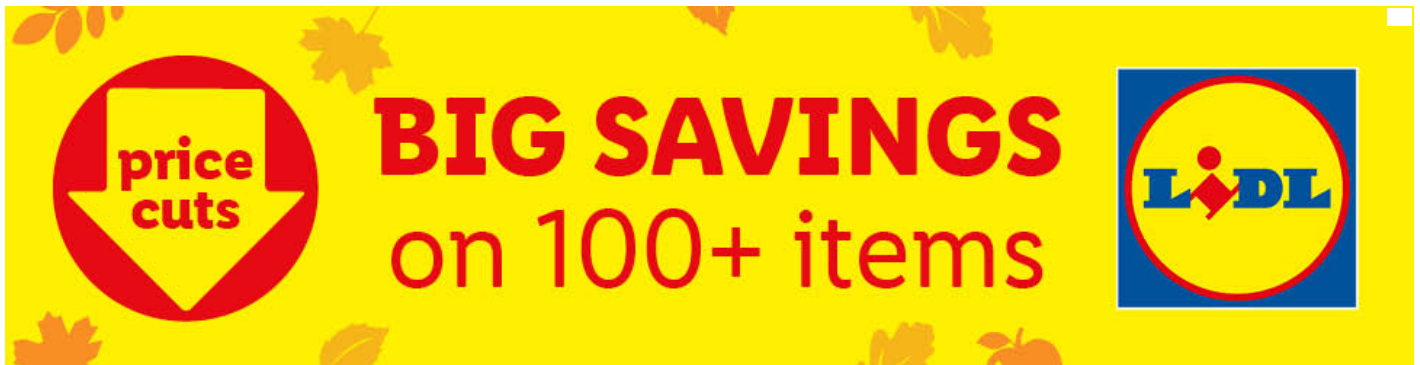




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# Preservation of Ceylon key state conservation project

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Sep. 6—WOODBINE — It's hard to overstate the value of Ceylon.

Now a state-owned wildlife management area, only about two years ago the 24,000 acres in Camden County made up one of the largest unprotected wildlands on the U.S. East Coast.

Jason Lee, a Georgia Department of Natural Resources manager who helped preserve the Ceylon tracts and adjacent land then called Cabin Bluff, can reel off the conservation highlights: Nearly 3,000 gopher tortoises, the most on any state WMA. More than 1,000 acres of mature maritime forest. Georgia's best unspoiled example of longleaf pine savanna, with intact groundcover and pines dating to the 1860s. Freshwater wetlands teeming with life such as imperiled gopher frogs and striped newts. Some 6,000-plus acres of saltmarsh and 19 miles of

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conservation project I've worked on," Lee said.

Thanks to foresight, partners and the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program, it is also a natural treasure that the public will enjoy for generations to come.

Known by its 1800s timber-mill village name — derived from the former British colony and tea mecca now called Sri Lanka — Ceylon seemed destined for high-density development and deep-water marinas. Then the Great Recession hit. As development plans stalled, a number of partners stepped in, joining with DNR to conserve the property and a Cabin Bluff tract that was added to the WMA.

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program also stepped up. The program, Georgia's first source of dedicated funding for acquiring critical wildlife lands and supporting parks and trails, approved three grants totaling \$10.6 million over two funding cycles for the targeted tracts. Those grants were key to leveraging more than \$70 million

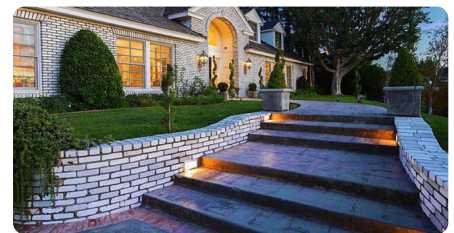
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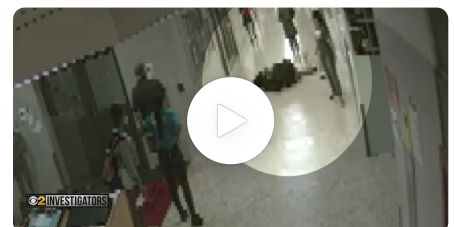
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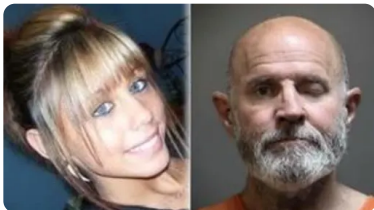
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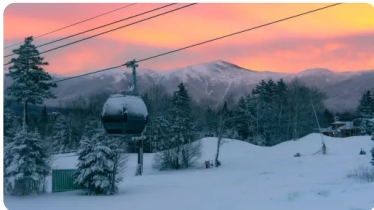
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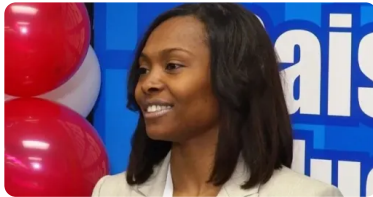
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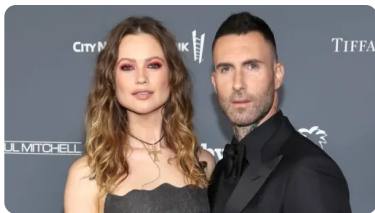
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