALD LEONARD deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted.

All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before JUNE 1, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be (scheduled at a later date). If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

SHATARA POWELL Judge of the Probate Court By: NI LEJA WILLIAMS Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 157 TALBOTTON, GA 31827 706-665-8866 (5:7, 14, 21, 28)

Rain and More Rain Predicted

By JOHN KUYKENDALL

Editor's Note: This is a weather forecast and the weather is subject to change. Please make sure to check for weather updates. This forecast taken from the Weather Channel's extended forecast.



This week the weather experts are calling for rain, rain and more rain. So keep an umbrella handy.

Today May 21, the skies will be partly cloudy with only a 24% chance of rain in the forecast. The high temperature today is expected to be around 87 degrees and the low temperature around 68 degrees. Winds are expected to reach speeds of about six miles per hour.

For Friday, May 22, skies should remain partly cloudy with only a 20% chance of rain. The high temperature is expected to be around 86 degrees and the low temperature about 68 degrees. Winds are expected to reach speeds of eight miles per hour.

On Saturday, May 23, the weatherman is calling for isolated thunderstorms with a 30% chance of rain. The high temperature is expected to be around 85 degrees and the low

temperature is expected to be around 69 degrees. Winds are predicted to reach speeds of around seven miles per hour.

On Sunday, May 24, thunderstorms are being predicted for the p.m. hours and a 38% chance of rain. The high temperature is expected to be around 85 degrees and the low temperature around 69 degrees. Winds speeds are expected to be around five miles per hour.

On Monday, May 25, the weatherman is still calling for p.m. thunderstorms with a 59% chance of rain. The high temperature is expected to reach around 86 degrees and the low temperature is expected to be around 69 degrees. Winds are expected to reach speeds of around six miles per hour.

On Tuesday, May 26, scattered thunderstorms are being predicted with a 53%

chance of rain. The high temperature for the day is expected to reach around 86 degrees and the low temperature is expected to be around 68 degrees. Winds are expected to reach speeds of around seven miles per hour.

For Wednesday, May 27 scattered thunderstorms are being predicted with a 44% chance of rain. The high temperature for the day is expected to reach around 87 degrees and the low temperature around 68 degrees. Winds are expected to reach speeds of about six miles per hour.

On Thursday, May 28, scattered thunderstorms are being predicted with a 46% chance or rain. The high temperature is expected to be around 86 degrees and the low is expected to be around 67. Winds are expected to reach speeds of about six miles per hour.

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Memorial Day Word Search

By MARYANN ZELIZNAK

Find the words listed below in the diagram. The words may be in a straight line or diagonally. The words may be read upwards or downwards. Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list.

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END OF THE LINE - The last Ford Model T is shown rolling along the assembly line this week in 1927. Today this car is featured in The Henry Ford Museum. It serves as a poignant reminder of mass production at its finest.

This Week in History

1927 - Last Ford Model T Rolls Off Line

By ANDY KOBER

Here is what happened this week in American History.

• **May 21.** On this day in 1951, once again momentum in the Korean War changes sides. The Chinese Peoples Volunteer Army and North Korean Peoples Army Fifth Offensive has crumbled with massive casualties at the Battle of the Soyang River. South Korean ROK, UN and US forces begin their own attack and quickly regain much of the ground lost early in the Chinese offensive while pushing north of the 38th Parallel. Meanwhile, Gen. Matthew Ridgway calls for Gen. James Van Fleet to attack behind the most forward bulk of PVA and KPA forces, cutting lines of communication, supplies and support. A day earlier, I Corps, IX Corps, and part of US 1st Marine Division began that part of the attack about 15 miles north of Seoul. Lt. Gen. William Hoge leads the 24th Infantry Division and 7th Infantry Division along with ROK forces toward the PVA and KPA reserves. Initial results are mixed as PVA and KPA units are running faster than cautious troops can pursue.

• **May 22.** In 1915, Lassen Peak, sometimes called Mount Lassen, erupted. An active lava dome located in the Shasta Cascade area near Sacramento Valley in California, Lassen Peak had been inactive for an estimated 27,000 years prior to a series of precursor earthquakes. It was the first volcano to erupt in the US during the 20th Century, and one of only two to do so. The area around Lassen Peak has been designated as the Lassen Volcanic National Park and it remains active with fumaroles or steam vents, hot springs, and mudpots -- or hot, bubbling mud -- are found throughout the park.

• **May 23.** Today in 1951, forces under Lt. Gen. Hoge are on the move in the Korean War. Enemy forces continue retreating as US tanks and infantry capture and occupy Kap'nyong. Meanwhile, X Corps is capturing important roads and crossroads despite PVA and KPA resistance. The advances take place before PVA and KPA soldiers can retreat along those roads. Elsewhere, Allied attacks take place near P'ungam-ni aimed at capturing the Habaejau road junction. The 1st Marine Division attacks toward Kari-san in the mountains and recover 11 wounded Marines of the 2nd Infantry Division. As PVA and KPA forces retreat, they concentrate and their numbers grow with resistance becoming stiffer. As they did in the Pacific Theater

during World War II, Allied forces are bypassing large concentrations of fleeing enemy forces to surround them and deal with them later.

• **May 24.** On this day in 1951, while Chinese and North Korean forces are retreating, they can and do stop to fight and delay South Korean, UN and US advancing forces. Gen. Claude Ferenbaugh, of the 7th Infantry Division, is attacking while checking along the Soyang River for crossing sites. Ferenbaugh and a small group are reconnoitering when they come under fire from a substantial PVA blocking force. Two of Ferenbaugh's soldiers are killed with a third wounded. Ferenbaugh, an aide and the driver are forced to hide among rocks and brush. About three hours later, a US psychological warfare team inadvertently finds them and summons help. In what could have been featured in a movie, 1st Lt. Ivan Stanaway takes his platoon of tanks to cover Ferenbaugh and his men, rescuing them in the darkness.

• **May 25.** In 1977, the first *Star Wars* movie is released in US theaters and instantly proves a huge success. Production had gone over-budget by \$3 million and there were serious doubts the movie would even cover production costs, much less earn a profit. As a result, it opened in relatively few theaters. It would earn over \$410 million worldwide in just the first release.

• **May 26.** Today in 1949, Philip Michael Thomas is born in Columbus, Ohio and raised in San Bernardino, California. He was part of a blended family that included seven half-siblings. Thomas attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama followed by the University of California in Riverside, studying to become a minister. Then he auditioned for and was cast in a production of *Hair* and changed career paths to acting. He landed a few small roles before being chosen to portray Ricardo Tubbs in the hit television series *Miami Vice*. The series would propel Thomas to stardom but it was short-lived as he appeared in only a few roles after *Miami Vice*. Now 76, Thomas has not been active in some time.

• **May 27.** On this day in 1927, after a production run of 15 million cars, the last Ford Model T rolls off the assembly line. The plant then retools to begin production of the Ford Model A. The last Model T was driven out of the plant by Henry and Edsel Ford. That car was permanently preserved and is on display at The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.



Did a popular music group lose all the money they made from their best-selling album?

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Everybody's going ga-ga about AI (artificial intelligence) and what it can and can't do. So, on a whim, I went online and asked an AI generator to write a two-paragraph introduction for this week's column. Here it is:

"Think you know your world, your history, and the odd bits of trivia in between? Welcome to our weekly trivia column, where we dig into the delightful, the surprising, and the downright peculiar facts that make our world endlessly fascinating. Whether you're a seasoned quiz fanatic or someone who simply enjoys a good 'Huh—I never knew that,' you'll find plenty here to spark curiosity and maybe even win you a future bet or two.

"Each week, we'll serve up a mix of brain-teasers, behind-the-scenes stories, and unexpected nuggets pulled from science, culture, politics, and everyday life. Some answers may astonish you, others may make you laugh, but all are guaranteed to give you a fresh appreciation for the extraordinary hiding in the ordinary. Ready to test your knowledge? Let's dive in."

Sheesh, that's not bad. I might just find myself out of a job. Let's get into this week's silly stuff, okay? I thought you'd agree.

Did you know ...

... one country's snow ski resorts only operate in summer? The city of La Paz, Bolivia, has an elevation of almost 12,000 feet above sea level. Nearby ski resorts, which can be found up to 17,000 feet above sea level, can only operate during the months of November to March, which in South America is summertime. The resorts are too cold to operate during winter in South America because of their elevation. (Too cold to ski? Nonsense!)

... the oldest recipient of an Academy Award™ was 82 when he received it? Actor Christopher Plummer (1929-2021) received the Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in the 2012 movie *Beginners*. The oldest actress to win an Oscar was Jessica Tandy (1909-1994), who took home the award for *Driving Miss Daisy* in 1989, when she was 80 years old. *Additional trivia note:* Tandy managed to beat out another Oscar winner for the title of oldest recipient by just a few months. George Burns (1896-1996) was also 80 when he won an Oscar for *The Sunshine Boys* in 1975. Tandy's feat was eclipsed by that of Plummer.

... the longest average lifespan in the world can be found in a small European country? In the nation of Andorra, a tiny enclave between Spain and France, the average lifespan of the people is 83.5 years. (Ah, but what do they do with those years in Andorra? Hmmm?)

... a popular musical group lost all the money they made from their greatest album? In 1973, the British rock group Pink Floyd released *Dark Side of the Moon*, one of the most critically acclaimed rock music albums in history. The hit single, "Money," came from the

album. Sales rocketed into platinum territory, and the group earned well over \$45,000,000 in sales. Members of the group invested their money in various ways – a floating restaurant, a hotel in which fudge was made, a computer game, a movie (which apparently nobody saw), a skateboard company, a car-for-hire business, and a shoe factory. All of the investment ventures failed. The group eventually fled to France as tax exiles from Great Britain and recorded their next major hit album, *The Wall*, in 1979. *Additional trivia note:* *Dark Side of the Moon* holds the record for the longest time spent on *Billboard's* Top 200 Albums chart. It spent 950 weeks – over 18 years – on the chart. (Well, the group had to make money somehow.)

... the decoration outside a popular restaurant chain was inspired by a movie? In-and-Out Burger locations feature a display of crossed palm trees outside the restaurant, and those were inspired by the 1963 movie *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*. Co-founder Harry Snyder (1913-1976) said he liked the imagery from the film, in which the characters hunted for a buried treasure hidden beneath a pair of crossed palm trees. (Don't go digging for treasure there, though.)

... lobsters have rubber bands around their claws in aquariums for a reason? It appears that in captivity, lobsters become cannibalistic. The bands keep the lobsters from eating each other. (And yes, I know they don't eat through their claws. They're banded so they can't ... oh, the heck with it.)

... a Tinder™ match was once made in Antarctica? In 2014, two lonely scientists stationed in Antarctica put in their profiles on the global dating app, only to find that they were a match – and the man was working at McMurdo Station, while the woman was on a scientific camping expedition about 45 minutes away by helicopter. Yes, they met each other. (And I sincerely hope they lived happily ever after.)

... a newspaper once ran an April Fool's prank that wasn't a prank? On April 1, 2015, the *New Zealand Herald* newspaper ran a front-page advertisement that offered a free BMW automobile to the first person who brought their old car in and asked for "Tom," a salesman. Everybody who saw the ad thought it was a hoax – except for one person, Tianna Marsh (born 1985) of Auckland. Marsh showed up at the dealership with the ad coupon and her 15-year-old station wagon, asked for Tom, and was presented the keys to a brand-new BMW worth \$37,000. Marsh's old car was auctioned off for charity, and her new car – an April Fool's joke that wasn't a joke – had the license plate, "No Fool." (She certainly wasn't.)

... all websites containing "ahh" are owned by one company? The Coca-Cola™ Company went to the expense of purchasing all websites that contain "ahh," up to 62 h's. (What a relief!)
Now ... you know!

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Alhena Spotted Below Jupiter

By ANDY KOBER

Cool nighttime and early morning temperatures has allowed for some awesome star gazing.

The planet Jupiter remains incredibly bright. To spot Jupiter, about 10:30 pm look just north of west, or for those with a compass along a heading of 283 degrees, and about 43 degrees above the horizon, and there is Jupiter. It is difficult to miss.

Now look down and just a bit to the right and spot the star Alhena.

Alhena is located on a heading of 285 degrees and at 10:30 pm is located about 20 degrees above the horizon. Viewers will need a clear view to the west to see Alhena.

Also known as Gamma Geminorum, Alhena is the third brightest star in the Gemini constellation and is a binary star, which means there are two stars appearing very close.

The primary star is located about 109 light-years from Earth, has nearly three times the mass of our Sun, and is putting out about 200 times as much light. It is in a state of flux and is known



as an evolving star. This means the star has exhausted the supply of hydrogen at its core and is now classified as a subgiant star. The secondary star is slightly larger than our Sun, but not much else has been determined.

The USS *Alhena*, a World War II attack cargo ship, was named for the star.

Next week this column will start highlighting planets featured in the original set of "Star Wars" movies.

Keep your eyes on the sky for passing fireballs.

Meteors can flash across the sky anytime, day or night, with extraordinarily bright meteors referred to as fireballs -- and they are spotted quite often.

On Saturday, May 9, 42 people across Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia reported seeing a fireball.

The fireball was first reported at 20:20 pm Central Time by a skywatcher in

Kingston Springs, KY, who reported that it was "really bright and large" and witnessed it "break into two pieces". The fireball was seen as far north as Wilder, KY, as far east as near Charlestown, WV, as far south as Decatur, AL, and as far west as Jackson, MO. The fireball appeared to travel from northwest to southeast.

Three of the skywatchers reported hearing noise attributable to the fireball and 26 witnessed it fragment into smaller pieces. The fireball was captured in one photograph.

Anyone seeing a fireball is urged to report the sighting to <https://amsmeteors.org>

Going outside and looking at the night sky can be fun and educational for the entire family.

There are a number of free apps available to help identify stars and constellations, and some of the apps will show satellites.

Happy skywatching!

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