Cat 5 hurricane? Melissa likely to keep getting stronger before hitting Jamaica.



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Shocking loss: Falcons blown out 34-10 by visiting Dolphins, who only had 1 win.

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Great Dunes fairway swings back to life

Jekyll Island face-lift revives much of golf links' storied past.



Jekyll Island's Great Dunes golf course includes nine holes designed by Walter Travis in the 1920s. "We took so much of our inspiration from what we found along the way," co-architect Jeffrey Stein says. PHOTOS BY AUSTIN KASEMAN

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JEKYLL ISLAND — Legend has it a Ford Model T is buried somewhere among the sands and brush of the nearly century-old Great Dunes golf course that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean.

If so, the antique car is the rare treasure not uncovered in a yearlong makeover of the links originally built by storied golf course architect Walter Travis for the Gilded Age tycoons of the Jekyll Island Club.

The once-exclusive course reopens Saturday, 97 years after its debut. Now a public course, the renewed Great Dunes showcases much of the same layout once played by the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and America's other wealthiest families who wintered annually on Jekyll during the club era.

Great Dunes' original glory was cut short by the 1929 stock market crash that triggered the Great Depression. The course remained



open until the club's 1942 closure, and play resumed after Georgia turned Jekyll into a state park. But many of the Travis-designed holes and original landscape features were gradually lost to time.

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Great Dunes links reopen Saturday as an 18-hole, 7,014-yard course.

U.S., China say trade deal drawing closer



President Donald Trump listens Sunday to Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Manet at the 47th Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. AP

Officials: Framework of agreement reached ahead of Xi and Trump meeting.

By Chris Megerian, David Rising

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KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA — A trade deal between the United States and China is drawing closer, officials from the world's two largest economies said Sunday as they reached an initial consensus for President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping to aim to final-

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ize during their high-stakes meeting. Any agreement would be a relief to international markets even it does not address underlying issues involving manufacturing imbalances and access to state-of-the-art computer chips.

Beijing recently limited exports of rare earth elements that are needed for advanced technologies, and Trump responded by threatening additional

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New Atlanta hospital part of mayor's project list

Dickens hopes to fund facility through a tax allocation district extension.

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When Atlanta City Council members got the first look this week at a sweeping list of projects Mayor Andre Dickens hopes to fund through a tax allocation district extension, one entry was a surprise. Project Robin. Price tag \$800 million.

While most of the projects included on the more than 200-item list were well-known Dickens priorities, Project Robin - categorized as a health venture – was a mystery.

A person familiar with the proposal who was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the project includes a new hospital campus with community health clinics. That information was confirmed by a second source inside City Hall who also did not have authority to speak publicly.

A new health care facility is much-needed within the city to help fill gaps in medical services left by the closure of Atlanta Medical Center in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood and Atlanta Medical Center-South in the city of East Point.

The project list notes that the city plans to put \$115 million of Beltline TAD revenue toward the

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Atlanta's airport security lines long again amid federal impasse

It is the second Sunday in a row with TSA staffing issues, extended waits.

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As Transportation Security Administration officers enter another week of working without pay, the effects of the government shutdown appear to once again be hitting the Atlanta airport's security wait times.

Main checkpoint wait times started surpassing 40 minutes by about 6 a.m., according to data analysis by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

It's Day 26 of the federal shutdown. Last Sunday also saw longer wait times than normal at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport because of TSA staffing callouts.

TSA had a "small hot spot" related to a personnel shortage at Atlanta on Sunday morning, a TSA spokesperson told the AJC. The team is "dealing with it as best they can."

"This is not what I would consider severe. We're managing as best we can."

By the early afternoon, domestic security lines appeared to be back in control, with wait times listed at under 10 minutes at the three checkpoints.

But longer lines returned later Sunday afternoon, with some wait times again reaching more than 40 minutes.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS, A12

More seniors now have the option of cochlear implants

It's estimated that hearing loss affects more than half of those over age 75. Until recently, Medicare covered cochlear implantation for only those with extremely limited hearing. But in 2022, that coverage was expanded to a wider range

of eligible patients. Cochlear



implantation requires commitment, however. Here's what you need to know about the procedure.

Meet FAMU's 1st female head drum major

Oluwamodupe 'Dupe' Oloyede is latest example of Marching 100 drawing musical talent from metro high schools.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA. — The Marching 100 band doesn't just exit the field after halftime at Florida A&M University on Homecoming Day. They "bring it off" in a highly choreographed processional that culminates with each drum major and the entire tuba section jumping into half-splits on the turf.

This performance, like every other, starts and ends under the whistle of the head drum major. And for the first time in the Marching 100's nearly 80-year history, the whistle was around the neck of a woman who had spent weeks perfecting her solo.

With thousands of eyes fixed on her, she swung the orange and green cape of her uniform. Moments later, she bent her knee in a quiet tribute to her family, sprinted down the field and leaped into the air. As the crowd roared with delight, an announcer

narrated the moment: And now, ladies and gentlemen, bringing down the tubas: our head drum major. First female head drum major in FAMU history. She's from Atlanta by way of

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Since Oluwamodupe Oloyede was announced as FAMU's first female head drum major, she's been thoughtful about how she wants to present herself. COURTESY OF MARCHING 100 NATION, A5

Social Security checks to increase by 2.8%

The cost-of-living adjustment will show up in January, but some seniors worry that it's not keeping pace with rising costs.

OBITUARIES, A10

Actress June Lockhart dies at 100 years old

She became a beloved mother figure for generations of TV viewers through her roles on "Lassie" and "Lost in Space."

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