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Albany Commission cleans up 'mess' from liquor store relocation



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin
Sima Veean, left, and husband Joe Veean embrace Wednesday after the Albany City Commission gave approval for an alcohol license for Happy Liquors that has sparked controversy.

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ALBANY – Sima and Joe Veean will be able to sleep a little more soundly after a week of worry about the status of an alcohol license for their business in east Albany.

The relief came when the Albany City Commission approved the request for a change of location for the 110 Cordele Road Happy Liquors store that opened on Jan. 13 across Sylvester Highway from the Veann's former location at Tate's Liquors.

Wednesday's vote was necessary because the city had issued a 2024 alcohol license at the new location without bringing the request to the commission, which must give its approval in the case of a change of location.

Happy Liquors was given a temporary license status to remain in operation until commissioners made a decision, and the Wednesday vote gave permanent status to the new store.

"I'm going to vote yes, but this is truly a mess," Commissioner Vilnis Gaines said before the 5-1 vote was taken.

The sole no vote came from Commissioner Jon Howard, who in nearly all instances votes in opposition to the issuance of alcohol licenses.

The entire situation had left Joe Veean puzzled and concerned about the future of his business.

"I've been there for 35 years," he said in a Tuesday interview. "I've held that license for that long. I always do my business in a lawful manner."

The move came after he tried to purchase the Tate's Liquors building out of which he had operated for more than three decades, a proposition he said was too expensive.

"I could never work hard enough to survive at the price," he said. "We started looking and came across this property, dependent on the local ap-

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Slow, steady growth predicted for Albany, Georgia economies

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ALBANY – Georgia's economy is on track for steady growth in 2025, albeit a bit of a slowdown from 2024.

The state is poised for robust job growth, significant population growth as well as diverse industries and labor markets that will see it outperform the country. This emphasizes Georgia's position as a good place to do business.

For communities like Albany, these favorable trends bode well for continued growth at a more moderate pace.

This was the gist of the information provided at the University of Georgia's 42nd annual Georgia Economic Outlook discussion, which was held at Albany State University's West Campus, Wednesday.

Benjamin Ayers, dean of UGA's Terry College of Business, gave the statewide economic outlook based on analyses from the UGA Selig Center of Economic Growth.

"2025 will be a good year in the state of Georgia," Ayers said.

Sarah Brinson, dean of the Darton College of Health Professions at ASU, presented findings for Albany's economic outlook.

Local economic development efforts, including major manufacturing expansions and investments that began taking shape post-COVID-19 pandemic, will continue to fuel job creation and economic momentum in the area.

"It often takes several years to fully build out an economic development project, and even more to fully integrate the project into the economic fabric of the community," Brinson read from the report. "Only then are the economic impacts, including multiplier effects of economic development projects, fully realized."

However, the pace of growth is expected to slow as the momentum from projects announced in previous years wanes.

Notably, Albany's economy benefits from its diversified base, with industries like agriculture, health care, and government providing stability despite national economic challenges.

Albany's industries put up a protective shield in the face of expected nationwide issues.

"Albany's diversified economy tends to dampen the ups and downs of the business cycle,"

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Group works to restore water flow at Radium Springs

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ALBANY – On a warm Sunday, just days after snow blanketed much of the state, Radium Springs in Albany flowed clear and bright blue at a constant 68 degrees.

Striped bass and gar swim beneath clumps of hydrilla, an invasive aquatic plant. About halfway along Skywater Creek, which flows from the Radium Springs springhead, a thick carpet of algae coats the surface from one bank to the other.

It's still a work in progress, but strides have been made at Skywater, a project plan to restore the water flow through Radium Springs, one of Georgia's Seven Natural Wonders. The Skywater Group includes hydrologists, farmers and conservationists. This spot, which was the former site of the Radium Springs Casino that was lost to fire and floods, has long been talked about as one of the main tourist draws to the Albany area.

Because of this, private and public funding, including a $1.5 million state grant to repair the historic carriage bridge, has been allocated toward water monitoring technology, renovations and smart irrigation technologies for farmers in the Radium Springs springshed. Former Flint Riverkeeper Board President David Dixon, a volunteer with Georgia's Adopt a Stream program, said the project's whole purpose is to keep water in the springshed, especially in times of drought.



Staff photo: Lucille Lannigan
David Dixon takes a photo of Radium Springs. At this spot, 70 million gallons of water per day is pumped into the spring from the Floridan Aquifer.

Water is pumped into Radium Springs at 70 million gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer, which is the largest aquifer in the southeastern U.S. In the early 1980s, a drought caused water to stop flowing from the aquifer into Radium Springs. The spring dried up into a muddy pit.

This happened again in 2011. Hundreds of dead fish – large-

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Albany Area Chamber leads Albany-Dougherty Day delegation at Capitol

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ATLANTA – The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce led its largest delegation to date of local business and community leaders to the Georgia State Capitol for the annual Albany-Dougherty Day, a signature state legislative event designed to advance the community's legislative priorities.

The two-day program provided participants with key opportunities to engage directly with state leadership and advocate for policies and initiatives that impact business competitiveness in the Albany area and southwest Georgia.

"Albany-Dougherty Day exemplifies our unwavering commitment to fostering strong partnerships and advocating for policies and initiatives that drive economic growth, enhance work force development and improve the quality of life for our community and region," Bárbara Rivera Holmes, president and CEO of the Albany Area Chamber, said. "By engaging directly with state leaders and those closest to the point of decision, we ensure that Albany remains at the forefront of legislative progress and economic vitality.

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Special Photo
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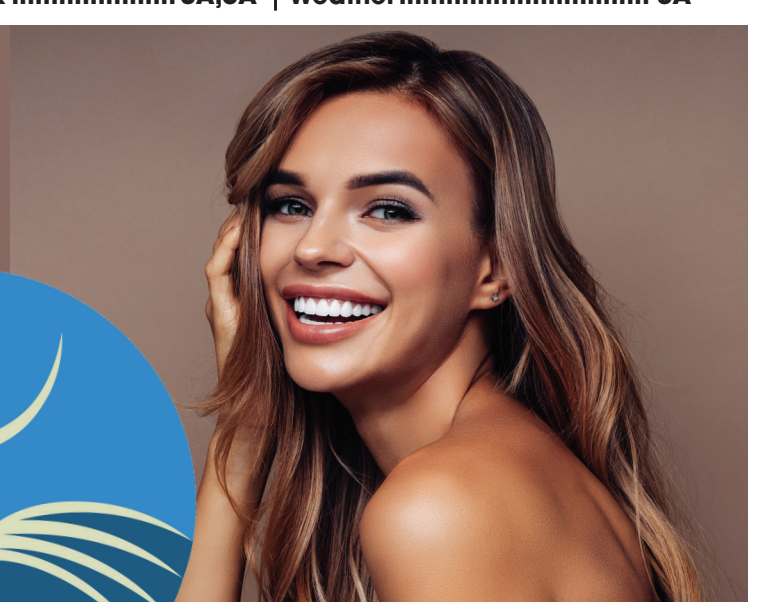
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From 1A

WATER

mouth bass, bluegill and gar – appeared in the springs because the low water levels meant not enough dissolved oxygen.

"You can't stop mother nature from having droughts, but you can plan a bit better," Dixon said

One of the newest parts of the Skywater Project plan includes a gate system that was installed mid-2024 at the newly renovated carriage bridge. The gate controls the water level at adjusting heights to let water out into the Flint River. When the spring levels rise enough, water pours out the spillway next to the gate, into the river.

Dixon said this overflow of spring water into the Flint is important, especially during the winter months when the Flint's water temperatures drop.

"Certain fish, like striped bass, like warm water, so wherever there's springs flowing into and out of the Flint River, that's where those fish will stay during the winter month," Dixon said.

The pool level of Skywater Creek sits about 3 feet higher than the Flint River at normal river levels to keep water in the spring from becoming stagnant. Sometimes the river floods and pushes water back into the spring.

Skywater Creek had gone without flow control for several years. The gate has been operating now for about six months. Dixon said in those six months, he's seen a difference in pool height even without heavy rain.

There is also less algae, which has increasingly been a problem at Radium Springs.

"Algae gets worse the slower the flow, the lower the water, the hotter the days," Dixon said.

While the green, goopy stuff benefits some organisms, like egrets and herons who can walk on it to get fish, it stops sunlight from getting to organisms at the bottom of the creek and springhead.

"It's a benefit to some and an eyesore for others," Dixon said.

He said Dougherty County provides herbicides to try to keep the algae down. It becomes a problem for tourism when people travel to see one of Georgia's natural wonders, and instead of seeing a crystal clear spring, they're met with smelly, rotting algae.

Another part of the Skywater Project, is a concept Flint Riverkeeper Gordon Rogers referred to as "drought swap."

The portion of the Floridan that feeds Radium Springs is over-exploited. It's used by farmers in the springshed for irrigation, and Dixon said the largest contributor to aquifer drawdown in the spring shed is Procter & Gamble, which pumps water each day.

Rogers said when conversations first arose about restoring the springshed's flow, the idea of switching to deeper water sources was bounced around.

He said Radium Springs goes dry or quits flowing during every drought year and even in the dry portions of wet years.

"A lot of people don't realize that," Rogers said.

So when the Skywater Team was formed about five years ago, Rogers said the central tenet became looking at the feasibility of source switching and beginning to try to identify funding sources for it.

The team worked with U.S. Rep. Sanford Bishop's office to get funding written in for a Natural Resource and Conservation Service Project. The plan for this was submitted to the U.S. Deptartment of Agriculture, and Rogers said it's awaiting approval.

"With any luck, we'll be able to start the work," Rogers said.

The work will be offering drought swap wells to agricultural producers in the springshed. Underneath the Floridan are two deeper aquifers, the Claiborne and Clayton. These wells would allow farmers to take from deeper aquifers during drought times so as not to harm the flow at Radium Springs.

Rogers said the Skywater team received communication from the federal government that Procter & Gamble would even be eligible for financing.

"That's important because they have the closest wells to the springhead itself," he said.

Along with the Skywater Project, the Georgia Flow Incentive Trust, which works with farmers in the Flint River Basin to build capacity to respond to drought, is making headway on the other side of the Flint River.

Rogers said state funding was secured for a drought swap project that would benefit the nearby Muckalee, Kinchafoonee, Ichawaynochaway and Spring creeks.

"The drilling of those wells and the granting of those permits is already underway," he said. "We've got really exciting things going on on both sides of the river. It's going to benefit the flow in Radium Springs and those four creeks."

From 1A

ECONOMY

Brinson read.

Albany's economy is more dependent on government, education, health care, retail, wholesale, trade and agriculture, which are not very cyclical industries. Albany is focused on the production of nondurable goods and consumer staples, which will continue to be in demand whether the economy grows or shrinks.

Albany's economy also is not overly dependent on exports, meaning it won't be exposed to trade wars or global economic slowdowns that are expected in 2025.

"Although we expect that Albany will experience slower growth, the area's economy has a lower economic risk profile than most," Brinson read. "That's a positive for businesses and households and makes Albany a good place to grow a business and raise a family."

The area also continues to strengthen its position as a health care hub, with Phoebe Putney Health System driving growth in the sector as well as a regional transportation hub with the help of the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport, which saw expansion projects in 2024.

Despite these strengths, the Albany Metropolitan Statistical Area's population continues to decline, a problem that impacts peer rural communities throughout the state and country. Outmigration remains a challenge, most likely fueled by the result of too few high-paying tech jobs, drawing the most educated residents out of the city in search of employment.

Albany's MSA has very few high-paying tech jobs – 1.8% of the total employment vs. the U.S.'s 5.5%.

One light at the end of the tunnel for this fact could be an increased demand for high-tech development in the area due to tech initiatives at Albany's Marine Corps Logistics Base as it continues to grow in leadership in energy, security and innovation. This demand would increase over time.

Albany's housing market is another plus. While home prices are 48% above their pre-pandemic peak, this compares to Georgia's home prices rising by 67%. In 2025, housing activity in Albany is expected to remain stable. Home prices and new home construction will remain close to 2024 levels.

Barbara Rivera Holmes, the president and CEO of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, said Albany continues to be synonymous with its large-scale manufacturers like Procter & Gamble, Molson Coors and Mars.

"Those names are recognizable anywhere in the world, and we're proud that they are here in Albany," she said.

Holmes encouraged people to walk away from the discussion keeping in mind both Albany's challenges and the areas where it shines.

"We heard some pressures … but we also heard a lot of good things, and I want us to walk away today knowing what the pressures are, but also knowing what is advancing our economy," she said.



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From 1A

STORE

proval and the state approval. I got the (initial) license after their due diligence, and then we closed on this property because we had both.

"All I did was apply for an alcohol license, and they did their legwork and approved me."

Albany attorney Jim Edge, who represented Veean at Wednesday's meeting, said that Veean's investment for purchasing the shopping center that is anchored by a Family Dollar store is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. A clause in the purchase agreement stipulated that it was dependent on Veean receiving the license.

"Mr. Veean came to the city and requested a license," the attorney said. "He filled out the forms, paid the fees and was approved for a license (at 110 Cordele Road). The license was issued."

Prior to Wednesday, the Veeans said they were having trouble sleeping as they worried about whether they would have to close Happy Liquors.

"I put my life savings in this business," Joe Veean said. "Now somebody is complaining. I don't know who. This is after doing everything in the lawful manner. I am sad. I am upset. Why am I having to go through all this?

"I'm a nervous wreck since the news was delivered to me. It's just not right for a law-abiding citizen to be in this kind of mess."

Prior to the commission vote, Mike Tate told commissioners that he was not aware of the planned move from the Tate's Liquors location, only finding out when a sign was placed in a window on Jan. 3 stating the store was closed.

"I had no early idea he was moving across the street," Tate said. "It's my fault for not staying up on things."

Mike Tate and his brother Tim have applied for a license to re-open Tate's Liquors.

A major criticism from Mike Tate was that the new store was allowed to remain in operation after the city learned that the commission's approval was needed for the change of location. They pointed to the legacy of their father, who opened the liquor store and adjacent Tate's Tavern, which is still in operation, after retiring from the U.S. Army.

"I understand a mistake was made," Mike Tate said. "We're not disputing (the license). We wish him the best. I'm not trying to hold anyone back."

One sticking point for Commissioner Chad Warbington was the question of whether or not the Tate's location is too close to the new store for it to receive a license of its own, as state requirements prohibit stores being in too close proximity. He suggested delaying a vote on the Cordele Road store while that issue is settled.

"The state has said they will not give us an opinion about whether or not they would approve this (Tate's) license unless there is an application in front of them," City Attorney Michael Custer said. "They will not tell us."

While there is no guarantee for the Tates, City Manager Terrell Jacobs said the state puts great weight on a local government's approval in cases involving alcohol licenses. He suggested the state may look favorably on the city's decision and give its own approval.

Mayor Bo Dorough said that the Veeans should not be punished by delaying a decision as Warbington suggested.

"The Tate's said (the commission) should be outraged. … (But) this was a mistake," Dorough said. "They're going through the proper channels. That's why we're here tonight.

"(We) shouldn't say the Tates get a license as a consolation prize. It's before the board to vote on this (Veean's) license."

From 1A

CAPITOL

event focused on the chamber's priority of reforming Georgia's civil litigation climate, a priority shared by employers throughout the state. John King, Georgia's commissioner of Insurance and Fire Safety, addressed concerns about rising litigation costs and their impact on businesses, insurance premiums and economic competitiveness during a panel that included representatives from the health care, transportation and public sector industries.

Attendees also engaged in meaningful discussions with members of the Georgia House and Georgia Senate, as well as agency leadership, on key legislative priorities. Topics included military spouse employment legislation, agriculture initiatives, mental health support, school safety measures, the Georgia MATCH program (which connects high school seniors with post-secondary education opportunities), income tax policy changes, health care system improvements, economic development efforts and education planning.

Lawmakers detailed the expected impacts of these policies and outlined plans for implementation, highlighting how they align with the needs of Albany-Dougherty County and southwest Georgia. State Sen. Freddie Powell Sims and state Reps. Gerald Greene, Bill Yearta and Mike Cheokas – members of the Albany Area State Legislative Delegation – participated throughout the program.

"Civil litigation reform is crucial for creating a fair legal environment that reduces excessive lawsuits and lowers costs for businesses and citizens, ensuring Albany remains a vibrant and competitive place to live and work," Albany Area Chamber Government Affairs Division Chairman Bridges Sinyard said.

The community delegation further emphasized the importance of securing funding and support for an Albany-based Georgia Veterans Education Career Transition Resource (VECTR) Center, a vital regional initiative aimed at providing military veterans with career training and employment support. The VECTR Center serves as a bridge for service members transitioning into civilian careers, offering educational pathways in high-demand industries and ensuring Georgia remains a leader in veteran work force development.

"Veteran and military spouse work force development is essential to providing these populations with the support and opportunities they need to transition successfully into careers in Georgia," Holmes said. "Thereby strengthening our local economy and bolstering Albany, the home of Marine Corps Logistics Base-Albany, as a leading Military Community of Excellence."

In addition to formal legislative meetings, Albany-Dougherty Day featured a legislative reception at the Nathan Deal Judicial Center, during which the local leadership delegation networked with state decision-makers, including King; Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper; Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Patricia Ross, and members and committee chairs of the Georgia General Assembly.

This annual event, a component of the Albany Area Chamber's robust government affairs portfolio, will be followed by the Chamber's Washington, D.C., Fly In in April, during which local leaders will meet with federal legislators and U.S. Marine Corps officials in our nation's to advocate for national policies that impact the Albany Area economy, work force and business environment, and that advance Albany as a Military Community of Excellence.

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce continues to design the path for efforts that strengthen economic vitality, work force development, and community growth through advocacy, partnerships, and policy engagement. Albany-Dougherty Day remains a powerful platform for advancing the community's interests and fostering meaningful dialogue with Georgia's top policymakers. For more information on the chamber's legislative priorities and advocacy efforts, visit www.albanyga.com.

Horoscopes

Hesitation is the enemy this year. Opportunities are within reach and require your attention and action to take advantage of them. Responding to situations quickly and adeptly will get you to the winner's circle. Use your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- A chance to elaborate on the changes you want to make will impress people who can offer insight and hands-on assistance. Be creative and give yourself an overhaul.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Social events that are physically engaging will require ingenuity, high energy and plenty of enthusiasm. Don't sit back; join in the fun and excitement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Volunteer for an event or fundraiser dear to your heart. Take your time, especially when responding to someone's demands. Be a good listener, and exciting possibilities will evolve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be careful not to share personal information. Look for new possibilities and connections that can help supplement your income. Reach out to someone you think might be an asset.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Think big, but use only what's necessary to get your plans up and running. Sticking to a budget and working efficiently will help you get the most for the least. Say no to temptation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You can move mountains if you concentrate on what's important to you. Take the initiative to get involved in projects that make you feel good about yourself and offer the chance to expand your circle of friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If you can't make up your mind, step back, take a break and concentrate on something you enjoy doing. A change will give you the confidence to head in a new direction. Update your look if necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Participate in interesting events, contact someone you'd like to catch up with or visit a place that offers inspiration, stirs your imagination or sparks romance. Make your happiness a priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Travel, socialize or explore what's new, exciting and available to you. The conversations you have will help you create a plan that enables you to stick to your budget and encourages a cost-efficient lifestyle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Set the pace, take responsibility and make those looking to you for answers understand your priorities. Don't let uncertainty get in the way; set a budget and make a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Stick to a plan you can afford. Take on only what you can handle and protect your home, family and possessions from thieves and scammers. Listen to reason and maintain peace of mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Size up what it will cost you before participating in a joint venture. Work alone if you are unsure. Learning, personal growth and letting your creative imagination lead the way will pay off.

DO JUST ONE THING
by Danny Seo

Old-fashioned pressure cookers used to be precarious to use, since they could literally explode if the tight seal got loose. But new designs and safety latches make modern-day pressure cookers safe and a breeze to use. One reason to consider a pressure cooker when making dinner is that they use around 70% less energy than a conventional cooktop. And the possibilities are endless: Soups, stews, pasta dishes and even desserts can be whipped up in a pressure cooker.

Today in History

Today is the 32nd day of 2025 and the 43rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

In 1861, a Texas state convention voted 166-8 in favor of a measure to secede from the Union.

In 1884, the first volume of the Oxford English Dictionary was published.

In 1965, Martin Luther King Jr. and more than 250 others were arrested at a protest in Selma, Alabama.

In 2003, the U.S. space shuttle Columbia broke apart shortly after entering the atmosphere over Texas and Louisiana, killing its seven-member crew.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Ford (1894-1973), film director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1901-1967), poet; Renata Tebaldi (1922-2004), opera singer; Boris Yeltsin (1931-2007), Russian president; Sherman Hemsley (1938-2012), actor; Terry Jones (1942-2020), actor/comedian; Rick James (1948-2004), singer-songwriter; Princess Stephanie of Monaco (1965-); Lisa Marie Presley (1968-2023), singer/actress; Ronda Rousey (1987-), actress/professional wrestler; Harry Styles (1994-), singer-songwriter.

TODAY'S FACT: Harvard scholar Carter G. Woodson pioneered "Negro History Week" in 1926 and designated the second week in February for its celebration, to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Negro History Week was later expanded to include all of February and renamed "Black History Month."

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2004, a wardrobe malfunction during the Super Bowl XXXVIII halftime show resulted in the exposure of singer Janet Jackson's breast on live national television during a duet with Justin Timberlake.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Out of love, / No regrets-- / Though the goodness / Be wasted forever. / Out of love, / No regrets-- / Though the return / Be never." -- Langston Hughes, "No Regrets"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 1,016 -- height (in feet) of the Shard, the tallest skyscraper in the United Kingdom, which opened in London on this day in 2013.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 29) and first quarter moon (Feb. 5).

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom."

Malcolm X,
activist (1925-1965)

CORRECTION

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Weather Forecast

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
67°	77°	77°	78°	79°	77°	76°
44°	45°	49°	54°	57°	59°	56°



BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

DO WHAT YOU MUST, EVEN IF PAINFUL

Donald Rumsfeld said, "There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns. There are things we don't know we don't know."

Now make a list of things you don't know you don't know!

At the bridge table, we sometimes have to decide what to do when we do not know who has which key cards. At other times, though, we will know who has what if an opponent is careless with the card that he plays.

As a simple example, you lead from ace-10-fourth against no-trump. Dummy has two low cards. Your partner plays the jack and declarer wins the trick with the queen. Who has the king?

It must be declarer. Now let declarer win the first trick with the king. Who has the queen?

You do not know, because partner would have played the jack with or without the queen.

With that hint, how should the play go in four spades after West leads the heart nine?

East opened two hearts to show a decent six-card suit and 5 to 10 high-card points.

If South plays the heart two under East's ace, East will know West led a singleton. East will return the heart four, his lowest card being a suit-preference signal for clubs. West will ruff, cash the club ace, and continue with another club for down one.

Now go back to trick one, when South must smoothly drop his king under East's ace. East is quite likely to shift to a diamond, after which declarer takes seven spades and three diamonds.

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♠ Q 10 5 4
♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ Q J 9
♣ Q 2

West
♠ 7
♥ 9
♦ 10 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A 10 7 5 4

East
♠ 6
♥ A Q J 8 5 4
♦ 8 7
♣ K 9 8 3

South
♠ A K J 9 8 3 2
♥ K 2
♦ A K
♣ J 6

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			2♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9



ADVICE COLUMNIST ■ ERIC THOMAS

Successful professional fears she'll never find love

Dear Eric: I am a late-20-something. When I told my mom I wanted to go to law school, one of the first things she said to me was that I would most likely never find a life partner. Of note, I am the only woman in my family in my generation with a college degree. I am also the first attorney in my family.

I am now three years into my career. I have been very successful in my work, but woefully unsuccessful in dating. I have tried dating apps. I have tried exploring my hobbies. I have tried asking friends to set me up. All end up fruitless.

When I talk to my friends for advice, they genuinely don't see why I am so unsuccessful in dating. I've never had a healthy relationship, and the longest relationship I've ever had lasted six months. Looking at it objectively, I think my friends fail to realize that we all live in the Deep South, I am black, and not the traditional standard of beauty set by society. The friends I mention are not black and have not had to navigate through society with a double consciousness.

Ultimately my question is this: What can I do to find love? Moving is not an option for me.

– Lonely Lawyer

Dear Lawyer: Even the most kismet-y love story can seem inevitable when told from the vantage point of hindsight and happiness, doesn't it? "We started talking on a plane ride, and we just never stopped talking." OK ... but which plane should I get on? Middle seat or aisle? It's hard to know what the right time and place is, especially when you're in the right place in other areas of your life.

The bad news is I do not have a travel itinerary for you. Some of this is age and stage – you've put in the work to establish yourself professionally, which is wonderful. It may feel like you made a trade-off, but what it shows is an investment in yourself. That's one of the cornerstones of finding a healthy love relationship. If you don't value yourself and show up for yourself, it may be hard to find someone who truly values you.

To that end, if you don't already have a therapist, I'd strongly recommend working with one who is also a black woman. There may be some narratives that you can leave behind – your mom's prediction (unhelpful and untrue, even if well-intentioned); society's messages to you about beauty; the stories you're getting from your friends. You may also be telling yourself a story that could use adjusting.

This is not to say that the reason you haven't found love is in any way your fault. Quite the opposite, actually. Making a regular appointment with someone who understands your identity and is trained to help you remember that you're worthy of love, can be a brainstorming session or post-mortem on dates both good and bad, but will also serve as a reminder to yourself that you're where you need to be right now.

Dear Eric: My friend of 40 years moved away several years ago. She is alone, and I helped in many ways with her move. I went to visit, called and stayed in touch with visits, driving two hours to see her.

She called me recently to tell me all the things she does not like about me, some pretty cruel stuff, and I was crushed.

I told her, I hear you and that I was going to keep my distance and let her go. To my surprise, she walked away, didn't go back in with me, and accepted the break-up.

I thought of trying to work it out, yet I feel so hurt and truly do not want to be friends with someone who would treat me this way.

She never seemed happy for me and is one of those people who is ravaged with anger. I am not this way. Maybe we grew apart. Any parting thoughts?

– An Old Friend

Dear Friend: Though this friend treated you unfairly and was unnecessarily cruel, she did do one good thing: She removed herself from your life. Forty years is a long time to be friends with someone, so I understand the grief that you're feeling. But 40 years is also a long time to put up with someone not being happy for you. I wonder how many slights or smaller cruelties you had to deal with over the years.

Try to allow yourself the space and time to mourn this loss, while also reminding yourself that you deserve to be supported in the way that you support friends. Your former friend's lashing out was more a reflection of the way she sees the world than of your place in it.

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SQUAWKBOX

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Mr. Stern, I sure hope you don't cave to the race hustlers trying to put the squeeze on you. Clennon King is just another Al Sharpton wannabe. Hey, Clennon, Africans sold your ancestors into slavery not whites.

Where is today's Joseph Welch?

You people complaining about the fact that the new president hasn't done any of the things he promised to do have to keep in mind that he's still getting his feet wet. You just have to put your faith in him. You know he's good for his word.

I believe the Democrats will destroy themselves from within. People are getting smarter and starting to understand what the party does to make America weaker. They are no longer needed.

I hope all the parents at St. Teresa's school know that the students will be without promethium boards, desks, chairs, lunch tables, computers, and WiFi by April 30. School gets out on May 23. Maybe rethink paying that last month of tuition. I'm sure they will not be notified that they're paying for their kids to sit on the floor in empty rooms for a month.

Laughable: Trump pledging 100% support for something that doesn't directly benefit him. More laughable: You believe it.

To answer your question, liberal squawkers: Yes, every Trump supporter I know is thrilled he is cleaning up the mess your ideology created. You lost in a landslide. Y'all need to sit the next four years.

On Trump's first day in office, he pardoned all the Jan. 6 rioters and got lectured by the Bishop when he went to church. Ronny Chieng on "The Daily Show" summed it up perfectly: "Church is bad and beating cops is good. So, I guess he's a Democrat now." That Man Without a Family

Why does The Albany Herald have any ties with Clennon King? The only thing he ever tries to make public is his racist agenda. By giving people like that a forum, you only encourage them.

Stop griping about those poor, hard-working postal employees. They have to work up to four hours a day, and it's hard ramming those packages labeled "fragile" into those boxes so they don't have to get out of their little vehicles.

Hey, Fletcher, you nailed it with your story on Blues Traveler. I'd only been a casual fan and went to the concert with friends who had tickets. I left a huge fan. What a tremendous performance. Thank you, Six String Promotions.

Thanks, Albany Utilities. Customer for 47 years; online banking mails check on 1/14/25, obviously delayed by weather; first time late, but I had to pay late fee and suffered "holding" via phone for 30 minutes to reach customer service.

Business owners: Take a page from Chik-Fil-A's playbook. Hire people that actually want to work, not these surly, lazy good-for-nothings who wouldn't know customer service if it sat down beside them. When your employees act like that to me, I make a note to myself never to patronize that business again.

If you have money for beer, cigarettes, tattoos, hair extensions, nail salons, drugs and crab legs, you have no business on welfare.

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Severe Weather Preparedness Week begins Monday

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ATLANTA – The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, in partnership with the National Weather Service, encourages Georgians to learn and understand the threats of severe weather as well as prepare for various weather events during Severe Weather Preparedness Week on Feb. 3-7.

"This past year alone, Georgia has experienced two major hurricanes, winter storms, and significant flooding, reminding us just how unpredictable, diverse and powerful Mother Nature can be," GEMA/HS Director Chris Stallings said in a news release. "Severe Weather Preparedness Week is a critical time to reflect on these events and ensure we're ready for the next challenge. By learning safety tips, reviewing emergency plans, and staying prepared, we can protect our families, homes, and communities from the impact of natural disasters. Preparation today can make all the difference tomorrow."

Georgia's peak in severe weather (and tornadoes) occurs between January and May. Severe Weather Preparedness Week also should serve as a reminder to review emergency procedures and prepare for these severe weather-related hazards.

GEMA/HS (and NWS) will distribute severe weather preparedness information via social media channels, and provide tool kits to local emergency management directors for sharing this information in their counties all week long during the SWPW campaign.



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The week of Feb. 3-7 has been designated National Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

Each day of the campaign will address the following topics:

• Monday, Feb. 3 – Family Preparedness/NOAA Weather Radio Day: Purchase a life-saving NOAA Weather Radio and choose an out-of-state friend as a "check-in" contact to call if your family gets separated.

• Tuesday, Feb. 4 – Thunderstorm Safety: Learn the difference between a thunderstorm watch and a thunderstorm warning.

• Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Tornado Safety (Drill at 9 a.m.): Determine in advance where you will take shelter in case of a tornado warning.

• Thursday, Feb. 6 – Lightning Safety: Learn the 30/30 rule. If, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder, go indoors. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

• Friday, Feb. 7 – Flash Flooding & Flood Safety: Copy important documents, seal them in a watertight container and add them to your Ready kit.

On Wednesday, tornado safety is emphasized. Residents, schools and businesses statewide are encouraged to participate in Ready Georgia's PrepareAthon! for Tornado Safety, a statewide tornado drill at 9 a.m. For more information on drill procedures, visit gema.georgia.gov/tornado-drill-procedures or External Affairs at externalaffairs@gema.ga.gov (404) 635-7200 @GeorgiaEMAHS www.gema.georgia.gov.

Local emergency management agencies also are a great resource for information or tips to help families, schools and organizations stay prepared. For more resources on how you can prepare your home, school or business for severe weather emergencies and other disasters, visit gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia and follow @GeorgiaEMAHS on X, Instagram and Facebook for preparedness tips and emergency information.

Kemp unveils tort reform package

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – Gov. Brian Kemp unveiled comprehensive tort reform legislation Thursday aimed at reining in huge jury verdicts Republicans say are making it hard for Georgia citizens and businesses to afford insurance premiums.

"Georgians should have every opportunity to pursue their constitutionally guaranteed day in court, and if were wronged, they should be made whole," Kemp said during a news conference at the state Capitol. "(But) our businesses and hard-working Georgians need relief from the increased costs of doing business, having car insurance, and getting access to health care. I believe this package accomplishes those goals and strikes the right balance."

The tort reform legislation the governor is proposing is based on a report the state insurance department released last fall that showed the five-year average of claims has increased by 25%, much faster than Georgia's population growth. The number of large claim awards of more than $1 million also has grown steadily.



Brian Kemp

Kemp has vowed repeatedly in recent months to make tort reform a top priority of his 2025 legislative agenda. Among other things, his proposed tort reform package would:

-- Shield property owners from liability claims stemming from criminal acts committed by third parties outside of the owner's control;

-- Allow lawyers for defendants in suits stemming from car accidents to introduce evidence showing the injured party was not wearing a seatbelt;

-- Require plaintiffs in liability cases to show the jury their actual medical costs when the jury is deliberating on compensation;

-- Limit third parties, including foreign adversaries like China and Russia, from financing tort litigation.

Legislative Democrats argued the tort reform package is aimed at the wrong target.

House Minority Caucus Chair Tanya Miller, D-Atlanta, said natural disasters fueled by climate change -- not lawsuits -- are what's driving up insurance premiums. She said Kemp's tort reform legislation would deny Georgians injured by the negligence of others their day in court.

"We're open to conversations, to trying to find a compromise," Miller said. "But we'll oppose anything that hurts Georgians and their families."

Rachel Abbott named interim provost at GSW

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AMERICUS – Rachel Abbott has been appointed interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Georgia Southwestern State University, effective Saturday.

Abbott currently serves as the dean of GSW's College of Education, a position she has held for 11 years, and will continue in that capacity during the interim period.

"Dr. Abbott brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education to this position," GSW President Michelle Johnston said. "I am confident she will provide the kind of supportive, dedicated leadership needed to sustain and accelerate progress in Academic Affairs."



Rachel Abbott

Abbott earned a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Alabama, a master's of education degree from Georgia Southern University, a master's of Science degree from Florida State University, and a bachelor of science degree from Longwood College.

"I am honored to serve as interim provost at GSW, which has been instrumental in shaping my professional development over the past 16 years," Abbott said. "I am grateful to Dr. Johnston for the confidence she has placed in me to lead the academic operations at GSW, and I look forward to working with the faculty, staff and students."

Abbott has an extensive record of scholarship and service. She has been published in the American Journal of Health Studies, presented at conferences nationwide, and secured more than $25,000 in grants for GSW's College of Education. Abbott also serves on various boards, chairs the University 1,000 Committee, co-leads the Advising Task Force, and has participated in numerous university search and academic committees.

The national search for GSW's next provost and vice president for Academic Affairs will be chaired by Gaynor Cheokas, dean of the College of Business and Computing. The search follows the departure of Jill Drake, who served in the role for almost two years before being named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Clayton State University.



SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX ■
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I guess Kristi Noem joined the NYC ICE raids in case any family pets needed to be put down.

You know Clennon King ain't got nothing better to do if he is focused on a tiny Little Rock no one knew was even there. It's private property, and I'd be danged if I let someone tell me what to do with my property.

Lannigan's AH article is a desperate, soiled politician's resurrecting the DeSoto story of wasted taxpayer dollars under Biden's disastrous giveaways funneled through a mirage of government agencies and nonprofits becoming misappropriated for a defunct politician's paycheck.

Squawker, did you not mean that Trump is a useful communist idiot, a fraud, an instigator of riots (see Jan. 6), a plagiarizer, and a womanizer? He caroused with under-age white sex slaves with Epstein, even when his current handler was pregnant. He does not deserve to be president of the U.S.

If Carlton got paid for aggravating people, he would be set for life. No matter what he writes, someone will take exception.

I bet Clennon King is right. If that Jefferson Davis Highway marker was not there, we could get doctors to move to Albany, stop losing population and more large companies would come. Horrors.

I thought the new president promised to bring down prices. My lunch meat at Walmart went up over $2 since last week. Just another broken promise.

You people don't have the mental capacity to understand: Everything our Real President does is helping to make America great. You've served under incompetent leadership so long, you don't understand the perfection of this great man. You will learn.

Of all the stupid plans the yellow one has announced, withdrawing from the World Health Organization has to be the most stupid.

Wow, lots of squawks on the Wilson-led MLK event. I wasn't there, so I don't know if what was reportedly said is real. However, it does sound as if it's a Trump rally in reverse. Gee, guess when the shoe is on the other foot, it was far too tight. Solution: You know what is right; choose it, live it. Discourse over discord.

Yes, Biden put a hand on the Bible. And it certainly was a molding force on later actions taken during his presidency, right? Guess his heart wasn't in it.

Who'd'a thunk it: Fiscal policy is to repurpose failing property disasters into bigger taxpayer burdens: $12M Transit Center, $21M Harlem daydream, Rails to Trails, downtown art museum, now mall to become site of astronomically high overhead racquetball. Probably next, an arch over a bridge or an aquarium for a catfish?

What liberal president appointed Federal Judge John Coughenour, who issued a temporary restraining order to block what he called a "blatantly unconstitutional" executive order by Trump to end birthright citizenship? Ronald Reagan, that's who. Ask your 10-year-old grandchild to show you how to fact-check. Just make sure he or she ain't woke. That Man Without a Family

COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Paying respect to a president

Author's Note: My son, Chris Carroll, lives and works in Washington, D.C. I asked him to share his thoughts about paying his respects to President Jimmy Carter earlier this month.

Washington, D.C., is a city of moments.

Over the past 12 years, I've been fortunate to witness moments that transcend politics and speak to the better angels of our nation. Yet standing in line on a bitterly cold January evening to pay my respects to President Jimmy Carter, lying in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, was among the most profound.

As the workday wound down, I found myself drawn to the uniquely American ritual of honoring our leaders. I left my office just after 5, walking briskly toward the Capitol, navigating around barricades already set up for the upcoming inauguration. When I reached the back of the line, it stretched far beyond what I had imagined.

It was 20 degrees, and I'd forgotten my warm, winter hat. As I pulled up the hood of my leather jacket, I thought: "If Jimmy Carter could live for more than a century and dedicate his life to others, I can stand in the freezing cold a little while to pay tribute."

So I waited, and a smile never left my face.

The line was a microcosm of America. Young professionals just starting their careers mingled with older citizens in wheelchairs or leaning on canes. People struck up conversations with strangers, bonding over shared admiration for the man we were there to honor.

Some spoke of Carter's visionary presidency and his focus on human rights. Others celebrated his vast post-presidential achievements — building more than 4,000 homes with Habitat for Humanity, or serving as a peacemaker in some of the world's most intractable conflicts.

In a time of division, it was remarkable to see people of all races, backgrounds and creeds united in this act of remembrance. Capitol Police officers kept the line moving, ensuring order and offering encouragement. "Thank you for being here," I told several, deeply aware of the sacrifices they make to keep moments like this safe.

After three hours in the cold and another hour inside, I finally reached the Capitol Rotunda. The atmosphere shifted as I stepped into that hallowed space. The noise and chatter of the line disappeared, replaced by a reverent silence.


David Carroll

In an age of distraction and self-focus, where so much of life is captured through a lens, no one took pictures. Instead, we stood quietly, reflecting on a life of service.

I thought about Carter's military service, his presidency and the remarkable way he used his post-presidential years — not for personal gain, but to lift others up. As a fellow lifelong Atlanta Braves fan, I thought back to my childhood in Chattanooga, Tenn. My dad, brother, and I would make the drive to Atlanta for a couple of games a year. President Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, often appeared on the stadium's "Kiss Cam," their smiles lighting up the Jumbotron.

I also remembered visiting the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum in Atlanta on his 99th birthday. Walking those halls, I felt the same reverence that I did in the Rotunda — a reminder of the humility and vision of a man who spent a century giving far more than he took.

Young military service members stood guard over the president's casket, held in place by the same platform as that which bore Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy. Watching the changing of the guard, I was reminded of the quiet might of our nation. The solemn precision of the military honor guards was a fitting tribute to a Navy veteran who valued humility and duty.

When I finally stepped back outside, the cold air hit my face, but my heart felt warm. In those hours of waiting, I had witnessed a rare thing: a moment that cut through our differences and brought everybody together.

President Carter often spoke of the importance of hope and humanity. On that cold night, surrounded by my fellow Americans who braved the elements to honor him, I felt both of those things.

In this city of moments, it was a moment I'll never forget.

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COLUMNIST ■ T. GAMBLE

These days are the real 'dog days'

If someone asked me what the biggest change I have seen in the world from the time of my birth in 1959 until the present, I suppose there are many events that might warrant discussion. I might consider the advent of the smart phone, which now places a computer in the palm of my hand. Perhaps the advent of space travel as we near trips to outer space for the common man, or at least the very rich common man. Transformation of music from a round disk to now streaming with all its electronic inputs might even be considered. Maybe the eradication of many diseases, and advances in medicine, such as heart transplants and hip replacements should be in the running.


T. Gamble

But, after careful thought, I believe the manner in which we treat our pets, and specifically dogs, represents the biggest change I have seen. As a young child, no self-respecting person would allow a dog to live in the house. Oh, there might be an occasional small dog that lived with a poofy widow lady, but as a whole, no dogs in the house. And absolutely no big dogs in the house. Dogs slept in the yard, period.

If it was cold, they slept under the house or maybe under the boxwoods. There was a reason God gave them fur, and by God they would just have to learn to tough it out. I don't like that idea, but I can honestly say I never heard of a single dog freezing to death as I was growing up.

Folks also did not buy dog food. I mean not one single bag. A dog ate leftovers. If lucky, Mama would cook more cornbread than she knew everyone would eat so she could give the extra to Fido. But if the Baptist preacher came by, he'd take a to-go plate, and Fido would go hungry. If the dog was sick, well, better call the Baptist preacher for a prayer 'cause ain't nobody gonna take the dog to a vet. Unless it was a really good bird dog, then maybe. Otherwise, if Fido broke his leg, one of two things could happen. Either 1, he healed on his own and walked the rest of his life with a limp, or the daddy would just shoot the dog.

I'm not saying I liked the old ways. Lord knows, I have six dogs and I would have four more if I could figure out where to put 'em. My chihuahua sleeps in the bed with me, and my German Shepard roams the hallway each night guarding whatever room has someone sleeping in it. All four bedrooms are upstairs, and she sleeps at the top step where if you want to come to the bedroom you first have to go through her. She is solid black, so there will be no early warning if someone makes such a mistake. From time to time, she gets up, goes to the doorway of each bedroom and just checks things out. I found her very useful when my teenage daughter was home. No boys trying to sneak up.

A few weeks ago, she came up beside my bed at about 1 in the morning. She kept nudging me. I kept saying, "Go on now, go back to sleep. No." She remained persistent; nudging me, then turning toward the door with a movement of her head that said "Come on, this way." I finally relented and got up. Maybe she needed to go to the bathroom, which would be very unusual for her during the night. But, hey, when it hits, it hits, I guess.

She rushed to the front door, anxious for me to open it. I opened it and there stood my mixed-breed bulldog. The bulldog always comes inside at the end of the night to sleep, but I had forgotten her this night. I opened the door and she bolted on in. My shepherd looked up at me, turned her head swiftly to the stairs and ran back up them. I swear she had a slight grin as she took off.

I went back upstairs realizing my dog is smarter than me, and my bulldog was happy to have a friend that watched out for her.

And that, my friends is why dogs now have moved up in the world and demand Farmer's Friend dog food, grooming, play dates and fancy sweaters for when it is cold. Cause nobody has a better friend than the friendship of a dog.

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COLUMNIST ■ WILL THAULT

Georgia's drunkest and driest counties

I'm no teetotaler by a long shot, but recent stats issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention proved to be an eye-opener. The website, IntoxiStates.com, provides an interactive map of excessive drinking by state and county as defined by the CDC.

What's deemed excessive? The CDC has come up with four categories: binge drinking (women 4/men 5 or more drinks on one occasion), heavy drinking (women 8/men 15 or more drinks per week), or any drinking during pregnancy and by people younger than 21.

What's considered a "drink?" The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism sets the standard at beer, 12 ounces; malt liquor, 8 ounces; wine, 5 ounces; and hard liquor, 1.5 ounces (a jolly jigger).

Now that we have the measuring stick out of the way, let's dive into the results. By CDC's reckoning, 16.61% of Georgians are excessive drinkers. The IntoxiStates website also ranks the top 10 highest and lowest excessive drinking counties. For whatever reason, Chattahoochee County sits atop the state's list with 21.7% of those residents being the drunkest. Interestingly enough, the folks in Randolph County, buffered from Chattahoochee by Stewart County, live in the driest part of the state with only 10.27% of their population overly imbibing. In-between Stewart County, by the way, claims 16.28% heavy drinkers, slightly below the state average.

While it is curious that the two extremes are nestled so closely together on one tiny section of the southwest Georgia map, I'll leave it to the ultracrepidarians to figure that out. You know, people who offer opinions on something they know little about. But I digress.

Let's bring it a little closer to home. Excessive drinkers in Dougherty County amounts to 13.49% of the people, while its neighbor to the north, Lee County, weighs in at 17.46%. Again, the CDC makes no effort to explain why there's such a wide margin of difference between the two populations.

For those living in surrounding counties, here's the scorecard. Starting at 12 o'clock and moving clockwise, Sumter 13.42%, Crisp 12.7%, Worth 14.65%, Mitchell 13.35%, Baker 11.86%, Calhoun 14.12% and Terrell 12.14% — all below the state average.

While Chattahoochee County is No. 1 in Georgia for excessive inebriation, it's in good(?) company ... the average drunken state for Rhode Islanders is 21.12%, capping the U.S. Top 10. Wisconsin takes the No. 1 "high" spot, however, with 25.29% or one in four likely to go on benders.

Unsurprisingly, Utah ranks No.1 in having the most abstainers in the U.S., coming in with only 12.41% frequently hitting the bottle. Oklahoma, West Virginia, Alabama, Nevada, Kentucky, Maryland, Arkansas, Delaware and Mississippi round out the rest of the lowest number of excessive drinkers.

Enough of the puns, metaphors and stats already. Without sounding too preachy, nothing to excess — especially when it comes to alcohol consumption — is always a good rule to follow. The harmful effects of short-term alcohol abuse is well-known: injuries from motor vehicle crashes, falls, drownings and burns; violence; overdose; miscarriage.

Harmful effects from long-term alcohol use is well-documented as well, leading to heart and liver disease and even stroke in some cases. The dangers of excessive drinking don't stop there, however. Just this month, the Surgeon General issued an advisory calling for a warning to be included on alcoholic beverages about the risk of cancer. His concerns were based on the recent release of American Association for Cancer Research that found excessive levels of alcohol consumption increase the risk for breast, colorectal, liver and stomach cancers, as well as other types.

Hey, if you choose to drink, present company included, please do so in moderation. If you have concerns about knowing when to stop, talk with your health care provider or call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Hotline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). It's a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service.

Not sure if you have a problem? Go to cdc.gov and type "check your drinking" in the search bar. This will take you to a quick quiz that helps you decide if you want to drink less, along with a personalized plan to reach that goal. The campaign's called DRINK LESS — BE YOUR BEST. That's a pledge we can all live by.

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COLUMNISTS ■ YONATAN HAMBOURGER AND TZALI REICHER

Comparison is the enemy of success

We are obsessed with the "if only" game.

If only I had started saving earlier for retirement. If only I had chosen a different career path. If only I had bought that house in the suburbs back in the '70s. It's amazing how much time we spend imagining alternate versions of ourselves, convinced that these hypothetical choices would somehow unlock the success we're chasing.



Yonatan Hambourger

I see this mindset everywhere. At community gatherings, people humble-brag about their pension plans while others wish they had made similar choices. On Facebook, where grandchildren share their achievements, comments overflow with people lamenting their own life paths. It's as if we've collectively decided that decisions made decades ago predetermine success.

But here's what fascinates me: Some of the most successful people I know didn't follow the traditional path. Take Betty, a friend who started a thriving antiques restoration business at 55 despite having no formal training. Or Frank, who became a celebrated local restaurateur after taking a risk and leaving his accounting job of 30 years. They succeeded not because they had perfect cards, but because they learned to play their hands skillfully.

This phenomenon calls to mind the ancient wisdom found in the story from the seventh chapter of the Book of Numbers. When the Israelites built the holy Tabernacle in the desert — where God communicated directly with Aaron and his descendants, filled with Divine and extravagant artifacts — their tribal leaders donated exactly six wagons to transport everything — just six. No extras, no backup plans. Modern scholars have determined that these wagons were filled to absolute capacity, leaving no room for even a matchstick more.

At first glance, this seems like terrible planning. Wouldn't you want some wiggle room? A backup wagon in case something breaks down? But there's a profound lesson here: What looks like scarcity to us might actually be perfectly sufficient for our purpose.

In modern terms, we often assume we need every new gadget, another workshop, or a younger person's energy to succeed. We're constantly adding more wagons, convinced that we're somehow underequipped for life's journey. But what if we already have exactly what we need?

Look at Harland Sanders, who started Kentucky Fried Chicken at age 65 with just his Social Security check and a chicken recipe. Or Laura Ingalls Wilder, who published her first "Little House" book at age 65. These aren't stories about people with abundant resources; they're stories about people who maximized what they had.

The key isn't wishing for different circumstances, it's mastering the ones you've got. Instead of lamenting what you lack, try this exercise: List everything you do have. Include the obvious stuff like your life experience or skills, but don't forget the less tangible assets. Maybe you're exceptionally patient because of raising children. Perhaps you have a unique perspective because of living through significant historical changes. These aren't consolation prizes; they're your competitive advantages.

I recently talked to a retiree who initially felt disadvantaged because she didn't have computer programming skills like younger entrepreneurs. However, she realized her 40 years of experience in customer service gave her insights into people's needs that her more tech-savvy competitors missed. She turned what felt like a limitation into the foundation of her successful senior care consulting business.

The truth is that we each possess a unique combination of traits, experiences, and capabilities that no one else has. The challenge isn't to become someone else — it's to become the fullest version of ourselves. Success doesn't come from having the best cards; it comes from playing your cards best.

So stop the next time you catch yourself playing the "if only" game. Instead of imagining what you could do with someone else's hand, ask yourself if you're making the most of your own. Are you fully utilizing your decades of experience and wisdom? Are you spending more time wishing for youth's energy or maximizing the patience and perspective that come with age?

Because here's the thing: Your "limitations" might actually be pointing you toward your purpose. What looks like a disadvantage today could become your signature strength tomorrow. The only way to find out is to stop comparing your cards to everyone else's and start playing your hand like you mean to win.

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"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth."

Psalm 96:9

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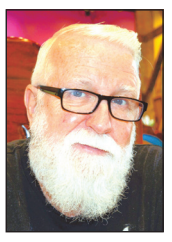
Blues Traveler show a fitting bucket-list check-off

"The hook brings you back."

— Blues Traveler

When I interviewed Blues Traveler guitarist Chan Kinchla in advance of the band's show in Albany Tuesday, I told him how my son Steve and I used to ride around listening to their CDs and that seeing the band live was on my bucket list.

I checked that item off Tuesday night after watching BT's show at the Albany Municipal Auditorium, and as of this writing, I still haven't come down.



Carlton Fletcher

The show, which on first rehash is easily among the Top 10 of the thousands I've seen since attending the Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose concert at ABAC in Tifton when I was around 10 years old (I remember seeing Loretta Lynn and Sonny James in Tifton when I was 4 or 5, but that was a show where the parents dragged us kids along ... not that I didn't intentionally attend a Lynn show many decades later), was spectacular beyond even my wildest expectations.

One of the most knowledgeable music lovers I know told me the next day he didn't really like the show — actually left early — because it was too "jam band-y," and, yes, Blues Traveler did take most of the songs they performed into extended runs. But, like the Allman Brothers and Grateful Dead before them, I did not find the jazz-like improvisations off-putting at all. I mulled that over for a bit and realized why it was I was so taken with the band: Each member's musicianship was beyond exceptional.

Kinchla, whose guitar licks are a match for pretty much anyone not named Jimi Hendrix or Jimmy Page, is way better than even the best of Blues Traveler's records might indicate, and drummer Brendan Hill — whose playing was consistent and whose solo late in the show ranked right up there with John Bonham's caveman banging on "Moby Dick" — kept a steady beat throughout the performance.

Throw in the Flea-like funk of bassist Tad Kinchla's backbeat, the layered keyboard work of Ben Wilson, whose solos were exceptional and his fills a key part of the overall sound, and you have a truly magical combo. Oh, and there was that guy John Popper, too, who brings magic from the harmonica that no modern practitioner of the mouth harp — dare I say it and risk the wrath of my wife ... not even Bob Dylan — comes close to matching, whose vocals have not diminished an iota since the Travelers' heyday in the '90s.

The set list, although it seemed that most of the music was built around the improvisation of the players, was perfect and included the wonderful songs that everyone knows — "Runaround," "Hook," "But Anyway" — as well as covers that went all over the spectrum: Tom Petty's "Last Dance With Mary Jane," a magical instrumental take on Black Sabbath's "War Pigs," and Charlie Daniels' "The Devil Went Down to Georgia."

Popper offered a comical kinda-sorta apology pertaining to the latter song just before BT played their encore (Van Halen's "Hot for Teacher"), saying, "I can't believe I tanked 'The Devil Went Down to Georgia' in Georgia. You deserve better than that."

That song, incidentally, was a show highlight. Popper replicated Daniels' fiddle-playing on his harmonica, and the other BT players made a fitting joining-in "band of demons." That the song morphed into a wonderful mish-mashup of "But Anyway" and "War Pigs" before circling back around to the "Devil" coda was a dizzying treat.

I met 12-year-old Brayden Allen before the show, who was there for his first concert with mom and dad Irby and Teresa Allen. And while Brayden was a little more chill than his veteran concert-going parents, he admitted he was excited to make Blues Traveler his coming-out concert experience. As for me, I envied him. Having a show like this to look back on is a memory he can cherish. I know I will.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who needs Washington when Dougherty County has its own drama?

To the editor:

As African Americans across the nation express alarm over what looks like a federal weaponization of power under the current president — executive orders targeting diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, Black History Month, and even Martin Luther King Jr. — it's ironic to see the same playbook being used right here in Dougherty County. But instead of national headlines, we have local leaders like Lorenzo Heard, Gloria Gaines, Victor Edwards and Clinton Johnson stepping into roles as our very own architects of revenge politics.

And who's the target? None other than county's former county administrator, a man who dared to stand up to one of their dear friends over an ugly incident years ago.

If you've been following the saga, you know that Chairman Heard's fixation on the employee didn't begin with his election. It started long before, on his gospel radio program — a platform where you'd expect to hear messages of faith and unity. Instead, Heard used his pulpit to routinely lash out against the former administrator, referring to him as the "white man's Negro." Christian values, indeed.

Apparently, "love thy neighbor" didn't apply to this man, whose real crime seems to have been showing professionalism and integrity while doing his job.

Once Heard became chairman in 2023, he wasted no time exacting his version of "justice." The administrator, who had dared to stand up to former Commissioner John Hayes during an inappropriate incident in Savannah, was immediately in the crosshairs. Heard's reasoning for the firing? Take your pick — there have been at least four different explanations. The most laughable? Claiming the administrator made a "poor decision" in hiring an assistant county administrator. And the punchline? That very same assistant, who happens to be white, was promoted to acting county administrator after the dismissal — despite having zero experience as a county administrator or city manager. Not only was he allowed to run the county, but he was lauded by Heard and his allies and even given a raise. Meritocracy, indeed.

But that's not all. Under this new leadership, there seems to be a curious double standard when it comes to employment. Non-African Americans without college degrees or management experience have been handed leadership roles with ease, while African Americans in similar positions are held to impossibly high standards. It's almost as if the playbook here is do unto others as was done unto us, only worse.

And let's not forget Heard's most recent spectacle: Hosting his mentor as the keynote speaker for an MLK dinner. A lovely gesture, except this mentor, billed as the chairman of a metro Atlanta county, wasn't actually in office anymore — he'd been voted out. Oh, and there's that minor detail of an $85,000 sexual harassment settlement hanging over his head. But why let facts get in the way of a good friendship?

Meanwhile, under Heard's leadership, the county's population continues to decline, no new industries have been attracted, and conditions in east and south Albany remain unchanged. But rest assured, political enemies have been vanquished, friends have been rewarded with contracts, and public perception has been managed with smoke and mirrors. Who needs accountability when you can throw a good MLK dinner?

The irony is so thick, it's almost poetic. African American leaders, who ought to be advocates for fairness and equality, are instead engaging in the same behavior we decry on the national stage. When we see Washington weaponize power against perceived enemies, we shake our heads in disbelief. But here in Dougherty County, it's déjà vu — with a local twist.

If this is leadership, Dougherty County is in trouble. It's time to demand better — not just from those in Washington but from those in our own backyard. Because if this is the example we're setting, we don't need outsiders to undermine our progress. We're doing it just fine ourselves.

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Edwards to take part in ABAC Writers' Harvest series

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TIFTON – The Writers' Harvest series at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will present an evening with lecturer and novelist John B. Edwards on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

Edwards has more than 45 years of law enforcement experience and has used his knowledge to write four books and many publications on criminal investigation, police operations, leadership and management. He has received national awards and recognition for his work and, in 2014, was selected for the Georgia State Governor's Public Safety Award for his outstanding contribution to the profession.


John Edwards

Edwards currently travels throughout the United States lecturing for federal, state, and local agencies, colleges and universities, and law enforcement associations on the topics of police and public safety operations, leadership, and management while also holding seminars based on his books, "The Burden of Command" and "Homicide Investigative Praxis.

He has also authored two novels: "Sunlight Over the Marshes," which centers on drug smuggling in coastal Georgia in the 1970s, and "Darkness Under the Oaks," about organized crime in Georgia.

The event, which is part of the annual ABAC Arts and Culture season, will take place in Bowen Hall Room 100. This literary gathering aims to foster a connection between the ABAC community and the Tift area, while also supporting a charitable cause.

Admission to the event is a single canned good or nonperishable food item. All proceeds from the Writers' Harvest series will directly benefit the ABAC Food Pantry, supporting students in need. This initiative not only provides an enriching literary experience but also serves as an opportunity for the ABAC community to come together and make a positive impact on campus.

For more information, visit the ABAC Arts and Culture page at www.artsatabac.com.


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The stable courtyards are among the Pebble Hill Plantation grounds available for a special Sunday tour that is free to the public.

Pebble Hill offers free admission during Super Museum Sunday

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THOMASVILLE – Pebble Hill Plantation recently announced that it will participate in the Georgia History Festival's Super Museum Sunday on Feb. 9. Super Museum Sunday is part of the annual Georgia History Festival, the signature K-12 educational program of the Georgia Historical Society, reaching hundreds of thousands of students statewide.

Pebble Hill Plantation will join more than 100 historic sites, house museums, art museums, and other points of interest throughout Georgia that will open their doors to the public free of charge. Pebble Hill will open its gates at noon and everyone will receive free admission to tour the historic grounds and outbuildings.

Pebble Hill Plantation opened to the public as a museum in 1983 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 3,000-acre property is representative of a 20th-century sporting estate harkening back to the glory days of Thomasville as a playground for the rich and famous.

The historic outbuildings, which are open to the public for self-guided tours, include the plantation's elaborate stable/dairy complex, which houses the visitors center, audio-visual room, historical exhibits, and an impressive collection of carriages, carts, and hunt wagons that were used at Pebble Hill from 1896-1978. Prominent among them is the Eisenhower wagon, which President Dwight D. Eisenhower traveled in on his frequent quail hunts at Pebble Hill.

Visitors also may tour the Kennel Cottage, which opened to the public in February 2023. This structure was the home of long-time Kennel Manager and Dog Handler Mack McQueen. The cottage gives the public a look into the lives of employees of Pebble Hill Plantation from 1896 to 1978 with photo exhibits and furnishings.

The pump house, dog hospital, Noah's ark, and "The Waldorf" are other buildings open for self-guided tours on the property. There are 70 acres for visitors, who are encouraged to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy anywhere on the grounds, to enjoy. There is a viewing platform for nature observation at the pond with swings. There are picnic tables and a grill located there, as well.

Pebble Hill Plantation is home to the "Baby Big Oak," located across the pond from the picnic area. The oak was the only surviving seedling from the last acorn crop of Thomasville's beloved "Big Oak" and was donated to Pebble Hill Plantation by Carol Singletary.

Super Museum Sunday is supported statewide by SouthState and the Coca-Cola Company. For more information about Pebble Hill Plantation, visit the pebblehill.com website or call (229) 226-2344.

AB&T report 'testament to strength of business model'

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ALBANY – AB&T CEO Perry Revell told shareholders in a report that the bank's sustained momentum in the fourth quarter solidified its 2024 financial performance, noting, "Community Capital Bancshares's earnings report is a testament to the strength of our core business model and our focus on enduring relationship banking.

"Our record results in 2024 reflect growth in net income and earnings per share, continued strength in capital, and a concentrated emphasis on excellence in execution," Revell added. "We're pleased to present an overview of our financial performance for the fourth quarter and for the year."

The report's financial highlights include:

• Fully Diluted Book Value Per Share stood at $22.19 at quarter-end, an increase of 14.6% from 4Q '23;

• In 2024, Net Income increased 9.4%;

• For the quarter, Net Income increased 34.6% compared to 4Q '23;

• Our Efficiency Ratio improved to 51.92% for 2024 compared to 53.13% for 2023;

• In 4Q '24, Net Revenue grew 11.8% compared to 4Q '23. For the year, Net Revenue grew 4.7% in 2024 compared to 2023;


Perry Revell

• Non-Interest Expense increased 7.1% in 4Q '24 compared to 4Q '23. For the year, Non-Interest Expense increased 2.3%;

• Average Loans decreased 2.1% in 2024 from 2023;

• Average Deposits increased 2.4% in 2024 from 2023;

• Average Non-Interest-Bearing Demand Deposits were down 2.5% during that same period;

• Asset Quality remained strong with a 1.47% Allowance for Losses on Loans and Leases as a Percent of Total Loans, and Non-Performing Assets as a % of Total Assets is 0.00%;

• Tier 1 Leverage Ratio was 11.20%;

• Diluted Earnings Per Share increased to $3.46 in 2024, up from $3.18 in 2023;

• Return on Average Assets for 2024 was 1.71%, up from 1.60% for 2023;

• Return on Average Common Equity for 2024 was 16.86%, down from 17.55% for 2023.

"As we embark on 2025, growth is our imperative: expanding our reach, deepening our relationships, and driving core loan growth with the sound principles that are our hallmark," Revell added. "With the strength of our balance sheet, solid capital position, efficient operations, and deep, abiding relationships, we're oriented in 2025 toward prudent growth.

"Envisioning 2025, we intend to capitalize on market opportunities consistent with our principles to deliver on our promise of serving as the gold standard of community banking."

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CITY OF MORGAN
2025 ELECTION SEASON

This November 2025 Election Season, the positions of Mayor and four (4) City Council Members are up for re-election in the City of Morgan.

Qualifying shall commence no earlier than Monday August 18, 2025.

Qualifying Fees for each position is $25.00, payable to the City Clerk at City Hall.

Registration Deadline for the November 2025 Election will be October 6, 2025

The November 2025 Election will be held on November 4, 2025.

Please Contact the City Clerk@ (229) 849-4045, if you have further questions or concerns.

INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION:

The City of Morgan intends to opt out of the **Statewide Adjusted based year Ad Valorem Homestead Exemption** for the **City of Morgan in Calhoun County.** All concerned citizens are invited to the Public Hearings on this matter.

The First meeting will be held at the Morgan City Hall Conference room on

SATURDAY = February 8, 2025@ 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

The Second meeting will be held at the Morgan City Hall Conference room on:

SATURDAY= February 8, 2025 @ 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

The Third meeting will be held at the Morgan City Hall Conference room on

MONDAY= February 10, 2025 @ 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Please contact the City Clerk, Victor Nguyen @ **(229) 849-4045**, if you have any further questions or concerns.

Wacome graduates from GBI Special Agent Academy

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THOMASVILLE – The Georgia Bureau of Investigation recently graduated Class 54 of the GBI Special Agent Academy. Among the graduates was Special Agent Brianna Wacome who is assigned to the GBI's regional investigative office in Thomasville.

Wacome grew up in Warner Robins. After high school, she moved to Dahlonega to attend the University of North Georgia, where she pursued a degree in Biology. During her time in college, she discovered a passion for Neuroscience and exploring how the mind works.

"I decided to become a Special Agent once I discovered how the Georgia Bureau of Investigation helps and serves others," Wacome said in response to a question of why she wanted to become a GBI special agent. "I may not be able to change the entire world, but I strive to make a meaningful difference in my local community."

Wacome said she is most looking forward to learning as much as possible about everything south Georgia has to offer.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation comprises three primary divisions: the Georgia Crime Information Center, the Crime Laboratory, and the Investigative Division. The GBI has more than 900 employees and a current budget of $147,482,036.



Brianna Wacome

Draffin Tucker announces new team members, promotions

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ALBANY – Draffin Tucker has announced the addition of new team members and several promotions across its Atlanta, Albany and Charleston, S.C., offices.

"As our firm grows, so does our commitment to serving clients with unparalleled expertise and dedication," Jeff Wright, Draffin Tucker's managing partner, said in a news release. "The expansion of our team and recognition of our employees' achievements reflect our focus on delivering exceptional services to support the success of our clients."

New Staff

Kylie Houtz has joined the Atlanta office as a receptionist. She holds an associate's degree from Valdosta State University and brings valuable experience in customer service.

Shaina S. Morgan joined the Atlanta office as an Associate II. She holds a bachelor of accounting degree from the University of Georgia and specializes in tax services, particularly Research and Development Tax Credits.

Abagail N. White joined the Albany office providing bookkeeping services as part of the Outsourced Accounting team. She will graduate with an associate of accounting degree from Southern Regional Technical College in May 2025.

Matthew O. Wilson joined the Albany office as a staff accountant. He holds a bachelor of accounting degree from Georgia Southwestern State University and specializes in health care audits.

Promotions

Shelby Ashley, CPA, has been promoted to senior in the health care practice in the Albany office, where she provides audit services and Medicare cost report preparation. Ashley holds a bachelor of business administration degree in Accounting and a master of accounting degree from Georgia College and State University.

Rosana Colon-Menendez, CPA, has been promoted to senior in the Atlanta office, serving clients in the commercial practice. Colon-Menendez holds an associate of science degree in Business Administration from Holyoke Community College, a bachelor of business administration degree in Accounting from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and both master of accounting and master of business administration degrees from Mercer University.

Pamela Diaz has been promoted to associate I in the Atlanta office. She contributes to the completion of audits for the health care industry. She earned a bachelor of business administration degree in Accountancy from Georgia State University.

Siena Gordon, CPA, has been promoted to supervisor in the Commercial practice of the Charleston office. Gordon specializes in tax planning and preparation. She earned a bachelor of science degree in Accountancy from Villanova University.

Carly Hall, CPA, has been promoted to senior in the Albany office, where she focuses on audits in the health care practice. Hall holds both bachelor and master of business administration degrees in Accounting from Georgia Southwestern State University.

Charlotte Manawat has been promoted to senior in the Resource Solutions consulting practice. Based in the Atlanta office, Manawat assists health care organizations with implementing the new accounting standards for leases and subscription-based information technology agreements. She also works closely with accounting and finance staff to maintain ongoing recordkeeping for these new standards. Manawat holds a bachelor of business administration degree in Finance from Georgia Southern University.



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Georgia Rivers will hold a Mardi Gras Party March 4 to help save the Okefenokee Swamp from planned mining.

Georgia Rivers' Mardi Gras Party to aid in fight to save Okefenokee

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ATHENS – With the Georgia General Assembly underway, conservation organization Georgia Rivers will seek to keep Okefenokee protection top of mind with a special Mardi Gras Benefit Party.

The Mardi Gras Benefit Party on March 4 will support Georgia Rivers' efforts to pass meaningful legislation that will protect Okefenokee's Trail Ridge from mining and gather fellow swamp advocates for a good cause and fun party.

"Our annual Mardi Gras Benefit is much more than a party; we host this event in the middle of Georgia's legislative session to keep advocates fired up about what issues are important to them," Georgia Rivers Executive Director Rena Ann Peck said.

The Okefenokee Swamp, the largest blackwater wetland east of the Mississippi River and home to the largest National Wildlife Refuge, is threatened by a mining proposal on Okefenokee's Trail Ridge.

Georgia Rivers is working with legislators to place a moratorium on mining there.

The Mardi Gras Benefit Party will honor Rep. Darlene Taylor and other legislators who are working to save the swamp, in addition to honoring leaders promoting recreation on water trails across the state.

Guests at the Mardi Gras Benefit Party will enjoy a low country boil, bonfires, brews and live music by Michelle Malone.

Atlanta native Malone, along with Jim Woodcox and Peck, wrote an original song titled "Okefenokee" to further fuel the public outcry opposing mining on Okefenokee's Trail Ridge.

Georgia Rivers' Mardi Gras Benefit Party is a gathering for anyone passionate about preserving Georgia's wilderness and natural resources. The event will take place at Fire Maker Brewing in Atlanta on March 4 from 5-8 p.m.

Fire Maker Brewing is a natural host for an eco-conscious event with its own ethos for protecting water resources. Their EVRAH3 water is sustainably sourced and packaged with more than 98% recyclable materials.

Ga. student scores mostly unchanged in national test

Ty Tagami
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – Scores on a biennial federal test for Georgia fourth- and eighth-graders show that students on the whole are not progressing enough to regain academic losses sustained during the pandemic.

"Overall, student achievement has not returned to pre-pandemic performance," said Peggy G. Carr, commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, which collects and analyses education data.

The U.S. agency administers the National Assessment of Educational Progress, known informally as the nation's report card. It is given to a sampling of students at two grade levels nationwide. It is the only government measure that allows comparisons between the states.

"Where there are signs of recovery, they are mostly in math and largely driven by higher-performing students," Carr said. "Lower-performing students are struggling, especially in reading."

Georgia's average scores moved a bit, but the changes were considered statistically insignificant: Reading dropped two points in fourth grade and one point in eighth grade while math rose a point in fourth grade and dropped two points in eighth grade.

Georgia's fourth-grade students matched the national average in reading, and their score was not statistically different from the nation's in math, according to the Georgia Department of Education. The state's eighth-grade students beat the national average in math by two points but scored three points lower in math.

"Multiple data points indicate we are moving in the right direction, but more work is needed," State School Superintendent Richard Woods said.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
(HB581)

The Calhoun County Board of Education intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Calhoun County.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at the Calhoun County Board of Education, 18772 Hartford Street, Edison, GA 39846 on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5pm.

City of Arlington
General/Municipal Election
City Mayor and Council Posts 4, 5, and 6.

November 5, 2025 (Tuesday)

Municipal Qualifying period opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 18, 2025, and closes at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025. The qualifying fee for Mayor - $72.00 and Council - $27.00.

Candidates may qualify at the office of the Election Superintendent designed as Arlington City Hall, 567 Pioneer Road, Arlington, Georgia. Voter Registration deadline Tuesday, October 16, 2025.

This notice is given pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-132(d)(3).

Posted January 28, 2025

Plane crash killing figure skaters gives sense of déjà vu

By Holly Yan
CNN

Once again, figure skaters representing the past, present and future of the sport perished in a catastrophic plane crash – devastating a global community far too familiar with tragedy.

No one survived the midair collision between an American Airlines passenger jet and a Black Hawk military helicopter Wednesday night, authorities said.

"U.S. Figure Skating can confirm that several members of our skating community were sadly aboard American Airlines Flight 5342, which collided with a helicopter yesterday evening in Washington, D.C.," read a statement from the organization, America's governing body for figure skating.

"These athletes, coaches, and family members were returning home from the National Development Camp held in conjunction with the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Wichita, Kansas. We are devastated by this unspeakable tragedy and hold the victims' families closely in our hearts."

A married pair of skating champions, two young skaters and their mothers were among those killed in the plane crash, the Skating Club of Boston said Thursday. U.S. Figure Skating has not yet confirmed the total number of skaters killed.

The multigenerational loss evoked painful memories of the 1961 plane crash that killed 73 people — including all 18 members of the U.S. figure skating team headed to the world figure skating championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia. That disaster killed not just elite athletes but also their coaches, leaving seismic voids in U.S. figure skating for generations to come.

World champions and parents of an elite skater perish in the crash

Evgenia Shishkova and Vadim Naumov broke the mold of serious, stoic Russian pairs teams and won legions of fans worldwide. Their cheerful, tongue-in-cheek performance won

SEE **CRASH**, 10A



Wednesday's crash in Washington, D.C., brings back memories of the 1961 plane crash that killed the entire U.S. World Figure Skating Team. Fourteen figure skaters and family members were killed in Wednesday's accident.

Photo by Bettmann Archive/Getty Images



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Merry Acres guard Jaiden Thomas eyes the basket before a crucial free throw during Wednesday's game against Lee West. Thomas scored the final point of the game and his team won 30-28 to advance to the semifinals next week at Monroe High School.

PLAYOFF SHOWDOWNS

Lee County middle schools eliminated from Deep South Conference playoffs Merry Acres, Sumter teams advance to semifinals

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

AMERICUS — Both Lee County Middle School boys' basketball teams were eliminated from the Deep South Conference playoffs Monday in Americus, as Lee West fell in a thriller to Merry Acres, while Lee East was overpowered by Sumter County.

In a tense quarterfinal matchup, Merry Acres' Nehemiah Nance delivered in the clutch, leaping for an uncontested layup with 23 seconds left to put the Braves ahead of Lee West, 29-28. Jaiden Thomas then sealed the 30-28 victory with a free throw, sending Merry Acres to the semifinal round.

The game was tight throughout and turned into a back-and-forth battle in the fourth quarter. Lee West's Jeremy Vaughan scored to give the Trojans a 26-25 lead, but Thomas responded for Merry Acres, putting the Braves back on top, 27-26. Moments later, West's Brycen Mazariegos converted a layup to reclaim the lead for the Trojans, 28-27, with 1:24 remaining. A minute later, Nance delivered the game-winning shot.

SEE **PLAYOFFS**, 10A



Submitted Photo
University of Florida head coach Billy Napier, right, stands with Lee County head coach Dean Fabrizio during Napier's visit to Leesburg on Tuesday. Several college football coaches, including Napier, Georgia Tech's Bent Key, Georgia State's Dell McGee and Georgia Southern's Clay Helton, all visited Lee County this week.

College coaches visit Lee County, make offers

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — With National Signing Day less than a week away, college football coaches are making frequent visits to Lee County High School to recruit players. Head coach Dean Fabrizio expects six to nine current seniors to sign on Wednesday, while other coaches are already looking ahead to future classes.

University of Florida head coach Billy Napier visited Leesburg on Tuesday, and later that day, news broke that Lee County wide receiver Jaden Upshaw had received a scholarship offer from the Gators. Upshaw, who will be a junior in the 2025 season, has also received offers from Stanford and other programs. Linebacker Gregory Batson, one of the leading defenders on Lee County's 13-1 football team this season, also received an offer from the Gators.

Georgia State's Dell McGee was among several other coaches who visited Tuesday. According to the Lee County Touchdown Club Facebook page, Georgia State has extended scholarship offers to Batson, who will also be a junior in 2025, and defensive end Martin Atkins, who will be a senior next season.

Kansas City Chiefs look to make historic, record-setting 'three-peat' at Super Bowl

Staff Reports

The Kansas City Chiefs are on the cusp of making history. With a win against the Philadelphia Eagles in next week's Super Bowl, they would become the first team in the modern era to complete a three-peat, a feat not achieved in the NFL since the Green Bay Packers did it from 1965-67.

Under the leadership of head coach Andy Reid and quarterback Patrick Mahomes, the Chiefs have already cemented themselves as one of the league's greatest dynasties. Their dominance has been defined not only by their ability to win championships but by their resilience, late-game execution, and defensive adjustments that have allowed them to control the postseason stage.



Photo Courtesy of Field Level Media
Kansas City tight end Travis Kelce and his team are looking for their third straight Super Bowl championship against the Philadelphia Eagles.

A run for the ages

Since drafting Mahomes in 2017, the Chiefs have rewritten record books. They have won an NFL-record 49 games over the last three seasons, surpassing historic teams like the 2000s Patriots. Kansas City has also won nine consecutive playoff games, one short of the all-time record set by New England from 2001-05.

Mahomes, already a two-time Super Bowl MVP, has orchestrated eight

SEE **CHIEFS**, 10A

Massage therapists accuse Ravens kicker of sexual misconduct

Field Level Media

Baltimore Ravens kicker Justin Tucker was accused of inappropriate sexual behavior by six massage therapists in an investigative story by the Baltimore Banner on Thursday.

Tucker released a statement on social media vehemently denying the allegations, and the Ravens said in their own statement that they "take any allegations of this nature seriously and will continue to monitor the situation."

The Banner reporters who published the story said they received a tip Jan. 9 and began investigating the allegations. The six women who spoke to the news organization were kept anonymous out of their fear that the Ravens or their fans would retaliate.

Five accused Tucker of requesting that they "massage his pelvic region or inner thighs while he had an erection," then proceeding to expose his genitals by moving the sheets laid over him. Two claimed that Tucker brushed them with his exposed penis, and three said that he left "a large wet spot" on their massage tables that they "strongly believed to be ejaculate."

The alleged incidents took place between 2012 and 2016.

"The allegations in The Baltimore Banner article about me are unequivocally false," Tucker wrote in a lengthy denial.

"Throughout my career as a professional athlete, I have always sought to conduct myself

SEE **TUCKER**, 10A

Travis Kelce loves his team being seen as villains

Field Level Media

Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce is offering no apologies for his team's success.

Kelce, in fact, acknowledged this week on his "New Heights" podcast that the Chiefs have embraced the role of villains as they vie for an unprecedented third consecutive title in Super Bowl LIX. According to Kelce, what one fan wants one year isn't necessarily what they want the next.

"I love it," Kelce said. "At one point in time, it wasn't that. I was the 'do you feel bad for 'em guys.' I'm enjoying doing this with the guys together. The guys that we have in there, because it just makes us even more of a family."

On Feb. 9 in New Orleans, the Philadelphia Eagles will take their second shot toward topping the Chiefs in a Super Bowl. They came up short in Super Bowl LVII, dropping a 38-35 decision in Glendale, Arizona.

Kelce, however, said he isn't interested in putting too much stock in the outside noise.

"You just circle the wagons," he said. "When ... people are saying whatever they want and you just band it together and it just makes you more appreciate more of what you have because people want what you have."

Kelce, 35, was named to his 10th consecutive Pro Bowl this season. He hauled in 97 passes for 823 yards and three touchdowns in 16 starts in the regular season and has nine catches for 136 yards and one score in the playoffs.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25 ROUNDUP

No. 1 Auburn defeats LSU on court in Baton Rouge

Field Level Media

No. 1 Auburn 87, LSU 74

Johni Broome scored 26 points and 16 rebounds as Auburn won its 12th consecutive game by defeating LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Miles Kelly added 13 points and Chad Baker-Mazara amassed 11 points and seven assists for Auburn (19-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference). The visitors built a 12-point halftime lead and maintained at least a five-point advantage throughout the second half.

Cam Carter scored 24, Dji Bailey added 13 and Jordan Sears scored 11 to lead LSU (12-8, 1-6).

No. 4 Alabama 88, No. 14 Mississippi State 84

Chris Youngblood scored a season-high 23 points on a career-best seven 3-pointers to help the Crimson Tide squeeze out a victory over the Bulldogs in Starkville, Mississippi.

Mark Sears had 17 points and nine assists and Grant Nelson registered 15 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots as the Crimson Tide (18-3, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) won for the 12th time in the past 13 games. Aden Holloway had 12 points for Alabama.

Josh Hubbard scored a career-best 38 points for the Bulldogs (16-5, 4-4), who lost for the fourth time in six games. All four losses came to teams ranked No. 6 or better.

No. 6 Houston 63, West Virginia 49

L.J. Cryer scored a game-high 17 points and helped the Cougars stave off a second-half rally by the Mountaineers in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The Cougars (17-3, 9-0 Big 12) extended their winning streak to 13 games despite blowing most of their 20-point halftime cushion.

Joseph Yesufu paced West Virginia (13-7, 4-5) with nine points off the bench.

Maryland 76, No. 17 Wisconsin 68

Ja'Kobi Gillespie delivered 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists to lead a balanced Maryland to a 76-68 victory over No. 17 Wisconsin on Wednesday in College Park, Maryland.

Rodney Rice also scored 16 points and Selton Miguel added 12 points on four 3 pointers, leading a long-range assault by the Terrapins (17-5, 7-4 Big Ten) en route to their fourth straight win.

Julian Reese worked inside for 14 points and eight rebounds while Derik Queen produced 12 points and 12 boards as Maryland toppled a Wisconsin squad that had won eight of its previous nine games.

No. 22 Texas Tech 71, TCU 57

JT Toppin logged his seventh double-double of the season with 18 points and 14 rebounds, Chance McMillian scored 16 and the Red Raiders survived a late scoring drought to beat the Horned Frogs in Lubbock, Texas.

Elijah Hawkins put up 13 points for Texas Tech (16-4, 7-2 Big 12), which has won five in a row since a one-point overtime loss to Iowa State on Jan. 11.

Noah Reynolds led TCU (10-10, 3-6 Big 12) with 14 points before fouling out.

No. 23 Ole Miss 72, Texas 69

Sean Pedulla scored a team-high 19 points and Davon Barnes had a crucial rebound before making a pair of late free throws as the Rebels outlasted the Longhorns in Oxford, Mississippi.

Jaemyn Brakefield posted 18 points and Dre Davis had 17 for Ole Miss (16-5, 5-3 SEC), which committed just four turnovers while ending a three-game skid.

Tre Johnson led the Longhorns (14-7, 3-5) with 22 points, and Arthur Kaluma hit for 12. Johnson missed a corner 3-point attempt with two seconds left.

No. 25 UConn 72, DePaul 61

Solo Ball and Tarris Reed Jr. each scored 16 points as the Huskies used a second-half surge to defeat the Blue Demons in Hartford, Connecticut.

UConn (15-6, 7-3 Big East) trailed by as many as 14 in the first half before chipping away to take their first lead on Ball's three-point play to kick off a game-winning 14-0 run with 9:38 left in regulation.

Layden Blocker led DePaul (10-12, 1-10) with 18 points and five rebounds, while CJ Gunn scored 14.

RHP Max Scherzer joins Blue Jays, signs one-year, $15.5M deal

Field Level Media

The Toronto Blue Jays are signing eight-time All-Star right-hander Max Scherzer to a one-year, $15.5 million contract, according to multiple reports on Thursday.

Scherzer, 40, is a three-time Cy Young Award winner who became a free agent after an injury-plagued 2024 season with the Texas Rangers. He was 2-4 with a 3.95 ERA, 40 strikeouts and 10 walks in 43 ⅓ innings over nine starts.

He got a late start (June 23) to the campaign after offseason back surgery, then dealt with right thumb pain, shoulder fatigue and a season-ending hamstring strain in September.

Scherzer is 216-112 with a 3.16 ERA for his 17-year career. He ranks second among active pitchers and 11th all-time with 3,407 strikeouts. He also is second among active pitchers in wins, innings pitched (2,878) and games started (457), fourth in shutouts (five) and ERA, and fifth in complete games (12).

He earned Cy Young awards with the Detroit Tigers in 2013 and the Washington Nationals in 2016 and 2017. He won World Series with the Nationals in 2019 as well as with the Rangers in 2023.

Toronto will be Scherzer's seventh club after he played for the Arizona Diamondbacks (2008-09), Tigers (2010-14), Nationals (2015-21), Los Angeles Dodgers (2021), New York Mets (2022-23) and Rangers.

From 9A

PLAYOFFS

King Leverette led the Braves with nine points, while Nance and Chase Randle added five each. Mazariegos and Vaughan paced Lee West with nine points apiece. With the win, Merry Acres advances to face top-seeded and undefeated Radium Springs in the semifinal round at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Monroe High School.

In the other quarterfinal, Sumter County rolled past Lee East, 54-15, at the old Americus-Sumter County High School. The game was tied 6-6 late in the first quarter before Jalen Galloway drilled back-to-back three-pointers, giving the Panthers a 12-6 lead at the end of the period. Galloway added another three at the halftime buzzer, extending Sumter County's lead to 23-12.

Lee East had opportunities in the second half but struggled to convert, managing just three points after halftime. Meanwhile, the Panthers' relentless full-court defense helped them steadily increase their lead.

Galloway led all scorers with 16 points, while Paul added eight for Sumter County. Plummer and Robinson led Lee East with five points each. The Panthers will face Albany Middle School at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the semifinal round of the Deep South Conference playoffs.

Semifinals

Second round (girls) @ Lee Co. High School

- No. 2 Crisp Co. vs No. 3 Sumter Co. @ 5 p.m.
- No. 1 Lee East vs No. 4 Albany Middle @ 6:30 p.m.

Second round (boys) @ Monroe High School

- No. 2 Albany vs No. 3 Sumter Co. @ 5 p.m.
- No. 1 Radium vs No. 4 Merry Acres @ 6:30 p.m.



Staff Photo: JOe Whitfield

Lee West's Brycen Mazariegos shoots over Merry Acres' Curtis Ware during Wednesday's game at the old Americus-Sumter High School gymnasium in Americus.

From 9A

CRASH

the 1994 world championships.

Like many top Russian skaters in the 1990s, Shishkova and Naumov moved to the U.S., became coaches, and had a child who later competed for Team USA. Their son, 23-year-old Maxim Naumov, just won fourth place at the U.S. figure skating championships last weekend.

Shishkova, Naumov and their son represented the Skating Club of Boston, which also lost several other members in the crash.

The tragedy will have a profound impact on the world figure skating championships in March, which will take place in Boston.

Two young athletes were among 'U.S. figure skating's future'

Skaters Jinna Han and Spencer Lane, along with their mothers Jin Han and Christine Lane, were also killed in the crash, the Skating Club of Boston said.

Jinna Han passed U.S. Figure Skating's highest-level skills test with honors in 2023. Spencer Lane won this season's Eastern Sectional competition in the intermediate division.

Young skaters attended the National Development Camp after the U.S. championships last weekend to work with coaches and top skaters, CNN sports analyst Christine Brennan said.

"So this is U.S. figure skating's future," Brennan said. "This would be the young teenagers who we would expect to see bubble to the surface, rise up and compete moving forward, even to the 2030 Winter Olympic Games."

The horrors of 1961 strike again

Skaters and coaches still talk about the disaster that killed the entire 1961 U.S. world team.

The talent included U.S. ice dance champions Diane Carol Sherbloom and Larry Pierce; Olympic pairs skaters Maribel Yerxa Owen and Dudley Shaw Richards; and Owen's mother, renowned coach Maribel Yerxa Vinson-Owen.

In honor of those victims, U.S. Figure Skating established a memorial fund that has given "more than $20 million in financial support to thousands of athletes for skating-related and academic expenses," according to the group's website.

Now, "this sport is dealing with another tragedy of this magnitude involving air travel," Brennan said.

And again, the calamity severed the dreams of young athletes "and their hopes and their dreams to represent the United States in international competition and the Olympics."

From 9A

CHIEFS

game-winning drives this season—tying an NFL record for a single season. His ability to thrive under pressure is unmatched. Since 2022, he owns a 9-6 record in games where the Chiefs have trailed by double digits, a staggering .600 winning percentage. No other quarterback in history has come close to matching that level of comeback success in the playoffs.

Mahomes' top target, tight end Travis Kelce, continues to defy expectations at age 35. His postseason production far exceeds his regular-season numbers, increasing his receiving yards per game by nearly 18 yards while more than doubling his efficiency per target. Since 2022, he has an EPA (Expected Points Added) per target of 0.75, a mark not seen in a full season since 2018.

Clutch play when it counts

One-score games have become routine for the Chiefs, but they have found ways to thrive in high-pressure situations. This season, Kansas City is an NFL-best 12-0 in one-score games, and they've won an NFL-record 17 straight dating back to last year. Since the 2022 playoffs, when trailing or tied in the fourth quarter or overtime, the Chiefs have turned 89% of their possessions into points or successful game-closing drives.

While Mahomes and the offense steal the headlines, defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's unit has played a crucial role in Kansas City's dominance. The Chiefs' defense has significantly ramped up pressure in the second half of games over the last three postseasons, increasing their pressure rate by 10.6% after halftime.

The final step

As Kansas City prepares to face Philadelphia, history looms large. The Packers' three-peat in the 1960s remains the only recognized instance of an NFL team winning three straight titles. Several teams—including the Steelers, 49ers, and Cowboys—came close but fell short. The Chiefs have already cleared the conference championship hurdle that tripped up past dynasties.

Now, they stand one win away from completing a journey no team has accomplished in nearly 60 years. A victory over the Eagles wouldn't just mean another Lombardi Trophy—it would place Kansas City in a class of its own.

Information in this article provided by Pro Football Network, profootballnetwork.com.

From 9A

TUCKER

with the utmost professionalism. I have never before been accused of misconduct of any kind, and I have never been accused of acting inappropriately in front of a massage therapist or during a massage therapy session or during other bodywork. I have never received any complaints from a massage therapist, have never been dismissed from a massage therapy or bodywork session, and have never been told that I was not welcome at any spa or other place of business."

The Banner's story claimed that two Baltimore-area spas banned Tucker from returning, but Tucker's attorneys deny that that is true. The attorneys also denied Tucker ever ejaculated at a spa.

"In accusing me of misconduct, the article takes innocuous, or ambiguous, interactions and skews them so far out of proportion they are no longer recognizable, and it presents vague insinuations as fact," Tucker's statement continued. "This is desperate tabloid fodder."

Tucker retained the law firm Clare Locke and called them "the leading defamation law firm in the U.S."

Tucker, 35, is the most accurate field goal kicker in league history (89.1 percent) and the longest-tenured member of the Ravens. He has spent his entire 13-year career (2012-24) with Baltimore.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Lucille Lannigan
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Unless otherwise noted, the following births all took place at Phoebe Putney Memorial in Albany between Jan. 4-Jan. 23, 2025:

Caballero Garcia, Arlett Victoria, daughter, was born Jan. 4 to Luz Maria Garcia Lopez and Pedro Caballero Hernandez of Albany

Felthauser, Bowden Glen, son, was born Jan. 6 to Dayna Felthauser and Joshua Felthauser of Bridgeboro.

Perry, Kymari Montrez, son, was born Jan. 6 to Nhiya Douse and Jacorium Perry Jr. of Albany.

Lynn, Nolan Wylder, son, was born Jan. 6 to Rebecca Lynn and Daniel Lynn of Sylvester.

Toombs, LaKyius Curtrell, son, was born Jan. 6 to Shanterika Toombs of Albany.

Dent, Noa Claire, daughter, was born Jan. 6 to Holli Smith and Kyle Dent of Albany.

Riggins, Maverick Kai, son, was born Jan. 7 to Tyisha Riggins and Jermaine Riggins of Bainbridge.

Sapp, Amelia Grace, daughter, was born Jan. 7 to Olivia Sapp and Rashad Sapp of Albany.

Williams, TreZiyah Jai'Nique, daughter, was born Jan. 8 to Jamerica Johnson and Travion Williams of Pelham.

Blake, Dallas Weston, son, was born Jan. 8 to Haley Causey and Gene Blake of Poulan.

Roberts, Paislee Grace, daughter, was born Jan. 9 to Alexis Damerow and Mason Roberts of Leesburg.

Holsey, Jaxson Psalms, son, was born Jan. 9 to Diamond Holsey of Albany.

Patterson, Naomi Ivory, daughter, was born Jan. 9 to Miya Patterson of Albany.

Faulk, Asher Reid, son, was born Jan. 10 to Lauren Faulk and Aaron Faulk of Sylvester.

Green, Amaya Yazmeen, daughter, was born Jan. 12 to Ashley Bivins and Anthony Green of Albany.

Gordon, Kayson Amir, son, was born Jan. 13 to Alexus Daniels and Devante Gordon of Albany.

Isler, Elijah Adonis, son, was born Jan. 13 to Vivian Isler and Keith Isler of Albany.

Ralph, Harper-Kate Blaire, daughter, was born Jan. 14 to Pamela Walker and Austin Ralph of Albany.

Davis, Derrick Jermaine Jr., son, was born Jan. 14 to Mary Perry and Derrick Davis Sr. of Americus.

Lawton, Macario, son, was born Jan. 14 to Montia Conley and D'andre Lawton of Camilla.

Snells, Jakai Zy'Mir, son, was born Jan. 14 to Miranda Snells of Camilla.

Lee, Joel Desmond, son, was born Jan. 14 to Deaundria Knight and Joel Lee Jr. of Albany.

Daniel, Riley Elijah, son, was born Jan. 15 to Angela Daniel and Reginald Daniel Sr. of Albany.

Bellamy, Cyaire Masai, son, was born Jan. 15 to Tiffany Bellamy of Albany.

Frier, Malachi Cole was born Jan. 15 to Sidney Frier and Matthew Frier of Albany.

McKinney, Kodi Joe, son, was born Jan. 16 to Kaela McKinney and Dezmond McKinney of Albany.

Morales, Mikael Elias, son, was born Jan. 16 to Erika Morales and Yoni Morales of Americus.

Deen, Luca Miles, son, was born Jan. 17 to Haley Deen and Jon-Michael Deen of Douglas.

James, Ti'anna Florence Janelle, daughter, was born Jan. 20 to Tia King and Isaiah James of Albany.

Gregory, Dawson Keith, son, was born Jan. 20 to Jessica Gregory and Cody Gregory of Albany.

Bradnock, Richard Shem, son, was born Jan. 20 to Lopriela Seabrook and Richard Bradnock of Albany.

Gill, Olivia Kate, daughter, was born Jan. 23 to Anna Gill and Davis Gill Jr. of Albany.

OBITUARIES



Magid Munir Qaqish

Magid Munir Qaqish, 47, of Albany, died Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

Magid's funeral mass will be Saturday, 11:00 AM at St. Teresa's Catholic Church with burial to follow in Crown Hill Cemetery. There will be a wake service at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 31, 2025 at Kimbrell-Stern with visitation to follow until 8:00 PM.

Magid was born and raised in Albany. He graduated from Westover High School in 1995. He attended Albany Junior College after high school. He then graduated from Valdosta State in 2000 with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science.

Magid was the co-owner of The Cookie Shoppe with his mother Mona Qaqish in downtown Albany. He was very proud to be a part of the legacy his parents have built in Albany. Magid was a member of St. Teresa's Catholic Church. He went to school there from kindergarten to eighth grade. Magid had an infectious smile and wonderful laugh. He was very generous and had a caring nature that was always looking for someone to help. Magid was preceded in death by his father, Munir Elias Qaqish.

He is survived by his wife: Melissa Qaqish, Albany; mother: Mona R. Qaqish, Albany; sister: Melissa Munir Qaqish, Albany; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins from the United States, Jordan, and Palestine.

You may sign the online guestbook at www.kimbellstern.com

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR, BEER AND WINE PACKAGE

Shivshakti Lighthouse LLC., trading as Lighthouse Liquor at 2810 Old Dawson Rd., give notice that I have applied for an Alcohol License.
Albany Herald
Run Dates:
February 1, 4, & 6

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PACKAGE LIQUOR BEER & WINE LICENSE

Tates Tavern LLC, trading as Tates Liquor at 2424 Sylvester Rd. Albany Georgia 31705, give notice that I have applied for an Alcohol License to be considered on 02252025.
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A RESOLUTION NO. 25-R _____
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION FIXING AND PUBLISIDNG QUALIFYING FEES IN THE CITY OF ALBANY; REPEALING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by authority of same:

SECTION 1. From and after the passage of this resolution, and until changed by action of the Board of Commissioners, qualifying fees to offer as a nominee for nomination for the Office of Commissioner shall be $684.00.

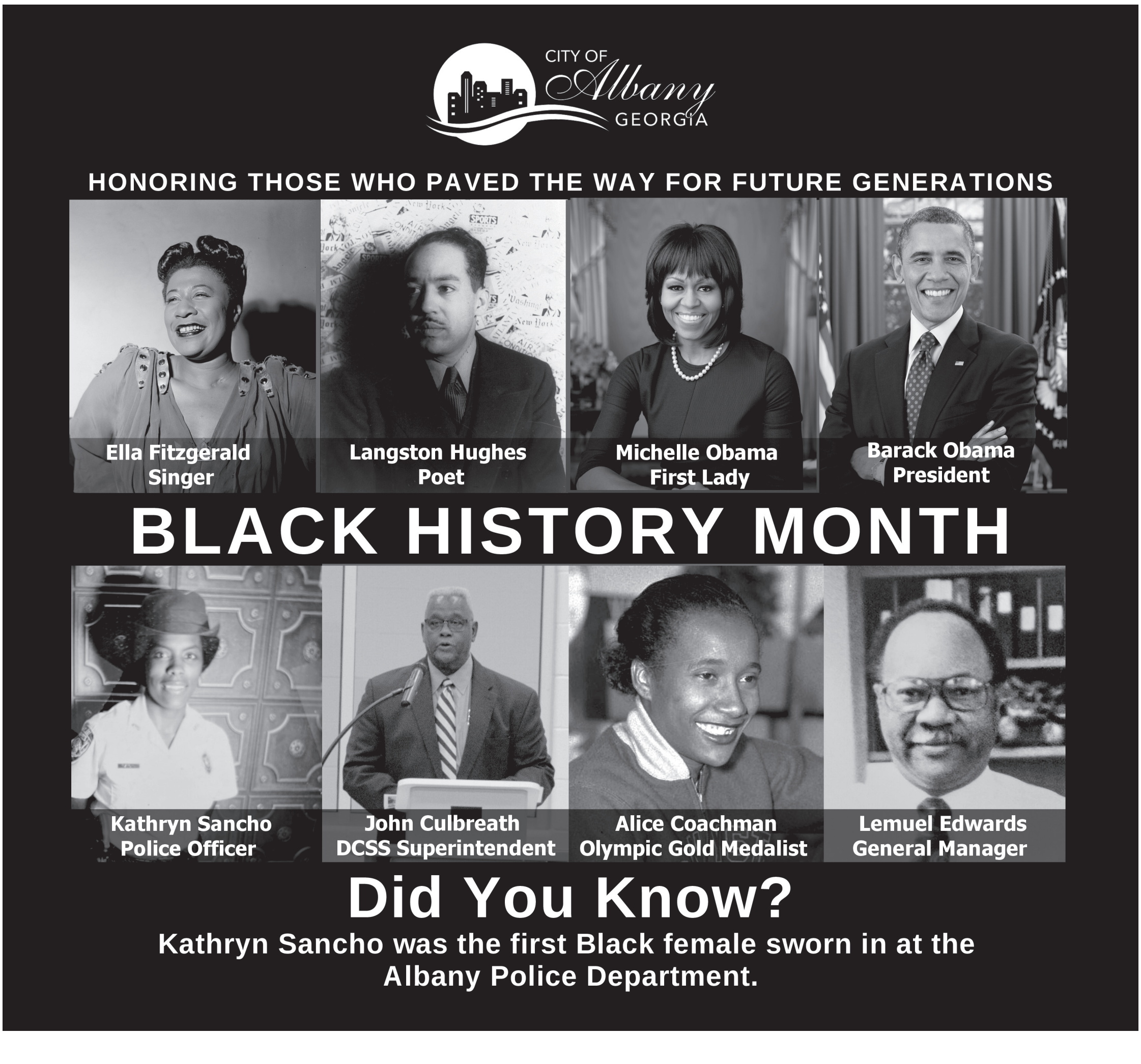
SECTION 2. Qualifying fee paid pursuant to this resolution will be deposited into the City treasury and any request for refund is governed by state statute(s).

SECTION 3. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are repealed.

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HARD-WORKING BUILDERS

Beavers provide benefits, some annoyances on waters they populate

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY — Over the past decade, when driving toward Parrott on Jones Mill Road in Terrell County, I always slow down while crossing the bridge over Chenube Creek to observe the progress of the colony of beavers living in the wetland habitat they have created there.

Over the years, I've watched the lodge they built slowly rise in the center of the pond as they continued working to control its depth and flow. Then, sadly, one day about three years ago as I slowed for my inspection, I observed the carcasses of two beaver floating on the surface of the pond beside the dam they had maintained for so long.

Beavers are the largest rodents in North America. They are easily recognizable by their large incisors and broad, flat tail. They use their teeth to strip bark and cut trees down and into manageable lengths for both forage and building material. The distinctive tail serves as a counterbalance for stability while on land and a rudder while swimming. They also use it to signal a warning by slapping it on the surface of the water to alert other beavers of approaching danger with the sound traveling across the water like the crack of a rifle.

They also have many other unique features adapting them to their semi-aquatic lifestyle. The large, webbed rear feet aid them in swimming and when walking through mud. Their rear feet also have a double toenail on the fourth toe, which they use to groom their fur and distribute oil from glands that provides additional waterproofing to their fur. With eyes placed near the top of their head, they can easily see while swimming with most of their body submerged. Their ears and nose have valves that close to keep water out while they are submerged, and their lips meet behind the distinctive incisors so they can chew food under water without any water entering their mouth.

Beavers are social animals, living in colonies that generally consist of a breeding pair of adults, who mate for the life, and their juvenile kits. In Georgia, the mating generally takes place over a nine-month period between October and May, with the offspring of between one and four kits born about 106 days later. When the young reach sexual maturity two years later, they either leave the colony or are driven off to by their parents, forcing them to go out and establish their own territory.

From an ecological standpoint, a colony of beavers on a tract of land can be a blessing or a curse. They are considered one of the most important animals in Georgia from an ecological standpoint. The ponds and wetlands they create provide excellent habitat for a variety of plants and animals, as well as creating nesting and foraging areas for numerous species of migratory birds and waterfowl.

Some of my most memorable experiences hunting and fishing have been a byproduct of the engineering efforts of beavers. I owe them a debt of gratitude for many of the bass, bream and wood ducks I have harvested over the decades. Landowners not only benefit from the game-rich environment they create, the systems of dams they create controls the flow of water in the wetlands, not only filtering and trapping sediment but slowing runoff and improving overall water quality downstream.

On the other hand, the remarkable wetlands created by beavers can conflict with the goals of human inhabitants of the area. This is particularly true where their efforts to impound streams and creeks flood out valuable timber, pastures and agricultural land or block storm and sewage drainage. Beavers will incessantly chew on the trees, brush and plants they encounter in and along the border of the habitat they manage, eating an ornamental shrub as readily as woodland brush. They will also cut down a fruit or pecan tree as readily as a hardwood.

I have a friend who captured on his trail camera a beaver routinely stealing pears from the tree beside his lodge.

During the spring and summer, beavers depend less on trees for food, preferring to feed on aquatic vegetation. As a result, they are routinely trapped or shot in an effort to reduce these unwanted incursions. In Georgia, beavers are considered an unprotected species, and as such, there is no closed season or limit to the shooting or trapping of the animals.



Photo by Chuck Szmurlo

A north American beaver in its local habitat.

Beavers create their own shelters in the form of either bank dens or lodges. The dens are created by digging holes in the banks of ponds, rivers, lakes or creeks. These can be harmless unless they choose to dig their den in the bank of a pond's retaining dam. When banks are not suitable, they will construct a lodge by piling sticks, limbs and tree trunks they have cut. The entrances to these lodges are below the surface of the water. However, inside this structure will be a level platform a foot or so above the water line.

Before colonization by Europeans, the population of beavers on the continent are estimated to have numbered between 60 million and 400 million. In Europe, furs played a major role in clothing, with beaver pelts being a highly traded commodity for centuries. So great was the demand that the European beaver was hunted and trapped to near extinction. They are only now making a comeback in some regions.

The beaver pelting industry was a highly-guarded trade secret existing only in central Russia until the late 17th century. Unfortunately for the American beaver, the supply of the European beaver population coincided with the colonization of North America, leading to the establishment of the North American fur trade. It also proved to be unfortunate for the Native American cultures that were drawn into an economic exchange that would ultimately doom them both.

The English, French and Dutch would all compete for the knowledge and alliance of the Native American cultures in an attempt to dominate the fur trade. Through an exchange of trade goods for furs, loyalty, economic and political alliances would be formed, further fanning the flames of long-standing tribal disputes. These alliances would carry over into the many European conflicts fought on North American soil, including the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. The provision of gunpowder, firearms, textiles and metal implements would further disrupt traditional ways of life.

Beyond the impact of these rapid cultural changes, European diseases would once again decimate the indigenous population as they did upon initial contact more than 200 years earlier.

Today, we consider "hats" to be any form of head covering that can range from a fabric baseball cap to a high-end handmade felt hat like a Stetson. The styles we wear are dictated by personal taste and choice. However, from the 1700s until the middle of the 20th century, hats were a form of social identity. The shape and style of a hat indicated the wearer's profession, wealth and social rank. The material, shape and color all carried a specific meaning. Hats made exclusively of beaver pelt or castor were the most expensive.

The full pelt (fur and skin) of a beaver provides the three primary components used to produce clothing. The skin with all fur removed provides leather or suede. Felts are created by removing all the hair from the pelt and processing it with heat and pressure form a pliable material favored by the hat-making industry. The physical structure of beaver fur creates the most desirable for hat production.

Although the pelts of beavers from the northern regions of the continent had fuller coats with a more desirable pelt, demand was so high that the pelts of Southern beavers were also worth the efforts required to trap them. Other parts of the beaver were valuable as well, including the castor glands that were used in making perfumes. At one point, the meat was highly prized, with beaver tail being considered a delicacy. Unregulated trapping, combined with the massive loss of habitat, almost eliminated the beaver in Georgia.

In the 1940s, the Georgia Department of Natural resources, in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Services, responded to this loss by initiating a restocking effort on the newly established Piedmont Wildlife refuge. Following their success there, they expanded their efforts statewide between 1949 and 1959. As beaver populations increased, and Georgia was recognized nationally as a leader in these restoration efforts, new management regulations were established, once again allowing them to be harvested for their pelts.

Today, trapping is limited due to a decline in fur prices and the associated reduction in trappers statewide, and the beaver population is on the rise. Many of the beavers being trapped are targeted because they are considered a nuisance for the previously stated reasons.

The beaver colony I enjoyed watching on the Chenube were not killed for this reason. They were needlessly killed by someone else who observed them from the bridge. Within a year after their deaths, their damn was washed away. As a result, the pond was greatly diminished, much to the dismay of the farmer who had benefited from it for irrigation purposes. For two years he struggled in vain to engineer and build a replacement with limited success. Then, last year, limbs and grass began to appear on the downstream side of the bridge as nature's engineers once again went to work. Today, a healthy pond is evident from their efforts.

Trappers Association preserves individuals' rights, natural resources

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY — When it comes to dealing with problem beavers, nest predators or coyotes, one of the first steps for Georgia landowners should be to contact the Georgia Trappers Association.

"They can reach out to us and let us know what their situation is and where they are located, and we will connect them with a trapper in their area to assist them," Joey Thiel, who is the acting legislative and congressional director for the association, said.

The GTA was organized in 1979 under the guidance of the National Trappers Association with a simple objective: to preserve our right to trap. The membership tends to rise and fall with the fur market, surpassing 550 members in 1980. Today, the organization continues to legislate for the rights and interests of Georgia's trappers, promote ethical trapping practices and educate the public on the benefits and necessity of responsible trapping programs directed at predator control, nuisance animals and other critical habitat management practices, with the goals of protecting the rights of individuals and conserving and protecting the natural resources of Georgia.



Photo Courtesy of Georgia Trapper Association

The Georgia Trapper Association hosts a youth field trial.

Thiel said the GTA hosts one of the largest youth events in the nation.

"During the weekend-long event we teach kids from 4 to 15 about trapping and the importance of using it as a management practice," he said.

During the weekend, each participant will run their own trapline under the supervision of an expert GTA guide. A variety of other events takes place during the year, allowing members to hone and share their trapping skills with others. GTA participates in a variety of other events like the Buckarama and Jake Days to get their message out and provide information on ethical trapping. More information can also be found on gatrapperassoc.com

Although many might not initially consider becoming a trapper, the transition might be a practical step for learning an additional skillset wildlife management on any sized tract of land. A variety of predators offers challenges to those managing property for deer, turkey or quail. Add the destructive potential of beavers, and forestry and fisheries management can benefit as well. Although I do not consider myself a trapper, I have learned to use dog-proof raccoon sets in an effort to reduce nest predation on quail and turkey. Considering all the other efforts being invested, it seemed like a logical step and seems to be paying off after just a few years of practice on an exceedingly small tract.

Anyone who plans to begin trapping should review the trapping regulations of the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division. Although they are not overly complex, a quick glance would lead most novices to seek some guidance to ensure that they are operating not only legally but ethically. Those trapping in Georgia must be licensed annually and follow guidelines that are strictly enforced to ensure the protection of landowners, wildlife and the public. Even when trapping private property for recognized nuisance species, humane methods must be used, with captures being reported to the DNR. More information is available at georgiawildlife.com

For those who are willing to learn the craft, Thiel said that although the price for pelts is currently low, the demand for beaver is still high due to the continued desire for quality felt hats. He said that there is also still a market for beaver castor oil, tails and meat. With a little help, there's some Jim Bridger in all of us.

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Construction/ Service Bids

Ruby-Collins, Inc. is soliciting quotes from Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business (DBEs) subcontractors for work associated with the construction of the Joshua Street WPCP Miscellaneous Improvements project located in Albany, Georgia. The project bids on February 20, 2025 at 3:00 PM. Email or fax bids for the following scopes of work by 5:00 PM on February 19, 2025 to estimating@ruby-collins.com or 770-432-8238 respectively. Include proof of DBE status when you submit your bid.

Scopes of Work include: demolition, electrical, erosion control, concrete paving and coatings. Complete plans and specifications can be found on our website, www.Ruby-Collins.com .

Ruby-Collins, Inc. will assist interested bidders in getting required bonding or insurance coverage for the Contract at issue or provide alternatives to bonding or insurance. Ruby-Collins, Inc. will work with bidders to break down or combine work to facilitate participation. All negotiation will be in good faith.

Ruby-Collins, Inc. is soliciting quotes from Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business (DBEs) subcontractors for work associated with the construction of the Joshua Street WPCP Solids Handling Upgrades project located in Albany, Georgia. The project bids on February 20, 2025 at 2:30 PM. Email or fax bids for the following scopes of work by 5:00 PM on February 19, 2025 to estimating@ruby-collins.com or 770-432-8238 respectively. Include proof of DBE status when you submit your bid.

Scopes of Work include: demolition, masonry, metal/TPO roofing, overhead doors, storefront windows, drywall/ACT, coatings, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, erosion control, paving and fencing. Complete plans and specifications can be found on our website, www.Ruby-Collins.com .

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INVITATION TO BID
Golf Course Cart Paths
BID REF. 25-041

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM, on February 27, 2025. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, on January 31, at the Procurement division office. A 5% Bid Bond is required of all bidders. Documents can be obtained from the Procurement Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and at www.albanyga.gov. For additional information, contact Ricky Gladney, Buyer I, at rgladney@albanyga.gov.

\by\ Derrick L. Brown, Chief Financial Office

Corporations

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that Articles of Organization for **MJS FAMILIES AND CHILDREN SERVICES, INC**. was delivered and incorporated with the Secretary of The State of Georgia on 11/22/2024. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 3719 Castle Pines Lane, Albany, GA 31721 and its initial registered agent at such address is Tehenisia Bass.

Debtors & Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Grace Ann Talley Crimmins late of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time precribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 3rd day of January, 2025.
Timothy Edward Crimmins II, Executor of the Estate of Grace Ann Talley Crimmins
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Jerry Austin Brooks, deceased, to present an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Terry Brooks
Executor of the Estate of Jerry Austin Brooks
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
PO Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
229-430-9989
Dates: January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 20252

GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY.
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of **FRANK H. WINGATE,** deceased, to submit an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
JOEL BRYAN WINGATE, Co-Executor
53 Lagoon Way
Fort Gaines, Georgia 39851

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Hilda Marie Stickler late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd January, 2025.
Name: Charles A. Stickler c/o Meyerson Law Firm
Title: Administrator
Address: 120 Village Circle, Senoia, GA 30276
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of LAWRENCE RAMBO, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of Janaury, 2025.
Florine R. Chapman
Administratrix of the Estate of Lawrence Rambo, deceased
c/o David W. Orlowski
1604 W. Third Avenue
Albany, GA 31707
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
RE: ESTATE OF SCOTT ALLEN MCDERMOTT, DECEASED
All creditors of said estate are notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Kelly McDermott, Administrator
c/o DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson St
Albany, GA 31707

GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY.
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of DAVID T. WOODS, Deceased, to submit an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
EVELYN B. WOODS, Petitioner
2813 Rayburn Court
Albany, GA 31721

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Jeffrey Alan Musgrove late of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 23rd day of December, 2024.
Maranda Schmidt, Executor of the Estate of Jeffrey Alan Musgrove
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Arleen Schultz, deceased, to present an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Vickie Lee Ohmart
Executrix of the Estate of Arleen Schultz
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
PO Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
229-430-9989

GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY.
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of JAMES V. MILLER, Deceased, to submit an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
MARIE M. SALTER, Petitioner
4948 Millsbee Circle
Albany, GA 31721

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDY LARIE BURNHAM SCOTT
All creditors of the Estate of Judy Larie Burnham Scott, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 8th day of January, 2025.
Hubert Franklin Scott, Jr, Administrator of the Estate of
Judy Larie Burnham Scott, deceased
4118 Quail Hollow Road
Albany, GA 31721

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.
All creditors of the Estate of Teodosio Hernandez deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 9th day of January, 2025.
Robert Hernandez
Administrator of the Estate of Teodosio Hernandez
236 Frost Street
Albany, GA 31705

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY LOUISE VIRAMONTEZ, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Nancy Louise Viramontez, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Nancy Louise Viramontez.
This 3rd day of January, 2025.
Joseph Vaughn Viramontez, Executor of the Nancy Louise Viramontez Estate
8038 E. Gilbert Street
Wichita, Kansas 67207
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL & RODGERSM, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727
229-888-3338

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALMA LUVENIA REESE, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Alma Luvenia Reese, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Alma Luvenia Reese.
This 10th day of January, 2025.
Cheryl Vonretta Raye, Administrator of the Estate of Alma Luvenia Reese
401 Fulwood Boulevard
Tifton, Georgia 31794
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DUVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727
229-888-3338

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF GAIL TYSON, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Gail Tyson, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Gail Tyson.
This 10th day of January, 2025.
Cheryl Vonretta Raye, Admiistrator of the Estate of Gail Tyson, deceased
401 Fulwood Boulevard
Tifton, Georgia 31794
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DUVALL & RODGERS, P.C
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727
229-888-3338

NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Jacklyn Dennis, deceased, to present an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Jesse Keith Dennis, Jr.
Administrator of the Estate of Jacklyn Dennis
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2025

NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Benjamin Prymus Lewis, deceased, to present an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Barbara A. Whaley
Executrix of the Estate of Benjamin Prymus Lewis
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
Dates: January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2025

Divorces

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Rossana E. Hernandez
vs.
Respondent: Nioede Jesus Vasquez.

Civil Action Case Number:
24CV-1090-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Noede Jesus Vasquez,
Respondent Named Above:

This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in the Superior Court on 12/13/2024. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 1/10/25. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the clerk of Superior Court and serve the Petitioner with a copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's address is 616 11th Ave., Albany, GA 31701. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything she asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 10th day of January 2025..

Samantha Sebastian, Deputy Clerk
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Rosalie Walker
v.
Respondent: Nickolas Walker
Civil Action Case Number:
24CV-1013-3
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Nickolas Walker, Respondent Named Above:
this notice has been published to let you know that a Dissolution of marriage w/kids case was filed against you in Superior Court on November 13, 2024. The court issued an order for service of publication summons by publication on January 13, 2025. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the clerk of Superior Court and serve the Petitioner with a copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's address is 1114 7th Ave, Albany, GA 31707. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to fine an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Petition for Dissolution of marriage w/kids.
This 13th day of January, 2025.

Juvenile Court

PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: I.R., W/M, DOB: 08/15/2018
To: Felicia Ramey, Victor Correcta, "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of one male child born to Felicia Ramey on August 15, 2018.

A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Manager Monericka Teemer, on the 10th day of October, 2024. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks **termination of your parental rights, if any**. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, **225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany,** Georgia, phone is 229-431-2162.

By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 19th day of November, 2024, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 4th day of March, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. **The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.**

You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams

Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.

Witness the Honorable Herbie L. Solomon, Judge of said Court this 30th day of December, 2024.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court
Gregory T. Williams
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 1113, Camilla, Georgia 31708
Phone (229) 330-0614, Georgia Bar Number 443607

PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: D.H., B/F, DOB: 06/09/2018
To: Josephine Harvey, Serbante Johnson, "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of one female child born to Josephine Harvey on June 9, 2018.

A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Supervisor Treena White, on the 11th day of March, 2024. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, phone is 229-431-2162.
By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 19th day of November, 2024, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 4th day of March, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.

You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams

Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.

Witness the Honorable Herbie L. Solomon, Judge of said Court this 30th day of December, 2024.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court
Gregory T. Williams
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 1113, Camilla, Georgia 31708
Phone (229) 330-0614, Georgia Bar Number 443607

PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: J.W., B/M, DOB: 03/06/2015
To: Shavonte Williams, George Williams, Jr., or any other individual who might be the biological father of one male child born to Shavonte Williams on March 6, 2015.

A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Manager Maria Hernandez, on the 10th day of October, 2024. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, phone is 229-431-2162.
By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 19th day of November, 2024, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 4th day of March, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.

You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams

Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.

Witness the Honorable Herbie L. Solomon, Judge of said Court this 30th day of December, 2024.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court
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Local Government

INVITATION TO BID
P F Moon and Company Inc is currently accepting proposals from suppliers and subcontractors for the Albany GA – Joshua Street Water Pollution Control Plant Miscellaneous Improvements project. P F Moon and Company Inc is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage MBE/WBE participation. For more information regarding this project or other projects P F Moon and Company is currently bidding contact bidding 706.643.1524.

Miscellaneous

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Albany-Dougherty Historic Preservation Commission will conduct a public meeting on **Wednesday, February 12th, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.** (In-Person) Historic Preservation Commission meetings are open to the public. Please note, there is also a virtual option. The meeting will take place at the following location.

240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, GA 31701

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/95219225113?pwd=VU94ZzNpbFdtS2dMN04yUzl1YWx6UT09
Meeting ID: 952 1922 5113
Passcode: 515128
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25-005 HISTORIC –
1230 Rawson Circle: COA request by Jeannie Chastain (Wayne Yesbick) to replace current roofing, replace metal windows with vinyl, paint the trim and exterior, and to replace deteriorated boards with new wood boards.

Exact description of the property is on file at the Planning & Development Services Department, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 300, and may be reviewed along with any other information regarding this request between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone number is (229) 438-3901

As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Albany does not discriminate based on disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The Human Resources Department has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided there, is available at the office of Human Resources.

The City of Albany will assist citizens with special needs given proper notice (7 working days). Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program, or activity of the City of Albany, Georgia should be directed to Paul Forgey, AICP, Director, Planning and Development Services, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, Georgia, 31701, (229) 438-3901.

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
Triche Nicole

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Triche Nicole, file a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 13 day of January, 2025 to change my name from Triche Nicole to Brandon Lee Barnes. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 13 day of January, 2025

Triche Nicole
Petitioner

Probate Court Administration

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: MARGUERITE BENDAVID BLAND
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
David Lyle Bland has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MARGUERITE BENDAVID BLAND, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before February 17, 2025.

All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

Citation dates: Citation dates: January 25, 2025
February 1, 8, and 15, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: DOROTHY NELL WASHINGTON
ESTATE FILE NO: 2024-ES-477

Sonja Washington Dollison has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DOROTHY NELL WASHINGTON, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before February 3, 2025.

All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

Citation dates:January 11, 18, and 25, 2025
February 1, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CHARLIE BASS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2024-ES-232

Senikkiu Bass has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of CHARLIE BASS, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before February 3, 2025.

All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

Citation dates:January 11, 18, and 25, 2025
February 1, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: MINNIE LEE KING
ESTATE FILE NO: 2024-ES-396

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Wanda Harris has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MINNIE LEE KING, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before February 10, 2025.

All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

Citation dates: January 18 and 25, 2025 February 1 and 8, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: GEORGE ALVIN LOWE
ESTATE FILE NO: 2024-ES-429

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Julia L. Williams and Tamara L. Marshall have petitioned to be appointed **administrators** of the estate of **GEORGE ALVIN LOWE,** Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **February 10, 2025.**

All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF ADRIENNE AMEENAH McAFEE
ESTATE FILE NO: 2023-ES-076

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of **Larry B. Owens, Guardian Ad Litem for Decedent's Minor Child,** for a year's support from the estate of **ADRIENNE AMEENAH McAFEE**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **February 17, 2025**, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party.
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Citation dates: January 25, 2025 February 1, 8 and 15, 2025

Probate Court Discharge

NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)

PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO. 14-PRO-046
PETITION OF DAWN HART FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF: CHRISTINE D. LASH
AND
ESTATE NO. 2017-GA-010
PETITION OF DAWN HART FOR DISCHARGE AS CONSERVATOR FOR JEFFREY WAYNE LASH (DECEASED ADULT WARD)

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
The administrator/conservator of the above estates respectively has applied for Discharge from said administrator's/conservator's trust. This is to notify all interested parties to show cause, if they can, why said fiduciary should not be discharged from office and liability. This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petitions, in this Court on or before March 3, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Citation Date: February 1, 2025
Leisa G. Blount, Probate Judge
Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102

Public Sales/ Auctions

Notice of Public Sale Ledo Self Storage 1661 Ledo Rd. Albany, GA 31707 (229) 490-4960. Property of the following tenant(s) will be sold to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Georgia Code 10-4 -213 et seq for Georgia Lien Statues. All items will be sold or otherwise disposed of. Sales will be conducted online at storageauctions.com February 13, 2025 at 10AM EST. All goods will be sold AS IS condition. All items or spaces may not be available at time of sale. All sales are final, and a $100 refundable cleaning deposit is required for all sales. The following units will be auctioned. Unit A85 Lakeshia Rackley-Furniture. Unit C40 Mykia Solomon-Furniture. Unit D45 Erica Clark-HH Goods. Unit E25 Tzigane Jenkins-HH Goods. Unit F93 Debbie Harris-Furniture.

Notice of Public Sale Turner Field Self Storage 713 Turner Field Rd. Albany, GA 31705 (229) 785-4220. Property of the following tenant(s) will be sold to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Georgia Code 10-4 -213 et seq for Georgia Lien Statues. All items will be sold or otherwise disposed of. Sales will be conducted online at storageauctions.com February 12, 2025 at 10AM EST. All goods will be sold AS IS condition. All items or spaces may not be available at time of sale. All sales are final, and a $100 refundable cleaning deposit is required for all sales. The following units will be auctioned. Unit A14 Ledasha Brown-Furniture, HH Goods. Unit A17 Desire Fort - Furniture. Unit A21 Shanequa Mayes-HH Goods. Unit A29 Betty Silvas-HH Goods. Unit A30 Kavisha Joyner-Furniture. Unit A40 Denatra Vanover-Furniture. Unit A42 Dykerius Howard-Furniture. Unit A48 Tee King-HH Goods. Unit A95 Branddy Jefferson-Washer/Dryer. Unit A97 Nafisah Williams-HH Goods. Unit A105 Pretisea Walker-HH Goods. Unit B4 Sasha Graham - Furniture. Unit B7 Shonda Favors - Furniture. Unit B32 Patricia Stills-Furniture. Unit B93 Ashley Brown-Furniture. Unit C4 Furman Crawford-Bicycle. Unit C42 Henry Willis-HH Goods.

Under the Authority of the Georgia Self Storage Act 10-4-210 to 10-4-215, Southern Self Storage will be conducting a sale on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 2:00 PM. The following self-storage unit contents will be sold for cash by Southern Self Storage, 1006 Philema Road/Albany, GA 31701. The sale will take place on www.StorageTreasures.com to satisfy a lien.

Unit #5136, Deborah Welch
Dresser, Mirror, counter height stools, seasonal decor, totes, soundbar, twin/toddler mattress, crib, furniture

Unit #1203 John Wells
Exterior Doors, Storm Windows, Twin Mattress, headboard, Shop Vac, Utility Sink

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
Lake Park Storage located at 2220 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA 31707, will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215.
The auction will be held onsite at 2220 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA 31707, on Monday, February 10 , 2025 at 11:00 pm.
Unless stated otherwise, the personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household items, furniture, boxes, clothes, appliances and vehicles.
Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only", no titles or registration.

Jones, Katelene 0014

Currington, Robyn 0130

Wingfield, Brian 0209

Wingfield Brain 0814

Walls, Lashonna 0307

Johnson, Sean 0365

Hardrick, Jacqueline 0417

Carroll, Justin 0427

Miles, Tonya 0439

Johnson, Thelia 0609

Thomas, Marlon 0815

Williams, LaDalia 0834

Dye-Thomas, Thomsine 1024

King, Cheven 1036

King, Cheven 1039

King, Cheven 1548

Simmions, Sharonda 1074

King, Tiffany 1306

Walton, Rodney 1340

Wallance, Etriyonna 1507

Golson, Charletha 1532

Wright, Ta'Cosa 1574

Offord, Gerald 1703

Daniels, Veronica 1717

Jacskon, Cedric 1810

Arline, Ciarra 1840

Johnson, Pamela 1903

Williams, Shirley 2008

Hopkins, Rhshode 2053

Powell, Andrea 2062

Aaron, Katisha 2334

Aaron, Katisha 2437

Aaron, Katisha 2509

Wiley, Shaniya 2572

Jadote, Dapne 2587

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Georgia Storage Facility Act. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Thursday the 6th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 AM on Lockerfox.com. Said property is Store Space Albany - Gillionville, 1512 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA, 31707 Rev. Dr. Lavarn Watson HH7 Household goods. Edward Allen H05 Household goods. Debra M Bell D10 Household goods. Tanyanika Martin H15 Household goods. Marlene Philidor G26 Household goods. Savanah Webb HH4 Household goods. Erin Miller 1039 Household goods. Kendarious Blankenship J27 Household goods. Henry Stephenson II8 Household goods. Kenneth Sanders DD14 Household goods. Latonya Sawyer I19 Household goods. Diane Jackson FF16 Household goods. Courtney Hall E44 Household goods
All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Notice of Public Sale
Run for 2/1 & 2/8

Storage Rentals of America
1604 CAMP LANE,
ALBANY, GA 31707

Property of the following tenant(s) will be sold for cash to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Georgia code 10-4- 210 et seq for Georgia Lien Statues. All items will be sold or otherwise disposed of. Sales will be conducted online at Lockerfox.com **February 21, 2025** at **1PM EST**. All goods will be sold "AS IS" condition. All items or spaces may not be available at time of sale. All sales are final, and a $100 refundable cleaning deposit is required for all sales.

A317/**Quantori Bernard**/BOXES, TOTES, TOOLS, FURNITURE, MATTRESS, BOXSPRING, BEDFRAME, TABLE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

A504/**Destiny Cheeks**/BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, MATTRESS, BOXSPRING, COUCH, TABLE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, DRESSER AND NIGHTSTAND

A510/**Ambubhai Barasadiwala**/BOXES, TOTES, AND BAGS

A706/**Norma Holladay**/ BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, DRESSER, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND CLOTHES

BH46/**Hunter Mountcastle**/ BOXES, FURNITURE, DRESSER, LIGHT FIXTURES AND RUGS

BH47/**Phaedra Jones**/BOXES, FURNITURE, BEDS, CHAIRS, DRESSER, SOFA, KEYBOARD, BAGS, BLUETOOTH SPEAKER, TIRES, LUGGAGE AND KIDS' TOYS

BH87/**Charles Dayhuff**/ BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND MISC ITEMS

BH104/**Hunter Mountcastle**/ BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, WOOD SHELVING, COUCH, TV STAND, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND FILE CABINETS

BH105/**Hunter Mountcastle**/ BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, COUCH, DÉCOR, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND FILING CABINET

O105/**India Hatcher**/BOXES, TOTES, TV, APPLIANCES, DRYER, WASHER AND OUTDOOR GRILL

O11617/**Aleciyia Daniels**/BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, HEADBOARD, DRESSER, BABY BED, NIGHT STANDS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

O138/**Brianna Basden**/BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, MATTRESS, BOX SPRING, SOFA, LOVESEAT, BEDFRAME, ELECTRONICS, TV, APPLIANCES, WASHER, DRYER, MICROWAVE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND BAGS

O147/**Lecory Walker**/BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, END TABLE, COUCH, LOVESEAT, DRESSER, MATTRESS, BOXSPRING, APPLIANCES, WASHER, DRYER, HOUSEHOLD, KITCHEN TABLE WITH CHAIRS

O414/**Tameka Jones**/BOXES, TOTES, FURNITURE, MATTRESS, BOXSPRING, CHAIRS, END TABLE, BEDROOM SUITE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND KITCHEN TABLE W/CHAIRS

O524/**Arthur Royal**/ TOTES, FURNITURE, COFFEE TABLE, LAMP, WALL DÉCOR, APPLIANCES, WASHER, BAGS AND XMAS TREE.

O706/**Shantori Jackson**/ FURNITURE, DRESSER, MATTRESS, BOXSPRING, BEDFRAMES, COUCH, TV STAND, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND BAG

Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Thursday, February 13, 2025
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Unit 101 Kimberly Perkins: Furniture

Unit 410 Randy Gibson: China cabinet, mirror, & misc.

Unit 649 Alejandra Diaz: Furniture, bike, boxes & misc.

Unit 662 Michael Kunde: Boxes & misc.

Unit 664 Michael Kunde: Boxes & misc.

Unit 826 Dominic Wooden: Mattress, bed, dresser, mirror, misc

Service by Publication

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
TOMMY T. HOLLIS, SHARON SPENCER, AND YVONNE KLINE as heirs of Albert Edwards, and all the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ALBERT EDWARDS.
Defendant.

Civil Action No.
SUCV2024000619

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
By order for service by publication dated, January --, 2025, Tommy T. Hollis, Sharon Spencer, and All Unknown Heirs of Albert Edwards are hereby notified that Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, Inc., filed suit against them for Declaratory Judgment on July 16, 2024.
Tommy T. Hollis, Sharon Spencer, and All Unknown Heirs of Albert Edwards are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Travis Andres, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order granting service by publication.
Witness, the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw
This 23RD day of January, 2025.
CLERK, Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia
FOR: Travis Andres
Georgia Bar No. 302040
Attorney for Plaintiff

Fidelity National Law Group
4170 Ashford Dunwoody Road
Suite 475
Atlanta, Georgia 30319
Direct: 770-325-4811
Facsimile: 770-325-4843
Email: Travis.Andres@fnf.com

THE STATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

WILLIE GREENE, JR.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DOUGLAS CARNEGIE,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: STSV2024000353

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Douglas Carnegie

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking damages as a result of the motor vehicle accident in which you were involved in on October 30, 2022 in Dougherty County, Georgia, was filed against you in said Court on June 25, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on the 23rd day of October, 2024, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Mark G. Pitts, Esq. FARAH & FARAH, PA, 3080 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA 31210, an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication.

WITNESS the Judge, State Court of Dougherty County, this 23 day of October, 2024.

Evonne S. Mull
CLERK, STATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY

THE STATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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Plaintiff,

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WITNESS the Judge, State Court of Dougherty County, this 23 day of October, 2024.

Evonne S. Mull
CLERK, STATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Foreclosures

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE UNDER POWER

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Purchase Money Security Deed from to Wayne Yesbick, dated June 30, 2021 and recorded in Deed Book 5257, Page 337, Dougherty County Land Records, said Security Deed being given to secure a Note dated June 30, 2021 in the original principal amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($140,000.00); there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lots 15, 16 and 17 in Block "F" of Eugemar Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 104 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-13), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia; said property being known as 1213 Dawson Road, according to the present system of numbering of streets in the City of Albany.

Excepted from the above-described property is the southwesterly 17 feet of said three lots, same having been conveyed to Dougherty County, Georgia, for the widening of Dawson Road (U.S. Highway 82), same being a strip of land adjacent to the original right-of-way of said road and running across said three lots, and bounded by a line 17 feet from and parallel to the original right-of-way of said road.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, the sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of the sale, including attorney fees (notice of intention to collect attorney fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The person or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is Wayne Yesbick. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Aalii Developments, LLC or a tenant or tenants.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

Wayne Yesbick
As Attorney in Fact for
Aalii Developments, LLC

LARRY B. OWENS, LLC
Post Office Box 352
Albany, Georgia 31702

BY:_____
LARRY B. OWENS

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
WHEREAS, Gabriel D Carpenter, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Synovus Bank, a Corporation, Lender which was dated 7/30/2021, and recorded on 8/2/2021, in Instrument No.: , Deed Book 4866, Page 258-274, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $220,924.00 in Dougherty County, Georgia Register of Deeds. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 3/4/2025 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Dougherty County, Georgia, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701 of Dougherty, the following described property situated in Dougherty County, Georgia, to wit:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 8 IN THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 60 OF VAN CISE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 232 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B-3) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Tax Parcel ID: 00334/00002/001
Being real property commonly known as **5001 EDITH DR ALBANY, GA 31721** The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is'. The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 S. Douglass Road, Suite 200 A Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Gabriel D Carpenter Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 24-32681 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4832961 01/25/2025,02/01/2025, 02/08/2025, 02/15/2025, 02/22/2025, 03/01/2025

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Spencer Bernard Floyd and Vanessa H. Floyd to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. dated 1/26/2001 and recorded in Deed Book 2178 Page 234 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2019-R1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $158,675.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 4, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 48, Westwood Village, Section Three, according to a map or plat of same, recorded June 15, 1998, in plat cabinet 1, slide C-44-H in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
The above described property is conveyed subject to any and all easements and those certain restrictions recorded October 18, 1991 in deed book 1150, pages 128-143 and dated July 15, 1998 and recorded August 6, 1998 in deed book 1851, pages 240-241, Dougherty County public deed records.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said property is commonly known as 1817 Regalwood Dr, Albany, GA 31707 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Spencer Bernard Floyd and Vanessa H. Floyd or tenant or tenants.
Fay Servicing, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
Fay Servicing, LLC P.O. Box 814609 Dallas, TX 75381-4609 1-800-495-7166
Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2019-R1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Spencer Bernard Floyd and Vanessa H. Floyd
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1216-3342A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1216-3342A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Bertha Mallory to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 7/31/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3195 Page 164 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for BSABS I 2006-STI, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $129,040.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 4, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described aa a portion of Lot 76-F and a portion of 55-F of the Albany-Georgia Pecan Company Subdivision "A" as platted in Deed Book 16, Page 347, Dougherty County land records and revised by survey shown and described in Contract Book 2, Page 33, Dougherty County land records, and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 55-F in the Albany-Georgia Pecan Company Subdivision "A", run thence along the east line of said Lot 55-F south 01° 30' west a distance of 469.5 feet to an iron pin found at the southeast corner of said Lot 55-F; continue thence south 01° 26' vest along the east lot line of the aforesaid Lot 76-F a distance of 154.90 feet to an iron pin found; run thence north 87° 35' 22" west a distance of 279.63 feet to an iron pin found; run thence north 01° 05' 26" east a distance of 103.58 feet to a concrete monument found; run thence north 88° 35' west a distance of 93.20 feet to a concrete monument found; run thence north 01° 26' east a distance of 187.10 feet to a concrete monument found; run thence north 88° 50' west a distance of 93.30 feet to a concrete monument found; run thence north 01° 30' east a distance of 326.85 feet to an iron pin found at the northwest corner of the aforesaid Lot 55-F; run thence south 88° 52' 54" east along the north line of the aforesaid Lot 55-F a distance of 466.91 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract contains 5.80 acres and is particularly shown and delineated on that certain plat of property of Robert W. Steranka, prepared by Malcolm Burnsed, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1691, under date of February 17, 1986, which plat is by this express reference thereto Incorporated herein for all purposes. (See recorded Plat at Deed Book 3056, Page 243, said Clerk's office.)
Also included is a non-exclusive right-of-way easement for the purposes of ingress and egress along and adjacent to the east line of Lot 76-F, aforesaid, as retained in that certain Warranty Deed from Harold I. Robbins and Pauline A. Robbins to New World Mobile Homes, Inc., a Georgia corporation, dated

December 23, 1974, and recorded in Deed Book 539, Page 189, Dougherty County land records.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said property is commonly known as 929 Nelms Rd, Albany, GA 31705 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Bertha Mallory or tenant or tenants.
Truist Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
Truist Bank Mortgage Loan Servicing P.O. Box 2467 Greenville, SC 29602-2467 1-800-827-3722
Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.
Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.
U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for BSABS I 2006-STI as agent and Attorney in Fact for Bertha Mallory

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1207-1761A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1207-1761A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale granted by BPA 2415 BRIERWOOD LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, EL 500 PINSON LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, and FCA 2000 TOMPKINS LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantors") to UC ALBANY MF HOLDER, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor in interest to UC FUNDING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Grantee"), in that certain Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated May 3, 2022, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia at Deed Book 4973, Pages 186-213 on May 10, 2022, as assigned to UC ALBANY MF HOLDER, LLC in that certain Assignment of Recorded Documents dated May 3, 2022 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia at Deed Book 5029, Pages 43-49 on October 13, 2022 (collectively, the "Security Deed"), Grantee offers for sale at public outcry before the Courthouse Door, in Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, being February 4, 2025, for CASH to the highest bidder, the purchaser paying transfer tax, if any, the following-described properties, to-wit:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF FLINT CROSSING

Tract 1:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 190, FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, ALBANY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIN FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SATILLA STREET WITH THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TOMPKINS AVENUE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 47

SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 664.31 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 159.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 29.74 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 151.15 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY DRAINAGE CANAL; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID DOUGHERTY COUNTY DRAINAGE CANAL NORTH 88 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 31 SECOND WEST A DISTANCE OF 671.40 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE ALONG THE LINE OF SAID DOUGHERTY COUNTY DRAINAGE CANAL NORTH 26 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 125.15 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 324.53 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 460.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET; THENCE SOUTH 63 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 237.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOUGHERTY COUNTY DRAINAGE CANAL; THENCE ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOUGHERTY COUNTY DRAINAGE CANAL NORTH 25 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 252.77 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PEARCE AVENUE; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF PEARCE AVENUE NORTH 88 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 455.35 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TOMPKINS AVENUE; THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY AND SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID TOMPKINS AVENUE THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES: SOUTH 01 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 13.78 FEET TO A POINT; SOUTH 13 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 48.02 FEET TO A POINT; SOUTH 26 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 294.42 FEET TO A POINT; ALONG A 108.90 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD OF 118.00 BEARING SOUTH 59 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 124.71 FEET TO A POINT; AND NORTH 87 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 251.95 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
SAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS 6.49 ACRES.

Tract 2:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 190, FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, ALBANY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT A 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT WITH A RAISED CENTER PIN, SAID POINT BEING LOCATED UNDER THE WEST CHAIN-LINK FENCE OF LOUIS TOMPKINS MEMORIAL PARK AS DESCRIBED IN THE WARRANTY DEED TO KIWANIS CLUB OF ALBANY RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 222, 382 IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, SAID POINT BEING A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN LINE OF PEARCE AVENUE (A 60' R/W); THENCE SOUTH 01°25'00" EAST ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID PARK A DISTANCE OF 327.91 FEET TO A 4 INCH BY 4 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT WITH A RAISED CENTER PIN, SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL AND A POINT ON THE NORTH MARGIN LINE OF TOMPKINS AVENUE (A 60' R/W); THENCE SOUTH 88°27'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 252.17 FEET TO A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER REBAR (5/8" REBAR) AND THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 64°51'48", THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 56.60 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 59°07'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 53.63 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR AND THE CURVE'S END; THENCE NORTH 26°41'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 294.42 FEET TO 5/8" REBAR AND THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE EAST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 45.38 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°14'00", THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT A DISTANCE OF 19.99 FEET, SAID CURVE BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 14°04'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 19.82 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR AND THE CURVE'S END; THENCE NORTH 01°27'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 17.35 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR AND A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN LINE OF PEARCE AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 89°00'00" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH MARGIN LINE A DISTANCE OF 427.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID TRACT OR PARCEL IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT "SURVEY OF LEXINGTON APARTMENTS" BY NORRIS D. STEVENS, GEORGIA REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 2781, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1999, WHICH PLAT IS FULLY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN.

SAID TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINS 2.732 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF EAST LAKE PROPERTY

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN LAND LOT 126, AND LAND LOT 153 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY

COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LAND LOT 153 AND THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINSON ROAD, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 79.5 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINSON ROAD TO A POINT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE TO RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 515 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINSON ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 860 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 571.1 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 861.8 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PINSON ROAD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONTAINS 10.72 ACRES AND IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT OF PROPERTY OF A.F. DAVIDSON, PREPARED BY DEAN ENGINEERING COMPANY, ALBANY, GEORGIA, DATED FEBRUARY 15, 1973.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BRIERWOOD POINTE PROPERTY

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 163 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF JOHNSON ROAD AND THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BRIERWOOD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA; FROM THIS POINT TO SOUTH 40 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BRIERWOOD DRIVE AND NORTH BRIERWOOD DRIVE EXTENDED FOR A DISTANCE OF 670.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM THIS POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF NORTH BRIERWOOD DRIVE EXTENDED FOR A DISTANCE OF 657.45 FEET TO THE P.C. OF A CURVE; THENCE GO IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG A CURVED LINE, THE CHORD BEING SOUTH 64 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 393.00 FEET TO THE P.T. OF A CURVE; THENCE GO SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO NORTH 1 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE 148.60 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO SOUTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO NORTH 1 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE 727.78 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO NORTH 88 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 251.81 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO SOUTH 1 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO NORTH 88 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 380.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO NORTH 40 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE GO SOUTH 49 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 325.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Inclusive of all rights described in the Attachment hereto.

The properties are more commonly known as 2415 Brierwood Drive, Albany, Georgia 31705, 500 Pinson Road, Albany, Georgia 31705, and 2000 Tompkins Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31705.

The above-referenced Security Deed, to which reference is hereby made, was given to secure indebtedness evidenced by a Promissory Note dated May 3, 2022 in the original principal amount of $33,100,000.00 and any renewals, extensions, or modifications of any such indebtedness in whole or in part and also all future advances that were made thereunder by Grantee, and its successors and assigns, to Grantors.
The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is again declared due and payable in full because of, among other events of default, the failure of Grantors to make payments when due, including at or after maturity.
Notice has been given of intention to collect attorneys' fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the Security Deed. Notice has been also given, in writing and by overnight delivery and/or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the borrowers, of the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed and the Promissory Note thereby secured in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2(a).
The indebtedness remaining in default, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the indebtedness secured by the Security Deed, expenses of the sale, attorneys' fees and all other sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied as provided by said Security Deed and by law.
The sale will be conducted subject to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and also subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances.
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the properties are in the possession of BPA 2415 BRIERWOOD LLC, EL 500 PINSON LLC, and/or FCA 2000 TOMPKINS LLC.

TERMS: Cash, purchaser paying for transfer tax, if any, ad valorem taxes and all other taxes, assessments or liens due against the properties, if any.
Said properties will be sold as the properties of BPA 2415 BRIERWOOD LLC, EL 500 PINSON LLC, and FCA 2000 TOMPKINS LLC and subject to all liens, encumbrances, easements, restrictions, or other matters of record that may have priority over said Security Deed, if any.
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Published: January 11, 2025, January 18, 2025, January 25, 2025, and February 1, 2025.
BPA 2415 BRIERWOOD LLC
BY: UC ALBANY MF HOLDER, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE FOR UC FUNDING, LLC, AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

EL 500 PINSON LLC
BY: UC ALBANY MF HOLDER, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE FOR UC FUNDING, LLC, AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

FCA 2000 TOMPKINS LLC
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Attachment to Notice of Sale

(A) All of those certain real properties situated in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, more particularly described in the legal description above and incorporated herein by this reference (the **"Real Estate"**), together with all of the easements, rights, privileges, franchises, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances now or hereafter thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining thereto, and all of the estate, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of such Borrower therein or thereto, either at law or in equity, in possession or in expectancy, now owned or hereafter acquired;
(B) All structures, buildings and improvements of every kind and description now or at any time hereafter located or placed on the Real Estate (the **"Improvements"**).
(C) All easements, rights-of-way, strips and gores of land, vaults, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, air rights and development rights and other emblements now or hereafter located on the Real Estate or under or above the same or any part or parcel thereof, all rights to oil, gas, minerals, coal and other substances of any kind or character, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, reversions and remainders whatsoever, in any way belonging, relating or appertaining to the Property or any part thereof, or which hereafter shall in any way belong, relate or be appurtenant thereto, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by such Borrower;
(D) All furniture, furnishings, fixtures, goods, equipment, inventory or personal property owned by such Borrower and now or hereafter located on, attached to or used in or about the Improvements; including, but not limited to, all machines, engines, boilers, dynamos, elevators, stokers, tanks, cabinets, awnings, screens, shades, blinds, carpets, draperies, lawn mowers, and all appliances, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, lighting, ventilating, refrigerating, disposal and incinerating equipment, and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto, and such other goods and chattels and personal property owned by such Borrower as are now or hereafter used or furnished in operating the Improvements, or the activities conducted therein, and all building materials and equipment hereafter situated on or about the Real Estate or the Improvements, and all warranties and guaranties relating thereto, and all additions thereto and substitutions and replacements therefor (exclusive of any of the foregoing owned or leased by tenants of space in the Improvements);
(E) All water, water courses, ditches, wells, reservoirs and drains and all water, ditch, well, reservoir and drainage rights and powers which are appurtenant to, located on, under or above or used in connection with the Real Estate or the Improvements, or any part thereof, together with (i) all utilities, utility lines, utility commitments, utility capacity, capital recovery charges, impact fees and other fees paid in connection with the same, (ii) reimbursements or other rights pertaining to utility or utility services provided to the Real Estate and/or the Improvements, and (iii) the present or future use or availability of waste water capacity or other utility facilities to the extent same pertain to or benefit the Real Estate and/or the Improvements; including, without limitation, all reservations of or commitments or letters covering any such use in the future, whether now existing or hereafter created or acquired;
(F) All minerals, crops, timber, trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping features now or hereafter located on, under or above the Real Estate;
(G) All cash funds, deposit accounts and other rights and evidence of rights to cash, now or hereafter created or held by Lender pursuant to this Security Instrument, the Loan Agreement or any other of the Loan Documents, as hereinafter defined; including, without limitation, all funds now or hereafter on deposit in the Reserves held by Lender pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement;
(H) All leases, subleases, licenses, rental agreements and occupancy agreements of whatever form now or hereafter affecting all or any part of the Real Estate and/or the Improvements and any and all guarantees, extensions, renewals, replacements and modifications thereof (collectively, the "**Leases**");
(I) All rents, royalties, issues, profits, revenue, income and other benefits of the Real Estate, the Improvements, or the fixtures or equipment now or hereafter arising from the use or enjoyment of all or any portion thereof or from any present or future Leases, and all cash or securities deposited to secure performance by the Tenants of their obligations under any of the Leases, whether said cash or securities are to be held until the expiration of the terms of said Leases or applied to one or more of the installments of rent coming due prior to the expiration of said terms (collectively, the **"Rents"**);
(J) All contracts and agreements now or hereafter entered into covering any part of the Real Estate or the Improvements (collectively, the **"Contracts"**) and all revenue, income and other benefits thereof; including, without limitation, management agreements, service contracts, maintenance contracts, equipment leases, personal property leases and any contracts or documents relating to construction on any part of the Real Estate (including plans, specifications, studies, drawings, surveys, tests, operating and other reports, bonds and governmental approvals) or to the management or operation of any part of the Real Estate or the Improvements;
(K) All present and future monetary deposits given to any public or private utility with respect to utility services furnished to any part of the Real Estate or the Improvements;
(L) All present and future funds, accounts, instruments, accounts receivable, documents, causes of action, claims, general intangibles (including, without limitation, trademarks, trade names, servicemarks and symbols now or hereafter used in connection with any part of the Real Estate or the Improvements, all names by which the Real Estate or the Improvements may be operated or known, all rights to carry on business under such names, and all rights, interest and privileges which such Borrower has or may have as developer or declarant under any covenants, restrictions or declarations now or hereafter relating to the Real Estate or the Improvements) and all notes or chattel paper now or hereafter arising from or by virtue of any transactions related to the Real Estate or the Improvements (collectively, the **"General Intangibles"**);
(M) All water taps, sewer taps, certificates of occupancy, permits, special permits, uses, licenses, franchises, certificates, consents, approvals and other rights and privileges now or hereafter obtained in connection with the Real Estate or the Improvements and all present and future warranties and guaranties relating to the Improvements or to any equipment, fixtures, furniture, furnishings, personal property or components of any of the foregoing now or hereafter located or installed on the Real Estate or the Improvements;
(N) All building materials, supplies and equipment now or hereafter placed on the Real Estate or in the Improvements and all architectural renderings, models, drawings, plans, specifications, studies and data now or hereafter relating to the Real Estate or the Improvements;
(O) All right, title and interest of such Borrower in any insurance policies or binders now or hereafter relating to the Property, including any unearned premiums thereon;
(P) All proceeds, products, substitutions and accessions (including claims and demands therefor) of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the foregoing into cash or liquidated claims; including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards and all refunds, rebates or credits in connection with a reduction or overpayment of taxes;
(Q) All interest rate cap agreements, swaps or other interest hedging agreements now or hereafter executed with respect to the Loan, as hereinafter defined, or to guard against interest rate exposure in connection with the Loan; and
(R) All other or greater rights and interests of every nature in the Real Estate or the Improvements and in the possession or use thereof and income therefrom, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by such Borrower.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Annette W. Collier to Unity Mortgage Corp, dated May 4, 2009 and recorded on May 12, 2009 in Deed Book 3601, Page 33, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Four Thousand and 00/100 dollars ($204,000.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, recorded in Deed Book 4683, Page 208, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, in Land Lot 41 of the Second Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Condominium Unit 5 of Heatherwood of Albany, a condominium, according to a map or plat of survey of said condominium as recorded in Condominium Plat Book 1, Page 28, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, together with all right, title and interest applicable and appurtenant to said unit as established under the declaration of Condominium of said condominium as recorded in Condominium Book 3, Page 164, Dougherty County land records. The interest described herein includes, without limited the generality of the foregoing, and undivided one tenth (1/10th) interest in the common area of said Heatherwood of Albany, a Condominium, as more particularly established in the above referenced Declaration of Condominium Unit and the right of ingress and egress from said Condominium Unit and the right to use, for all proper purposes any and all portions of the condominium designated as common elements. The plans of said condominium are filed in Condominium Plans Cabinet I, File

1100, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
Said property may more commonly be known as 2304A Tuxedo Lane, Unit #5A, Albany, GA 31707.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, 314 S Franklin St., Second Floor PO Box 517, Titusville PA 16354, 281-788-1009.
Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Annette W. Collier and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to
1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and
2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND
as Attorney-in-Fact for Annette W. Collier

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NOTICE OF SALE

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed from LINDA LOU COLLINS AND LATOYA RENEE TATE to GARY ROGERS dated January 14, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 4792 Pages 171 et. seq., Dougherty County Deed Records, said Security Deed having originally been given to secure that certain Note in the original principal amount of THIRTY ONE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS ($31,000.00) of even date therewith, as well as all extensions, renewals and modifications thereof, together with any and all other indebtedness, of any type or description, then or thereafter owing by LINDA LOU COLLINS AND LATOYA RENEE TATE to GARY ROGERS, there will be sold by the undersigned, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door at Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2025, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: All of Lot 611 of Kalmon and Malone Subdivision, Section VI, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 145 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-92), in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

The indebtedness secured by the aforementioned Security Deed has been and is hereby declared immediately due and payable in full because of the failure of LINDA LOU COLLINS AND LATOYA RENEE TATE to maintain payments upon said indebtedness owing to the GARY ROGERS, in accordance with its terms. Said indebtedness remaining in default, this sale shall be made for the purpose of paying such indebtedness, as well as all expenses of this sale, including attorneys' fees.

The above-described real property will be sold as the property of LINDA LOU COLLINS AND LATOYA RENEE TATE and will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning and subdivision ordinances and/or regulations; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or an inspection of the property; all real property ad valorem taxes or assessments, which may constitute liens upon said property; all liens which, under applicable law, would take priority over the Security Deed described above; and all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, Security Deeds or other encumbrances of record which have priority over the referenced Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party presently in possession of said property is ESTATE OF LINDA LOU COLLINS AND LATOYA RENEE TATE and/or a tenant or tenants.

Please be further advised that the entity which has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the Note, Security Deed, and related documents, is:

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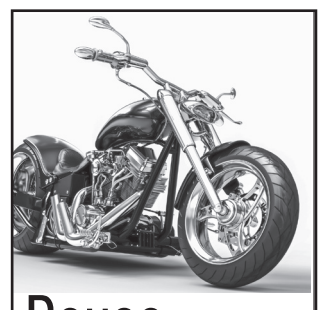
Please note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of such loan.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

GARY ROGERS, as Attorney-in-Fact for
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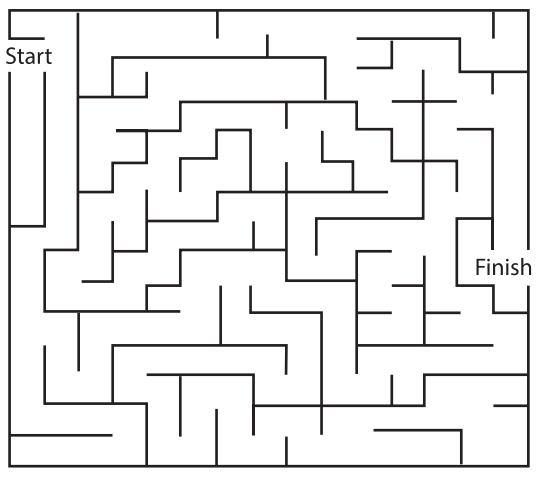


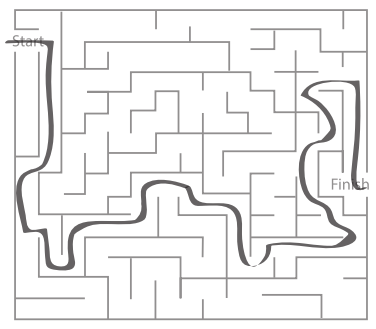
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1946 - A press conference announced the first electronic digital computer, ENIAC, was held at the University of Pennsylvania.
1979 - Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini returned to Tehran after 15 years of exile.
2003 - The space shuttle Columbia disintegrated as it tried to reenter the Earth's atmosphere after a sixteen-day mission in space. All seven members of the crew were lost.

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Spanish: Página
Italian: Pagina
French: Page
German: Seite

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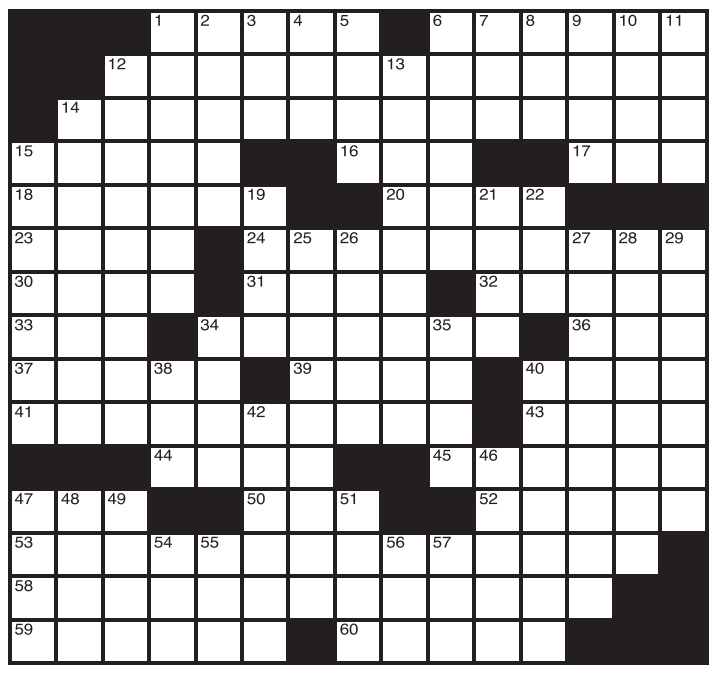
ACROSS
1 Attach
6 Pickle
12 "You're getting ahead of yourself"
14 "I'll meet you halfway"
15 Vaudeville singer Smith
16 __ bran
17 Break stuff?
18 Like
20 Car mirror's view
23 "__ Masters": reality show with building contests
24 When all's been said and done, to a Brit
30 Gifts that might be made with kukui
31 Udder part
32 Joplin's "Treemonisha," e.g.
33 Zig instead of zag, perhaps
34 Newspaper that covers Congress
36 __ canto
37 "Julia" star Swinton
39 TV explorer Márquez
40 School house, informally?
41 One might be on a roll
43 Freddie portrayer in "Bohemian Rhapsody"
44 Audition dismissal
45 Basil who designed England's Coventry Cathedral
47 "That's the spot"
50 Question for a magician
52 Planet-mapping tool
53 Highly stressful situation
58 "You've been up too long"
59 Promise
60 Coarse cloth

DOWN
1 Big name in pizza rolls
2 Like some jewels
3 "There's more," briefly
4 Letters with a negotiable price
5 Nautilus captain
6 Recycling-plant worker
7 Margaret of "Fire Island"
8 Zodiac mammal
9 Home of most of Turkey
10 Condition that may be treated with EMDR therapy
11 Socket sets
12 People who partially identify as female
13 Blowout remedy
14 Endpoint of the Detroit River
15 Marimba strikers
19 Promise
21 Rotten to the Corps, perhaps
22 Genre for Flo Milli and Flau'jae
25 Business offering stock options?
26 Sugar Bowl home
27 Handled better?
28 Ideal wheels
29 More coarse, in a way
34 Not at all ferocious
35 Boyos
38 Dojo level
40 Flipped out
42 Dig up
46 Europa Clipper, for one
47 Capital of Samoa
48 Poetry, weaving, et al.
49 Pianist Myra
51 Warp counterpart
54 Stampede Wrestling co-founder Hart
55 Military title
56 Interrupting animal in a classic knock-knock joke
57 City-building resource in Catan

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "I don't think comedy is something you learn. I think it's something that's either there or it's not." — Jessica Walter

TODAY'S CLUE: C = e

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 support on which gate hinges (8)	
2 repugnant quality (10)	
3 hunky-dory (9)	
4 Swiss town "between lakes" (10)	
5 foot-extending muscle (6)	
6 French flan with berries (9)	
7 author Ta-Nehisi (6)	

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Friday's Answers: 1. BULLISHNESS 2. WINDY 3. WORKMAN 4. UNFLAPPABLE 5. ARTIFICIAL 6. BOLE 7. EDWARD 2/1

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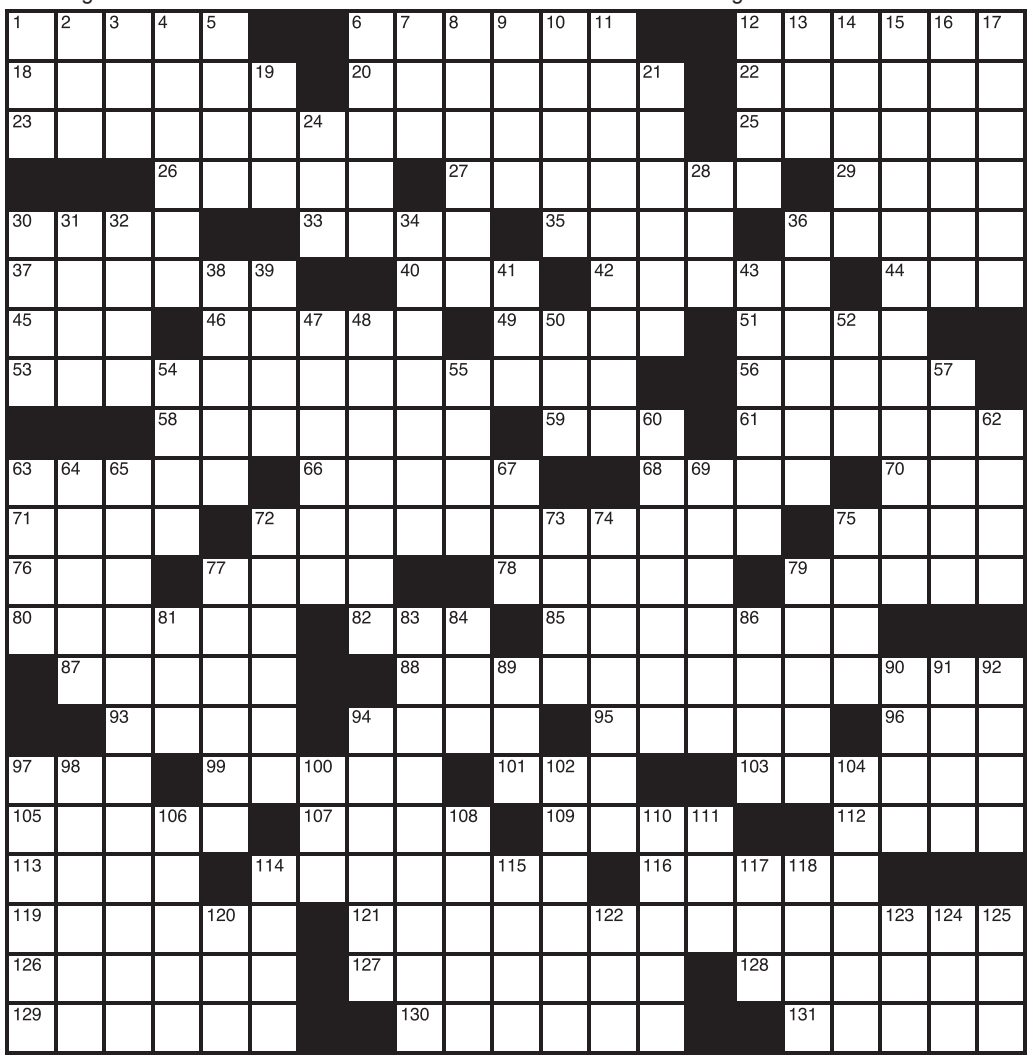
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"SILENT PARTNERS" BY PAM AMICK KLAWITTER

ACROSS
1 REM opener
6 Genesis mountain
12 Spanish table wines
18 Goldfish or oyster
20 "Bubble" drink
22 Gasoline number
23 "The cherry, apple, and strawberry candles are all sold out!"?
25 Musical-comedy legend Ethel
26 Give a silent signal
27 Ryukyu Islands island
29 Early education topic
30 Palm berry
33 Ousted Russian ruler
35 Lose energy
36 Nail salon brand
37 "Rigoletto" setting
40 Many NFL MVPs
42 Suppress
44 Word with loose or tight
45 Make a choice
46 Utter fiasco
49 Subway Surfers and Candy Crush Saga
51 Military drama franchise
53 Unmounted jouster?
56 Comedic tribute
58 Jewish school
59 "Unbelievable!"
61 Idolize
63 Flighty notions
66 Menzel with a "Wicked" cameo
68 Maker of Giant Rubber Bands and Dehydrated Boulders
70 Ref. that added "mic drop" in 2024
71 Relieves (of)
72 Outdo a rolled entry in a sandwich battle?
75 Grab hold of
76 Miscalculate
77 Like a slasher film
78 Building blocks smaller than Lego
79 Red-blooded
80 Set to rights
82 Guarded ID digits
85 Postal creed start
87 Community values
88 Where guys hang out in a big box store?
93 Dance performed in concentric circles
94 Guitarist Guthrie
95 Post-polish luster
96 Good Grips maker
97 Oman Sharif title role
99 Greedy demand
101 "The Muppets" eagle
103 Like a gymnast
105 Stable neigh-bor
107 "The Mammoth Hunters" novelist
109 Settings symbol
112 Rae of "Insecure"
113 Ancient Egyptian cross
114 Faint reminder
116 Some hand-me-downs
119 One of TV's "Friends"
121 Urgent addition to the end of a song?
126 Target for Target
127 Fill up
128 Capital markets worker
129 Heated conflicts
130 Dads, sometimes
131 Many prom coifs

DOWN
1 Hoofed it
2 "We're in __-win situation"
3 Hardest part of a date?
4 "You can trust me with this!"
5 "Love & Mercy" actor Paul
6 Enables a crime
7 Diviner's device
8 Take, as a loss
9 Pool hall staple
10 Took a loss
11 Court figure
12 Fontana di Trevi locale
13 Hockey surface
14 Spanish "others"
15 Podcast series on how to build a door frame?
16 Pain reliever since 1916
17 Had a hunch
19 Took charge
21 Retro gaming consoles
24 Cluny the Scourge in "Redwall," e.g.
28 Drenched
30 Totally wild
31 Crunch on a cereal box
32 Dissenter, at first?
34 Caraway-flavored spirit
36 Make unreadable, in a way
38 Seats, slangily
39 Crumb seekers
41 McCloskey's blueberry picker
43 Freeway feature
47 Feeling more fluish
48 Starts of some long weekends
50 Hymn singer's seat
52 Reba McEntire's "All the Women __"
54 Spots for sweaters?
55 Wish list item
57 "Trick or __!"
60 On the hot side
62 Pushing boundaries
63 Little brown bird
64 New payroll member
65 Macrame enthusiast's appraisal of a painting class?
67 "I just knew it!"
69 Sand structure
72 Growing art form?
73 Volcano near the Ionian Sea
74 Pity party line
75 Half a combo entree
77 "Curious" monkey
79 Actress Téa
81 Ne'ertheless
83 Local guide
84 Penguins' org.
86 "Stay by me, Fido"
89 Early morning goddess
90 Disorderly hordes
91 Hacking tools
92 Romance writer Roberts
94 Keeps entertained
97 En-titled ones?
98 Novelist de Balzac
100 Space traveler Jemison
102 Sibling difference
104 Small slipup
106 Work period
108 Intentionally deceive
110 Edith and Margo's sister in "Despicable Me"
111 Button for making a voice note, briefly
114 Brewery tanks
115 Film set assistant
117 WSJ competitor
118 Earth tone
120 Part of a big union merger
122 Fig. texted en route
123 Like most prime numbers
124 __ Speedwagon
125 Some ER staff



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What to watch

SATURDAY

February 1, 2025

All times Eastern. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

College Basketball

CBS, FOX, ESPN, ESPN2 & FS1, beginning at 1 p.m. Live

February's college basketball slate tips off with a full Saturday of compelling matchups, including Arizona at Arizona State (CBS), Creighton at Villanova (FOX), Michigan at Rutgers (FOX), Kansas at Baylor (ESPN), Texas Tech at Houston (ESPN2), North Carolina at Duke (ESPN), UConn at Marquette (FOX), Arkansas at Kentucky (ESPN), New Mexico at Utah State (FS1) and Gonzaga at Saint Mary's (ESPN).

Can You Feel the Beat: The Lisa Lisa Story

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

This is going to be the year for Lisa Lisa (formerly Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) with her new Lifetime biopic, a 40th-anniversary tour and an autobiography in the works. The legendary songstress rose to fame in the 1980s with hits like "Lost in Emotion" and "Can You Feel the Beat." The film tells the story of Lisa Velez as a 15-year-old Puerto Rican girl from Hell's Kitchen who never gave up on her dreams. As a teen, Velez endured sexism and racism and hid her breast cancer diagnosis to become the first Latina artist to hit multiple Billboard charts. Velez serves as executive producer and stars as her mother in the film. "I have to say that all of that stress and work ethic that I went through made me who I am today. I don't regret going through any of it," she shares. Her story is filled with inspiration and warmth.

An Unexpected Valentine

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Hallmark's Loveuary returns with more holiday romances, beginning with a chance encounter on Valentine's Day that brings Hannah (Lacey Chabert) and Finn (Robert Buckley) together as they race through New York City to return a lost engagement ring and save one couple's special day.



'Can You Feel the Beat: The Lisa Lisa Story'

LIFETIME

Planet Earth: Asia

BBC America, 8 p.m.

The nature documentary series continues with the new episode "Above the Clouds," which explores the mountains of Asia, home to some of the most remarkable wildlife on Earth.

NBA Basketball: L.A. Lakers at New York

ABC, 8:30 p.m. Live

LeBron James leads the L.A. Lakers into New York City's Madison Square Garden for a Saturday night clash with Jalen Brunson and the Knicks.

Austin City Limits

PBS, 11 p.m.

Country singer Chris Stapleton performs some classics and tunes from his 2023 album Higher.

CATCH A CLASSIC

31 Days of Oscar 2025 Begins

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.



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Turner Classic Movies is again airing its popular annual event 31 Days of Oscar beginning today and running until the day after this year's Academy Awards ceremony, which airs live March 2 on ABC. The network continues to get fun and creative with how it presents its 31 Days of Oscar lineup each year. For 2025, each daytime will be scheduled with standard lineups of movies and/or stars who won or were nominated for Oscars in a particular category. All titles airing in primetime, though, will feature nominees or winners in an acting category where they played a character type highlighted on that evening. For example, this evening's lineup is themed around actors who were nominated or won for playing … actors. Among those titles are **All About Eve** (1950; Best Actress nominees Bette Davis and Anne Baxter), **Singin' in the Rain (pictured)** (1952; Best Supporting Actress nominee Jean Hagen) and **A Star Is Born** (1937; Best Actor nominee Fredric March and Best Actress nominee Janet Gaynor). Leading into this themed block, in the morning and afternoon, are films that were nominated for or won Best Picture, including **The Great Dictator** (1940), **12 Angry Men** (1957) and **In the Heat of the Night** (1967), among others.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Marry Me'

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

The Mummy (1999, Adventure) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Kong: Skull Island (2017, Adventure) Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Miles Ahead (2016, Biography) Don Cheadle, Ewan McGregor **BET, 8 p.m.**

Wedding Crashers (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn **Comedy Central, 8:30 p.m.**

Wrath of Man (2021, Action) Jason Statham, Holt McCallany **USA, 9:30 p.m.**

A Nurse to Die For (2023, Suspense) Allison McAtee, Jeremy John Wells **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Night School (2018, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish **Bravo, 10 p.m.**

Beauty Shop (2005, Comedy) Queen Latifah, Alicia Silverstone **BET, 11 p.m.**

Taken (2008, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace **FX, 11 p.m.**

We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis **Comedy Central, 11 p.m.**

Marry Me (2022, Romance-comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Owen Wilson **E!, 11:30 p.m.**

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What to watch

SUNDAY

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NFL Pro Bowl Games

ABC & ESPN, 3 p.m. Live

Some of the NFL's best players are at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, for the finale of the Pro Bowl Games, which has Peyton and Eli Manning returning as head coaches for the 7-on-7 flag football game.

NASCAR Cup Series: Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray

FOX, beginning at 6 p.m. Live

The NASCAR Cup Series season starts with this non-points exhibition event at Bowman Gray Stadium in North Carolina. FOX's coverage begins with qualifying and continues with *NASCAR RaceDay* and the 50.6-mile race in primetime.

The 67th Annual Grammy Awards

CBS, 8 p.m. Live

Excellence in the recording industry is celebrated with a star-studded night of presenters and performers at Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. Beyoncé leads all nominees with 11, followed by Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar, Post Malone, Charli XCX, Taylor Swift, Chappell Roan and Sabrina Carpenter.



'NFL Pro Bowl Games'

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Miss Scarlet

PBS, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "The Deal," Eliza's (Kate Phillips) life is turned upside down when she finds herself dragged into a missing-persons case with a recently released convict.

Very Scary People

Investigation Discovery, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

The Season 6 finale, "The Angel of Death," follows the story of Dana Sue Gray, a ruthless serial killer who hunts well-to-do women in a sleepy California town. When a family member of one of the victims realizes the murderer is her own stepdaughter, police rush to stop her before she can kill again.

All Creatures Great and Small

PBS, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "Uninvited Guests," Tristan's (Callum Woodhouse) first meeting with Carmody (James Anthony-Rose) doesn't go quite as planned. They are dispatched to find an animal on the loose in Pumphrey Manor in the hope that they'll be able to put their differences aside. James (Nicholas Ralph) struggles to heal a sick cow, and unresolved feelings about the war resurface when he least expects them.

Funny Woman

PBS, 10 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Season 2 of this 1960s-set drama following the adventures of a beauty queen turned comedian named Barbara (Gemma Arterton) — and renamed Sophie Straw by her manager — will find the young starlet, now the nation's favorite comedy actress, still plugging away at the BBC. But when an episode of live TV goes awry, Sophie discovers an offer to make a movie might be just the thing she needs.

Common Side Effects

Adult Swim, 11:30 p.m. ■ New Series

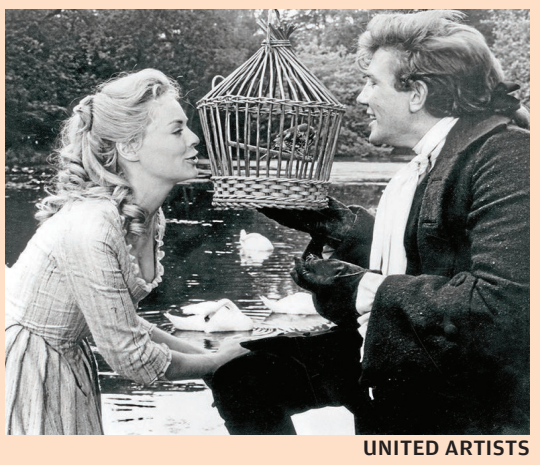
This animated comedic thriller from executive producers Mike Judge and Greg Daniels (*King of the Hill*) follows Marshall and Frances, former high school lab partners who share a secret: Marshall has discovered the world's greatest medicine, a mushroom that can heal almost anything. But getting it out into the world won't be easy — the Drug Enforcement Administration, Big Pharma and international businessmen are all out to stop them.

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31 Days of Oscar 2025: Best Picture Winners and Nominees/ Oscar-Worthy Teachers

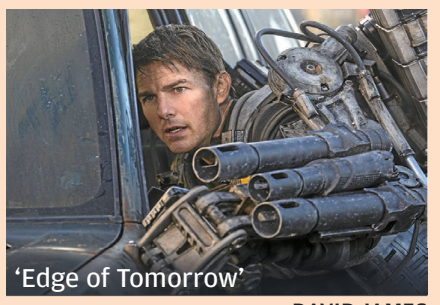
TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

Today's 31 Days of Oscar daytime lineup features films that were nominated for or won Best Picture: **Smilin' Through** (1932; nominee), **Four Daughters** (1938; nominee), **All This, and Heaven Too** (1940; nominee), **A Passage to India** (1984; nominee), **Tom Jones (pictured)** (1963; winner) and **Oliver!** (1968; winner, the last G-rated film to win this category). The evening theme is "Oscar-Worthy Teachers," featuring **Mr. Holland's Opus** (1995; Best Actor nominee Richard Dreyfuss), **The Miracle Worker** (1962; Best Actress winner Anne Bancroft), **The Paper Chase** (1973; Best Supporting Actor winner John Houseman), **Goodbye, Mr. Chips** (1939; Best Actor winner Robert Donat) and **Rachel, Rachel** (1968; Best Actress nominee Joanne Woodward).



UNITED ARTISTS

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Edge of Tomorrow'

DAVID JAMES

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (2013, Fantasy) Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton **BBC America, 6 p.m.**

The Bear Lake Murders (2025, Suspense) Mercedes de la Zerda, Tom Stevens **Lifetime, 6 p.m.**

Edge of Tomorrow (2014, Science fiction) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt **Vice, 6:30 p.m.**

Groundhog Day (1993, Romance-comedy) Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell **AMC, 6:30 p.m.**

An Unexpected Valentine (2025, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Robert Buckley **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

Point Break (1991, Action) Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves **CW, 7 p.m.**

The Other Guys (2010, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg **Comedy Central, 7:30 p.m.**

Murder in Nashville (2025, Suspense) Sarah Zanotti, Nick Puya **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

The Firm (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn **CMT, 8 p.m.**

Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (2012, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Eugene Levy **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Who's Stalking My Family (2024, Suspense) Kate Watson, Kennedy Martin **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Double Jeopardy (1999, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd **CMT, 11:30 p.m.**

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What to watch

MONDAY

February 3, 2025

All times Eastern. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

The Neighborhood

CBS, 8 p.m.

The Johnsons and Butlers are curious about their new neighbors' lifestyle, and their interest raises some surprising questions in the new episode "Welcome to the Pickle."

The Voice

NBC, 8 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

Fan-favorite original coach Adam Levine returns to his swiveling red chair as this singing competition returns for Season 27. He and country superstar Kelsea Ballerini, making her coaching debut, join returning coaches Michael Bublé and John Legend.

9-1-1: Lone Star

FOX, 8 p.m. ■ **Series Finale**

The *9-1-1* spinoff set in Austin, Texas, concludes after five seasons with "Homecoming." Rob Lowe, Gina Torres and Ronen Rubinstein star.



NBC

All American

The CW, 8 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

Introducing a new set of characters, Season 7 of the teen sports drama will continue to follow the lives of students at Beverly Hills High and South Crenshaw High, with at least one guest appearance from Daniel Ezra reprising his role as Spencer as well as other cast members who have graduated.

Poppa's House

CBS, 8:30 p.m.

Poppa (Damon Wayans) reconnects with Jarnold (guest star Tommy Davidson), an old acquaintance from the radio station, and Junior (Damon Wayans Jr.) gets a visit from an old friend (guest star Lamorne Morris) in the new episode "Elevator Friend."

NCIS

CBS, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "For Better or Worse," NCIS stages a fake wedding for two of its own in an attempt to take down the mob.

Celebrity IOU

HGTV, 9 p.m. ■ **Season Premiere**

Drew and Jonathan Scott are expanding their Hollywood connections, partnering with six new A-listers for another heartwarming season of delivering epic home transformations for people in need. In the premiere episode, Rob Lowe will surprise Carol, his assistant and friend of 27 years, with a kitchen makeover. When Jonathan unexpectedly falls ill, Lowe steps out of his comfort zone and goes full-throttle renovation mode. Other celebs featured this season include Courteney Cox, Andy Garcia, Goldie Hawn, Kyle MacLachlan and Sarah Silverman.

Independent Lens

PBS, 10 p.m.

This episode of the long-running documentary series — "The Strike" — focuses on a 2013 hunger strike at California's Pelican Bay State Prison, which ended up being the largest prisoner hunger strike in U.S. history.

The Hunting Party

NBC, 10 p.m. ■ **New Series**

Manifest's Melissa Roxburgh headlines this high-octane crime procedural as a disgraced FBI agent who's called in to help track down and capture the most dangerous killers ever seen, all of whom have escaped from a top-secret prison that's not supposed to exist. "It's so mind-blowing," shares Roxburgh on the show's writing and these killers her character is chasing. "The exciting part about diving into this world is, as a civilian, you don't think about these things, all of the secrets that we maybe don't know are going on in the world. It's just such a cool concept to explore."

CATCH A CLASSIC

31 Days of Oscar 2025: Best Art Direction Winners and Nominees/ Oscar-Worthy Criminals

TCM, beginning at 6:15 a.m.



MGM

Today's 31 Days of Oscar daytime lineup features films that were nominated for or won Academy Awards for their art direction: **The Merry Widow** (1934; winner), **Pride and Prejudice** (1940; winner), **Little Women** (1949; winner), **Young Bess** (1953; nominee), **Kismet** (1944; nominee), **Brigadoon (pictured)** (1954; nominee) and **Annie Get Your Gun** (1950; nominee). The evening theme is "Oscar-Worthy Criminals," featuring **The Sting** (1973; Best Actor nominee Robert Redford), **Bonnie and Clyde** (1967; Best Actor nominee Warren Beatty, Best Actress nominee Faye Dunaway, Best Supporting Actor nominees Gene Hackman and Michael J. Pollard, and Best Supporting Actress winner Estelle Parsons), **Double Indemnity** (1944; Best Actress nominee Barbara Stanwyck), **The Asphalt Jungle** (1950; Best Supporting Actor nominee Sam Jaffe) and **Algiers** (1938; Best Actor nominee Charles Boyer).

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Cheer Squad Secrets (2020, Suspense) Margaret Anne Florence, Anita Brown **LMN, 6 p.m.**

Footloose (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer **Sundance, 6 p.m.**

Two for the Win (2021, Romance) Charlotte Sullivan, Trevor Donovan **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Goodfellas (1990, Crime drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Blood, Sweat and Cheer (2023, Suspense) Tammin Sursok, Monroe Cline **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Sex and the City 2 (2010, Romance-comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall **E!, 8 p.m.**

The Heiress and the Handyman (2024, Romance) Jodie Sweetin, Corey Sevier **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Uncharted (2022, Adventure) Tom Holland, Mark Wahlberg **FX, 8 p.m.**

Grease (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John **Sundance, 8:30 p.m.**

White Chicks (2004, Comedy) Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans **BET, 9 p.m.**

Black Panther (2018, Action) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan **TNT, 10 p.m.**

Obsessed (2009, Suspense) Idris Elba, Beyoncé Knowles **VH1, 10 p.m.**

The Departed (2006, Crime drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon **AMC, 10 p.m.**

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Expert Tips for Keeping Loved Ones Healthy This Winter

FAMILY FEATURES

Winter can bring plenty of opportunities for cozy gatherings with loved ones and these moments can be bright spots during cold months. However, spending more time indoors means more chances for respiratory viruses to spread.

Flu, COVID-19 and RSV viruses can make people sick enough that they need to go to the doctor or hospital.

"Getting sick from these viruses can happen more often in the winter months," said Dr. Manisha Patel, chief medical officer of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. "This season's flu and COVID-19 vaccines, as well as the RSV vaccine, are the best way to avoid serious illness so people can spend time with friends and family."



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How Can You Protect Loved Ones?

Millions of people have already gotten vaccinated this fall or winter. In fact, more people are getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and flu this year compared to this time last year, according to the CDC. Vaccines are the best protection against serious illness. To help keep your loved ones healthy this winter, offer to take them to get vaccinated. Make sure they know it's safe to get more than one vaccine at the same appointment.

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get flu and COVID-19 vaccines. In addition, everyone 75 and older – and those 60 and older with certain health conditions or who live in nursing homes – should get one dose of an RSV vaccine if they haven't before. Pregnant people who are 32 through 36 weeks pregnant during the winter months should get an RSV vaccine to help protect their baby during the first 6 months.

Are Your Loved Ones at High Risk?

According to the CDC, some people face higher risks of getting very sick from respiratory viruses, including:

- People not up to date on their vaccines: Vaccines cut your risk of needing hospital care for flu or COVID-19 by about half. In 2023, 90% of adults admitted to the hospital for COVID-19 were not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines. People who skipped their flu shot were twice as likely to need to visit a doctor for flu.
- Older people: Most flu, COVID-19 and RSV hospitalizations and deaths are in people ages 65 and older. If you help care for an older friend or loved one, let them know their risk for getting very sick from these viruses – and that vaccines can help protect them from needing to go to the hospital.
- Those who live in long-term care facilities: Respiratory viruses can spread among people in long-term care who may be older or have health conditions that raise their risk of severe flu, COVID-19 and RSV.
- Pregnant people: Getting flu and COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy provides protection against severe illness for you and your baby during their first 6 months. An RSV vaccine during pregnancy also protects your baby from severe RSV in their first 6 months.

Urge Loved Ones to Get Vaccinated

Flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines are the best way for you – and your friends and family – to risk less and do more of what you enjoy this winter.

Visit cdc.gov/RiskLessDoMore or talk to your doctor to learn more about flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines. Visit vaccines.gov to find a nearby pharmacy.



Additional High-Risk Groups

In the U.S., some additional groups of people are at higher risk of respiratory viruses, according to the CDC.

- People in rural parts of the country: People who live in rural areas face a higher risk of getting very sick from flu, COVID-19 and RSV. In these regions, less than half of adults got a flu vaccine last year. Fewer than 1 in 5 got an updated COVID-19 vaccine. Serious illness can be even more dangerous in rural areas with less available medical care.
- Black and Hispanic people: At the peak of last year's respiratory virus season, Black people were more likely than white or Hispanic people to be hospitalized for flu, COVID-19 or RSV. By season's end, Hispanic people were more likely than non-Hispanic white people to have been hospitalized for flu.

Nourish Family Connections with Every Bite

Boost social, emotional and physical health with egg-inspired recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

Dine together, shine together. Weekly sit-down meals with family can reduce stress, boost self-esteem and make everyone feel more connected – all while sharing delicious, healthy and easy-to-prepare food.

Give your family the opportunity to refuel and reconnect each week with recipes that bring everyone together. Whether it's 10 people or two, research shows that those who enjoy frequent meals with others, particularly parents with their children, have better social and emotional well-being, according to the American Heart Association.

Enjoying great conversation and camaraderie is at the heart of every meal, and with the right dishes, you can make every bite as delicious as it is nourishing. Ingredients like eggs are affordable, easy to use and versatile, making them the perfect choice in the kitchen to help you cook up conversation.

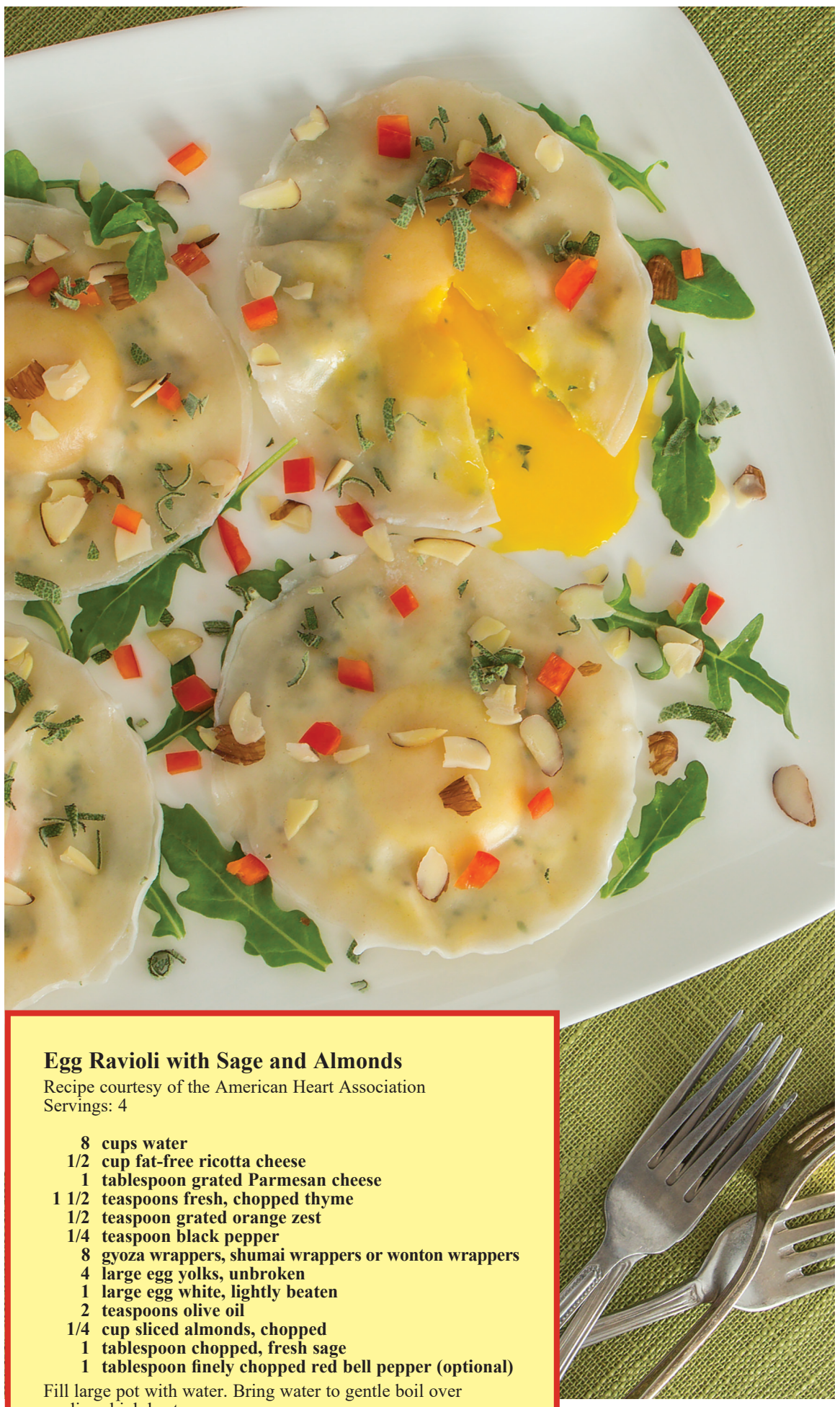
Gently cooked egg yolks take center stage in this Egg Ravioli with Sage and Almonds recipe, and delicate poached eggs rest atop whole grains in the Poached Eggs with Pesto Bulgur recipe. If breakfast is the best time of day for your tribe to gather, whip up these Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls for added protein and fiber.

These egg-inspired recipes and more are part of the American Heart Association's Together Tuesdays and Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland's Best. Both initiatives stress the importance of gathering at least once a week around the table with family or friends to satisfy cravings for connection, a delicious meal and overall healthy living.

In addition to the social and emotional benefits of dining together, shared family meals can help promote healthier choices at the table.

Eggs, for example, can be included as part of a heart-healthy diet that emphasizes vegetables, fruits, nuts and seeds, whole grains, lean protein and fish, according to the American Heart Association. Remember not to isolate just one food – it's not only about the egg, but also about what's eaten alongside it. For example, eating eggs alongside foods high in saturated fat – like bacon – is different than eggs eaten with steamed veggies, whole grains or a side of fruit.

For more heart-healthy recipe ideas and conversation starters to make Together Tuesdays a tradition in your household, visit heart.org/together.



Egg Ravioli with Sage and Almonds

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association
Servings: 4

- **8 cups water**
- **1/2 cup fat-free ricotta cheese**
- **1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese**
- **1 1/2 teaspoons fresh, chopped thyme**
- **1/2 teaspoon grated orange zest**
- **1/4 teaspoon black pepper**
- **8 gyoza wrappers, shumai wrappers or wonton wrappers**
- **4 large egg yolks, unbroken**
- **1 large egg white, lightly beaten**
- **2 teaspoons olive oil**
- **1/4 cup sliced almonds, chopped**
- **1 tablespoon chopped, fresh sage**
- **1 tablespoon finely chopped red bell pepper (optional)**

Fill large pot with water. Bring water to gentle boil over medium-high heat.

In medium bowl, stir ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, thyme, orange zest and pepper.

Place four wrappers flour sides down on cutting board. Spoon 1 1/2 tablespoons cheese mixture onto center of each wrapper. Using back of spoon, press down on cheese mixture to create well about 1 1/2 inches across (width of large egg yolk), leaving at least 1/2 inch space around edges of wrapper. Without breaking it, carefully place one egg yolk in center of each well.

Using pastry brush, brush edges of wrappers with egg white. Place one top wrapper with flour side up on each bottom wrapper. Using thumbs and forefingers, firmly press edges together to tightly seal each ravioli. Set aside.

Using slotted spoon or spatula, carefully drop each ravioli into boiling water. Cook 2 1/2-3 minutes, or until wrappers are al dente (cooked not too soft but not overdone). Using slotted spoon, gently remove raviolis from pot, draining well. Transfer to plates. Drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with almonds, sage and bell pepper, if desired.

Tips: Gyoza wrappers (or shumai wrappers) are preferred because they're thinner than wonton wraps. Look for gyoza wrappers in the dairy aisle, deli department or freezer section.

Use these guidelines to determine how you want eggs cooked: At 2 1/2 minutes, eggs are yellow and slightly thickened but not set around edges, similar to sunny-side up. At 3 minutes, eggs are deeper orange and slightly set around edges, similar to over-easy.



Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls

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Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association
Servings: 4

- **1/4 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed and drained**
- **2 medium tomatoes (about 2 cups), chopped**
- **1 cup no-salt-added frozen corn, thawed**
- **1/2 medium avocado, pitted and diced**
- **1/4 cup chopped green onions**
- **1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)**
- **nonstick cooking spray**
- **4 large eggs**
- **1/8 teaspoon salt**
- **1/4 teaspoon pepper**
- **red hot pepper sauce, to taste (optional)**

Cook quinoa according to package directions. Remove from heat.

Spoon quinoa into four bowls. Top each with even amounts of tomatoes, corn, avocado, green onions and cilantro, if desired.

Lightly spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Crack eggs into skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, 3-4 minutes, or until egg whites are set but yolks are still runny. Using spatula, carefully transfer one egg, sunny side up, into each bowl. Sprinkle with hot sauce, to taste, if desired.



Poached Eggs with Pesto Bulgur

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Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association
Servings: 4

- **2/3 cup uncooked instant or fine-grain bulgur**
- **1 1/3 cups, plus 2 tablespoons, fat-free, low-sodium vegetable broth, divided**
- **1 cup tightly packed fresh basil**
- **2 tablespoons chopped walnuts, dry roasted**
- **1 small garlic clove, minced**
- **1/8 teaspoon salt**
- **1 dash cayenne**
- **1/2 cup finely chopped yellow or red bell pepper**
- **1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions**
- **4 cups water**
- **1 tablespoon white vinegar**
- **4 large eggs**
- **1 medium lemon, cut into 4 wedges**

In medium saucepan, prepare bulgur according to package directions, omitting salt and substituting 1 1/3 cups broth for water. Fluff with fork.

In food processor or blender, process basil, walnuts, garlic, salt, cayenne and remaining broth until smooth. Stir basil mixture, bell pepper and green onions into bulgur.

In large skillet, bring water and vinegar to boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer. Break one egg into cup then carefully slip egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, placing in water so they don't touch. Simmer 3-5 minutes, or until whites are completely set and yolks are beginning to set but aren't hard. Using slotted spoon, drain eggs well and place on bulgur mixture. Serve with lemon wedges.

Note: White vinegar helps firm egg whites quickly, preventing them from spreading too much.

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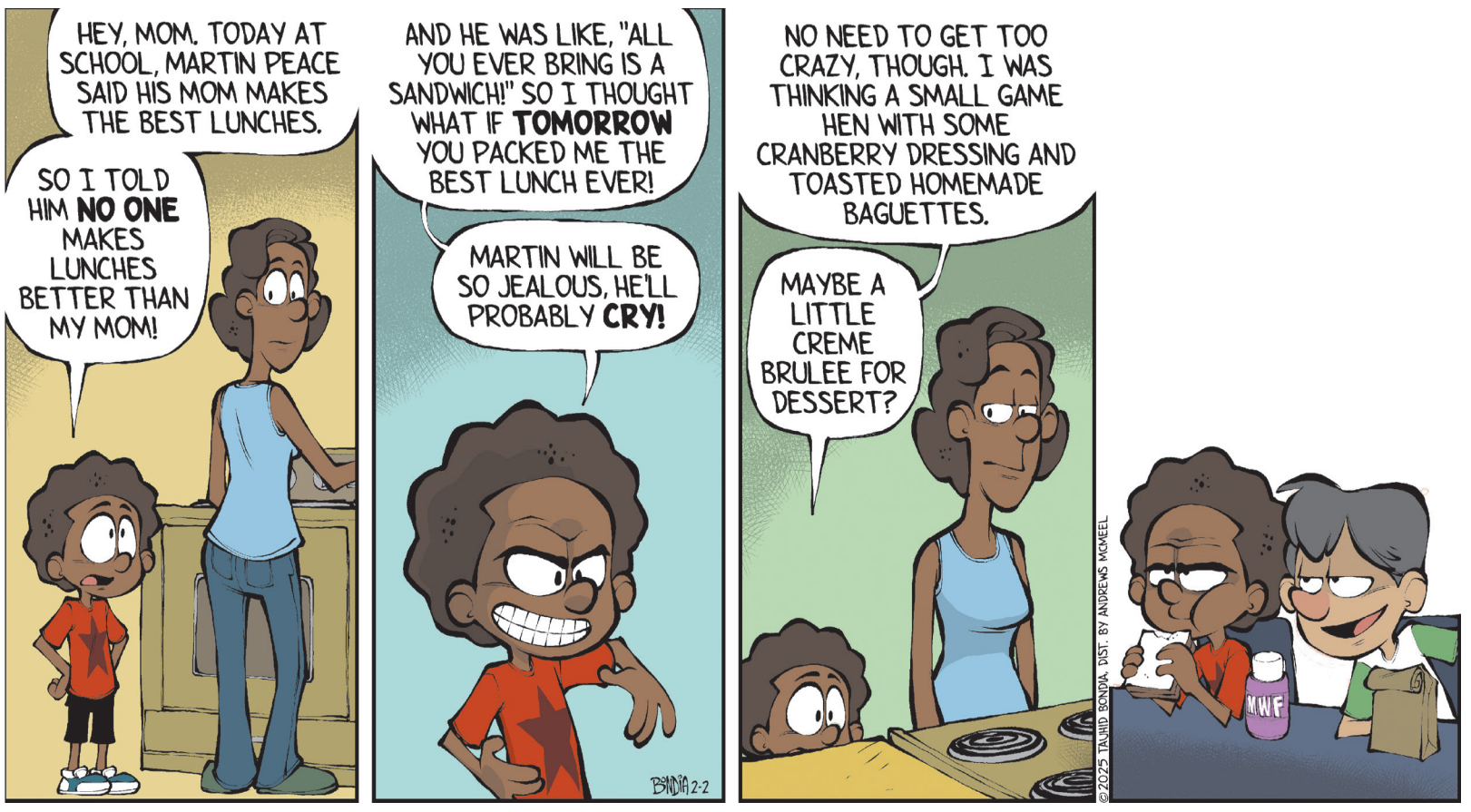
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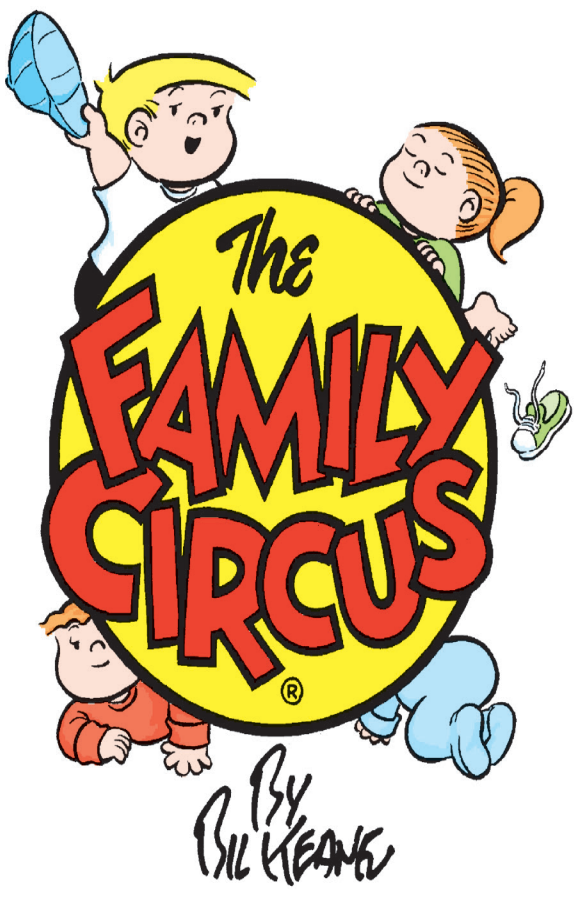
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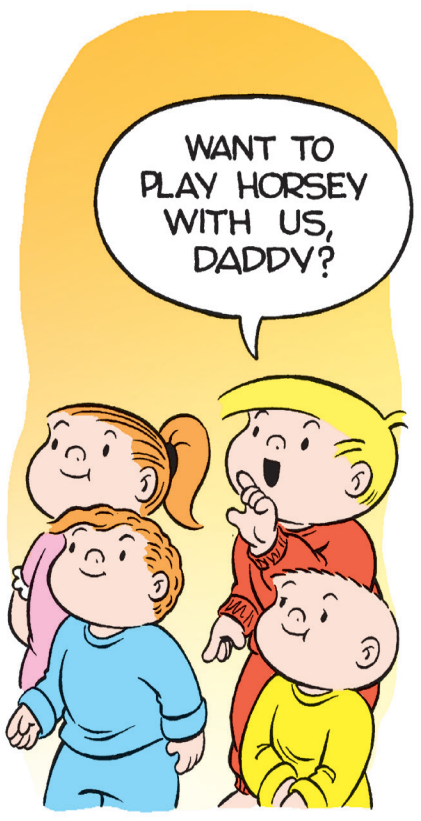


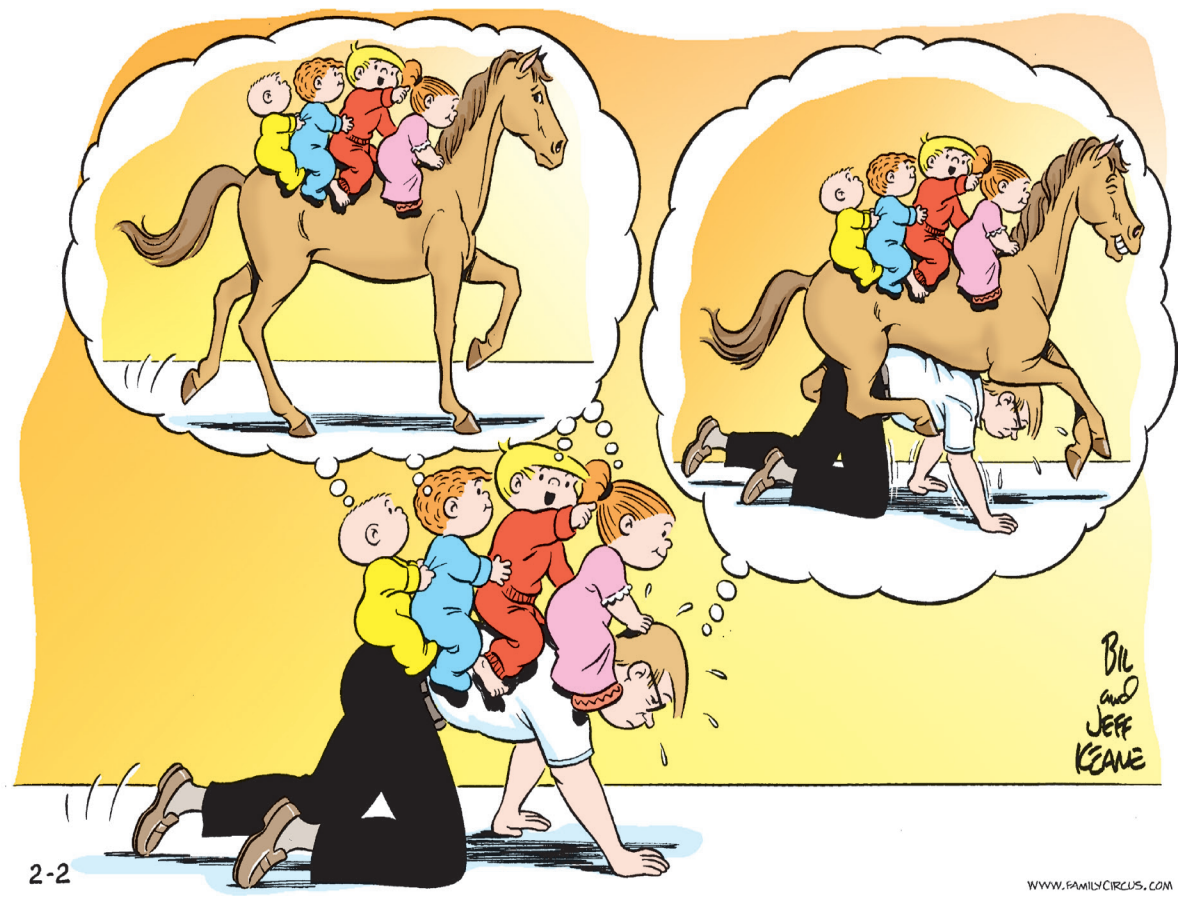


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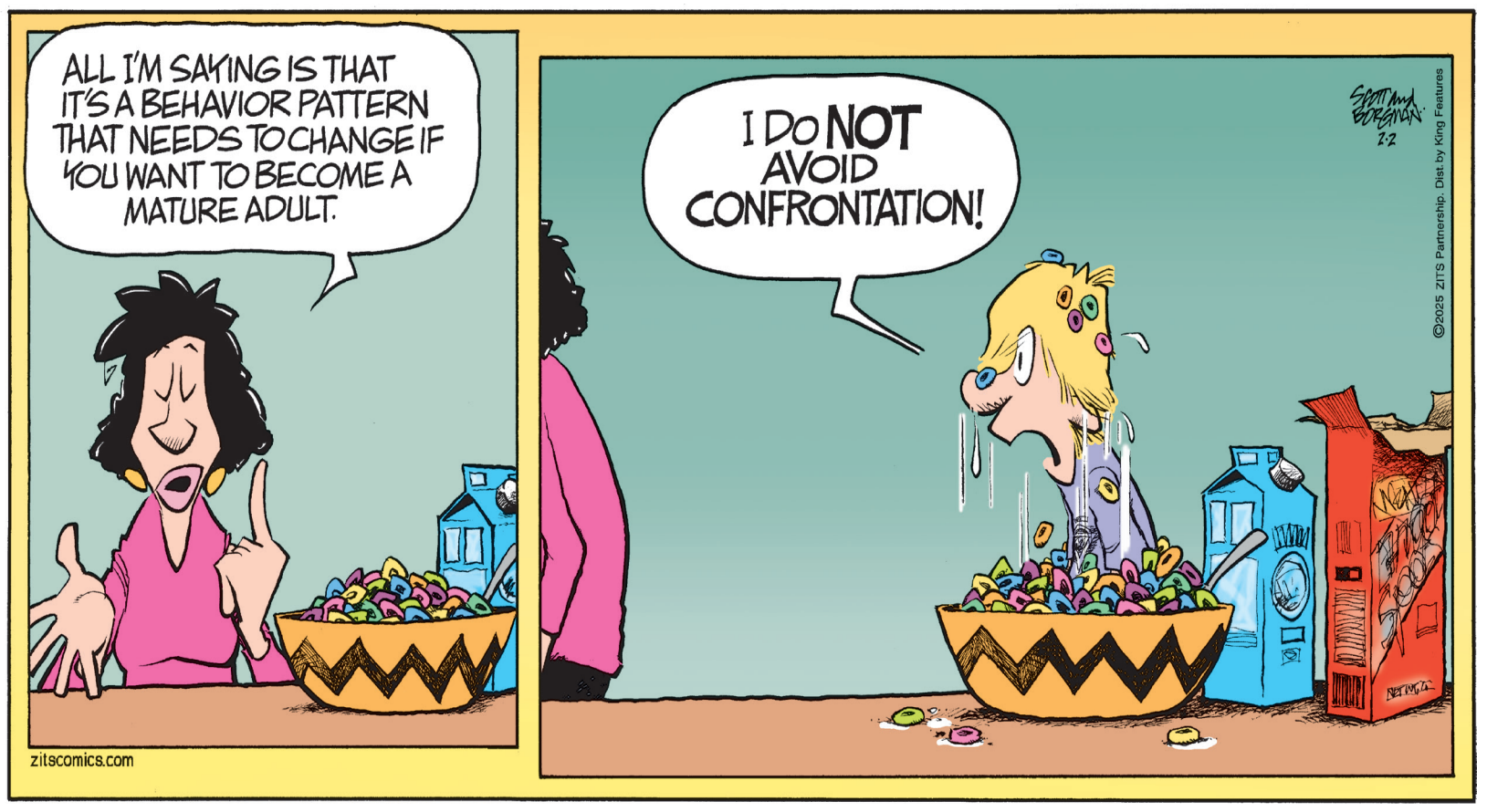
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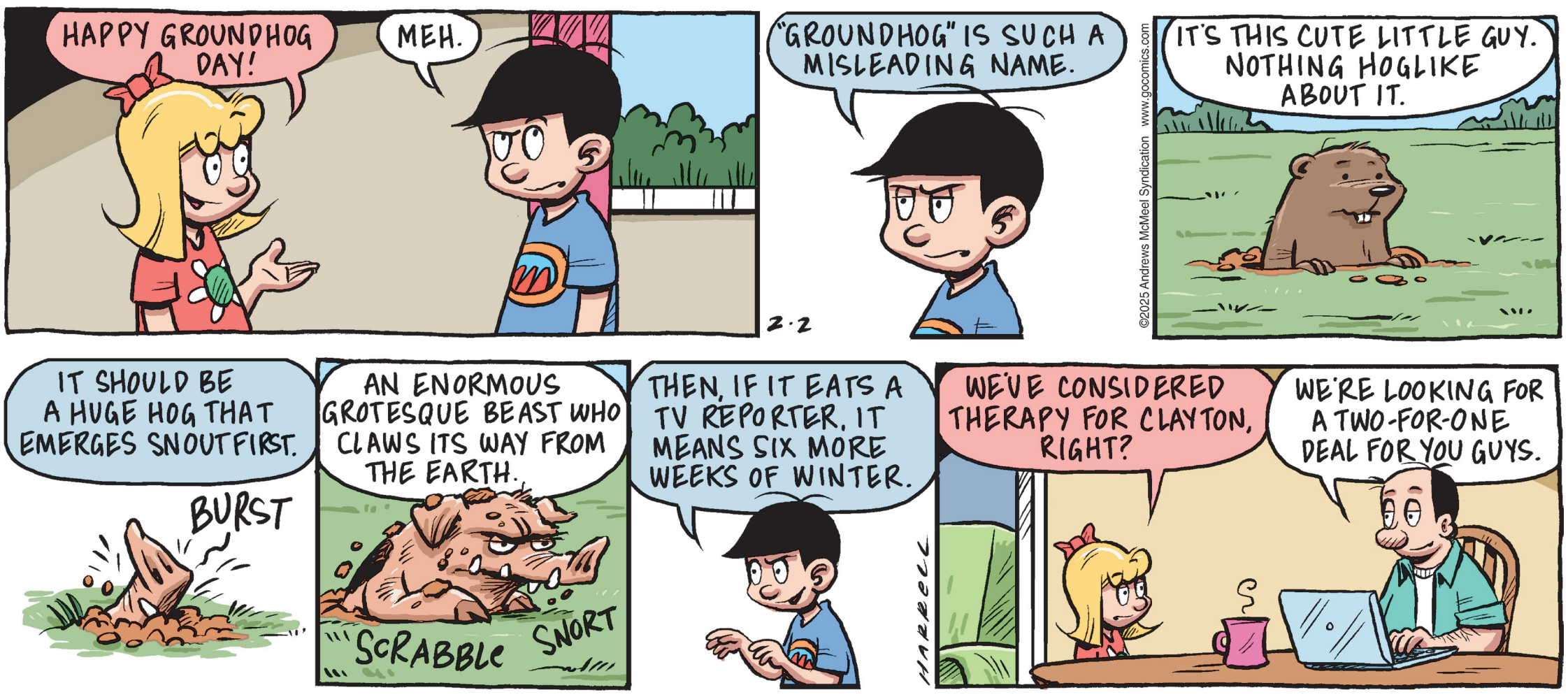
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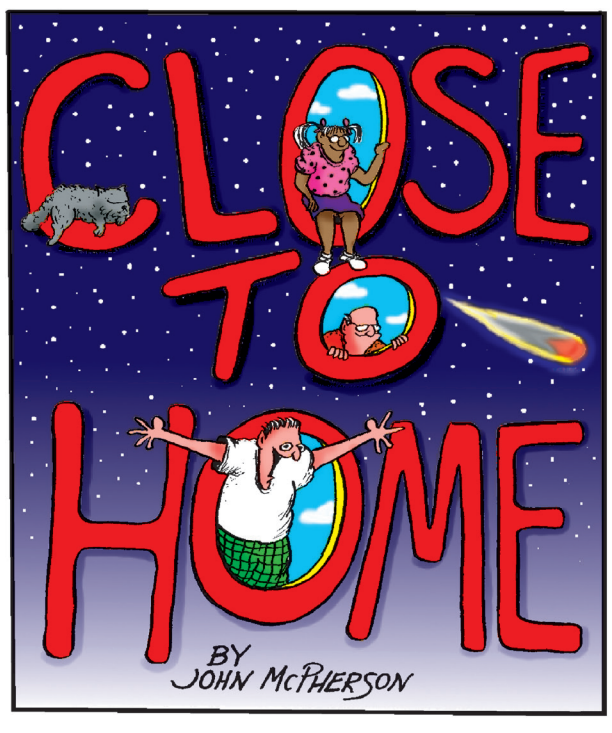
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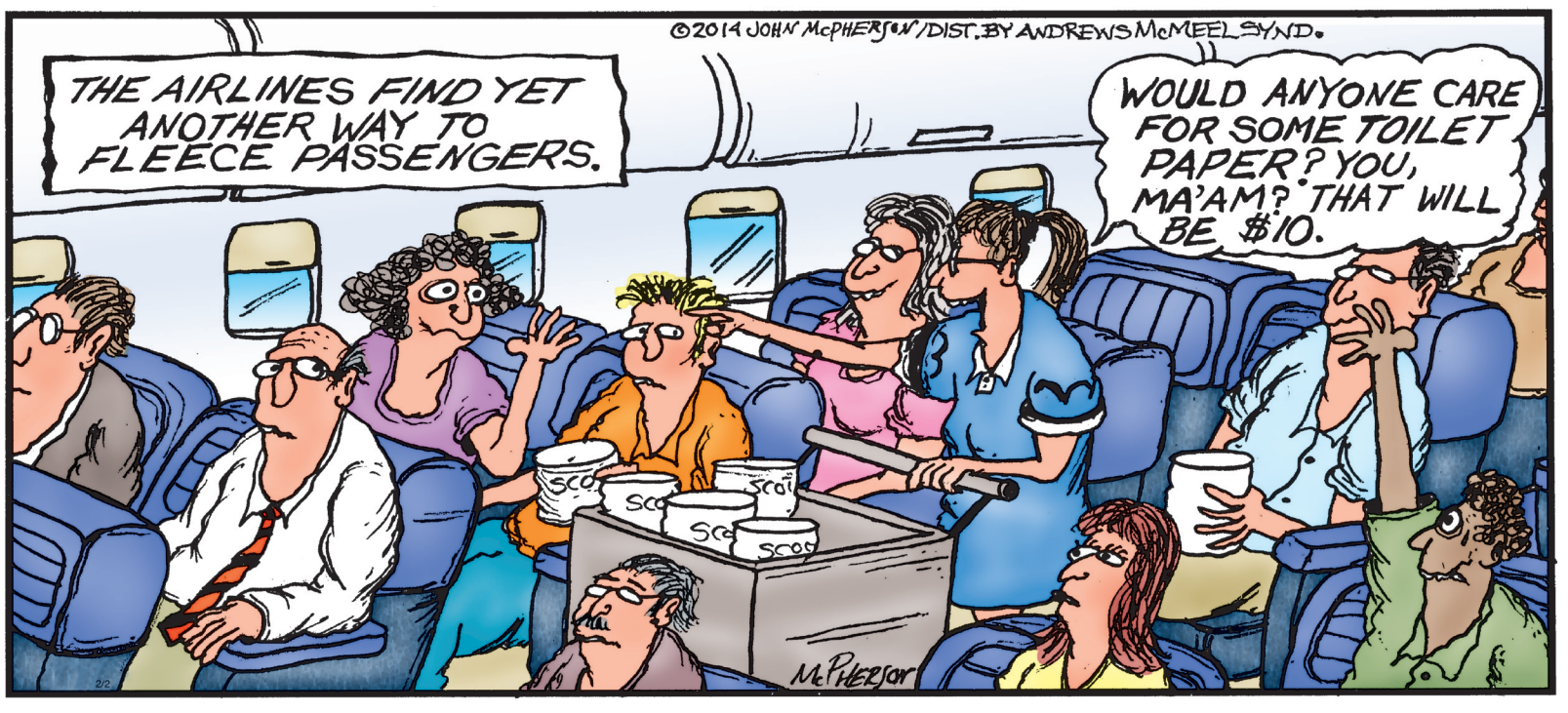


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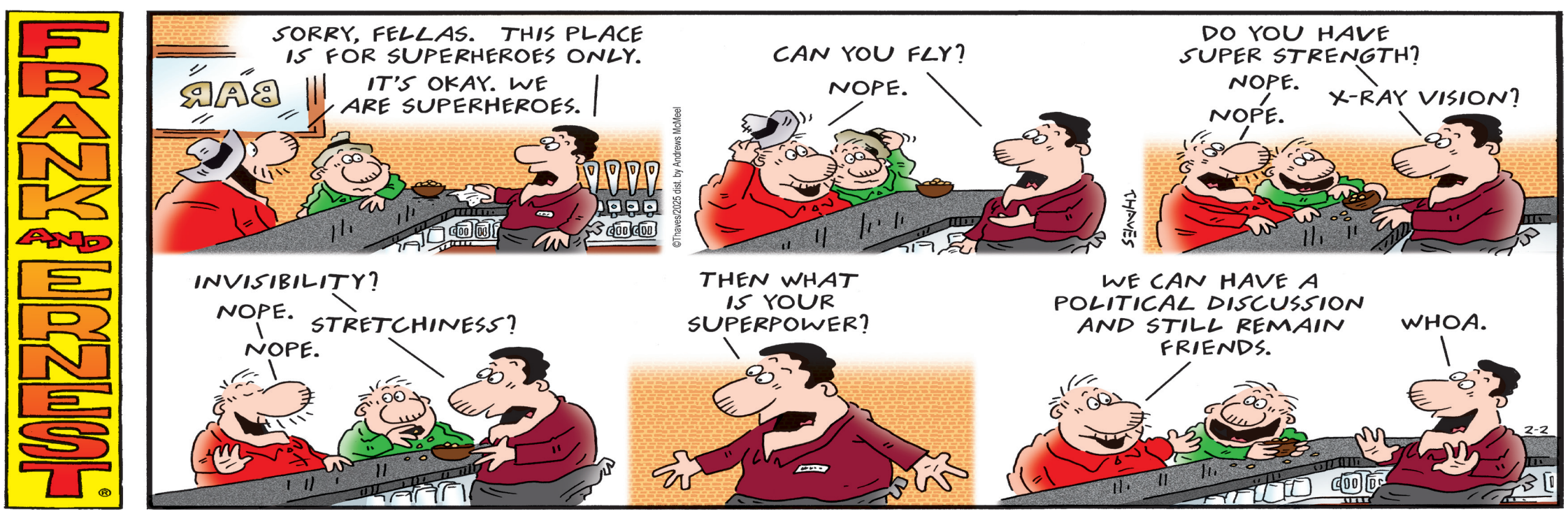












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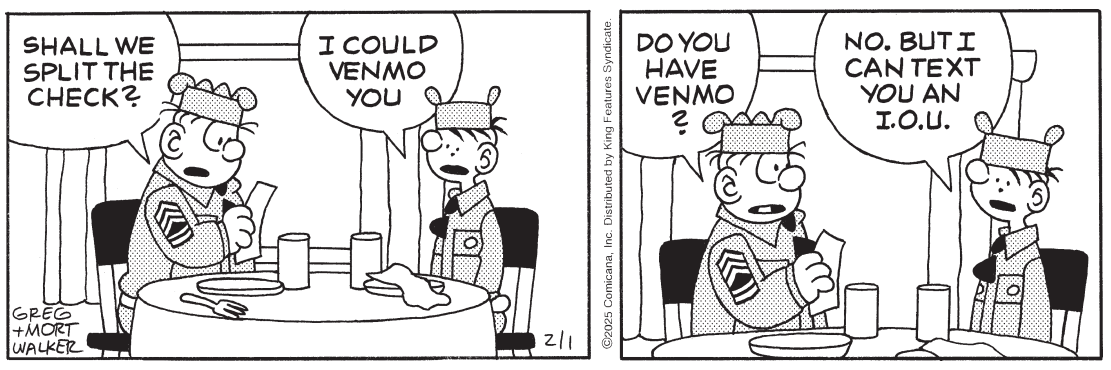
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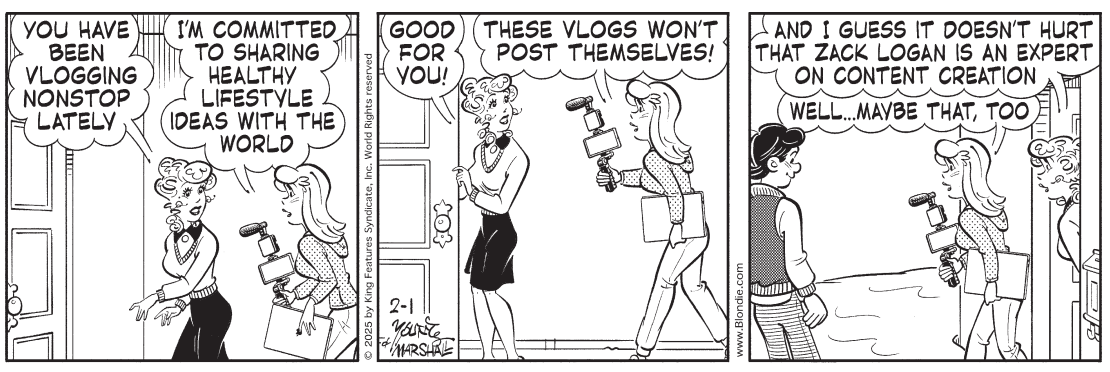


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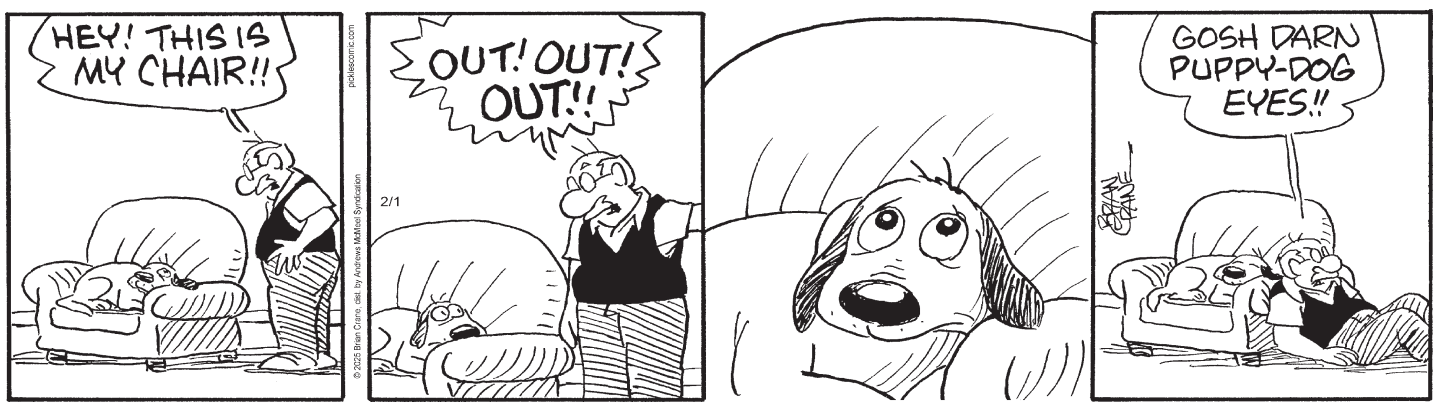
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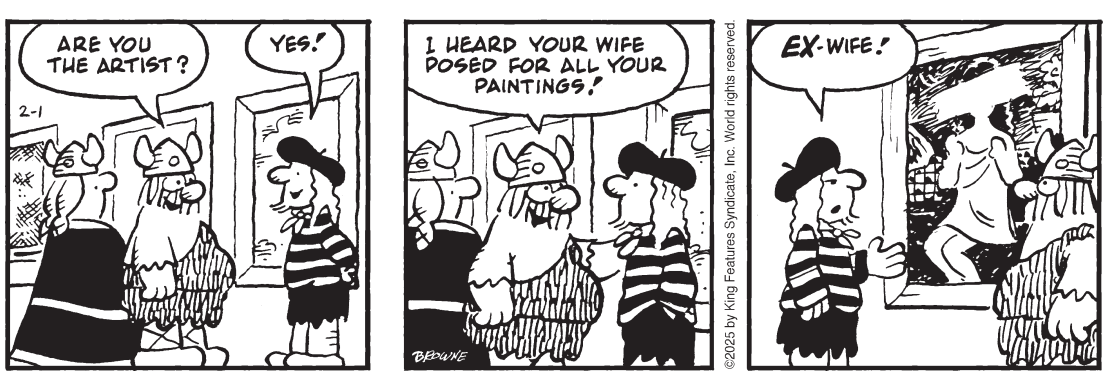
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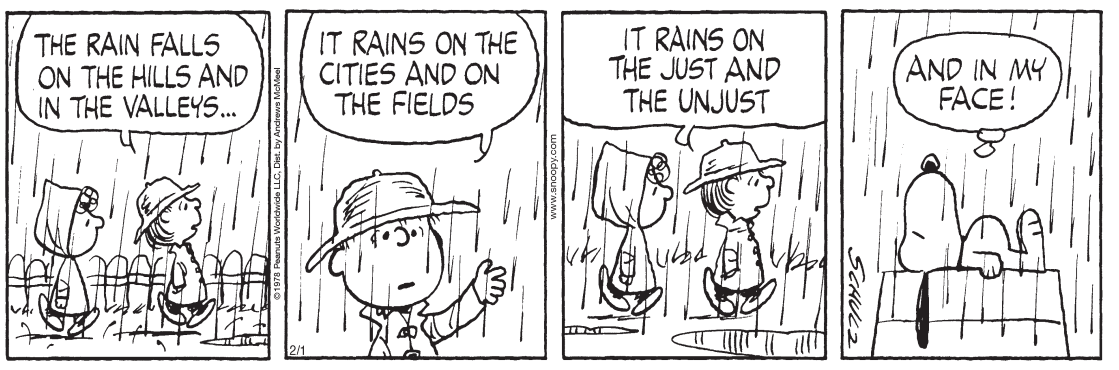
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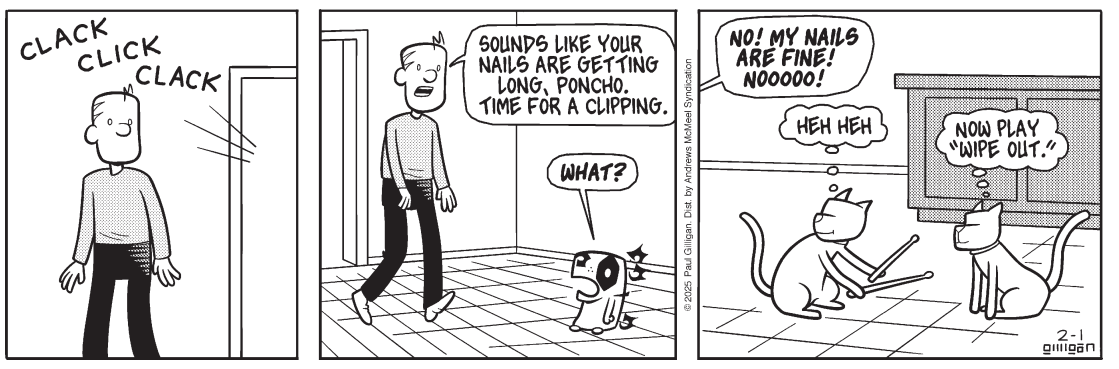
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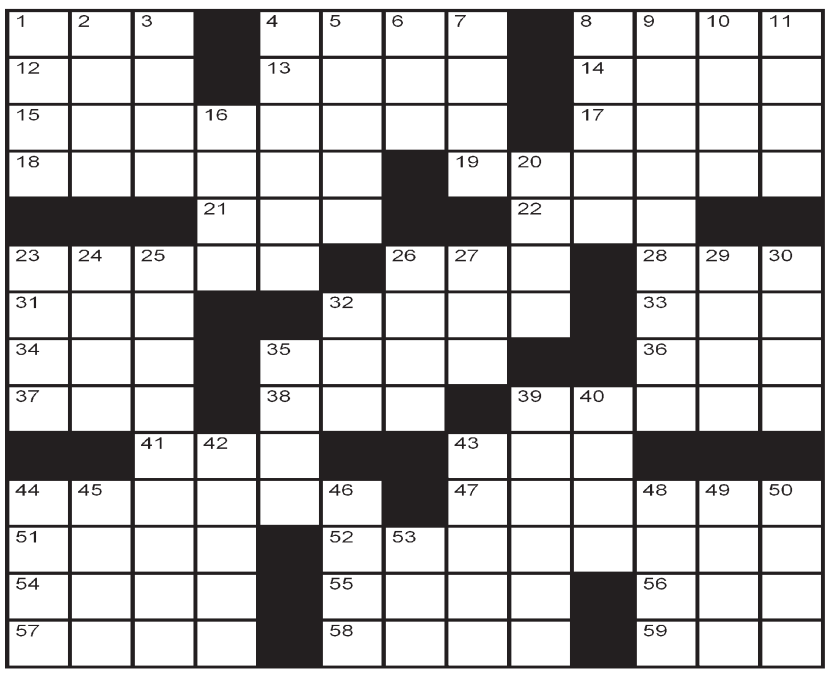
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31 Female animal
32 Reveal
33 Actor — Wallach
34 Make a miscalculation
35 Skeleton part
36 — King Cole
37 Neighbor of Kan.
38 Flat fish
39 Montana city
41 — Pasha
43 Hang down
44 Defame
47 Address for a countess
51 Tel —
52 In-depth view
54 Nap
55 Long river in Africa
56 "— Maria"
57 Fancy jug
58 Friendly nation
59 For each

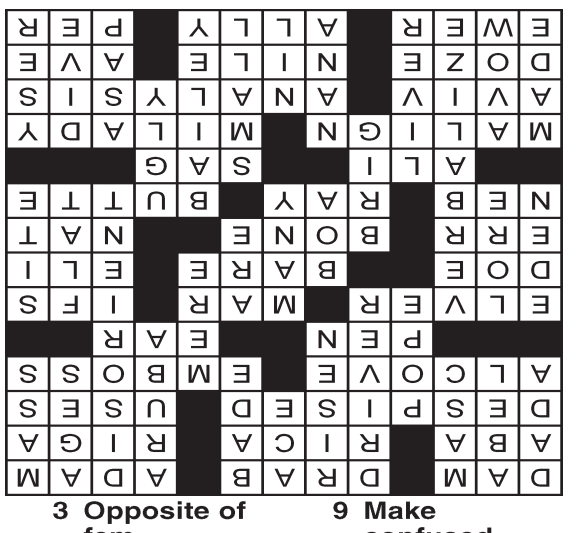
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1 Kooky art movement
2 Genesis name
3 Opposite of fem.
4 Man at the wheel
5 Gone up
6 High card
7 Commanded
8 Island near Bonaire
9 Make confused
10 Times
11 Bulk
16 Bishop of Rome
20 Nothing more than
23 Paradise
24 Traditional learning
25 Put into words
26 Lots and lots of
27 Common verb
29 Level
30 Location
32 Feather scarf
35 Jail on a ship
39 Actress/singer Halle —
40 Unsightly
42 Foie gras
43 Garment size
44 Crafted
45 Declare boldly
46 Zola title
48 "Right away!"
49 Disreputable place
50 Belgian river
53 Zip



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TODAY'S SOLUTION:



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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				9				1
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			3			2		9

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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

1. Glance
2.
3. Glance

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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Without a second glance

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

9	7	2	4	8	3	6	5	1
4	1	5	6	7	9	3	2	8
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3	9	4	2	5	8	7	1	6
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6	4	7	8	9	5	1	3	2
2	8	3	9	4	1	2	6	5
1	5	6	3	2	7	4	8	9

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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E K E E W M A R G A T S N I N
E O E F G U A C A M O L E K E
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R C P C B R T F D V E C S R L
D A A A N A E N N T A E A A E
S F C I E N A I N S N K M U A
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N H C T G R A V Y N C I V B A
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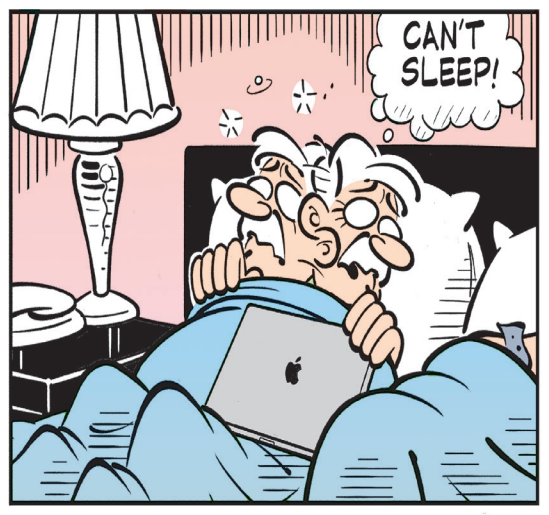
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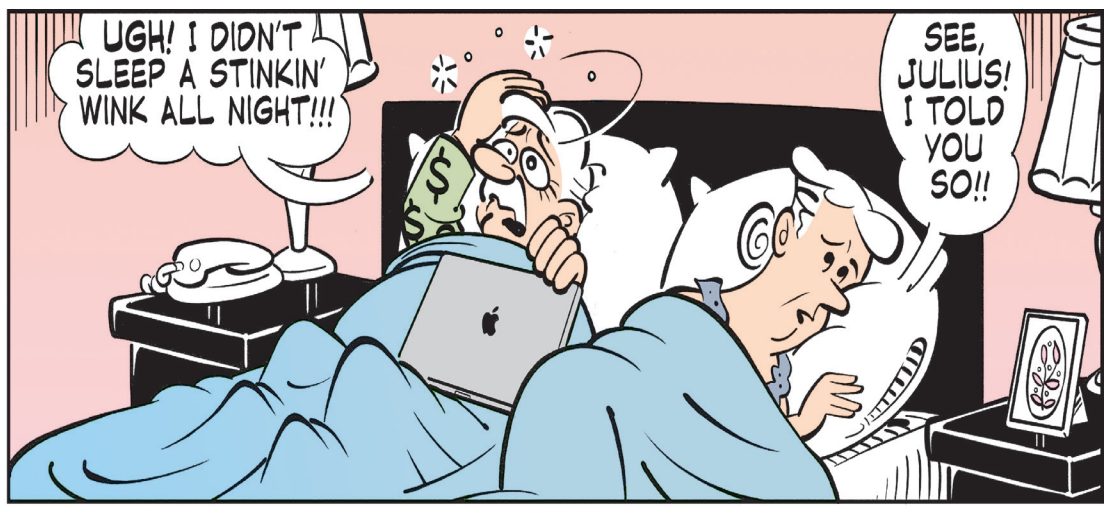
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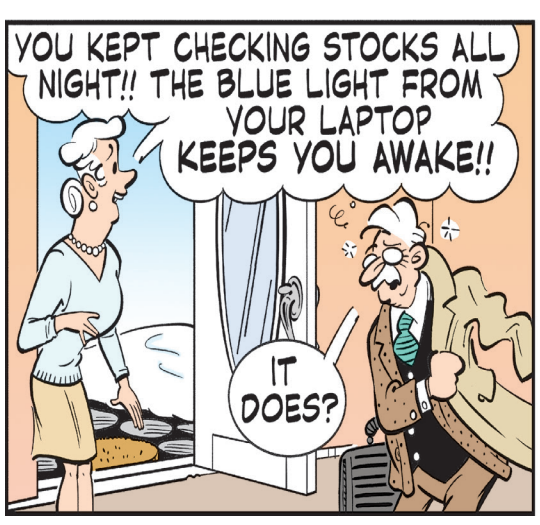
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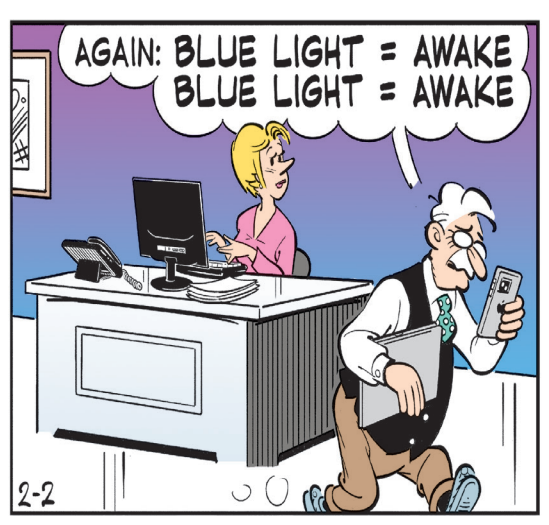
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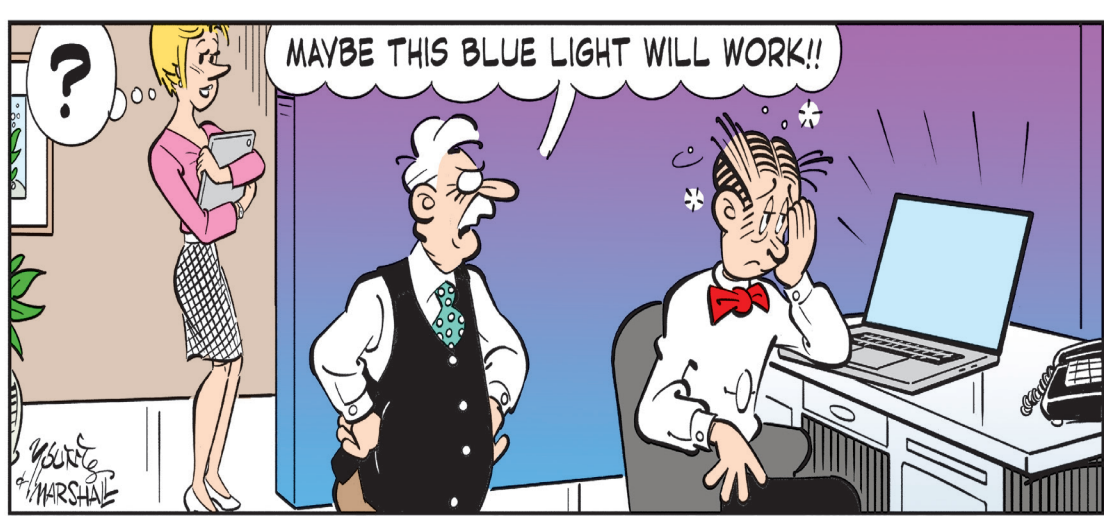






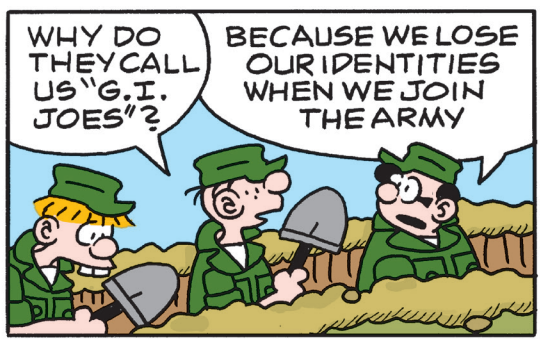
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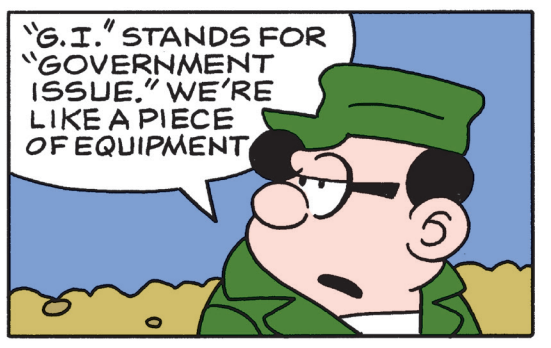
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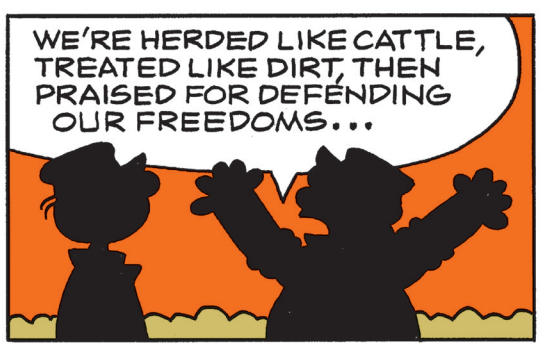


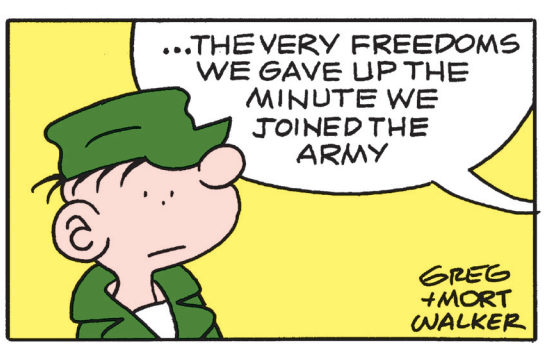
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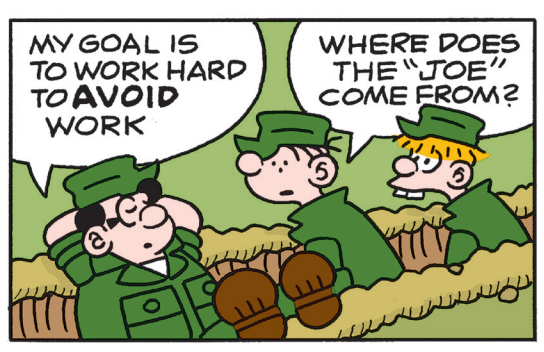


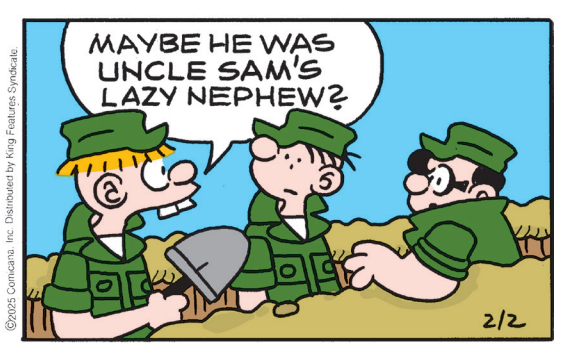






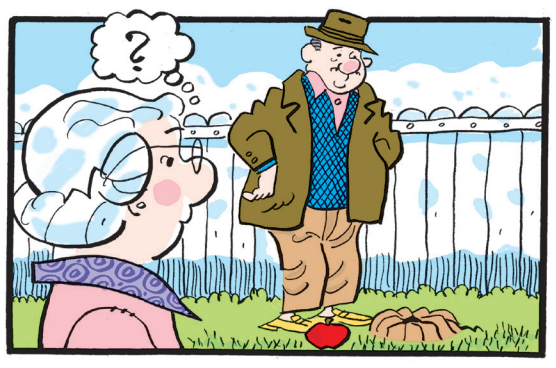




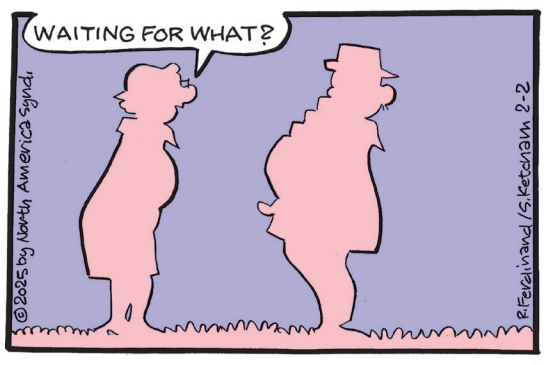


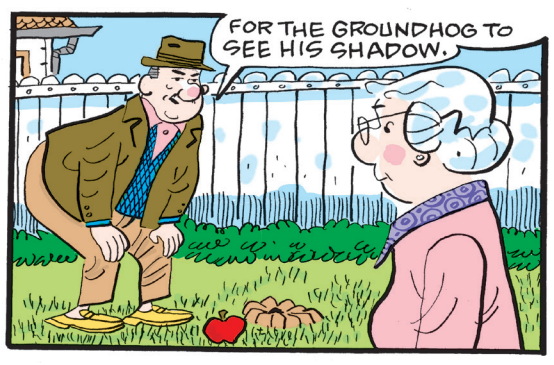
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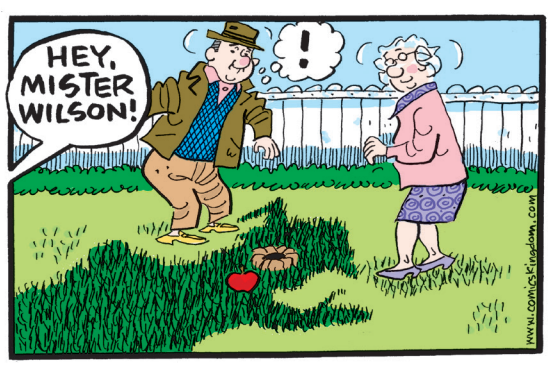
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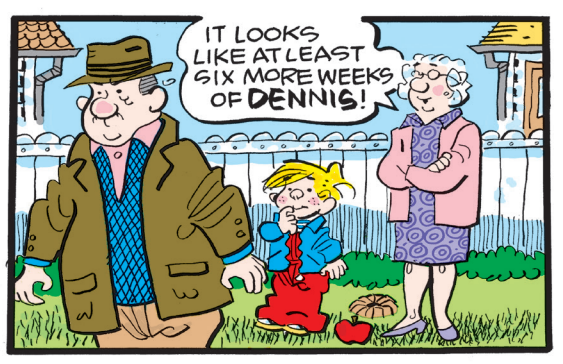












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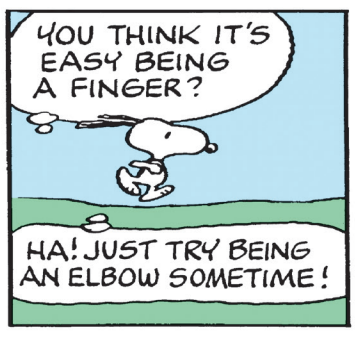






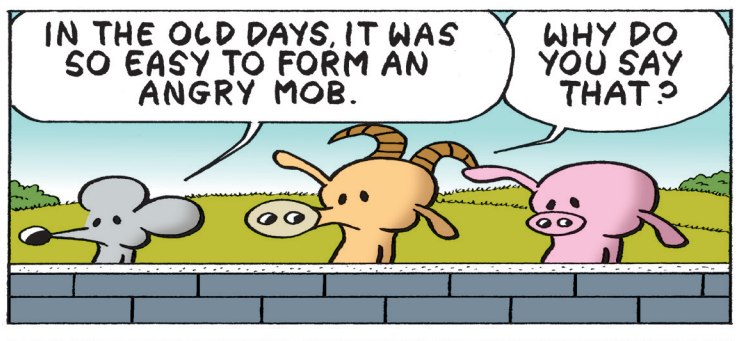


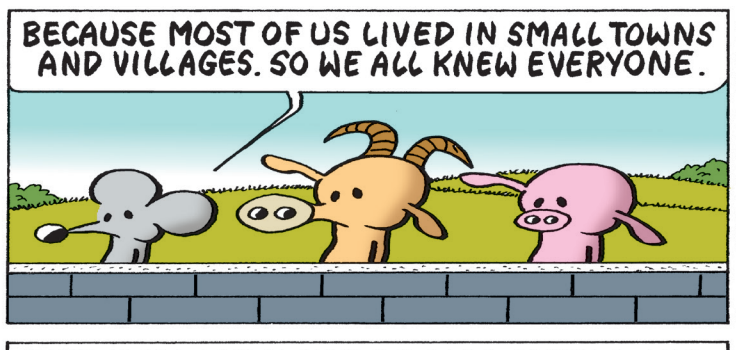




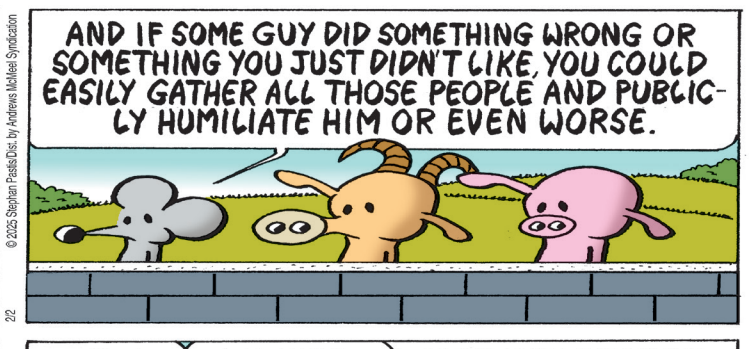


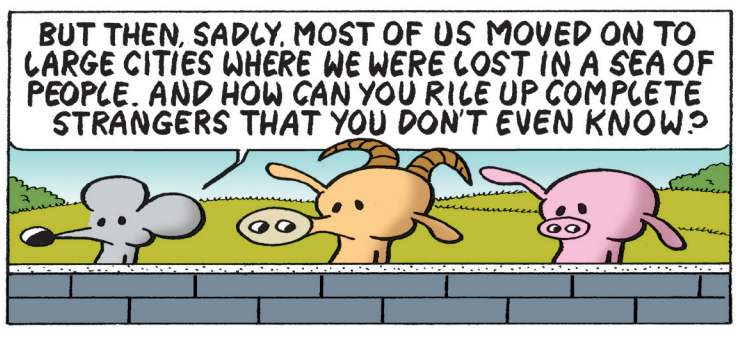
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