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### UPB MOVIE: "A STAR IS BORN"

Looking for fun on a Friday night? Join the University Programming Board for our Friday movie series. This event is free and open to the public.

**Friday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.  
Russell Union Theater**

**FEB  
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### UPB PRESENTS: LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Join the University Programming Board for a unique experience. Bring your friends or your significant other to partake in Valentine's Day themed activities. Enjoy some quality time while having a good time.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 11a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Williams Center Multipurpose Room**

**FEB  
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### WIT CAMPUS (WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY) MEETING

WIT Campus programs will address mentorship, personal brand development, interviews, job negotiations and developing leadership skills.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.  
IT Building 2205**

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### PUPPY KISSES BOOTH

We will have our service dogs dressed up for Valentine's Day with a themed booth and backdrop for you to take some SUPER cute pictures. We will also be selling delicious cake pops.

**Monday, Feb. 11- Thursday, Feb. 14 at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
In front of the University Bookstore**



## THE GEORGE-ANNE REFLECTOR

[www.reflectorgsu.com](http://www.reflectorgsu.com)

On Feb. 1, 2019, it came to my attention that a story written by a former staff member, Roxie Srikoulabouth, for the Fall 2018 issue of The George-Anne Reflector Magazine was entirely false. All interviews in the story were fabricated. Additionally, one student, Xinwei Gao (identified in the article as Vivian Gao), was incorrectly identified as being from Hong Kong.

I have removed the online version of the article, titled "Culture Shock: International students share their experiences," from our website. Fabrication is not tolerated at The George-Anne Reflector. This is a matter of deep and unforgivable disappointment for me personally and for the entire staff who worked so hard last semester to produce a magazine, which is now permanently ruined by this error. This blatant fabrication of interviews with real people is an extreme offense to myself, fellow staff and the people whose names and trust were violated by this staff member.

We apologize and deeply regret publishing the fabricated interviews. I cannot fathom the real pain and embarrassment this may have caused the people falsely quoted in this article. We are taking steps to ensure that this never happens again.

Sincerely,  
Blakeley Bartee  
Editor-in-Chief of The George-Anne Reflector Magazine

Weather

**79°/58°  
Thursday**



**70°/42°  
Friday**



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Saturday**



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Sunday**



## #PETSBORO



**Yeti Rodgers**

**Owner: Judson Rogers (GS  
alumni) and Brooklyn Wilson  
(junior biology major)**

Want you and your pet to be featured next time?  
Post your photo on Twitter with the name of your pet and  
a little bit about you (name, year, and major).  
Make sure you include #petsboro and tag  
@SeenAtSouthern!





## @SeenAtSouthern

Our photographers went out on campus and snapped some photos depicting life at Georgia Southern. Come back every week or follow our Twitter, @SeenAtSouthern, to see if you have been spotted!

**SINDI PATANI/staff**  
Mariah Dunn and Ashley Garner from the Student Therapeutic Recreation Association and Ruby, a future guide dog met students at the Rotunda on Wednesday. Learn more about the organization and follow them on instagram: @stra.gsu.



**CHRIS STOKES/staff**  
Stop by the Betty Foy Art exhibit to observe some of the recent pieces put on display. Senior psychology major Godstime Nnoroum gazes at the displays while finding similar connections between himself and some of the more striking pieces.

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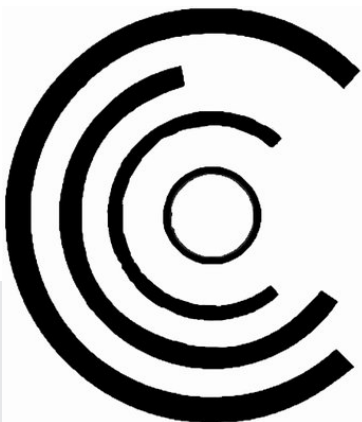
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## THE GEORGE-ANNE STUDIO

Watch this and more on Youtube:  
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Losing Your Class is a short skit by The George-Anne Studio about a young man's perilous journey through the dreaded Natural Science Building to find his first class of the day, Intro to Living Like Larry.





## STUDY ABROAD

with Georgia Southern



CY TAYLOR

Cy Taylor is a sophomore international studies and Arabic major from Alma, Georgia.

Do you want to travel and see the world? Do you want to explore new cultures and customs? Do you want to gain study experience at many great universities worldwide?

If you answered yes to any of these three questions, you should consider learning more about the many study abroad programs that Georgia Southern University has to offer.

### WHAT DOES STUDYING ABROAD CONSIST OF?

Studying abroad consists of summer and break programs along with semester and year-long programs. These programs are designed to give students the opportunity to take courses in a number of different countries while being engaged in the surrounding cultures and customs.

However, studying abroad goes far beyond the classroom walls. Students are given the chance to visit many breathtaking sites that each country has to offer. Additionally, multiple activities are provided to students in order to experience cultural immersion.

Students are allowed to interact with locals to gain a better understanding of the local languages, traditions and social backgrounds. Doing so allows students the opportunity to meet other individuals from different backgrounds and create lifelong friendships and connections along the way.

### GS STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

GS offers a variety of study abroad programs. Likewise, there are programs designed for students working toward any degree. From studying nursing in Costa Rica to studying mechanical engineering in Germany, every student is given opportunities to travel abroad.

Two GS staff members, Youssef Salhi, senior lecturer of Arabic and Zuo Tang Zhang Ph.D., lecturer of Chinese, were interviewed to further explain the benefits and details of studying abroad. They did so by discussing the language programs in which they oversee on GS Statesboro campus.

### STUDY ABROAD IN RABAT, MOROCCO

"There are definitely many benefits for our students who are taking Arabic or GS students in general that are going to Morocco," Salhi said.

The most important thing is the ability to practice the language with Moroccans and native speakers. The second benefit is definitely learning more about the culture of Morocco as an Arabic country, an African country and a Mediterranean country.

"It is a great opportunity for our students to experience that culture with its diversity," Salhi said.

With a small Arab community in Statesboro, students can find it difficult to find people to practice speaking Arabic with. As a student pursuing one of my degrees in Arabic, this definitely has an impact on my Arabic studies at GS. I agree with Salhi that being surrounded by Arabic speakers would help to practice and advance in the language more than ever.

In addition, the diversity of Morocco gives students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience different cultural aspects such as language, religion, political and economic systems and material culture. Students can take advantage of this opportunity and learn about this beautiful country first-hand rather than in a textbook.

When asked if he could see improvements in students' Arabic fluency after leaving Morocco, Salhi said, "Definitely."

Emily Krout, a political science and Arabic major, participated in this program before and agreed by saying, "I believe my Arabic has never improved more since traveling to Morocco. It really helps you."

In Rabat, Morocco, classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday. Afterwards, students spend the afternoon and evening attending workshops and interacting with locals in order to practice the Arabic language every hour.

On the weekends, students have the opportunity to visit many different sites across the country.

"Generally, one of our students' favorite excursions is going to the Sahara Desert. That is definitely one of the highlights of our study abroad program," Salhi said.

Listening to Salhi speak about visiting the world's largest desert was a highlight of our interview. He explained that students get the chance to ride camels to the destination, spend the night under the starry sky and watch the sun set and rise over the Sahara Desert sand dunes. Hearing this was more than enough to prepare me for participating in this program this upcoming summer.

### CHINA IN STATESBORO

China in Statesboro offers a unique twist to study abroad programs at GS. This program takes place in Statesboro but makes students believe they are studying Chinese in China.

Zhang explained that the classroom is decorated with all things that are Chinese. Furthermore, his graduate teaching assistant, volunteer exchange students, visiting teachers from China and visiting scholars all help in educating the students participating in the program.

During this program, the ones teaching try not to speak English in the classroom but will switch back and forth between languages according to the students' levels.

"The primary purpose is that students learn the Chinese language in this program," Zhang said.

Overall, Zhang seems to be very passionate about his profession and maintained a smile on his face throughout the entire interview. He even went into detail about a few of his former students who went on to pursue careers involving the Chinese language.

### ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

"I know that I could not have went [to Rabat, Morocco] without scholarships. I always stress that there is a lot of different options, especially local scholarships that most people get if they apply and spend the time to work on the application," Krout said.

When asked the same question, Salhi said, "Yes, definitely. There are a lot of scholarships that are available for our students. Scholarships from our department, scholarships from Georgia Southern and also national scholarships that students can apply for."

Even though scholarships are available for GS study abroad programs, China in Statesboro does not offer any at the time being. However, Zhang said, "We are constantly receiving scholarship information and job information from China."

### IS STUDYING ABROAD WORTH THE COST AND TIME?

After speaking with multiple people about studying abroad at GS, it seems that yes, it is worth the cost and time put into it. Both professors highly recommended participating in their programs and Krout said that she has seen major improvements in her Arabic fluency after traveling to Morocco to study Arabic.

Overall, interviewing these individuals has prepared me for studying abroad this summer. It made me realize that there are many scholarships available for students looking to study abroad. Conducting these interviews made me realize how beneficial studying abroad can truly be. I feel better prepared to travel to Rabat, Morocco when summer arrives.

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## President Nickel addresses spring **COMMENCEMENT** for the first time



PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL ADAMS

Interim President Shelley Nickel addressed the changes to spring 2019 commencement on Tuesday at the faculty senate meeting.

**BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY**  
The George-Anne staff

Nearly a month after the changes to the spring 2019 commencement were announced, Georgia Southern University interim president Shelley Nickel publicly spoke on the changes for the first time at Tuesday's faculty senate meeting on the Armstrong campus.

The changes for commencement announced

in early January include the introduction of college-specific graduations in both Savannah and Statesboro in addition to a university stand and confer ceremony in Paulson Stadium.

"A lot of changes happening at Georgia Southern, one of them is the way we're going to conduct commencement for this year," Nickel said in her opening statement.

The interim president informed the senate of how the commencement committee came to a decision before revealing the true meaning of the committee.

"The goal of the committee, the task force was to review and find a way to honor academic achievement in a very personal way and to provide some unique traditions to the new Georgia Southern University,"

Nickel said. "The task force...reviewed a number of things including how commencements are held on larger universities, which now we are one."

There was no other mention of commencement in the meeting that lasted more than two hours, but Nickel was deliberate and positive in the commencement changes.

"We hope this will establish new traditions for Georgia

Southern and future faculty, their students, the families and their friends," Nickel said.

There was no mention by Nickel of student involvement in the decision, however members of SGA were approached last semester.

Nickel will continue to serve as GS president until president elect Kyle Marrero takes office on April 1.

## Second reported rape at on-campus housing this week

**BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY, ANTHONY  
BELINFANTE AND BISOLA OKE**  
The George-Anne staff

Following a reported rape at Eagle Village on Sunday, a second reported rape this week occurred at Thursday night at Freedom's Landing.

According to the GS Crime and Fire Log, the case of rape occurred between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

While the case is still under further investigation, GS Police Chief Laura McCullough said neither the victim or the other party allegedly involved were students.

According to the GS Public Safety's Clery Log, there were a total of eight reported on-campus rapes in 2017.

While it is unclear the relation between the victim and perpetrator, the victim in Sunday's Eagle Village case described the perpetrator as an acquaintance.

Students are at an increased risk during the first few months of their first and second semesters in college, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network.

## Rape reported at Eagle Village



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

An Eagle Village resident reported an act of sexual assault to Georgia Southern Police on Sunday.

**BY ANTHONY  
BELINFANTE**  
The George-Anne staff

An Eagle Village resident reported an act of sexual assault to Georgia Southern Police on Sunday.

The victim, who has requested to remain

unidentified, told GS police that she had been assaulted by an acquaintance in her room earlier that evening.

Along with reporting the assault, the student also expressed interest in visiting the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy

Center or The Teal House, to receive a sexual assault kit.

The victim told GS police that she believed the pink bracelet the acquaintance was wearing at the bar was still in the trash can of her room, and gave officers consent to search

her room for the item.

Two pink bracelets were found in the room, one in the trash and another in the student's closet.

Since reporting the incident, the victim has chosen not to pursue the case any further.



# Tensions with MLK speaker

MLK celebration speaker has heated exchange with SGA senator



**Michael Woody**  
@MWoody2036

The most frustrating thing of the night was his treatment of students. A student asked a legitimate question regarding Martin's leniency with democratic politicians in the past, and Martin avoid the question. He attacked the student in front of the crowd...

**Tariq Nasheed**  
@tariqnasheed

Another reason why The Dems lost tonight, is because you all tried you use your hand picked, butter biscuit eating Sambos, like Roland Martin & others like your Shea Butter/Blavity Blacks/Root/Ebony flunkies to galvanize the young Black vote. And Black folks don't mess with them

SINDI PATANI/staff

**BY NATHAN WEAVER**  
The George-Anne staff

A tense exchange took place on Jan. 30 between Student Government Association senator-at-large Keyshawn Housey and MLK celebration speaker Roland Martin during a public Q&A.

Housey addressed Martin last in a series of students and other audience members who asked the speaker various questions during the Q&A segment of the event.

The exchange began with a few statements from Housey concerning past allegations leveled against Martin by "various twitter activists" alleging that Martin "danced around" issues concerning the black community during

interviews with politicians, such as former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

"There are critics out there, some on Twitter, who single you out as a modern day accommodationist," Housey said. "You know, whenever you interview some politicians, it seems you dance around the issue."

Martin pressed Housey to tell him who specifically made such allegations. Housey mentioned prominent Twitter personality Tariq Nasheed, with whom Martin has publicly feuded on social media.

Martin asked Housey what, specifically, he had "skipped over" during his town hall with Hillary Clinton. Housey responded by saying "I don't

remember."

Martin quickly replied.

"Now hold on now," Martin said. "You can't say you don't remember, because see, if you're gonna use her as an example of me interviewing a politician and I skipped around topics, but then you can't define the topics I skipped around, and you can't define the topics I skipped around, and you can't define what the agenda is, and then you can't even remember what I asked her, then what're you talkin' about?"

Housey replied, "I guess I'm talking about nothing."

By this point in the exchange, the reactions from the audience were reaching a fever pitch.

"Never ever get up and ask a question when you don't already know the answer," Martin said.

Martin asked Housey if he had personally watched the town hall in question. Housey replied that he had watched parts of it.

"So how could you say I skipped around some issues of an interview that you did not even see the entire interview?" Martin said. "Maybe the parts you say I skipped around are the parts you skipped around."

Martin concluded his response by outlining what he believed Housey ought to take away from the conversation, and how he ought to have approached asking his question.

"So here's the lesson in this," Martin said. "One, never ever ask a grown-ass man a question you [don't know] the answer to. A professional like me can take your lack of a substantive question and completely flip it in 30 seconds and embarrass you publicly. Don't ever make the mistake again."

After finishing his response, Martin turned to the rest of the audience and asked, "Anyone else?"

The director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Takeshia Brown, quickly wrapped up the event and dismissed those in attendance.

## Exchange continues on Twitter

Later on social media, junior history major and Young Democrats secretary Michael Woody came to Housey's defense.

Woody said that Martin had insulted and mocked a student who was simply "trying to learn." Martin replied to Woody on Twitter several times, accusing him of lying and claiming that Housey "had his facts wrong."

Woody shared his thoughts on Martin's exchange with Housey.

"I think my big takeaway from Martin's exchange with Keyshawn is that he is very good at his job," Woody said. "He managed to spin a critical question into a conduit for him to build on his ego. He took a good question, the kind he pushed us to ask, and turned it into an excuse to verbally abuse a student in front of a crowd."

Later, Housey also shared his thoughts on the words he exchanged with Martin.

"This was definitely a learning experience," Housey said. "I was definitely shook at the intensity. But I guess that comes with the territory. He may have thought that I was trying to attack him, when that was not the case. I really do appreciate [Woody] coming to my defense."

# Police department renovations

Georgia Southern University Police Department building renovations complete

**BY RACHEL ADAMS**  
The George-Anne staff

Renovations on the new Georgia Southern University Police Department building are complete.

The new building, located on Forest Drive near Sweetheart Circle, was completed in December 2018.

"They pretty much gutted it and started over from scratch," GSPD Chief Laura McCullough said.

According to an email from Matthew Shingler, director of facilities, planning, design and construction, the total project budget for the renovation/expansion of the building was \$2,500,000.

Some features of the new building include bullet-resistant glass on the front windows of the building and the windows of the conference room, larger, more protected dispatch area, a roll call room/classroom, a protected armory

and a records room.

"We've made specialized spaces, like for our armory. It's reinforced and protected, so if there are any kind of issues or problems it won't be a safety hazard," McCullough said. "Our records room has been separated out, whereas we had it in with something else before."

There is also much more space throughout the building, including larger offices and areas so the

officers can work more efficiently.

"We gave a lot more space to our officers. The space wasn't made for its purpose [so] we just made it sort of function as we had to, so it makes it easier for our officers to get in," McCullough said. "There are a lot more computers for them to use so they can get in and out a lot quicker when they're doing reports."

The new building also boasts an increase in

technology, which will help the department better serve the GS community.

"There are a lot of things that we have done that make the department as a whole function better, which means that we can get in and out, and the officers can spend their time out on campus with the community instead of in here trying to do paperwork," McCullough said.

The UPD is located at 1220 Forest Drive.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL ADAMS

Renovations on the new Georgia Southern University Police Department building are complete. The new building, located on Forest Drive near Sweetheart Circle, was completed in December 2018.



# The woman with 125 assists

On her third season and continuing to improve every day, Amira Atwater looks to help take her team to the next level

**BY BETHANY-GRACE BOWERS**

The George-Anne staff

Amira Atwater, the junior point guard from Madison, Georgia, continues to deliver when she steps on the court. This being her third season with Georgia Southern Women's basketball has allowed her to grow and reach new heights. In the 2017-2018 season, Atwater was ranked third in the Sun Belt in assists per game and sixth in assist/turnover ratio. She made GS history with 125 assists in a single season and she continuously broke past ten assists per game last season.

"At first I think we were just being kind of content," Atwater said. "But, I think that after this last game that we just won, we saw what it took to get the victory, so I think now we know what it takes and we're just going to keep building off of that."

Atwater spoke about how it has felt to not have the best season, but how GS has handled the pressure. There is a

mindset of pushing and moving forward through every game and Atwater has helped put that in place by leading by example. Atwater has had obvious success, because she is not a complacent athlete by any means.

"I think I've improved off the court, so like opening up more," Atwater said. "I'm not a very vocal person and I'm still not the best vocal person, but I am more outgoing and I speak up more."

Atwater knows that her mindset off the court is just as important as when the game clock is ticking. She has continued to become more vocal and outgoing and that has brought a light to the team and drawn that out of others. Her ability to communicate and grow with her team helps them to play better together.

"My greatest strength would be leading by example," Atwater said. "When I step up, I feel like my teams feels like we can go to the next level."

This mentally, and knowing that she has to

do her own part, has lead Atwater to her success. While she does not carry the full load of the team, each member is important in executing plays to the fullest potential and having a victorious mindset in order to perform well together.

When asked about what GS has to continue doing in order to win, Atwater responded saying that "playing together" and "having confidence" is what is going to make everything fall into place in order for success. This season Atwater has had 99 assists, 61 turnovers and with seven assists in the game Saturday against the Georgia State Panthers, she is now the first GS women's basketball player to make over 100 assists in back-to-back seasons since Gwenda Smith in 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Although Atwater does not plan on playing professional sports after college, she cannot wait to finish out strong here at GS. Her plan is to graduate with her degree in recreational therapy.



KAITLIN SELLS/staff

Junior guard Amira Atwater is the first GS women's basketball player to make over 100 assists in back-to-back seasons since 1993.

## Reid Dedman

### Georgia Southern football adds another commit to their roster

**BY JOIYA REID**

The George-Anne Contributor

Georgia Southern football added a new recruit to their roster as Reid Dedman announced his commitment to the Eagles Sunday.

Dedman played as both a safety and outside linebacker while at Carrollton High School.

In his three football seasons, Dedman racked up 211 total tackles, averaging 6.4 tackles

per game. The 185-pound varsity player also had three interceptions under his belt.

In his senior year alone, Dedman averaged 12 yards from interceptions and 0.2 interceptions per game. Dedman also had 30 solo and 22 assisted tackles for a total 52 tackles his senior season.

Dedman also received offers from Charleston Southern and Jacksonville.

## Sun Belt player

### Seth Shuman named to All-Sun Belt Preseason Team

**BY RYAN KOSTENSKY**

The George-Anne staff

Junior Right-handed pitcher Seth Shuman was named to the All-Sun Belt Preseason Team Thursday, an honor that comes from votes from the conference's managers.

Shuman posted an 8-5 record in 15 starts and returns as the Eagles' lone weekend starter. The

junior is the only member of the GS team to make an appearance on the list.

As a team, the Eagles were voted to finish fourth in the East division, but still ahead of Georgia State.

GS opens the season in Auburn, Alabama where the square off against the Tigers in a three-game affair Feb. 15-17.



# The Georgia picker

## The man behind My Cousin Vinny's Bargain Barn

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE  
The Reflector staff

Just inside the metal-roofed building, there are wooden ducks, jewelry, a chandelier, Elvis Presley memorabilia, old glass bottles, clocks, records, ceramics, fishing supplies, taxidermy, a player piano, hot wheels, miniature ships, an old stove, hats, tennis rackets, antique irons, paintings, signs, posters, figurines, canes, deer heads wearing hats, knives, pots and army patches and canteens. This is the first room of the store. Under the sign that reads "Landfill," a doorway leads to the rest. Vincent "Vinny" Castellano owns My Cousin Vinny's Bargain Barn—officially an antique furniture store, though he calls it a "junk store"—located on Highway 301 in Statesboro, Georgia. The store, a two-story structure surrounded by scattered outdoor merchandise, has been open for about 15 years.

When I walked into the store to interview Castellano, the Georgia Southern – Georgia State football game was playing on the radio by the cash register, but the chair at the counter was empty. Castellano was outside, talking to a man with gray hair.

Displayed by the counter in a frame was a newspaper clipping from The Statesboro Herald, which told the story of Castellano and his neighbor saving a woman from a house fire in 2013.

When Castellano came in and we started talking, the man from outside walked in.

"Thank you, God bless you. Have a good—and tell her I'm

very sorry about her loss, alright?" Castellano said to the man.

"I'll respect that," the man said.

"Thank you. I'll see you later," Castellano said.

"See you later. Bye-bye," the man said, walking outside.

"Take care, be safe," Castellano said. He turned to me. "He's a great guy. He comes in here, he

One of his daughters, Krysta Castellano, said she ran the store before she left Statesboro to attend the University of Georgia as a financial planning major. She graduated high school early by taking online classes, which allowed her to run the store full time from until she completed her associate degree. However,

"It definitely was a good experience, being able to run a business, family-owned, and learning the ins and outs of buying and selling and pricing," Krysta said.

She said some of the most interesting store items she remembers were the antique clocks, family heirlooms people sold, jewelry and a mummified monkey.

One of the challenging aspects of running the business, Krysta said, was pricing the items to ensure the store made a profit, as well as whether they were legitimate.

"You do have to look up what things are going for, and if it's actually real or fake, because a lot of times, people are going to come in there and try to talk things up and act like they're something that they're not," Krysta said.

Krysta said her father always had an interest in buying and selling collectables, as well as fixing and changing old items. However, his career in selling antiques and other items began as a hobby.

"When he opened the business, it was just a hobby. He, and this sounds kinda bad, just opened it out of the blue. I don't think he really talked to my mother at the time," Krysta said. "Wasn't too good at the moment, but it's just something he's always had a passion for. He's always loved antiques, like collecting things, so he just opened a business, and it's been running for 15-plus years, so he must be doing something right."



ALEXA CURTIS/staff

The entrance of My Cousin Vinny's Bargain Barn.

gave me knives once, he brings great stuff. He says, you don't like this, throw it out. But I do a lot of giving away, too. I give people stuff when they have no money. College kids, I give them a break and stuff, because a lot of you guys really have it hard."

Castellano and his three daughters moved to Georgia from New York, where he said he worked for a phone company for many years. He began buying, fixing and selling items in New York before opening his store in Statesboro.

she began helping at the store before she worked there full-time.

"Dad opened it in 2003, and I want to say, when I was 15 or 14, I remember being picked up from school before I could drive, and Mom would drop me off there, and I would be there from after school until close," Krysta said. Krysta said the store has always been a family-run business. Both her older and younger sister ran the store at different times, as well as her mother prior to the Castellanos' divorce.



ALEXA CURTIS/staff

Vincent "Vinny" Castellano owns My Cousin Vinny's Bargain Barn, located on U.S. Highway 301 S.



ALEXA CURTIS/staff

Vinny Castellano said he enjoys building and fixing items he collects at his store.





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Toward the front of the store, a player piano and a variety of other items are displayed.

Before I had time to ask Castellano any of the questions I had written down, he began telling me there were ghosts in his store.

“You know, it was weird, a guy came in here the other day with a rosary bead on, and I’m like, ‘Oh, you wear a rosary bead?’ Because I always wear a cross, and he was like, ‘Yeah, it keeps the spirits away.’ He went upstairs, and things started happening,” Castellano said. He motioned toward a wooden cross hanging on the wall by the cash register. “That thing came off the wall and hit me on the head. It came apart and hit me on the head.”

He said a woman told him an old mattress he had in a baby crib upstairs was haunted with an unsettled spirit and that he would need to get rid of it.

“And I was hearing things up there, so I was like, oh my God. I threw it out. I burned it,” Castellano said. “And after that, nothing happened. It’s just crazy stuff that happens. I had a cat like that. It freaked me out.”

The cat, he explained, was a skull of a cat he found under someone’s house while digging around for old glass bottles.

Castellano said he hopes to retire in Costa Rica or Brazil. However, he is unsure of what will become of the store when he leaves.

“I don’t know yet,” Castellano said. “I might even keep the store and have someone run it. The only problem is people like to deal with me directly.”

Two customers walked around the store, looking at the merchandise on the shelves. They were regulars, and Castellano knew them well. Dylan Bragg, a young man wearing glasses, said he comes to the store several times per week.

“It’s where cool stuff goes to retire,” Bragg said, explaining that he has purchased instruments, furniture, albums and more from the store.

The other customer, Ryan George, said he started coming to the store almost every day when

he moved to Statesboro two years ago. He said he has found boats, motors and pictures at the store.

“I’m a regular. I come up here just to hang out, look at everything that he gets new in,” George said.

Castellano said George knows the store’s inventory better than he does. Although Castellano has several regulars, he said many of his customers are people in the Georgia Southern University community, including students and parents.

“I get all different people. I get a lot of out-of-towners. Believe it or not, a lot of my clientele now is students’ parents,” Castellano said.

Castellano and I walked through the doorway to the rest of the store, where he keeps furniture, paintings and a wide variety of odds and ends. He talked about pieces he has built, like the chair he made with an old engine at its base. He pointed at a corner of the room with tapes and a tape player.

“That’s an 8-track player,” Castellano said. “I probably got 200 of those 8-track tapes. If people have an old car and they want to get 8-tracks, because, you know, a lot of the old classics have 8-track players. But even the truck I drive every day is a 1982, and it runs great.”

He gestured toward a brown sofa.

“This couch, believe it or not, it’s called a Duncan Phyfe couch, if you look this up on the internet, they go for \$4,000 to \$10,000,” Castellano said.

That’s how much that couch is worth. And you know what I put it for? 300 bucks.”

“Why?” I asked.

Castellano said, “Because I got a good deal on it, and if I pass it on—I had a college student come in, and she loved one that was pink, and I sold that for 250. And she’s like, ‘Oh my God,’ she goes, ‘Do you know?’ I go, ‘Yeah, I know what it’s worth.’ See, if I give a good deal to someone, they’ll always come back.”



ALEXA CURTIS/staff

A variety of items displayed in the store.



ALEXA CURTIS/staff

Deer heads and hats are among the eclectic items available at the store.



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Bamboo	Lesson	Seeing	Useless
Brook	Lions	Senior	Walnut
Caves	Listen	Shots	Water
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Each Sudoku puzzle consists of a 9X9 grid that has been subdivided into nine smaller grids of 3X3 squares. To solve the puzzle each row, column, and box must contain each of the numbers 1 to 9. Puzzles come in three grades: easy, medium, and difficult.

By Myles Mellor

Level: Difficult

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The George-Anne 2/7/19 Crossword

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Across

- 1 Olympics city after St. Moritz
- 5 Golf hazard
- 9 Rocket section
- 14 Needy
- 15 Woman of distinction
- 16 \_\_\_ green
- 17 Hamburg’s river
- 18 Commendation
- 19 Permeate
- 20 Mechanical man
- 22 Schools of thought
- 24 Taps
- 25 Unspecified number
- 26 \_\_\_ Christian Andersen
- 28 Harvest goddess
- 30 Like some vases
- 31 Tire filler
- 32 Apply gently
- 35 Beach shelter
- 38 Comrade in arms
- 39 Hotel freebie
- 40 Concluded
- 41 Have dinner
- 42 It’s half the faun
- 43 Meadow
- 44 Out of control
- 46 Spain and Portugal
- 48 Biblical boat
- 49 Salon goo
- 50 Fat unit
- 51 Nine-sound signal
- 52 Civil rights concern
- 53 Starter’s need
- 56 Lacking slack
- 59 “\_\_\_ I care!”
- 61 Nonsensical
- 63 Boo-boo
- 65 Rental units (Abbr.)

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- 67 Lady of Lisbon
- 68 “Saturday Night Fever” music
- 69 Soup vegetable
- 70 Kind of testimony
- 71 Quench
- 72 Small whirlpool
- 73 Vega’s constellation
- 10 Some workers, briefly
- 11 Jessica of “Dark Angel”
- 12 Oversupply
- 13 Storm centers
- 21 Flimsy
- 23 Gardener’s purchase
- 27 Bibliographical suffix
- 29 Meddle
- 30 Calendar abbr.
- 31 Swiss peak
- 32 Last name in fashion
- 33 Super berry
- 34 \_\_\_ carotene
- 35 Bubbly drink
- 36 Allege as fact
- 37 Schnozz
- 38 Razor-billed bird
- 41 Our sun
- 42 Rare find
- 44 Opposite of hence
- 45 City in Arizona
- 46 Author Levin
- 47 Low in pitch
- 50 Talented
- 51 Farm animals
- 52 Animal with two feet
- 53 “Old \_\_\_”
- 54 Of an arm bone
- 55 African antelope
- 56 Spreads grass for drying
- 57 Seed cover
- 58 Constellation bear
- 60 Shopaholic’s delight
- 62 Matinee hero
- 64 Seafood delicacy
- 66 Wild blue yonder

Down

- 1 La Scala offering
- 2 Sage
- 3 Vestibule
- 4 Black-and-white treat
- 5 QBs’ goals
- 6 Evaluation
- 7 Accumulate
- 8 Short wave?
- 9 Hit the slopes



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