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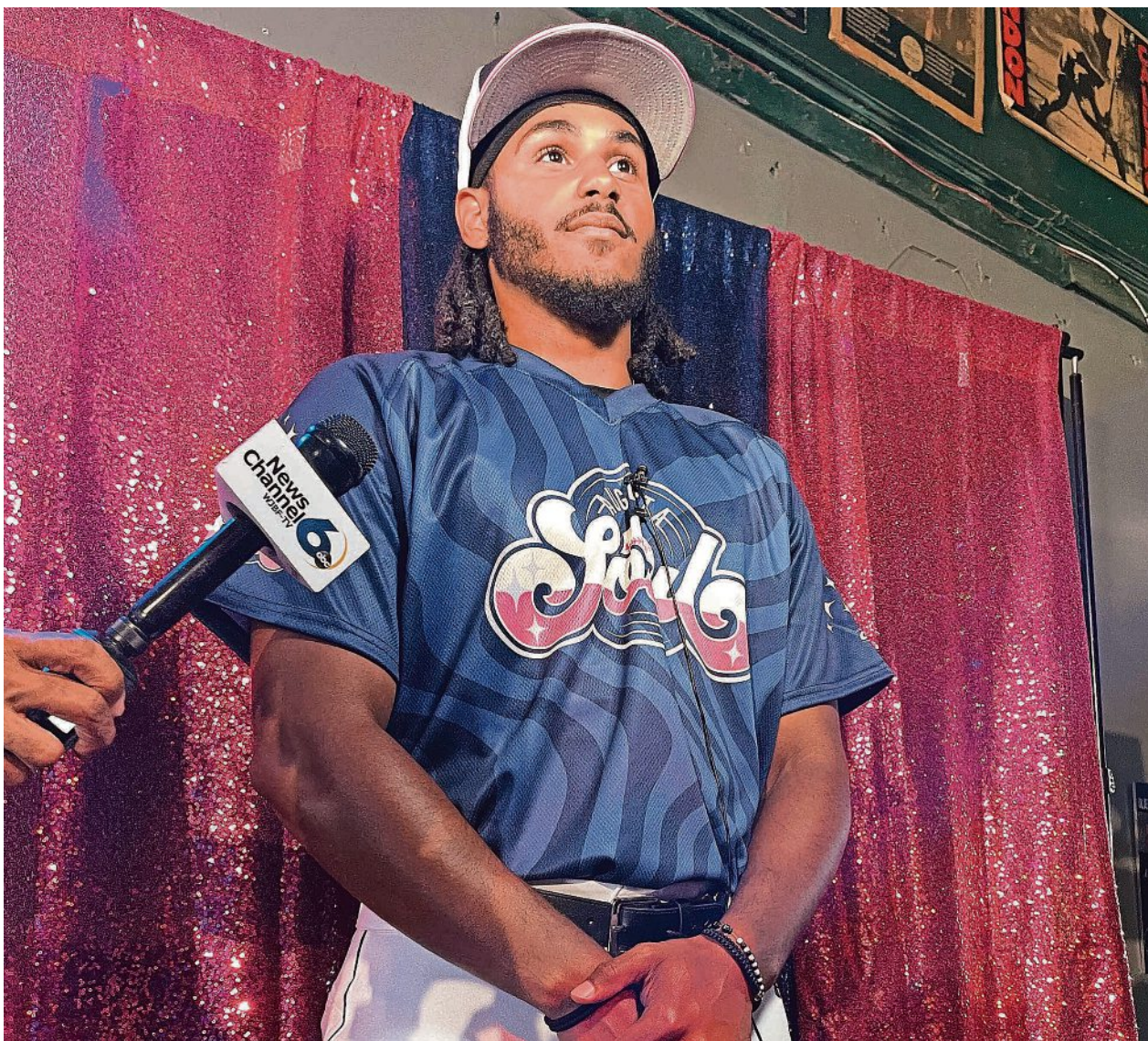
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SHOWCASING AUGUSTA'S SOUL



Augusta GreenJackets pitcher Aiven Cabral models one of the new alternate uniforms for the Augusta Soul, during an unveiling at The Soul Bar in downtown Augusta on June 1.

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GreenJackets to take field as the Soul for series in June

Joe Hotchkiss Augusta Chronicle | USA TODAY NETWORK

Something funky is going on with Augusta's minor-league baseball team.

The Augusta GreenJackets, the low-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves, announced its newest alternate identity on Monday by unveiling the new logo and uniforms for the Augusta Soul.

The team will don the temporary uniforms June 19 and 20 when the Soul plays host at North Augusta's SRP Park to the Hill City Howlers, the Lynchburg, Virginia, low-A affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians.

The Soul identity pays tribute to world-famous rhythm-and-blues singers, and Augusta-area natives, James Brown and Sharon Jones.

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T-shirts and caps showing versions of the Augusta Soul alternate team logo stand on display during an unveiling event for the Augusta GreenJackets' newest brand.

Ticks aren't just a summer problem anymore

Erica Van Buren
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Longer warm-weather seasons as a result of climate change are contributing to an uptick in tick activity, when tick-borne illnesses are most often transmitted.

The peak season runs from early spring through late fall, when ticks are most active in warm months. However, tick-borne diseases have been reported year-round in Georgia, according to experts with the Georgia Department of Public Health.

Dr. Rosmarie Kelly, a public health entomologist with the department, said officials are not seeing a definitive shift from seasonal tick spikes to year-round activity in the Southeast.

"It appears to be changing more according to local weather conditions," Kelly said. "We started getting some reports of ticks early on. Then we had really dry weather, and we didn't hear anything. Then the rain came, and now we're beginning to get reports. So right now, we're just not seeing a definitive shift."

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Netanyahu, Trump clash over strikes on Lebanon

Francesca Chambers
and Christopher Cann
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump lit into Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an expletive-laden call on June 1, multiple news outlets reported, after Iran threatened to pull out of peace talks with the United States over strikes on Hezbollah in Beirut.

Trump called Netanyahu demanding to know what "the [expletive]" he was doing, sources familiar with the call told ABC News, and called the prime minister "crazy" after Israel

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