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BUSINESS BEEF

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restaurant sees
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Thursday

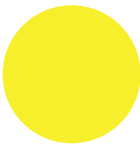


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Friday



High: 67°

Low: 38°

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Saturday



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Low: 43°

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Sunday



High: 65°

Low: 48°

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chance of rain

Weather Bar

Thursday will be a wet one in the 'Boro, so make sure you grab that rain jacket and umbrella! Friday will warm up slightly, before fall temperatures finally settle in.

11/9

WEEKLY
BUZZ

11/15

KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW ABOUT STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT EVENTS, DESIGNED WITH YOU IN MIND.

Don't Wait! It's time to reapply for 2018/2019 Federal Financial Aid!

Students planning to attend and receive financial aid for Fall 2018, Spring 2019, or Summer 2019 must reapply for financial aid by completing the 2018/2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- You can now complete your 2018/2019 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- You will use 2016 tax information for the 2018/2019 FAFSA.
- Georgia Southern University's school code for the FAFSA is 001572.
- The priority date for the 2018/2019 FAFSA is February 1, 2018.

It is important to apply by the priority date because funds are limited for some campus need-based financial aid. Avoid the long lines next summer! Reapply early! If you have questions, contact our office at 912-478- 5413 or email a Financial Aid Counselor at finaid@georgiasouthern.edu

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80% of the students attending a study session pass MATH 1111 with at least a C. To register, please call 912-478-5371 or send an email to asc@georgiasouthern.edu. Seating is limited, register early! Anyone not registered will be allowed to stay only if seats are available.

- Monday, November 28, 2:30-3:30 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
- Monday, November 28, 4:00-5:00 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell
- Tuesday, November 29, 9:00-10:00 PM, Mr. Jeff Taylor
- Tuesday, November 29, 5:45-6:45 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell
- Wednesday, November 30, 1:30-2:30 PM, Ms. Jackie Varnell

UPB Presents: UnPlugged - Movember Edition

Thursday, November 17th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Williams Center Multipurpose Room

The University Programming Board has changed the look of Thursday nights in the Boro! Our monthly UNplugged series offers a relaxed, coffeehouse/lounge type environment for students to indulge in tasty treats and beverages while enjoying a variety of entertainment acts, provided by Georgia Southern's most talented. Faculty /staff/ students, do you have a special talent that you'd like to share with the campus?

This event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email: upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event

Women & Weights (ongoing)

Every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30-9:30pm, RAC Conditioning Room

Moonlight Bike Ride

November 2 at 8pm, SA Center

Join our Southern Adventures crew and take an evening bike ride around Georgia Southern's beautiful campus. You can bring your own bike or rent one from SA - but there are a limited supply so call ahead to reserve yours!

Ariel Seehorn: ariel-seehorn@georgiasouthern.edu

YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

The Weekly Buzz is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

OUR HOUSE

Brett Daniel asked GS students about the outcome of yesterday's mayoral election...

SHIKIA CRANE



Sophomore public health major
"I think change is good".

CLAIRE MITCHELL



Junior exercise science major
"It seems like many people in Statesboro wanted something to change and by the power of their votes, it did".

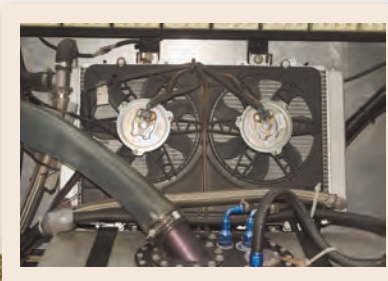
JOSH THOMAS



Sophomore physics major
"It's good to see different kinds of people from different walks of life take office. I want to continue seeing that."

#WhereAtSouthern

If you guessed the Eagle Motorsports UTV, you guessed right!



CHRISTOPHER STOKES

Check back next Tuesday for a new #whereatsouthern puzzle. Follow @gsustudentmedia on Instagram and @SeenAtSouthern on Twitter to make sure you never miss an opportunity to test your knowledge of our campus.



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McDonald's 810 Archway Dr	Steak n Shake 244 Henry Blvd	Your Pie 701 Piedmont Loop
Subway 1550 Chandler Rd	Wendy's 500 Fair Rd	SEAFOOD The Boiling Shrimp 12218 US-301
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BARBEQUE Bourbon Grill & More 718 Northside Dr E #10	ITALIAN Olive Garden 201 Henry Blvd	SUB SHOPS Jersey Mikes 721 S Main St
Vandy's BBQ 725 Northside Dr. East Suite	JAPANESE Tokyo 100 Brampton Ave	SWEETS & TREATS Bruster's 995 Lovett Rd
CHINESE Chinese Kitchen 456 S Main St	MEXICAN Barberitos 1100 Brampton Ave	Daylight Donuts 455 S Main St
Panda Express 101 Brampton Ave	El Jalapeno 711 S Main St	PITA Son's Donor Kebab 17 College Plz
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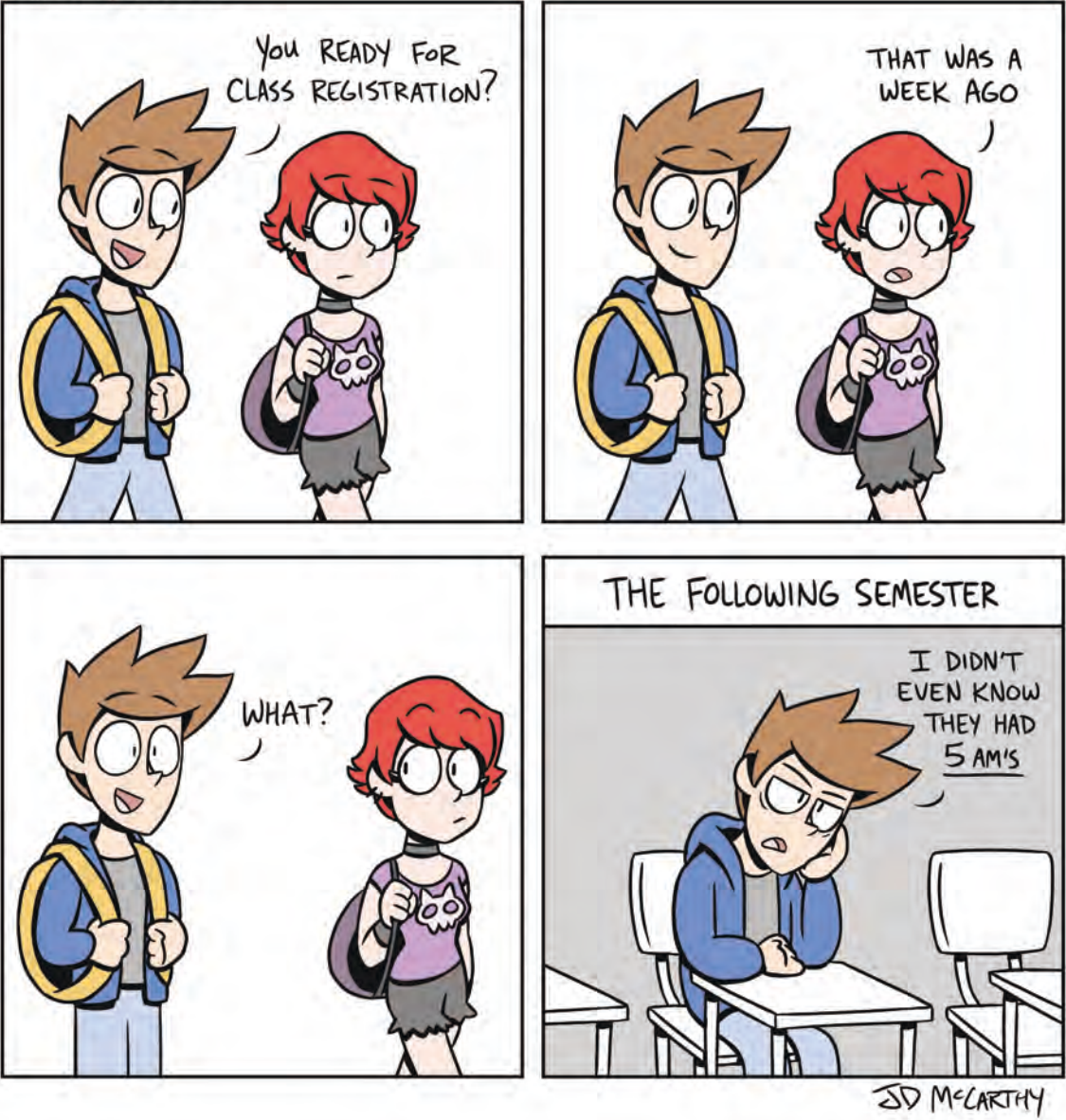
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MAJOR SLACKERZ



THIS WEEK'S MASS SHOOTING

A tragic slip through the cracks,
or an institutionalized problem?



GEORGE ANDERSEN

George is a senior journalism major from Vidalia, Ga.

On Sunday, I received a push notification from AP news. "At Least twenty dead in Sutherland Springs shooting," Sadly, I felt nothing. I felt nothing because this is something that I, and presumably all of you reading this have become accustomed to.

We have reached a point as a society that mass shootings are just another Tuesday.

All five of the top five deadliest mass shootings in United States history have happened within the past ten years. Two of the top five have happened in the last two months. The top five are as follows according to CNN

- The Harvest Music Festival- 58 killed. Oct. 1, 2017
- Pulse night club- 49 killed. June 12, 2016
- Virginia Tech- 32 killed. April 16, 2007
- Sandy Hook- 27 killed. Dec. 14, 2012
- First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas- 26 killed. Nov. 5, 2017

The tweets from public officials, celebrities and political figures have become like a game of madlibs. Just fill in the who, where and how many dead and say how desperately you are praying for the families. So far this has achieved less than nothing, as the shootings are not slowing down, but seemingly speeding up like some sort of twisted competition over who wants to break the next world record.

I have heard the same response over and over and over. 'This is just the way it is. If killers want to kill, they will no matter what.' The only gigantic plot-hole with that situation is that developed countries around the world experience numbers of mass shootings that are not even a fraction of the amount that we experience.

Mental health isn't the problem. The numbers of people with mental health problems and U.S. spending on mental health is similar to those of other developed and wealthy countries. In fact a study conducted by the National Center for Biotechnology Information found that mental health problems in America haven't increased while the number of mass shootings have increased dramatically.

The only big, divisive factor between the U.S. and other countries is the amount of guns we

own. There is nearly a gun for every single person in the United States.

"More gun ownership corresponds with more gun murders across virtually every axis: among developed countries, among American states, among American towns and cities and when controlling for crime rates. And gun control legislation tends to reduce gun murders, according to a recent analysis of 130 studies from 10 countries," a New York Times article said.

While the argument that Americans have the right to own guns is valid, it needs to be more controlled. It's true, if someone wants a gun they will get one no matter what the law says, but why should be systematically make it easy for them to evade background checks with things like the Gun show loophole?



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MAX FISHER and JOSH KELLER

Reporters for The New York Times

We know from example led by other countries like Australia that tighter gun control laws lead to less death. Between 1987 and 1996, Australia had 4 mass shootings. After that, stricter gun control legislation was passed and they haven't had a mass shooting since.

As Americans, we pride ourselves on and strive to be the first to innovate and the best once we get there. Why is this ideology stopping at gun control legislation?

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Dear Ashley,

As a result of fake news and large news corporations having agendas, how can journalists expect the public to trust the media?

-L

Dear L,

I'm guessing you're interested in one day becoming a journalist. It seems like you're worried about your future success as a journalist due to the selfish mistakes of so called "trusted" news outlets. Don't so much worry about how other journalists will gain the trust of their audience, but focus more on how YOU will gain their trust. The field of journalism is already a very competitive career field, so use this misconception of fake news as a clutch to help build your

own name. So the better question is how can you expect the public to trust you as a journalist? Facts! Deliver facts on top of facts and never sugar coat anything. Be aware that there are potential future employers that will expect you to compromise your honesty in some cases but never fall victim to that. If there's anything worse than jeopardizing your job it's jeopardizing your reputation. Let me know if this helps!

-Ashley

Dear Ashley,

What is the key to success?

-L

Dear L,

I am not a fortune teller nor am I DJ Khaled. However, I will tell you that if you want to be somebody and you want to go somewhere, your better wake up and pay attention. In simpler terms, you're in school so you've already made a big step to being successful,

not to say schooling is the key to success, but it more depends on what you define as being successful. Dedication could be a major key, determination, self discipline or a combination of all three characteristics. I hope this helps!

-Ashley

An Octoroon

URGES VIEWERS TO QUESTION RACE

BY EMMA SMITH
The George-Anne staff

With their latest upcoming production, the Georgia Southern Theater and Performance department encourages their audience to question race through entertaining metaphors and politically-insensitive language.

"An Octoroon," directed by theater professor Nicholas Newell, will open at the Blackbox Theatre at the Georgia Southern Center for Art & Theatre on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

AN OCTOROON

"An Octoroon" is a melodrama written by playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins and premiered in 2014. It is a post-modern adaptation of a play under the same name, written by playwright Dion Boucicault and premiered in 1859.

The play takes place in nineteenth-century Louisiana and plays on several deconstructed ideas of race. It is five acts long, beginning with a prologue.

"An Octoroon" is basically a play within a play. Tyair Blackman, sophomore theater major, plays the protagonist BJJ, a black

playwright named after Jacob-Jenkins. BJJ also portrays George, the hero of the story and M'Closky, the antagonist.

In the story, BJJ wants to direct Boucicault's play, but faces some difficulties when the white actors quit. He then decides to improvise and play the characters himself.

Blackman says although he is a little nervous for opening night, he is excited to see how the audience reacts to the play.

"I'm a pretty awkward person so that plays into some of the nervousness, but I'm really excited to see the audience's reaction to the show, particularly Act IV," Blackman said.

According to Blackman, the cast has been rehearsing for roughly two months, with daily rehearsals leading up to performance week.

DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Newell says the original version of "An Octoroon" has been mostly forgotten about, mainly because of the show's themes, which included white actors portraying black characters using blackface.

"What Jacobs-Jenkins has done with this is

sort of turn it all on his head," Newell said. "He's had the experience of trying to adapt this melodrama and a lot of white actors dropped out because they didn't feel comfortable doing it."

Newell also says that for a simple play, "An Octoroon" has a lot of technical details which the cast and crew have handled well.

"A lot of it is a tad tricky, like certain props, and they've been working hard on it since mid-August," Newell said. "They've been doing great, not only as performers, but also as students and colleagues."

In order to fully grasp the underlying theme of the play, Newell says you have to come out and see it.

"An Octoroon" will run through Wednesday, Nov. 15. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. There will be no show on Monday, Nov. 13.

The show contains adult themes and language and is not recommended for children.

Student and youth tickets are \$6 and faculty, staff and community tickets are \$12. You can call the Box Office at (912) 478-5379 to make reservations.

MONEY AND MANAGEMENT DISPUTES

EL JALAPEÑO INVESTORS INVOLVED IN ONGOING LAWSUIT

BY JULIA FECHTER
The George-Anne staff



El Jalapeño is located at 711 South Main St. The Mexican restaurant was started in July of 2013 and has thus far remained open during the litigation between Rolando Ramirez and Oscar Canales, the plaintiffs, and Luis H. Gomez, the defendant.

Local restaurant El Jalapeño is now under new management due to an ongoing lawsuit between the three co-owners, according to documents filed with Bulloch County's superior court.

Original co-owners Rolando Ramirez, Oscar Canales and Luis H. Gomez started El Jalapeño, located at 711 South Main St., on July 12, 2013.

However, Ramirez and Canales filed a civil suit against Gomez on June 21, 2017 alleging the following claims:

- Mismanagement of the restaurant's assets
- Taking the majority of all the business's profits
- Fraudulently converting assets for personal use
- Preventing other co-owners from accessing the business' financial records
- Failing to compensate other co-owners for initial investment and subsequent work

Ramirez and Canales, who helped Gomez start El Jalapeño, filed a civil suit against him on June 21, 2017.

They alleged in the lawsuit that he mismanaged the restaurant's assets, took the majority or all of its profits, fraudulently converted assets for his personal use and prevented them from accessing the business' financial records and failed to adequately compensate them for their initial investment and further work at the business.

Gomez filed a counterclaim on July 25 against Canales and Ramirez where he denied their allegations.

The most recent document, an Oct. 30 order, revealed that Michelle Wilson, general manager at El Jalapeño, was appointed as

the interim receiver of the restaurant.

Doug Collins, CPA (certified public accountant) was appointed to be the advisor to Wilson. As advisor, Collins has authority to account for El Jalapeño's books, records, method of operation, bank accounts and business operation, as well as wind down the business or liquidate its assets.

He also has the authority to remove or replace Wilson as the receiver at his discretion without the need for the court's permission.

Wilson, as receiver, has sole authority over the restaurant's operations, including but not limited to: management of equipment, monies, permits, licenses, contracts, documents relevant to the restaurant's operations, employee records, computers and their files, keys, cards and access codes.

Ramirez and Canalez requested in the initial civil filing that a receiver be appointed to manage the business' affairs because they believed there was a "manifest danger of loss, deterioration and diminution of funds on deposit, the business enterprise and investments made by the plaintiffs."

The Initial Lawsuit

El Jalapeño, also referred to as Boro Mexican Foods LLC, was formed "on or about" July 12, 2013.

Gomez's attorney, Charles C. Black, established the business by filing for a business license with the Georgia Secretary of State's office in 2013. Neither Gomez, Ramirez or Canales are listed on that particular filing, according to a transcript of a hearing held on July 31, 2017.

Though there is a Secretary of State filing where Gomez indicated that he himself was the organizer, there is not an operating agreement between Gomez, Ramirez and Canales.

Before that date, Gomez and Ramirez had had a previous business relationship with each other, as they had previously operated a restaurant together in Americus, Georgia before starting El Jalapeño.

Gomez, Ramirez and Canales made an initial verbal agreement that Ramirez and Gomez would each own 40 percent of the company, while Canales would maintain a 20 percent stake in the company. This agreement was to be maintained at all times.

Ramirez deposited \$30,000 into a Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. account for the business on July 16, 2013. He later deposited an additional \$9,500 into the account on Sept. 16, 2013.

Likewise, Canales put \$20,000 into the account to help with final renovations to El Jalapeño's leased building. However, Gomez never contributed his portion to the restaurant's start-up costs, according to the lawsuit.

After Ramirez and Canales had made their initial investments, the lawsuit states that they worked full-time in the business' daily operations. Gomez was tasked with handling El Jalapeño's financial accounting, deposit of receipts, filing tax returns and payment of sales, payroll and income taxes.

Around June 1, the lawsuit states that Gomez was said to have threatened to have Ramirez and Canales arrested if the two did not leave the premises El Jalapeño.

It then alleges that Gomez denied the two access to the business property and the business' accounts. The suit elaborates that they believe Gomez assumed control of the company due to their limited English language skills.

It also alleges that Gomez used funds which would have been used "as disbursements to all members of the Company" for purposes other than valid business expenses, such as household and personal expenses.

Ramirez's and Canales' lawsuit against Gomez requests several

July 12
2013

El Jalapeño or Boro Mexican Foods LLC was formed.

June 1
2017

Ramirez's and Canales' lawsuit alleges that Gomez barred them from continuing to stay on the premises of El Jalapeño.

June 28
2017

The Statesboro Police Department acronym responded to a burglary at El Jalapeño, where an unidentified person stole \$1,200 from the restaurant office.

Aug. 14
2017

SPD responded to an alarm call at El Jalapeño to assist the Statesboro Fire Department. Police expressed concern that a possible arson had occurred.

Oct. 30
2017

Michelle Wilson is appointed as the interim receiver of El Jalapeño, under the supervision of Collins.

July 16
2013

Ramirez deposited an initial \$30,000 into a bank account for the business.

June 21
2017

Ramirez and Canales filed a lawsuit against Gomez and El Jalapeño.

July 25
2017

Gomez filed a counterclaim against the two plaintiffs.

Oct. 17
2017

Doug Collins, CPA and court-appointed advisor for El Jalapeño, submits an accounting review of the business where he stated that significant accounting issues had and were continuing to occur.

things as restitution or necessary to the judicial process. Aside from requesting a receiver, it requests an accounting of all income and expenses starting in 2013, when Boro Mexican Foods LLC formed.

It demands a jury trial, as well as punitive damages based on Gomez' conduct. The suit also requests that the court order Gomez to pay Ramirez's and Canales' attorney fees, costs and accounting fees incurred during the litigation.

When asked on Nov. 8 if he wanted to comment on the lawsuit, Gomez said that he did not want to comment at the time.

Ramirez could not be reached for comment.

The Response And Order

Gomez's counterclaim not only denied Ramirez's and Canales' allegations, but alleged that the plaintiffs took cash from an El Jalapeño cash register by voiding transactions.

The document added that the amount of damages owed Gomez will be determined by subsequent review of financial records and a discovery process.

Gomez also requested a trial by jury. His other requests include that the complaints Ramirez and Canales made be dismissed and that he recover expenses incurred from the lawsuit.

Collins, the court-appointed advisor, entered a report into evidence at an Oct. 17 hearing after conducting an in-depth review of El Jalapeño's finances and business operations.

He cited that "significant accounting issues have and are continuing to occur in the business". The report states that Gomez disputes that Ramirez and Canales are business partners.

However, it is not disputed that Gomez owes the two money that they invested in the startup of El Jalapeño and that he failed to failed to maintain appropriate accounting records.

In the Oct. 17 hearing, Gomez said that the business has not been able to compensate Canales for his initial investment about four years ago in El Jalapeño because of lacking funds.

Collins' report also states that it is undisputed by all parties that Gomez failed to prepare or file income tax returns for the restaurant since its start in 2013.

Furthermore, Collins is required to file a monthly accounting report to the court and parties in the lawsuit, according to the Oct. 30 order.

The financials that Collins have thus far provided indicate that El Jalapeno has sales of over one million dollars on an annual basis.

Michelle Wilson could not be reached for comment.

Police Reports

Separate documents from the Statesboro Police Department detail two incidents that occurred in June and August 2017.

The first incident was a burglary with forced entry that occurred at El Jalapeño on June 28.

Cesar Augusto Milla Alvarado, an employee of the business, reported the burglary at 9:53 a.m., whereby police responded to the restaurant's premises.

An unidentified person broke through a window and stole \$1,200 cash, in the form of coins, from the restaurant's office.

That case was turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division of the SPD, but it was listed as inactive as of Aug. 4.

The second incident happened on Aug. 24, when police responded to assist the Statesboro Fire Department with an alarm call.

The police arrived at El Jalapeño around 8:50 a.m. Gomez and Steven Levi Morris were listed as others involved in the incident.

That report noted that a 2005 Ford Escape belonging to Tracie Lyn Ramirez was seen at the restaurant. Police then made contact with the vehicle nearby at #1 Azalea Drive.

The report stated that the car was "possibly involved in Arson and Burglary at El Jalapeño".

Two other people were mentioned in the report's additional name list. Their names were restricted, but their ages were listed as 37 and 47-years-old.

Ramirez and Canales opened their own restaurant, El Rancho Grande , located at 3000 Northside Dr W, in July of 2017.

Litigation will continue with this case, as is only in the discovery process.

Matthew Enfinger contributed to this report.

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ELECTION DAY
JONATHAN MCGOLLAR BECOMES STATESBORO MAYOR



BY JOZSEF PAPP
The George-Anne staff

Candidate Jonathan McCollar has won the Statesboro mayoral race, defeating incumbent Jan Moore and candidate John Grotheer.

McCollar received 1,076 votes or 52.98 percent of total votes, while Moore received 847 votes and Grotheer receiving 104 votes. There were 4 write-in votes.

There were a total of 2031 votes in this mayoral race.

BACKGROUND

McCollar becomes the first African-American mayor in Statesboro history. McCollar attended and graduated from Statesboro High School in 1992 and received his bachelors of arts degree in history from Georgia Southern University.

This is the second time McCollar has run for mayor after losing in a runoff election that Moore won by only 93 votes.

TRUE BLUE THURSDAY #TBT



EAGLES TRAVEL TO BOONE THURSDAY FOR

SECOND STRAIGHT GAME

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern football team will face a quick turnaround this week as they prepare to face Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

The game will be broadcast nationally on ESPNU as the 0-8 Eagles will take on the 5-4 Mountaineers, who are second place in the Sun Belt. Last season, App State won 34-10 in another Thursday matchup.

STILL SEARCHING

Interim GS head coach Chad Lunsford made no excuses after Saturday's loss to Georgia State. he said his team needs to learn "how to win" and specifically how to finish games in which they hold a lead.

"Ball security, ball security, ball security," Lunsford said on Saturday when asked how his team could better finish a game.

He was referring to the costly fumbles by experienced players like junior running back Wesley Fields and senior slotback Myles Campbell that resulted in points for Georgia State.

He said ball security is a "constant thing that we continue to work on" and "why that didn't show up today, I don't know."

GETTING DEFENSIVE

The Eagles' defense was vastly and obviously improved on Saturday as they limited big plays allowed over the top. Notably, GS managed four sacks and consistently put pressure on the quarterback, something that has not happened much this season.

However, GS did allow big passing plays at key times, a habit that will need to stop at App State if the Eagles have a chance to pull off the upset.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

For App State, junior running back Jalin Moore has been wearing down defenses all season. He's run for 563 yards and averaged five yards per carry so far.

Senior quarterback Taylor Lamb has been the picture of consistency throughout his career, topping a 60 percent completion rate this season for the fourth year in a row. He's tossed 19 touchdowns and just four interceptions.

App State inside linebacker Eric Boggs has had three ten tackle games this season, and he is likely to get drafted into the NFL in 2018.

For GS, quarterback Shai Werts seemed to make strides in the passing game against Georgia State. He was 22-of-28 for 147 yards and a touchdown, and his accuracy was clearly on point.

He'll need another big day on Thursday not only passing, but leading the rushing attack and making good decisions in the option game.

The GS defense is finally mostly healthy, and junior safety Josh Moon and sophomore corner Monquavion Brinson are ball hawks that have game-changing turnover-creating ability.

Senior linebacker Chris DeLaRosa will come into his final game against App State second on the team in tackles, looking for revenge and ultimately to help his team earn a win.

"I've been looking forward to App State because that was the game I got hurt in last year," DeLaRosa said on Saturday.

He got his second interception of the year on Saturday and returned it for 15 yards. He has been the anchor on defense for GS all season long, beginning with a forced fumble that led to the Eagles' only touchdown in opening week against Auburn.



Redshirt freshman quarterback Shai Werts winds up to deliver a pass against Georgia State.

The George-Anne 11/9/17 Crossword PuzzleJunction.com

Across

- 1 “___, the Magic Dragon”
- 5 Speed demon
- 10 Eyesore
- 14 Polo grounds?
- 15 Accustom
- 16 Creme-filled cookie
- 17 Defraud
- 18 Reef material
- 19 Lothario’s look
- 20 Skilled worker
- 22 Everglades bird
- 24 Drink from a dish
- 25 W.W. II turning point
- 27 Doesn’t go
- 30 Impinge on someone’s privacy
- 34 Young male horses
- 35 Ceremony
- 36 Pigeon pea
- 38 Mimicker
- 39 Feasts
- 40 Filly’s mother
- 41 Opportune
- 42 Razorbills
- 43 Sad song
- 44 Hardwood tree
- 46 Willow twig
- 47 Retain
- 48 Overhead trains
- 49 Kind of engineer
- 52 Accost
- 56 Rani’s wear
- 57 Runs in neutral
- 60 Island east of Java
- 61 Diabolical

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- 62 Ruth’s mother-in-law

63 Downtime

64 Facilitate

65 Astronomer Hubble

66 “If all ___ fails ...”
- 8 Baseball stat

9 Sets free

10 Kind of prize

11 Impulse

12 Tuna ___

13 Dupin’s creator

21 Back talk

23 Cheat

25 Bar words

26 Hate

27 Melee memento

28 Something to talk about

29 First Hebrew letter

30 Three in one

31 Type of evidence

32 Puppeteer Lewis
- 33 Barracks boss

37 Sinister look

39 International ___

43 Sweetie pie

45 Schuss, e.g.

48 Red fluorescent dye

49 Spanish sparkling white wine

50 Pupil’s locale

51 Loathsome

52 Interstate hauler

53 Veil

54 Pandora’s boxful

55 Game piece

56 Behold

58 Family member

59 Fan setting

Down

- 1 Legal prefix
- 2 Exploitative type
- 3 Decree
- 4 Line of descent
- 5 Summation
- 6 Any day now
- 7 Mongrel

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