

Quintessential Mr. Quarterman

Some South Georgians have made numerous contributions to the South Georgia area and have rendered enormous contributions to national and global society as well. One of these South Georgia notables is Mr. John S. Quarterman, a longtime South Georgia resident who has a perpetual passion for navigating activism in protection of waterways, specifically those which impact area communities, as the WWALS Watershed Coalition’s Suwannee Riverkeeper, who takes seriously and enthusiastically his stewardship over protecting the Suwannee River Basin in South Georgia and North Florida.

Having hailed from the Bemiss Community in Lowndes County Georgia, near Valdosta, studied at Harvard, authored in 1990, the book entitled, “The Matrix, Computer Networks and Conferencing Systems Worldwide,” Mr. John Quarterman became the “longest serving cartographer of the Internet, a designation “dubbed by Mappa Mundi Magazine” in 1990.

Mr. Quarterman’s astonishing contributions in internet history and his “Matrix Maps” facilitation in the internet development history is



notable and is the impetus for his well-deserved recognition and his 2025 Inductee status in the Internet Hall of Fame.

A published entry from the Internet Hall of Fame underscores just how salient Mr. John Quarterman’s impact in internet history is, and has been noted in the following I quote: “Little did he know at the time that one of his “Matrix Maps” Charts, published in 1994, caught the eye of a young Jeff Bezos who saw something in them that Quarterman had not: an immediate huge business opportunity on the World Wide Web. According

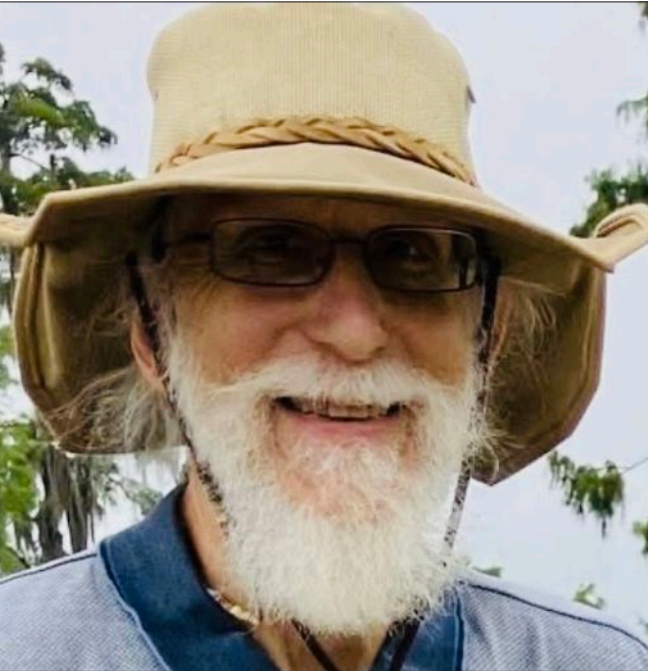
to Bezos’s biographer, the chart is what inspired Bezos to launch Amazon, as he saw a business opportunity in the Internet’s rapid growth. It is impossible to know all the ways in which the Matrix Maps have shaped decisions by engineers, governments and investors.”

Mr. John Quarterman is diversified in technological savvy, waterway activism, and in his enjoyable propagation of his family’s passion and legacy of tilling the soil on land which his grandfather purchased in 1921. The Quintessential Mr. Quarterman has demonstrated a heroic

and diversified role in generating productive societal change which has generated the betterment of humanity not only in our regional

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area but worldwide. The inclusion photos reflect the photographic essence of the heroic Mr. John Quarterman. I, Dr. R. Marie Horne

MD and the QFP Readership applaud the exemplary lifetime efforts of Mr. John Quarterman’s to render betterment of the global society!

Georgia farmers, foresters still awaiting Helene disaster relief

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

It’s been nearly a year since Hurricane Helene tore through a large swath of South Georgia during the last week of September, killing 37 and causing widespread flooding and power outages.

While blocked roads have long been cleared

and power restored, Georgia farmers and foresters are still waiting for a full measure of disaster relief to replant crops and trees lost to the storm.

But Georgia elected officials say help is finally on the way. The state Department of Agriculture is working with its federal counterpart on a block grant that should

go a long way toward putting farmers, ranchers, and timber owners on the road to recovery.

“It seems like it’s down to the attorneys dotting the ‘i’s’ and crossing the ‘t’s’ ” said Will Bentley, president of the Georgia Agribusiness Council.

Georgia’s ag industry needs a lot of relief. Helene wreaked at least \$5.5 billion in damage to crops, ranches, poultry houses, orchards, and timberland.

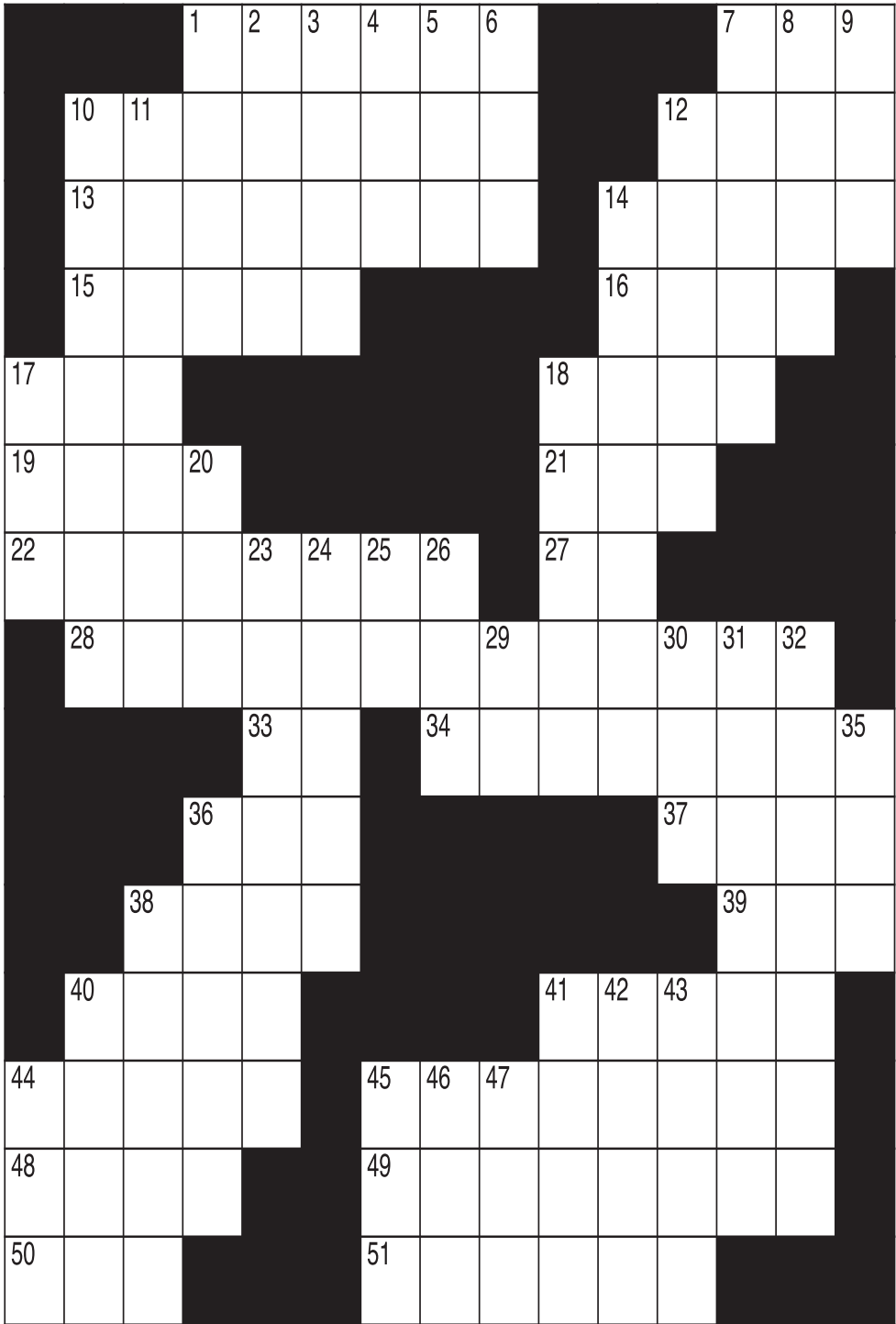
“At that time of year, cotton was close to being picked,” Bentley said. “The pecan industry was devastated. ... We lost hundreds of poultry houses. It’s been hard to build back.”

Congress moved quickly by its usually plodding standards, passing a bipartisan relief package last December that earmarked \$21 billion in relief to farmers who suffered losses from Helene in Georgia and other affected states. The federal package also was in response to other natural disasters across the country.

At the state level, Gov. Brian Kemp redirected \$100 million from a capital projects fund to provide financial support for farmers affected by the storm and debris clean-up for owners of damaged timberland. Then in March, the General Assembly set aside \$867 million for disaster relief as part of the fiscal 2025 mid-year budget.

But farmers and timber owners still are far from being made whole. U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., complained in a letter in July to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins and Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Tyler Harper that the block grant was taking too long to negotiate.

“Although some funds have been made available at the national level through USDA, many of Georgia’s farmers and producers who were most affected by Hurricane Helene are not eligible for this assistance and tell me they are instead counting on a block grant,” Ossoff wrote.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Carved into
- 7. __ Rogers, cowboy
- 10. Unruly locale
- 12. Edible mushroom
- 13. Influential noblemen
- 14. Rattling breaths
- 15. David __ George, Brit. P.M.
- 16. Musician Clapton
- 17. Small Eurasian deer
- 18. Invests in little enterprises
- 19. Perimeter
- 21. Chicago ballplayer
- 22. Animal body part
- 27. It’s everywhere these days
- 28. Fictional ad exec
- 33. Mr. T character Baracus
- 34. Against the current
- 36. Subway rodent
- 37. Armor plate
- 38. Hair on the head
- 39. Strong insect
- 40. Swollen lymph node
- 41. A way to lessen

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

- 1. ETCHED
- 7. ROY
- 10. MADHOUSE
- 12. CEPE
- 13. ALDERMEN
- 14. RALES
- 15. LLOYD
- 16. ERIC
- 17. ROE
- 18. SBIC
- 19. EDGE
- 21. CUB
- 22. FORELIMB
- 27. AI
- 28. ROGER STERLING

- 44. Walter White poison
- 45. Sleeveless garment
- 48. Long accompanied song
- 49. Without features
- 50. Yankee great Mattingly
- 51. Removes from record

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Root of taro plant
- 2. Those ones
- 3. Appliances have one
- 4. A way to sing
- 5. Midway between east and southeast
- 6. Animal dwelling
- 7. An object that as survived from the past
- 8. Oil cartel
- 9. Affirmative
- 10. Foul smell
- 11. Brisk tempo
- 12. S. American indigenous person
- 14. Restored
- 17. Official

SOLUTIONS DOWN

- 1. EDDO
- 2. THEY
- 3. CORD
- 4. HUM
- 5. ESE
- 6. DEN
- 7. RELIC
- 8. OPEC
- 9. YES
- 10. MALODOR
- 11. ALLEGRO
- 12. CARIB
- 14. REBUILT
- 17. REF
- 18. SCARS
- 20. EEG
- 23. LEBANON
- 24. IRATE

- 18. Skin lesions
- 20. Electroencephalograph
- 23. Middle Eastern country
- 24. Extremely angry
- 25. Title used before a woman’s name
- 26. British thermal unit
- 29. By the way (abbr.)
- 30. Anger
- 31. Nullifies
- 32. Ones who acquire
- 35. Time zone
- 36. Arabic name
- 38. Protein in mucus
- 40. Ballpoint pen
- 41. Mimics
- 42. Humans have a lot of it
- 43. Expressions of good wishes
- 44. Cool!
- 45. One point east of due south
- 46. City of Angels football team (abbr.)
- 47. A way to save for retirement

- 25. MS
- 26. BTU
- 29. EP
- 30. IRE
- 31. NEGATES
- 32. GAINERS
- 35. MST
- 36. RABIA
- 38. MUCIN
- 40. BIRO
- 41. APES
- 42. BONE
- 43. AVES
- 44. RAD
- 45. SBE
- 46. LAR
- 47. IRA



Lonnie Paul Johns and NaTasha Denise Gray are set to be married on September 20 in Quitman.

Gray, Johns to be married September 20

NaTasha Denise Gray and Lonnie Paul Johns are pleased to announce their upcoming wedding on September 20.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Gray Sr. of Valdosta and the late Lizzie Mae Gosier of Quitman. Paternal grandparents are the late Leroy Gray Sr. and Liza Gray. Maternal grandparents are the late Frank Gosier and Lucky Philips-Gosier.

NaTasha is a graduate of Brooks County High School and Georgia Military College. She is employed as a realtor with The American Dream Realty and recently received her Real Estate Brokers’ Licesne.

The groom is the son of the late David Johns Sr and Mrs. Bobbie White. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. Lonnie Johns Sr. and Mrs. Luconia Gunsby Johns. Maternal grandparents are the late Mr. Ran ‘Big Dent’ Denson and Mrs. Carrie Denson..

Lonnie is a graduate of Wiregrass Tech and hold a commercial driving license. He is currently employed as a Sanderson Farms Truck Driver.

The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Quitman Country Club. Invitations will be sent.