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Downtown hotel project has new life with new developer

By Alan Mauldin

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ALBANY — Albany's planned downtown hotel project has recorded two strikes in recent years. So could the third time be the charm?

That's the hope as the city seeks to find a development partner to transform the former Water Gas & Light and Rosenberg Brothers

Department Store/Albany Herald buildings into a central hospitality destination near the riverfront.

On Tuesday, commissioners heard from representatives of a group that is in line to develop a plan for the two historic sites located at 205 and 207 Pine Ave., which was originally built as the Hotel Gordon, and 126 N. Wash-

ington St., that have stood vacant for years.

Following a selection process that sent proposals to 57 firms, four potential plans were selected. Two of those proposals were for one each of the buildings and two covered both of the properties.

Coming out ahead in the



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The former Rosenberg Brothers Department Store/Albany Herald building has been the focus for several years of an effort to bring a hotel to downtown Albany. The former Gordon Hotel/Water Gas & Light building on North Washington Street is also part of a proposed hotel project.

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The tennis courts at Tift Park have been in disrepair for some 15 years, but the city is considering a resurfacing project to bring back one tennis court and add 12 pickleball courts at the site. The project has a \$164,000 price tag.

Albany park could get big bounce with tennis/pickleball resurfacing project

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ALBANY — After more than a decade of growing weeds, the ruins of the tennis courts at Tift Park could get new life and new opportunities to bring racquet play back to the area near Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

Whether that happens or not depends on a Tuesday Albany City Commission vote on the \$164,000 proposal, which would keep one tennis court and add 12 pickleball courts.

The project is separate from a joint effort by the city of Albany and Dougherty County to bring a tennis/pickleball facility to Albany that has languished for years and doesn't appear close to coming to fruition any time soon.

During discussion this week, city commissioners expressed interest in what would likely be a stopgap measure. When the city considered the resurfacing several years ago, contractors gave

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Amilcar Valencia, the executive director of El Refugio, cuts avocado to make fresh guacamole for guests at a hospitality house near the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin.

El Refugio provides haven for families of Stewart Detention Center detainees

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LUMPKIN — It's noon on a Saturday, and three El Refugio volunteers dance around each other in the kitchen, mashing fresh guacamole and frying tortillas over popping oil.

The rooms of El Refugio, a hospitality house for families visiting loved ones detained at the ICE Stewart Detention Center, are empty outside the kitchen. Backpacks and suitcases are tucked into corners, left behind by about 10 visitors

who stopped at the house before heading to Stewart. Male visitation hours start at 2 p.m. Most try to get in line by 12:30 p.m., scared to miss their chance to see their family members.

The walls of El Refugio feature photographs of families who've

visited the house for more than 15 years. Artwork by detainees and their children hang in clusters, depicting life at Stewart. In the entrance hall hangs a framed envelope made out to

SEE HAVEN, 2A

Foundation awards \$49,000 in scholarships to Albany State students

Staff Reports

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ALBANY — The Darton Health Professions Foundation has awarded more than \$49,000 in scholarships for the spring 2025 semester to deserving students, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the health care work force in southwest Georgia.

"All the scholarships had a merit- and need-based component and were awarded to students who have good academic standing, a demonstrated financial need, and a dedica-

tion to serving their local communities," foundation Executive Director Randae Davis said. "While many of these scholarships went to nursing majors, we also distributed scholarships for students studying art, psychology, sports medicine, medical technology, biology, physical therapy, dental hygiene, respiratory therapy and business."

The recipients, many of whom are already working for health care providers in the region, have expressed their intention to remain in southwest

Georgia after completing their education. By investing in these students, the foundation is not only helping to ease their financial burdens but also supporting a steady pipeline of skilled professionals committed to addressing the area's health care needs, Davis said.

"These scholarships are an investment in the future of health care in our southwest Georgia community," Pam Simmons, chair of the Foundation Board, said. "By supporting these students, we are strengthening the

local work force and ensuring that Georgia has the dedicated professionals it needs to provide high-quality care for generations to come."

The scholarship recipients represented a diverse group of aspiring health care professionals, many of whom are balancing their studies with full- or part-time jobs at hospitals, clinics, and other health care facilities, gaining hands-on experience while continuing their education.

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From 1A HAVEN

Santiago Baten-Oxlaj, a greeting from El Refugio Ministries. “Recycle. Deceased” is written at the bottom.

“It’s a letter that was never delivered,” Amilcar Valencia, El Refugio’s executive director, said.

Baten-Oxlaj, was one of four ICE detainees who died after testing positive for COVID-19 while in custody at Stewart Detention Center.

Over time, the center has gained the title of “one of the deadliest” immigration detention centers in America. Along with COVID-19 deaths, multiple people have died by suicide while in custody. The center is located in the rural south Georgia town of Lumpkin, which has a population of about 900 and is known as the home of Providence Canyon State Park, one of Georgia’s Seven Natural Wonders.

Those detained behind the razor wire fences and cement walls come from all across the Southeast, and so do their families, who visit and try to find legal help on the outside. El Refugio was established in 2010 to provide a haven for those families.

“In Lumpkin, there’s no resources, not much infrastructure,” Valencia said. “If someone comes here from ... North Carolina, it takes 10 hours to get to the detention center to see their loved ones, and then there’s no place for them to stay.”

El Refugio provides free shelter or a rest stop on weekends where families can eat a hot meal as they

wait to visit their family members at Stewart. Access to information is limited at the detention center, so El Refugio offers resources and connections with attorneys and advocacy organizations.

It started in a tiny, two-bedroom home but has since moved to a larger one — gifted by comedian Samantha Bee — centrally located in Lumpkin. Spacious rooms are fitted with beds, couches, toys and computers. At lunch time — between female and male visitation hours — the seats at a long dining table tend to fill with different families. They eat and exchange stories in Spanish.

Valencia said El Refugio sees about 800 guests per year, usually about 15 to 20 per weekend. However, in the weeks after President Trump entered office, with promises to crack down on illegal immigration, Valencia said they’ve seen about 45 people each weekend.

Stewart Detention Center’s capacity is about 1,800 inmates. Valencia said he’s consistently heard from families that the center’s been at capacity since mid-February.

El Refugio operates on the weekends with the help of volunteers who travel to stay at the house and visit the detention center.

Sister Imelda Ngwitu travels from Blakely to Lumpkin. She prepares meals early in the day and then spends the afternoons visiting with people detained at Stewart.

“I listen to their stories,” she said. “I encourage them to have hope and to trust that one day they’ll be reunited with their families, to trust

in God and things will be better.

Ngwitu said her visits often start with tears, but by the end of the hourlong session, she’s able to coax a smile from people. She promises to pray for them.

Detainees at Stewart can spend anywhere from 90 days to more than a year at the facility, meaning El Refugio has seen repeat visitors over the years. One of these visitors is a 27-year-old woman from Stone Mountain, who asked not to be named due to the sensitive and private legal nature of her situation. Her husband was detained in February 2024. She’s traveled to Lumpkin to visit him nearly every weekend since.

She and her husband met at a Taekwondo class, where he was a black belt instructor. He proposed with cake and flowers a year and a half into their relationship, in the breakroom of the company where they both worked. They didn’t legally get married until he was detained at Stewart.

In December 2023, her husband received a letter stating he no longer had his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status. The woman said this was a surprise. His papers weren’t expired, and he had always been quick to start the renewal process months before they expired.

The couple was in the midst of working with lawyers to figure out what happened. They had a wedding ceremony planned for the end of February 2024, but it would never happen.

“That day he was taking me to

work, literally pulling out of the driveway at the first stop sign by the house, and they just came out of nowhere, surrounded the car, asked his name and just took him out and handcuffed him,” she said.

He was served a warrant, and officers told her she’d receive a call from him. She was left alone to sit in the driveway and process what had happened. She called his family and then her own.

It’s been more than a year of visiting her husband, staring through a glass window and speaking over a phone in a room with five other families. There’s no touching and no privacy. She said in the beginning, it was a quick process to sign in at Stewart.

“Now, because of everything that’s going on with Trump, they are overpopulated; there’s more families coming to visit,” she said. “I’ve had to wait five, six hours before just to see him for an hour and then head back home.”

She tries to keep their conversations light, talking about her week. She distracts him with promises of a Disney World trip once he is released. A decision on her husband’s case was set to be made in February. She, his family and his friends all traveled to Lumpkin for the court hearing.

“The judge said, ‘OK, at the end of this, I’m gonna give my response,’” she said. “We all spoke. He took five minutes to make his decision. Right when he came back, there was no WiFi. The system was down.”

The written decision was delayed until March 20.

Life at Stewart Detention Center hasn’t been easy for her husband. He’s lost 100 pounds due to poor quality food. He’s been prescribed antidepressants. She said some days he doesn’t even get out of bed. He’s witnessed fights over limited electronic tablets. He’s watched detainees overdose on illegal substances that were snuck into the center.

Valencia said there’s an active campaign to close the detention center over human rights violations. Over the 15 years he’s worked in Lumpkin, he said he’s heard consistent reports of overcrowded rooms and a lack of appropriate medical attention, including mental health support.

“When they have emergencies, when they get sick or if they have medical conditions like diabetes, heart issues, respiratory problems ... often, people don’t get the medical attention that they need,” he said.

At least 10 people have died at Stewart Detention Center from 2017 to May 2024.

Life without her husband hasn’t been easy for the El Refugio visitor either. She said she’s struggled financially, unable to make payments on the home they share. She said El Refugio offers gas money cards, which have helped her get home.

She said she hopes people understand that Trump’s deportation policies are hurting families.

“Most of the people that are getting deported are the fathers or the head of the household,” she said. “It affects families drastically. We’re struggling, and it’s something many will never have to experience.”

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— Wife of Stewart Detention Center detainee —

From 1A PROJECT

the opinion that the original concrete base needed replacing prior to pouring new asphalt, a proposition that would have cost more than \$1 million.

That means resurfacing over the original concrete would probably limit the lifespan of the new courts to a few years.

“What was shocking back then was you were told, ‘No, you can’t just resurface it, you’ve got to completely redo it,’” Commissioner Bob Langstaff said. “We were told it’s not going to last, (that) we need to start from scratch.”

However, there is a pressing desire among residents now for pickleball courts, and several commissioners indicated that if the resurfaced courts provide a few years of use, it could help meet the need while details of the joint racquet sports facility are worked out. It also would come at a much cheaper price tag than the complete renovation at Tift Park that would likely cost about \$1.5 million today.

“I don’t know if this is the location for it (pickleball),” Langstaff said. “I don’t know if this is where people want to play. Maybe this is an interim step.”

Currently, the commissioner said, the city’s limited availability of pickleball facilities means players are waiting for long periods to get on the court. Other locations such as Move Christian Church are also crowded, and individuals are resorting to makeshift courts to play.

“There are folks that just want to play, and there’s no place to play,” Langstaff said. “They’re going to Albany State University West, and when they do that they’re drawing lines with chalk and they bring their own nets.

“There are folks that are just inter-

ested in playing; they haven’t played much. They don’t care. They just want lines and a net. Maybe this (proposal) does fill the need.”

Langstaff said he was not indicating which way he will vote on Tuesday, and Mayor Bo Dorough said his will be a “no” vote as he would prefer a full makeover instead of the potentially temporary measure. With only five sitting commission members currently due to vacancies in Wards II and VI, all four commissioners would need to vote to approve the project if Dorough is not on board.

Whichever route the commission takes on the court facility, there is a need to do something, said Stephen Brimberry, president of the preservation group Friends of Tift Park. Even if the lifespan of the courts is only a few years, it would be an improvement, he said during a Wednesday telephone interview.

“It’s been probably 15 years since anyone has been able to play there,” Brimberry said. “We just want to see something positive and freshened up. I think our people will say ‘That’s good enough,’ even if it lasts for two or three years.

“Just resurfacing is something we’ve asked for ever since the days of (former City Manager Sharon) Subadan. If you can just buy us a net and backdrop, we’ll be fine.”

Pickleball would offer the chance for hosting tournaments on Saturday mornings when the Tift Community Market is open, Brimberry said. Parking and renovation of the outdated restrooms at the park would also be appreciated by both the Friends group and the public.

“Our thing is to preserve, protect and promote Tift Park,” he said. “It’s a cute park. If it’s tennis courts, fruit trees or a parking lot for the Boys & Girls Club, we’d just like to see them renovated or gone.”



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin
The former Gordon Hotel/Water Gas & Light building on Pine Avenue is part of a proposed hotel project downtown.

From 1A HOTEL

selection process was Woodmont Lodging.

“We’ve talked about an upscale hotel,” Mayor Bo Dorough said. “Obviously that’s what we want, preferably not like anything in the market.”

During a presentation to commissioners, company officials Elliott Estes and Anthony Phillips gave their assessment of their ideas and a timeline of the process going forward. The commission will vote on the recommendation to engage Woodmont Lodging at its meeting next week.

For the Gordon building on Pine Avenue, the vision is for 30 rooms as well as a restaurant, event space and conference/meeting space. At the North Washington Street location, the plans call for an additional 30 rooms as well as retail space on the first floor.

“We have started working on

a timeline, contractors and vendors,” Estes said. “Over the next six months, we should provide you with an extensive plan.”

Part of the process will include financing, including tax credits.

Both Phillips and Estes have some links to Albany. Estes’ mother-in-law was honored by the Sherrod Institute in Albany as an unsung civil rights hero during an October 2024 ceremony. Celestine Hill Hunt was the first black graduate of Georgia College & State University and was among the 11 individuals who were part of New Communities and the Southwest Georgia Project.

“I’m an Albany State University graduate,” Phillips said. “My family is from Albany. My uncle and father actually worked at the Gordon Hotel while they were young men.

“Our goal is to do the feasibility study and do the best job for the city of Albany.”

The commission had hopes for developing the two properties on

two prior occasions. The initial effort failed due to the impact of COVID-19 and the illness of the principal for the project. The second time, with a different developer, the project stalled due to a dearth of financing for hotel projects coming out of the pandemic, according to city officials.

For the previous proposals, the city had offered to provide the buildings and loans as its contribution toward the development.

The city’s participation in a future development project will not be known until Woodmont Lodging completes its assessment and puts a financing plan together, Albany Downtown Manager Lequerica Gaskins said.

Plans are to bring a name brand hotel to operate the two sites, Phillips said.

The city also is looking to partner with Dougherty County and the Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau to examine the feasibility of a downtown conference and convention center.

From 1A STUDENTS

“The dedication of these students is truly inspiring,”

Sarah Brinson, foundation board member and dean of the Darton College of Health Professions at Albany State, said. “They are working hard to improve their lives and the

well-being of our community, and we are honored to support their journey.”

This year’s scholarship cycle was highly competitive, with more than 600 applicants vying

for limited funding.

“The number of applicants we received speaks to both the tremendous need for financial assistance and the high caliber of students pursuing health care careers in our region,” Davis said. “We teach classes that help students find funding for their education and fine-tuning their essays. As a result, we are seeing higher quality applications. It was an incredibly difficult selection process, but we are confident that these recipients will make a meaningful impact on the future of health care in south-

west Georgia.”

Through initiatives like these scholarships, the Darton Health Professions Foundation remains committed to its mission of promoting education and work force development in southwest Georgia. Foundation officials say they hope to continue expanding support for students in the years to come, ensuring that the region remains a hub for skilled and compassionate health care professionals.

Davis said the foundation maintains contact with students throughout the semes-

ter to identify any additional needs beyond financial support. Their network includes educators, financial experts and professionals from various industries who are available to provide guidance on educational and career pathways. The goal is not merely to provide financial assistance but to support students in achieving long-term success, he said.

For more information about the Darton Health Professions Foundation and its scholarship programs, visit dartonfoundation.org.

Roy A. Tolman, D.C. Retirement Announcement

With mixed feelings I would like to announce my retirement from and the closing of Advanced Spinal Rehab Center, inc located at 1903 Palmyra Rd Albany, Ga as of Monday March 31st, 2025. I appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve the public of the Albany area. If you would like a copy of your personal medical records you can send a written request to Advanced Spinal Rehab Center P.O. Box 71085 Albany, GA 31708 or call 229-432-0012, or email: chirotolman@gmail.com. Sincerely, Roy A. Tolman, D.C.

Horoscopes

Look over your options carefully this year. Don't feel pressured to change unless you encounter an opportunity that makes you feel comfortable. Put your emotions aside and look at the logistics of each situation. A balanced diet and moderate exercise regimen will improve your health and emotional well-being.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Point yourself in a direction that offers rewards. Immerse yourself in learning something that could help you professionally. Look the part and market yourself for success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Before altering your life, check that your paperwork is updated to avoid setbacks. Stick to a budget you can handle. Balance, integrity and living up to your promises will help you achieve your dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Work behind the scenes to finish things on time and without interference. Put a plan in motion to address your concerns and ensure you maintain a strong financial position and peace of mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Build strength, gain support and do your best to advance. Pay attention to situations that are in dire need of an overhaul. Concentrate on results to make letting go of the past easier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Learning will have an impact on how you press forward. Refuse to let others' choices disrupt your plans. Someone you connect with will offer a perspective that resonates with what you want to achieve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- A change will lift your spirits and offer insight into

something that interests you. Dig in and learn all you can. Be cautious of emotional situations involving money, contracts or health issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Problems will surface if you let emotions step in and take the lead. Do whatever it takes to keep the peace; you'll dodge a situation that could leave you struggling over what to do next.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stop procrastinating and start doing. If you need to pick up knowledge, get busy doing research. Reach out to experts and pick their brains. Give yourself a chance to be imaginative and playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Question everyone and everything. Get your facts straight and a budget in place. Self-improvement will boost your confidence and encourage you to let go of the past.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Revisit contracts and joint ventures. Keep an eye on what your partners or colleagues are doing. Refuse to let anyone bully or manipulate you with fast talk or charm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Go over your expenses and see where you can cut corners. Refuse to let anyone talk you into a change that will inflate your budget. Explore new ways to use your skills to bring in extra cash.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Participate in something that brings you joy. Refuse to let anyone put a damper on your day. Say no to emotional chaos and personal affronts. Take control and do what's best for you.

DO JUST ONE THING

by Danny Seo

If you're thinking of adopting a dog and really want to make sure you choose one that's the best "climate friendly" breed, just look at their coat. Dogs with thick, heavy coats (think Siberian huskies) and those that have difficulty breathing with their short noses (like a French bulldog) do not do well in hot climates. Those with short coats also do not do well if the temperatures dip way below freezing. Owning either breed can push heating and cooling costs way up. It sounds silly, but it's something to think about and -- more important -- always adopt, don't shop.

Today in History

Today is the 81st day of 2025 and the third day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

In 1882, Congress passed an act that made polygamy a felony.

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Beer and Wine Revenue Act, which legalized the sale of alcoholic beverages.

In 1945, the Arab League charter was adopted in Cairo.

In 1995, cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov returned to Earth after completing the longest single spaceflight in history, at 437 days, 18 hours.

In 2017, a terrorist attack near the Palace of Westminster in London left six dead and more than 50 injured.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Louis L'Amour (1908-1988), author; Karl Malden (1912-2009), actor; Marcel Marceau (1923-2007), mime artist; Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021), composer; William Shatner (1931-), actor; James Paterson (1947-), author; Wolf Blitzer (1948-), journalist; Andrew Lloyd Webber (1948-), composer; Bob Cos-

tas (1952-), sportscaster; Keegan-Michael Key (1971-), actor/comedian; Kathryn Jean Lopez (1976-), journalist; Reese Witherspoon (1976-), actress; J.J. Watt (1989-), football player.

TODAY'S FACT: The Beatles' debut album, "Please Please Me," was released in the United Kingdom on this day in 1963.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1894, the Montreal AAA beat the Ottawa Generals 3-1 in the first Stanley Cup championship hockey game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have read my books by many lights, hoarding their beauty, their wit or wisdom against the dark days when I would have no book, nor a place to read. I have known hunger of the belly kind many times over, but I have known a worse hunger: the need to know and to learn." -- Louis L'Amour, "Education of a Wandering Man: A Memoir"

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$112.9 billion -- estimated total alcoholic beverage sales in the United States in 2024.

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter moon (March 22).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Energy is eternal delight."

William Blake,
poet (1757-1827)

CORRECTION

This newspaper is committed to publishing fair and accurate information. Errors should be brought to the attention of Editor Carlton Fletcher at (229) 888-9300. Corrections or clarifications will appear in this space.

SQUAWKBOX

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Lucille Lannigan's Heard article regarding El Refugio is an important, informative article, well-written, a must read that should stir us all. Good people, extending compassionate and needful service to others is the type of journalism that builds communities and inspires change. Thank you, Herald.

I suspect it had something to do with your column, Fletcher, but I was very pleased to see that the crater on North Jefferson just before Pine has been filled in. Keep telling it like it is.

As Ralph Nader said, a lot of people are going to have to remove their heads from Trump's nether region and wake up, or we're going to lose this country.

Two more signs Kemp is going to run for the Senate: First, his big splash news to have state troopers train to assist ICE in their arrests and also to be able to profile potential illegal immigrants. Next he's battling with Tennessee to secure more land that would expand Georgia. He's gone full Trumpzilla; must be off his meds.

It's a shame that I have to drive all the way to Tifton to see ZZ Top, given the availability of venues here. But at least I know it will be worth the drive.

Where can I get a loan to buy a dozen eggs?

Voter apathy is the biggest problem with low voter turnout. People just don't care enough to vote. Many like to complain but don't care enough to do the work.

Dr. Seuss said that he "loves nonsense and fantasy." That would make him a super fan of Trump. I wish he had lived longer; perhaps he could have written some polices for Trump. That way at least they would be funny and minimally harmful to the world.

Think of all the money that was wasted for the handful of voters who turned out for the Ward VI election. Of course, given the choices, I think I would have had a hard time voting, too.

Can't wait for Clennon King to start spending my tax money on that "virtual Civil Rights tour." Are these county commissioners so dumb they don't know when they're being duped?

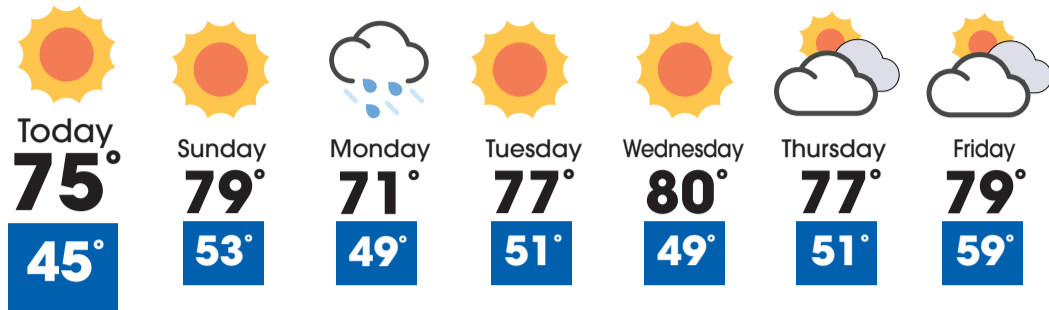
I ordered food from a fast-food restaurant that totaled \$9.94. I gave the cashier a \$10 bill to pay my tab. She had to use her iPhone to subtract \$9.94 from \$10 to make change. A simple mathematical equation.

America has become like a Peanuts cartoon. Charlie Brown is the working class, and Lucy and the football are the Republican Party. Poor Charlie Brown keeps thinking he's going to kick that football, only to have it jerked away at the last second. Stop being duped by Republicans. They are laughing at you all the way to the bank. That Man Without a Family

We all do it, spray our flowers, grass and shrubs with fertilizers and insect poisons. Now I read butterfly numbers are down another 20% in the U.S. All of the chemicals are killing the butterflies, hummingbirds and other creatures. We all need to do better.

Isn't it about time the police were warning crooks it isn't worth their life to rob citizens instead of warning citizens it isn't worth their life to defend their lives and property?

Weather Forecast



BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

USE THE BIDDING TO READ THE PLAY

Groucho Marx said, "I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

That sounds like a good plan. Every time someone in your house turns on a television set, go into another room and reread this column!

Good bridge players do a lot of "reading" at the table. They read the bidding and the played cards, gaining information from them. A good reader would find this deal easy, but someone less literate would struggle.

How should South play in four hearts after West cashes two top diamonds (East playing jack-four, high-low, to show his doubleton), then

shifts to a club?

Note South's advance of his partner's takeout double. Since South was an unpassed hand, his two-heart single jump showed some 9 to 11 points with four-plus hearts. (If South were a passed hand, he would have been promising a good seven to a poor 10 points.)

South has already conceded two tricks, so he can afford only one more loser. The black suits are safe, so he must handle trumps carefully.

Normally one would either cash the ace, cross to dummy and lead toward the queen; or immediately finesse the queen. However, can East have the heart king here?

Not if the bidding is to be

believed. West surely needs that king. So, reading West for king-doubleton, the right line is to cash the heart ace, then to continue with a low heart, hoping that the king appears.

North 03-22-25			
♠ A K Q			
♥ 7 6 4 3			
♦ 7 2			
♣ A K 9 4			
West	East		
♠ 8 3	♠ J 7 6 5 2		
♥ K 9	♥ J 10 8		
♦ A K Q 9 8 6 5	♦ J 4		
♣ 6 3	♣ 8 5 2		
South			
♠ 10 9 4			
♥ A Q 5 2			
♦ 10 3			
♣ J 10 7			
Dealer: West			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
2♥	1♦	Dbl.	Pass
	3♦	4♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♦ A			



ADVICE COLUMNIST ■ ERIC THOMAS

Brother leaves house in a mess after visit; sister fears upsetting him

Dear Eric: My brother and I were estranged for many years at his insistence. We were able to reconcile after our father's death when I gave him a larger portion of the estate than my father had willed to him.

My brother has some health issues, for which he picks and chooses to take the advice of his doctors. During COVID, he became sick and had to be convinced to go to the hospital, which I arranged. Later, he had a procedure after which he bled out in his apartment and had to be hospitalized again. I arranged for someone to clean his apartment. He lived in a metropolitan area and moved because of financial constraints. He doesn't like the doctors he has access to, so he asked if I would host him for a week so he could see his doctors where he used to live.

Everything went well except for the condition of my only bathroom. He is elderly, does not see well, and doesn't think cleaning is necessary. There was body waste around the toilet and on the floor leading to the toilet. The bed in which he slept was also soiled. I am elderly with health issues as well.

I cleaned up after him during his stay with me. I've had back surgery, so cleaning is difficult for me now. I feel bad for not wanting him to visit me in the future. He cannot afford to rent a hotel or offer to have someone clean the bathroom. I feel obligated to help him, but I feel it's too much for me now.

Am I selfish not to want him to stay in my home if he wants to visit his doctors again? I don't want to jeopardize our re-established relationship. How do I

navigate this situation?

— *Conflicted Sibling*

Dear Sibling: It's not selfish; it's healthy. I worry that your brother takes your help for granted -- to wit, you gave him more than you needed to after your father's death and he spent it all. It's not unfair to ask an adult to take responsibility for their actions.

But it seems that cleaning up after your brother -- financially, logistically and otherwise -- is a long-standing pattern. Perhaps you feel guilty about the estrangement. Perhaps you've always found yourself filling in the gaps for him. It's something you should think about and talk about with a therapist. What are you trying to fix, and is that something that's within your power to fix?

Your brother lives life by a different standard than you do; sometimes we have to let people live the way they want to live, even if we want better for them. Please think about what boundaries and rules you can set up for yourself and for him, should he visit again. This may cause conflict, but know that that is not yours to clean up either. If he'd be willing to sever contact over being asked to wash soiled sheets, that's a sign he's not engaging in an actual relationship with you in the first place.

Dear Eric: First, I want to say that I like my mother-in-law. She is kind and always willing to help us out. One thing that drives me absolutely crazy is that she never believes anything I tell her. I could be reading directly from whatever we are discussing, and

she will just smirk at me. But if her son tells her the same thing, she believes it.

This makes me not want to converse at all with her. Any suggestions besides just avoiding her?

— *Frustrated Daughter-in-law*

Dear Frustrated: Call her on it. It can be gentle; it can be joking, if you'd like. Flag it when she does it and ask her why. She may have an answer; she may not believe you about this either. But eventually she'll get tired of having it pointed out.

Dear Eric: Like "Grieving the Future," I am facing an old age without grandchildren, as both of my sons have decided to not have kids. Not only have I fostered relationships with my neighbors and their children, but I've also looked into a few different foster grandparent programs for when I retire and have more time. In my area, Volunteers of America and AmeriCorps both have programs matching older people with kids who could use a role model/grandparent figure. My partner and I are very excited to make this part of our retirement plans. Maybe there are similar programs near Grieving the Future.

— *Looking Forward*

Dear Looking Forward: These are wonderful suggestions for the letter-writer, or anyone with the capacity to be there for a child who needs them. Your letter is a great reminder that families come in so many different shapes, and there are innumerable ways to put love in the world.

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KADB reorganization vote delayed by Dougherty Commission

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ALBANY — The Dougherty County Commission is looking at a redo for the organization that helps spearhead community cleanups, recycling, blight reduction and special events centered around beautification and litter reduction.

The commission tapped the brakes on Monday, deciding to delay a vote set for that day until later in

March over the issue of the proposed changes to Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful. KADB is a joint effort backed by the county and city of Albany.

Some of the proposed changes apply to funding and trimming the number of members on the group's advisory board by more than half.

The county began examining the KADB board after Albany City Manager Terrell Jacobs brought it to the attention of city commis-

sioners last year that although the county funds the small number of paid positions, those personnel are paid through the city's Human Resources Department.

"I just think it's best, considering Assistant County Administrator Barry Brooks has been working on this and Commissioner (Clinton) Johnson wants to be included," Commissioner Russell Gray said when he asked for a delay on the vote. "We haven't properly dis-

cussed this."

One change in the reorganization proposal is reducing the number of advisory board members from 26 to 14. If approved by the city and county, the two entities would each appoint seven advisory board members to two-year terms.

Deemed a "re-establishment" of the organization, the proposal would have KADB operate within the county's Solid Waste Department, which would fund KADB's

payroll through its solid waste enterprise fund.

The proposal calls for the Dougherty County administrator to appoint the KADB executive director through recommendations of the advisory board. KADB's executive director also would operate under the supervision of the Solid Waste Department.

Initial appointments to the advisory board are set for April under the proposal.



Special Photo: AMA

Funds raised Saturday at "Art Ball 2025: Fête Nocturne" during the Wayne & Alicia Gregory Family Foundation Paddle Raise are used for Albany Museum of Art educational programming.

Paddle Raise to help raise critical funds for AMA

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ALBANY -- The annual Art Ball at the Albany Museum of

Art celebrates art while also raising critical funds for the museum's education programs that reach all community ar-

eas. Much of the support for those programs comes from donations made during the Wayne & Alicia Gregory Fam-

ily Foundation Paddle Raise at Art Ball.

"We at the AMA are deeply committed to making our exhibitions and programs accessible to everyone in the community," AMA Executive Director Andrew J. Wulf said. "The support of friends like Wayne and Alicia Gregory leads the charge to ensure our diverse educational programming is strong and available to all our visitors. They are champions of the cause, and we sincerely acknowledge their generous support."

"Art Ball 2025: Fête Nocturne" will be an evening of fine dining, dancing, cocktails, and auctions on Saturday at the museum at 311 Meadowlark Drive. Following the live and silent auctions, an Art Ball tradition is the Wayne & Alicia Gregory Family Foundation Paddle Raise. During the paddle raise, attendees lift their auction paddles not to bid on fantastic trips, experiences, and objects, but to donate directly to educational programming at the AMA.

"We enthusiastically support The Albany Museum of Art's deep commitment to community engagement, particularly its efforts to uplift the arts among students and foster collaboration between artists and students," Alicia Gregory, president of the Wayne and Alicia Gregory Foundation, said.

The paddles used in donating and bidding on auction items are sponsored by the Gregorys' longstanding Albany businesses: BMW of Albany and Albany Motorcars Mercedes-Benz.

The funds raised enable the AMA to continue to provide high-quality, art-inspired

educational opportunities to children and students. The donations help provide free field trips, which include gallery tours and take-home art projects, to students and organizations. They also provide scholarships for the AMA's popular summer, winter and spring art camps; give students opportunities to meet and interact with visiting artists, and underwrite other important educational programming.

"Wayne and Alicia Gregory are community-minded leaders who take to heart the positive impact that art has on our city and region," AMA Director of Development Chloe Hinton said. "We are thrilled to have their support, which helps the museum reach out to a wider breadth of children, youths, and young adults who benefit academically and developmentally from exposure to new, exciting perspectives and ideas."

With free admission, the museum works to break down the economic barriers that can prevent parts of the community from being exposed to world-class art.

Art Ball will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with a cocktail hour and the opening of the silent auction, followed by a gourmet meal by Canterbury Catering. A brief program featuring remarks by Art Ball Co-Chairs Kelly and Matt Lane will precede the live auction and paddle raise. The remainder of the evening will be dancing to the music of one of Georgia's premier party bands, The Grapevine Band from Macon.

For more information about the AMA, visit the museum's website, www.albanymuseum.com, or call (229) 439-8400.

Voters will be asked whether to expand conservation tax breaks for farmers

Ty Tagami
Capital Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Farmers may soon get more tax relief under a decades-old program designed to keep agricultural land out of developers' hands.

The Georgia Senate has overwhelmingly approved legislation from the House of Representatives that seeks to double the acreage farmers and other agricultural producers can place under a protective covenant in return for smaller property tax bills.

The final passage of House Bill 90 in a 47-3 vote comes as farmers, timber producers, poultry growers and other agricultural specialists are reeling from the damage wrought by Hurricane Helene last fall.

The legislature has considered other ways to help them, including the passage by a 50-1 vote of House Bill 223 offering temporary tax breaks and tax credits related to the recovery. But the protective covenant legislation is a play for the long-term. It could encourage more property owners to keep working their land for years to come by bolstering their bottom line.

"It's a tool to allow family farms to continue to grow and expand," Sen. Sam Watson, R-Moultrie, said.

HB 90 would take effect only if voters agree to amend the state constitution in November 2026. The Senate also passed HR 32, a companion measure that adds a ballot question asking if the existing conservation tax program should cover 4,000 acres per owner, twice the amount of land currently allowed. The Conservation Use Valuation Assessment Program was adopted decades ago. It lets each landowner put up to 2,000 acres under a protective covenant. The land must be used for farming, growing timber or other agricultural production. The property is then valued and taxed at less than what it might sell for as plots for a new subdivision or office park.

Properties are instead assessed and taxed using a formula based on current use, annual productivity, and real property sales data of other conservation use properties.

A similar measure stalled last year, leading to a special legislative committee that studied the problem of vanishing farmland.

Three out of four of Georgia's 159 counties — and one in seven jobs — rely on agriculture and forestry, the Senate Study Committee on Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands learned.

Counties and local governments may push back as land is taken off their tax digest, Katherine Moore, president of the Georgia Conservancy, told the committee when it met last year.

Bee-yond AWESOME:

Congratulations to Teanna Robinson, Rajon Roberts, and Kaylin Hutchins -- each middle school students from Robert A. Cross Middle Magnet School -- for advancing to the state level of the National Civics Bee.

Sponsored locally by the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, they give 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade students the opportunity to engage with civic principles and become active participants in their communities. The three will compete for a shot at a \$10,000 in prize money and a trip to the National Bee in Washington, D.C.

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GUEST COLUMNIST ■ T. GAMBLE

Giving all due respect to the 'turtle-gendered'

Sometimes things happen where all you can say is just you can't make this stuff up. News from Oregon, the hot-bed of irrational and unexplained policies, has now topped it all with the latest state appointment. It seems that Oregon has an agency known as the Oregon Health Authority. So far so good. It presumably exists to promote mental health and good mental health practices.

Along with the OHA is a state-appointed advisory panel that advises the agency on best practices and policies concerning mental health. Envision national authorities on mental health, top psychiatrists, therapists, etc. This panel is appointed by OHA Director Dr. Sejai Hathi, who himself was appointed by Oregon governor, Tina "I don't have a clue" Kotek.

One of the appointed members who will be providing valuable input on mental health and stability is J.D. Holt, who goes by the

nickname "J.D. Terrapin" and in accepting his appointment announced to the board, "Hello everybody, it's J.D. I use they, them, and turtle for my pronouns."

He further explained he is turtle-gendered.

Well now, a turtle-gendered person is certainly someone I would turn to in times of crisis to gain insight, comfort and advice. I'll withhold for the moment any more statements about being a they or them, when you only make up one person, or even the fact he does not identify as a human being but rather as a reptile.

My foremost concern is if you decide not to be a human and become part of the lesser animal kingdom, why pick a turtle as the new you? And for the Oregon board, is this the best mental health person you could find in all of Oregon? Well, sorry about that, maybe in Oregon that is the most stable person to be found.

I was not aware turtle-gendered people existed until finding out J.D. had perhaps risen to the highest level of any known turtle-gendered person in the history of Oregon and possibly even in the entire United States of America. Before long, J.D. will be entering girls high school events and creating havoc across the country.

Once the Democratic party finds out about this new category, we will need to add a whole new level of protected class of former people, now reptiles. We will probably need to add aquariums to every high school classroom in America. Folks may pull over on the side of the road, gently lift J.D. and carry him across the road to avoid tragedy.

I may have encountered turtle-gendered folks before without even being aware. I'm pretty sure at least half of all drive-thru fast

food workers identify as turtle-gender, based upon the speed, or lack thereof, in which they work.

Dr. Hathi explains that J.D. Terrapin was appointed by the joint effort of a seven-member committee and that he will help advise, investigate, evaluate and recommend where the state spend valuable resource money.

In case you are wondering how much resource money are we talking about, how about \$35.8 billion.

One can only hope J.D. and company will be slow as a turtle in spending the money, but I would not count on that.

But I wish the turtle all the best. I yield the floor to the Terrapin from Oregon. I feel certain mental health is in good hands there now.



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SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX

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Hey, y'all, remember billionaires don't need Social Security or Medicare; they may see them as "waste and fraud."

Is the fact that the stock market is in a tailspin part of the plan to make America great again, or is it caused by the lingering effects of the Biden economy or a liberal plot? People who knew better than to vote for Trump want to know. That Man Without a Family

Wake up, city of Albany. The mayor of Camilla and three of his "do what I say" council members have voted to build a \$13 million hotel in downtown Camilla.

All hail the true president and his unparalleled genius my rear end. My retirement account is down 35% because of his pure stupidity.

Tuesday's Herald article "Each encounter a divine appointment" is another extraordinarily well-written article. Thank you Herald, Yonatan Hambourger and Tzali Reicher, for the encouraging read.

I hope all you who voted for our sorry, infantile, Russian-leaning president are happy with the way he is single-handedly destroying our country.

I applaud/stand with the hundreds of brave patriots in Vermont: They greeted VP Vance and family this weekend with protest signs. This was after Vance, Trump, Rubio, and MTG's ignorant boyfriend shamelessly mistreated President Zelenskyy. Who but Putin's puppets would attack a president of a war-torn country for not being thankful enough or not wearing a suit?

One thing I've always appreciated about Democrats and other liberals is their fervent willingness to speak out on any matter, even when knowingly wrong.

I love all the squawks about Trump. Yet he won the electoral and popular vote so you knew what was coming. Now our city and county commissions are worse than him, so where are the squawks?

A weak leader like Trump will make the U.S. look weak in the world.

Your power bill didn't go up because of your usage, it went up because of new industry's power demands, and population growth in the northern sector. You are financing that growth. They probably won't even say thank you for your generosity. Make them pay their own way.

Man without a family, how many men would you let come in your house and disrespect you at the instructions of the neighbor (Democrats) who hate you? You have no family because you're a fool

The Democrats are anti-American, anti-women, anti-Christian, anti-common sense, anti-safety, anti-life. Basically, they are anti anything that is good for America.

All you who think Simone Biles is such a wonderful example for young people: She's a millionaire several times over, yet she took several thousand dollars in student loan forgiveness. This woman is a fraud.

Have you ever seen a fugitive when they are arrested? Screaming, resistant and defiance? Then you have witnessed the Democratic party in action.

No news Fox headline: "Danica Patrick says there are 'clear biological differences' between males, females." Big deal, mama told me that, and I saw it for myself once.

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

Advocate reminds students: I am somebody

When Ty Smalley was 11 years old, his father imagined his son might one day become an anthropologist, or maybe a geologist. Since Ty also loved animals, there was also the possibility his son would choose an occupation that allowed him to care for his four-legged friends. A veterinarian, perhaps.

However, all those hopes and aspirations suddenly disappeared the afternoon of May 13, 2010, the day Ty chose to tragically end his life.

The world of Kirk and Laura Smalley of Perkins, Okla., had revolved around their only child. Ty was all boy. He wasn't always an angel, but he was most certainly theirs.

Ty loved baseball. Every year for his birthday the family took in a St. Louis Cardinal's game, Ty's favorite team.

Ty's routine was pretty much the same every day: school, chores, homework. Always in that order. After that, the rest of the day was all his.

But every afternoon after school, before he got to any of those, Ty ran down the street to check on Miss Lila, a 90-year old widow who lived all alone. Ty enjoyed helping Miss Lila in her garden, making sure to pick up any pine cones on the ground so she wouldn't trip over them.

Miss Lila wasn't the only per-

son Ty helped in times of need. One day a small Native American boy on the school bus was being picked on by a known bully. Ty put himself between the two of them, preventing the smaller boy from incurring any harm.

It's worth noting that Ty was also small for his age, which resulted in him being picked on by school bullies himself for a number of years. Mom and dad, despite repeated pleas for help from the school principal, were unable to get across the dire urgency of their requests.

Then one day Ty, a sixth-grader at the time, was sitting in the school gym when a student who had been bullying him for years did more of the same. Only this time, Ty struck back. As is often the case, the one to retaliate was the one who got caught. Ty was suspended for three days. Laura, who worked in the school cafeteria so she could be with her son 24/7, drove him home. Since she had to return to work because the school was short-staffed on this particular Wednesday, mom left her son with instructions to do his homework and chores.

When Laura returned home at 2:38 p.m. later that day, she discovered her beloved son ... lying

lifeless in a pool of blood on the bedroom floor.

Devastated by the loss of his son, a grieving dad committed himself to doing everything in his power to put an end to bullying. Mom was on board as well; that is, as long as her husband promised to never stop.

One thing became perfectly clear: Kirk Smalley will never stop.

He says he won't stop because "I want to see Ty again." When that day is finally here, dad wants to be able to tell his son that he shared his message and warning all over the world. And that he encouraged every child to say, without any reservation whatsoever, that they are indeed somebody.

Shortly after Ty's death, Kirk and Laura founded Stand for the Silent, now one of the leading and most impactful anti-bullying organizations in the world. Their mission is to bring awareness to bullying and to illustrate the immense devastation it can cause.

The organization operates solely on donations and is promoted primarily through Facebook, Instagram and X. There are currently chapters in 37 states and 18 countries that assist in raising both awareness

and funds, the latter to support scholarships, a program providing backpacks filled with supplies for needy children, and other meaningful and impactful ventures. To date, Stand for the Silent has made presentations to more than 4.5 million kids in 6,500 schools and other facilities all over the world.

Tragedy struck the Smalley family again in 2020 when Laura passed away. The official cause of death was a brain aneurysm, although Kirk, who watched a mother grieve every day over the loss of her son, is convinced his wife died of a broken heart.

Once he was left all alone, Kirk left his job in building construction and committed himself full-time to Stand for the Silent. Today, his staff has grown to include 18 other dedicated souls.

Kirk says that one out of every four children in the United States has a plan for how to take their own lives before graduating from high school.

For further information, search standforthesilent.org. For the youth crisis help line, dial 1-855-201-2121.

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COLUMNIST ■ GERALD GREENE

House-passed budget includes funding for vital state needs

After a fast-paced and eventful Crossover Day last week, members of the Georgia House of Representatives returned to the State Capitol on Monday for Legislative Day 29, kicking off our ninth week of the session. With Crossover Day behind us, the House began to review and vote on legislation that passed over from our Senate counterparts.

Additionally, my colleagues and I successfully passed the House's version of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, House Bill 68. This critical piece of legislation would outline and allocate the necessary funding for the state's operations and services in the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 2026. The House passage of HB 68 serves as a significant milestone in the legislative process, fulfilling our consti-

tutional obligation to pass a balanced budget.

With a revenue estimate of \$37.7 billion — marking an increase of \$1.6 billion or 4.4% over the original FY 2025 budget — the House's version of HB 68 places a strong emphasis on addressing the critical needs of Georgia's education system to ensure that Georgia students can thrive. As such, a large portion of HB 68

would support a statewide literacy initiative aimed at improving reading outcomes for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, recognizing that reading proficiency by the end of third grade is central to future academic success and beyond.

The House's version of the FY 2026 budget appropriates \$22.7 million — \$10 million of which includes new funding — to support the recommendations of the

Georgia Council on Literacy. HB 68 appropriates \$18.5 million for 116 Regional Education Service Agencies-based literacy coaches, providing individualized teacher support to ensure that structured literacy and the science of reading would be implemented effectively.

In addition to investing in literacy initiatives, HB 68 also demonstrates the House's commitment to school safety, proposing a \$25 million investment that would cover the first-year costs of the statewide School and Student Safety Database — a new tool that would collect and investigate school-based threats across state and local law enforcement agencies.

The House's FY 2026 budget further supports students and educators across Georgia by recommending a total of \$6.3 million in state funds to continue to provide breakfast and lunch for reduced-paying students, which would certify that every child has

access to nutritious meals while they are at school. Additionally, the Non-Quality Basic Education program would receive \$5.9 million for sparsity grants, which would benefit 131 qualified schools based on updated survey data. These grants are designed for schools with smaller student populations that would not generate enough funds through QBE to meet staffing and operational needs.

With less than 10 legislative days remaining, we are in the final stretch of this legislative session. Please feel free to schedule a phone call or visit the State Capitol so we can discuss the issues that matter most to you and your family. You can reach my Capitol office at (404) 656-9210 and via email at greenegerald@house.ga.gov.asso

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COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

A question of delivery

But February made me shiver, With every paper I'd deliver. Bad news on the doorstep...
— Don McLean

I spent a good few minutes talking with long-time Albany Herald reader Ginger Meyers early this week.

Ms. Meyers had spent some time talking with The Herald's Circulation Manager, Shekanah Fickling-Dean, about missing her weekend paper, and when she finished that conversation, she asked Shekanah to transfer her to me. We talked, as I said, for a good few minutes as I tried to help Ms. Meyers understand that when I say I have "nothing to do" with the paper's circulation, I was not trying to pass the buck. The news department and the circulation department are completely separate entities, and my knowledge of how that department is managed sits at around 0.

(NOTE: What I do know about The Herald's circulation is what I overhear from Shekanah's side of conversations when customers call her. Ahh, the joys of working in an office where privacy is about as likely as an Albany official being appointed to a state Constitutional-level post. ... Wait a minute ...)

Ms. Meyers, like a lot of Herald readers, wanted to know why the newspaper had decided to give up on paper delivery by carriers and rely solely on mail delivery, which has proven to be, we'll call it "iffy" at best. The attitude of USPS appears to be, "We'll deliver your paper when and if we're good and ready; what are you going to do about it?"

No matter that The Herald is paying to have those papers delivered in a timely manner ... if individual postal workers decide they're not going to deliver the paper, they don't. Poor Shekanah has to tell folks that every day, knowing that the overwhelming majority of them don't want to hear reasons, they just want to know why they aren't getting their paper.

Many threaten to drop their subscriptions, and some have done so.

And here we sit, in the most awful business Catch-22 imaginable: We want more than anything to get our product to our customers, but we have no control over the situation other than to complain. If you've ever tried to make a complaint to the local or any regional post office or postmaster, well, you know how much of an impact it has.

Here's the irony of this whole post office delivery vs. carrier delivery dilemma that the brass at the Herald faces. When our general manager, DuBose Porter, took over operations

of The Herald, he told me, point blank, "The first thing we want to do is get every subscriber to our newspaper on a carrier route. We want to be in control of making sure every paper is delivered on time."

Porter told me that same thing again just a handful of days before the decision was made to have all subscriptions delivered by the postal service.

"I wanted so badly to get everyone on a carrier route; that was my No. 1 priority from the beginning," Porter said. "But as the stories kept coming in -- unbelievable stories, frankly -- we eventually had to rethink our strategy and address these issues in what we figured was the best possible solution for our readers. Sadly, that turned out to be postal delivery."

Porter's too nice a man to say why having papers delivered by mail became a best option, but I'm not. Bottom line: The Herald could not find enough reliable carriers to deliver the papers on a regular basis.

My pay grade is not high enough that I'm privy to top-level strategy meetings, but I heard the stories ... from customers, from delivery personnel who actually did their jobs and from just keeping my ears open. Quite frankly, I was as disgusted as I was disappointed. To wit:

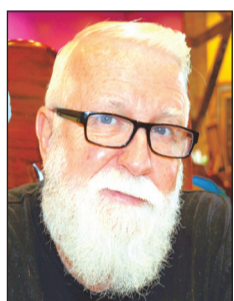
-- Convenience store cashiers were told they had to go into the store's till and give the delivery person enough cash to pay for papers left in the store right then, no questions asked.

-- Some carriers basically delivered only when it fit into their schedule. If they had other things to do, they'd "get around to it at some point" or just not deliver that day's paper altogether.

-- Despite salary offers that made what was essentially a part-time job actually quite lucrative, in the aftermath of COVID-19, there just were not enough qualified carriers willing to deliver papers.

There's rarely a few weeks that go by that someone doesn't tell me, "I delivered the Albany Herald when I was young." I've been fascinated by stories of carriers who went on to become prominent business people all over the state and of delivery methods that included papers being dropped from an airplane.

Sadly, for at least the foreseeable future, those days are gone. Now, you get your Herald via the U.S. Postal Service. And if you believe that "neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night will stay these couriers from their appointed rounds" stuff, well, you just ain't been paying attention. Believe me, please, when I say we feel your pain.



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"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

—Matthew 10:22

COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

Praying for the victims of the storm last night

It was a big storm. The television showed weather updates. The radar looked like red-and-yellow vomit.

"Find shelter!" the weather guy kept saying. "There's a tornado on the ground in Calera."

I texted my friend in Calera. "You OK?" I texted.

"We're good. But you should hear it outside. Pray."

Pray, he said. As I write this, 34 are dead across Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Mississippi. Maybe more by the time you read my words.

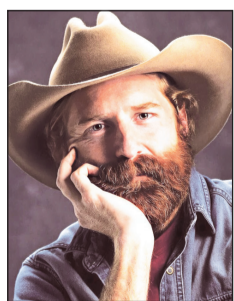
Who knows how many are injured? Who knows how many

are missing? Who knows how many are waiting to be found? Who knows how many hundreds of thousands are without power?

Pray.

Well, I have been praying. And I really mean that. As in, I

have physically folded my hands, closed my eyes, said amen, and everything. This might not sound like a big deal, saying a simple prayer. But for me, it is a big deal. Namely, because when I was younger, I used to tell people I'd pray for them and



SEAN DIETRICH

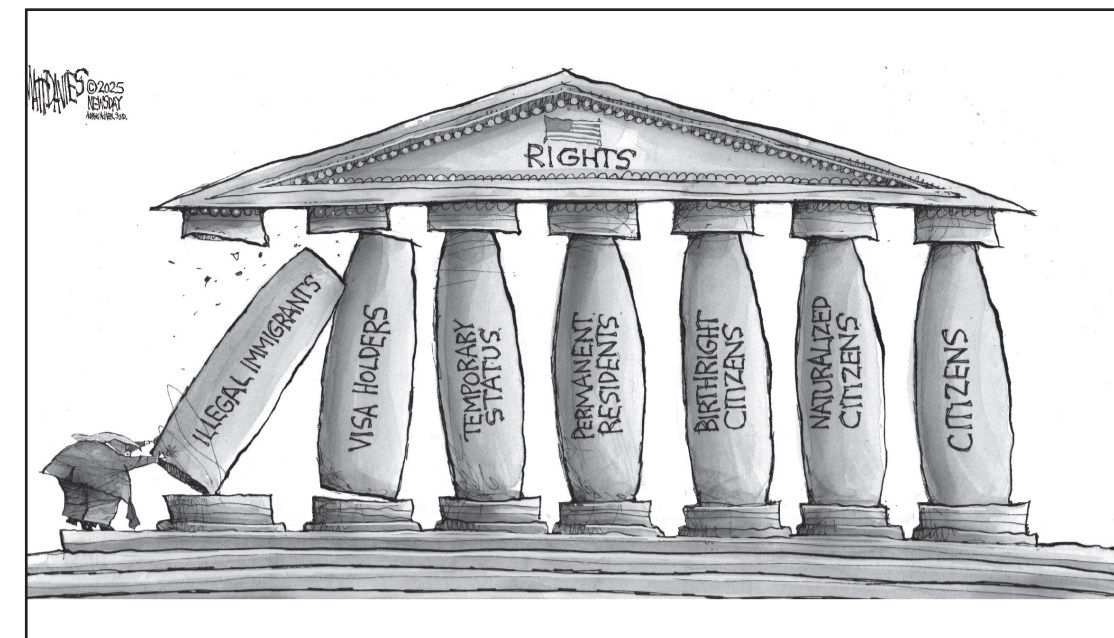
never actually do it.

"I'll pray for you" was just something my people said.

It's not that I didn't feel compassion for others, I did. But this phrase was purely verbal reflex. The words popped out before you could call them back.

You were just required to say them. If you didn't tell someone you were praying for them, you were a big fat jerk who was probably a communist and added sugar to your deviled eggs.

I can't tell you how many people throughout my life I



COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Get the whole story

"I don't watch the news anymore," the man told me. He had just been introduced to me by a mutual friend. We were having lunch, and my friend said to the man, "You've probably seen David on the news."

That launched a familiar diatribe. "I used to watch the news, but now all y'all do is talk about Trump this, Trump that. How he's turning our long-time allies against us. How prices are going up, and how the tariffs will make it even worse. How the stock market is going down and a recession is coming. How he's too friendly with the Russians. That's why I can't watch. Y'all are making our president look bad."

I could have responded in any number of ways, but I just shook his hand and said, "Nice to meet you."

Almost every day, someone complains because we have reported a story they don't agree with, or one that doesn't echo their views. They say, "The news ain't been worth a (flip) since Walter Cronkite. Y'all tell everyone how to think, but Mr. Cronkite was right down the middle."

This is ironic because the complainer obviously wants us to tell the news only from the side he prefers, which is nowhere near the middle.

Also, this may surprise you. Cronkite, the long-time CBS news anchor, was not shy about sharing his opinion. For many people, all they know about him is that he broke the news of President Kennedy's assassination in 1963 and became quite emotional. It was a moment that was captured for eternity by CBS because the network was broadcasting live at 1:38 p.m. that Friday afternoon, enabling Cronkite to interrupt the soap opera "As the World Turns." (NBC and ABC were not providing programs to local stations at that hour, so they were literally "out to lunch.")

The truth is, Cronkite had opinions as most humans do, and when so moved, he would share them. Most notably, he produced a prime-time documentary exposing misinformation being spread by President Lyndon Johnson's administration about the war in Vietnam.

In 1968, Cronkite went to Vietnam to get

a first-hand view of what was really happening. Much to President Johnson's chagrin, Cronkite hosted an hour-long special exposing the harsh realities of American casualties that had previously been under-reported. At the end of the program (buckle up, folks) Cronkite expressed his views. He said, "It seems now, more certain than ever, that the bloody experience of Vietnam is to end in a stalemate. It is increasingly clear that the only rational way out will be to negotiate, not as victors, but as an honorable people who lived up to their pledge to defend democracy, and did the best they could."

Wait, what? We couldn't win the war? That was Cronkite's informed belief. Americans were not used to hearing such negative reports on our military efforts.

Although he didn't call it "fake news," President Johnson was very unhappy. A few days later, Cronkite had lunch with Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, urging him to oppose Johnson for the Democratic presidential nomination. It's true. The Most Trusted Man in America was inserting himself into presidential politics. Who in the Sean Hannity would do such a thing?

Make no mistake, Cronkite was an excellent journalist who reported from the front lines of World War II, and he was a solid news anchor. But his nightly newscasts always ended with an opinion segment. It was usually delivered by CBS newsman Eric Sevareid, and it was clearly labeled as "opinion," not news. Opinions were expressed in a dignified way, during a more dignified time. It's safe to say that if Cronkite didn't want opinions on his newscast, they wouldn't have been there.

Unfortunately, many of today's viewers are unable to tell the difference between opinion and news. We see a video on social media, and that's "news" if it echoes our views or advances our beliefs.

Let's be honest. Call it Fox Conservative Opinion, not Fox News. Or even the Trump Network; he would love that. On the other side, Call MSNBC the Liberal News Channel. If you get all of your information from just one side, you're not getting the whole story.

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Georgia Writers Museum to host Mystery/Crime Writers Conference

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EATONON – Readers love mysteries and crime thrillers. A quick check of the best-seller lists tells the tale of their immense popularity. And Eatonton is becoming the mega for everyone who loves a good thriller.

The Southern Fried Crime Conference will be held on April 4-5 on beautiful Lake Oconee near Eatonton. Experienced and aspiring authors are invited to attend this intimate experience that promises to provide a unique setting to learn, network and work. The conference faculty includes renowned authors with deep experience in the mystery/crime-writing arena. From practical workshops to en-

couraging keynotes, to engaging discussions, writers and would-be writers will gain new ways to enhance their writing success as a mystery/crime author.

On April 4, attendees will be treated to an evening of sleuth work in a Crime & Wine Experience with Law Enforcement Hall of Fame Inductee, Sheryl “Mac” McCollum. Another special feature of the conference will be the keynote by renowned mystery writer Wanda Morris. In 2023, she was named Georgia Author of the Year for Best Mystery.

The full conference fee is \$300, or \$145 for one day. Sign up now for two days of instruction, inspiration, and fun. Contact the Georgia Writers Museum at www.georgiawritersmuseum.org to register.



Special Photo

The Georgia Writers Museum is planning a two-day mystery/crime writers workshop. Sheryl McCollum, left, and Wanda Morris are program participants.



Staff Photo: Tara Fletcher

A horse? ... Of course

This smiling horse took a quick break from grazing to pose for a photographer during a recent beautiful pre-spring afternoon. The Lee County denizen offered his best smile for the occasion.

Path2College expands, offering more savings opportunities to Georgians

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ATLANTA – Georgia’s Path2College 529 Plan is expanding its annual Newborn Sweepstakes to help more families jump-start their college savings. In 2025, two Georgia newborns will each win \$5,529 towards a college savings plan.

Since launching in 2011, the Newborn Sweepstakes has awarded nearly \$72,000 to 13 Georgia recipients. With this year’s expansion, the number of recipients in 2025 will increase from one to two, encouraging parents, grandparents, and guardians to prioritize early financial planning for college and certain K-12 expenses.

“We’re happy to be expanding our Path2College Newborn Sweepstakes to help support even more families in their efforts to save for educational expenses,” Georgia State Treasurer Steve McCoy said. “Early and consistent saving makes a meaningful impact, and we’re excited to help Georgia families get a jump-start on their college preparation and K-12 savings journey.”

Newborn Sweepstakes opportunities include:

- SWEEPSTAKES No. 1: Families with babies born between Jan. 1 and June 30 have until Sept. 30 to enter the 2025 Newborn Sweepstakes.
- SWEEPSTAKES No. 2:

Families with babies born between July 1 and Dec. 31 have until March 31 to enter the 2025 Newborn Sweepstakes.

Families with babies born in 2024 have until April 15 to enter the 2024 Newborn Sweepstakes. The winning baby will be awarded a \$5,529 Path2College college savings contribution.

The Path2College 529 Plan team encourages families to go ahead and open their new baby’s P2C account and get started now. For more information about the P2C Plan or to open an account, visit www.Path2College529.com or call (877) 424-4377.

K-12 withdrawals are limited to \$10,000 per year for K-12 tuition. Withdrawals for tuition expenses at a public, private or religious elementary, middle, or high school can be withdrawn free from federal and Georgia income tax. For non-Georgia taxpayer, these withdrawals may include recapture of tax deduction, state income tax as well as penalties. Talk to a qualified professional about how tax provisions affect circumstances.

Visit www.Path2College529.com/newborn for official rules and prize details. No purchase is necessary; void where prohibited by law. The Newborn Sweepstakes is sponsored by the Path2College 529 Plan.

Venezuelans sentenced for possessing fake Green Cards

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ATHENS – A Venezuelan man who entered the United States illegally and who admitted to possessing a fraudulent Green Card during the murder investigation of a 22-year-old nursing student was sentenced to serve 48 months in prison – above the federal sentencing guidelines – and to be deported along with his brother and a former roommate.

Diego Jose Ibarra, aka “Gochi,” 29, was sentenced to serve a total of 48 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a fraudulent document on July 15, 2024. Argenis Ibarra, aka “Meny,” 25, of Venezuela, was sentenced to time served after he pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a fraudulent document on Dec. 10, 2024. Rosbeli Flores-Bello, aka “La Gorda,” 29, of Venezuela, was sentenced to time served after she pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a fraudulent document on Dec. 11, 2024.

All three defendants are to be delivered to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for deportation. Diego Ibarra will be placed in ICE custody at the conclusion of his federal prison sentence; Argenis Ibarra and Flores-Bello will be placed in ICE custody immediately.

U.S. District Judge Tilman E. Self III handed down the sentences. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to court documents and statements referenced in court, Homeland Security Investigations was made aware of Deigo Ibarra’s undocumented presence in the United States on Feb. 23, 2024, during the murder investigation of Laken Hope Riley, who was kidnapped and murdered on Feb. 22, 2024, during a morning run at the University of Georgia, where she previously attended as an undergraduate prior to transferring to the Augusta University College of Nursing.

At the time, an Athens-Clarke County Police Department officer approached Diego Ibarra because he matched the description of the primary suspect in the murder investigation, which was his brother, Jose Antonio Ibarra. Diego Ibarra gave the ACCPD officer a counterfeit U.S. Permanent Resident Card as identification and was taken into custody. Jose Ibarra was convicted of Laken Riley’s murder on Nov. 20, 2024, in Athens-Clarke County Superior Court and is serving a life sentence.

On April 30, 2023, Diego Ibarra illegally entered the United States, along with four other Venezuelan men, by crossing the border near the Ysleta

station in El Paso, Texas. The men fled when approached by United States Border Patrol agents. Diego Ibarra resisted an agent’s efforts to detain him and grabbed the agent’s service radio, threw it into a nearby yard, and then attempted to bite the agent. Agents scuffled with him and another Venezuelan man for several minutes before the National Guard arrived and assisted in subduing both men.

Diego Ibarra was taken to a local hospital after complaining of chest pains and pain in his back and leg, which he indicated to FBI agents he sustained from scaling and falling from the border fence during his illegal crossing. He admitted to illegally crossing the border, resisting arrest and attempting to avoid apprehension at any cost. He said his injuries were not from the fight with agents.

According to information uncovered during the investigation and provided in multiple court documents, Diego Ibarra is likely affiliated with the Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua, based on evidence including his multiple TdA tattoos and photos of him on social media making the TdA gang signs and wearing TdA clothing. Further investigation concluded that Diego Ibarra was previously removed from

the United States to Mexico on April 3, 2023, after agents apprehended him illegally entering the United States near Eagle Pass, Texas.

After the above incident on April 30, 2023, Diego Ibarra claimed asylum and fear of return to Venezuela. On May 11, 2023, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations placed him in the Alternatives to Detention program, and he was released from immigration custody the following day. The ATD program required Diego Ibarra to wear a global positioning system ankle monitoring device, and he was directed to report to New York pending asylum proceedings. He failed to report in New York as directed.

On May 25, 2023, Diego Ibarra’s ankle monitor last “pinged” near Littleton, Colo., and he cut it off at some point prior to his final arrest in Athens. Diego Ibarra settled in Athens and was subsequently arrested three times by law enforcement: on Sept. 24, 2023, he was arrested by ACCPD for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license; on Oct. 27, 2023, he was arrested by ACCPD for theft by shoplifting; and on Dec. 8, 2023, he was arrested by ACCPD for shoplifting and for an outstanding arrest warrant that was issued when he

failed to appear in court for his DUI charge.

In addition, ACCPD responded to a domestic incident involving Diego Ibarra and his girlfriend on Sept. 26, 2023. And, while in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and housed in the Butts County Detention Center, Ibarra caused “severe water damage” inside the jail when he damaged the fire sprinkler system in a jail cell block. On June 25, 2024, jail officers found Ibarra in possession of two improvised weapons: a sharpened sprinker head with a make-shift grip and a pen wrapped in saran wrap.

Co-defendants Argenis Ibarra (Diego and Jose Ibarra’s younger brother) and Flores-Bello (Diego and Jose Ibarra’s roommate) admitted to possessing a fraudulent U.S. Permanent Resident Card in the names of Argenis Jose Ibarra Ibarra and Rodrianny Brito Brito respectively on Feb. 23, 2024. In addition, agents found counterfeit Social Security cards for Argenis Ibarra and Flores-Bello in the apartment they shared with Diego and Jose Ibarra.

Investigators determined that Argenis Ibarra entered the United States illegally on April 3, 2023, near Eagle Pass, and the USBP returned him to Mexico. On April 30, 2023, the USBP encountered and ar-

rested him near El Paso, Texas, and transported him to an ICE processing center in El Paso. Because the processing center lacked space, Ibarra was released on his own recognizance on May 4, 2023. Argenis submitted Form I-765 for Employment Authorization on Oct. 20, 2023, and Nov. 2, 2023, both of which were rejected.

Flores-Bello illegally entered the United States on May 3, 2023, and was arrested by the USBP. She was transported to an ICE processing center in El Paso. On May 5, 2023, Flores-Bello was released on her own recognizance because the processing center lacked space. She provided a residential address in New York and was scheduled for immigration court there on Oct. 18, 2023. In Dec. 2023, she and Jose Ibarra, whom she met in New York, took a humanitarian flight from New York to Atlanta. She settled in Athens and lived with the Ibarra brothers until Riley was murdered.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations with critical assistance from FBI, GBI, Athens-Clarke County Police Department, University of Georgia Police Department and Clarke County Sheriff’s Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Morrison prosecuted the case for the government.

ABAC supporters to be honored at annual Alumni Awards Luncheon

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TIFTON — Several Tifton citizens will be honored April 4 at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's annual Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Daniel Griffin, Chris Earls, Jerry Baker, Brad Lindsey, and the Ross family are among the 10 award-winners being recognized for their accomplishments and achievements by the ABAC Alumni Association as part of the 2025 Homecoming Celebration. The luncheon is set for 12:30 p.m. in ABAC's Gressette Gymnasium.

These awards are given to individuals who have distinguished themselves through professional achievement, community service, and service to the college.

Griffin, president of The Griffin Automotive Group, has been named the Outstanding Business Leader for 2025.

He graduated from ABAC with an associate's degree in business administration in 1982 and is a strong community supporter, regularly donating time and money to various programs and causes around Tift County. His wife, Tammy, and their two children, Daniel and Alyssa, also attended ABAC.

Earls has been chosen as the 2025 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award winner.

Earls is a lecturer in ABAC's biology department and serves as the women's soccer coach. He also is the advisor to Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. In addition to working with athletes and students, he does community service around the area. He is an active supporter of ABAC through various endowments



and events. He graduated from ABAC with an associate's degree in agricultural education in 2010. His wife, Savannah, also attended ABAC.

Lindsey, a neurologist at Southwell, has been selected as the Outstanding Healthcare Professional. He graduated from ABAC with an associate's degree in 1991 and donates in support of several foundations for medical research and support. He is an avid traveler and regularly attends events at ABAC.

Baker will receive the Honorary Alumnus Award. The Alumni Association presents this award to an individual who did not attend ABAC but has made a profound and lasting impact on the institution.

Baker came to ABAC as the dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources in 2014 before being named provost and vice president of Academic Affairs in 2017.

He retired in 2022 but returned in 2024 to serve as the interim provost. He is currently serving as the interim dean for the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The J.O. Ross Jr. Family will be awarded the Family Legacy award. This award was established in 1998 to recognize families with five or more family members spanning two

or more generations who have attended ABAC and made a significant contribution to the college, thereby creating a legacy for their own family and leaving a lasting impression on ABAC.

The Ross family has sent four generations, more than 25 students, to ABAC starting in the 1930s, and multiple members of the family have served as faculty, staff, and on various boards.

For information on tickets or Homecoming Week activities, including the rodeo, visit www.abac.edu/homecoming or call the Office of College Advancement at (229) 391-4900. Brown was convicted for receipt of child pornography and possession of child pornography in the Middle District of Florida on July 24, 2017.

Brown began his term of supervised release in that case on Nov. 25, 2020. Less than one year later, Brown was found to be in possession of child pornography in the Middle District of Georgia.

These cases were brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched by the Department of Justice. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

The case was investigated by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit with assistance from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Assistant U.S. Attorney Monica Daniels is prosecuting the case for the government.



Special Photo

The Georgia Supreme Court, shown in caps that support the Atlanta Braves, is set to hear a case involving elections rules in the state.

Georgia Supreme Court takes up State Election Board rules changes

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Lawyers representing civil rights and voting rights groups have asked the Georgia Supreme Court to uphold a lower-court ruling that invalidated seven controversial changes to state election laws the Republican-controlled State Election Board adopted last fall.

But lawyers for the state, the Republican National Committee and the Georgia Republican Party argued the plaintiffs lacked legal standing to bring their lawsuit and that the SEB was within its rights to approve the new election rules.

The new SEB rules would have required counties to hand-count the number of ballots cast at polling places on Election Day and allowed local elections officials to delay certifying results in order to conduct a "reasonable inquiry" if they suspect voter fraud. Other changes included a requirement that signatures and photo IDs accompany absentee ballots, that video surveillance be provided at absentee ballot drop boxes, and that designated areas for poll watchers be expanded.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Thomas Cox Jr. invalidated the changes in a ruling

last October, declaring the SEB lacked the legal authority to adopt them.

On Wednesday, Christopher Anulewicz, a lawyer representing plaintiff Eternal Vigilance Action, a Georgia-based advocacy group headed by former Republican state Rep. Scot Turner, argued the SEB strayed into the General Assembly's constitutional jurisdiction when it adopted the rules changes.

"The SEB is acting in violation of the separation of powers doctrine by engaging in legislative activity," Anulewicz said. "The separation of powers issue is the driver of this case."

But Gilbert Dickey, representing the state and national Republican parties, said multiple branches of state government -- in this case, the legislative and executive branches -- can legally exercise authority in some instances. "The mere act of the legislature would not prevent the executive from exercising further guidance," he said.

Bryan Tyson, representing the state, maintained the plaintiffs lacked legal standing to bring the case because the standards governing the right to sue the state government are especially strict.

"There's something more required when you bring action against the state," he said. "That is absent in this case."

Congress Votes

WASHINGTON -- Here's a look at how Georgia's members of Congress voted over the previous week.

In addition to roll call votes this week, the House also passed these measures: the Decoupling from Foreign Adversarial Battery Dependency Act (H.R. 1166) to prohibit the Homeland Security Department from procuring certain foreign-made batteries; the TSA Commuting Fairness Act (H.R. 862) to have the Transportation Security Administration submit a study on the feasibility of treating as on-duty hours the time TSA employees working

1156) sponsored by Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., to extend the statute of limitations for prosecuting cases of alleged fraud under federal COVID lockdown unemployment assistance programs to 10 years. Smith said the bill "doubles the statute of limitations from 5 to 10 years so we can prosecute and recover hundreds of billions of stolen tax dollars." An opponent, Rep. Danny K. Davis, D-Ill., said: "Extending the statute of limitations without a Senate-confirmed nonpartisan inspector general and without any guardrails limiting the extension to serious criminals could

put every American who lost their job during the pandemic at risk of harassment and accusations of fraud." The vote, on March 11, was 295 yeas to 127 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Scott, David D-GA (13th), Williams D-GA (5th) NOT VOTING: Johnson D-GA (4th)

BORDER SMUGGLING TUNNELS: The House has passed the Subterranean Border Defense Act (H.R. 495) sponsored by Rep. Eli Crane, R-Ariz., to require the Homeland Security Department to file annual reports with Congress on its plan to curtail cross-border tunnels used to smuggle people and goods into the U.S. Crane

said tunneling has increased by 80% since 2008, and "Congress must address this deadly threat and ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection has the resources needed to acquire counter-tunnel technology." The vote, on March 10, was 402 yeas to 1 nay.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation except Loudermilk R-GA (11th), who did not vote

TECHNOLOGY AND BORDER SECURITY:

The House has passed the Emerging Innovative Border Technologies Act (H.R. 993) sponsored by Rep. Louis J. Correa, D-Calif., to require the Homeland Security Department to develop plans for using various advanced technologies, including sensors and artificial intelligence, to improve border security efforts. Correa said the technologies could improve targeting and "detection capabilities, which would help officers find and stop more illegal drugs like fentanyl before they reach our communities and harm our communities and children." The vote, on March 10, was 406 yeas to 9 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

2025 CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS: The House has passed the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act (H.R. 1968) sponsored by Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., to provide for spending on federal programs for the rest of Fiscal 2025 in the absence of new appropriations legislation. Cole said keeping funding at 2024 levels, without adding controversial policy riders, would sustain "critical functions of government, in-

cluding border defense, roads, parks, child care, water infrastructure projects, biomedical research, job training, and countless others." An opponent, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, called the bill "an attack on veterans. It is an attack on families. It is an attack on seniors. It cuts funding for veterans." The vote, on March 11, was 217 yeas to 213 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Scott, David D-GA (13th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

REGULATING DECENTRALIZED FINANCE:

The House has passed a resolution (H.J. Res. 25) sponsored by Rep. Mike Carey, R-Ohio, to disapprove of and void an Internal Revenue Service rule regulating the computer infrastructure that enables decentralized finance systems, including cryptocurrencies. Carey said the

rule "invades the privacy of tens of millions of Americans, hinders the development of an important new industry in the United States, and would overwhelm the IRS with over 8 billion new information returns." A resolution opponent, Rep. Danny K. Davis, D-Ill., said it "would add \$4 billion to the deficit solely due to taxpayer noncompliance" with rules for reporting cryptocurrency transactions. The vote, on March 11, was 292 yeas to 132 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Greene R-GA (14th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Scott, David D-GA (13th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

SENATE VOTES:

LABOR SECRETARY: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Lori Chavez-DeRemer to be Labor Secretary. Previously a medical business owner, Chavez-DeRemer was a town mayor in Oregon for most of the 2010s, then was a House member in 2023 and 2024. A supporter, Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., said Chavez-DeRemer "has known the value of a hard day's work, and in her public service, she has put in the work to seek differing perspectives and to find common ground." The vote, on March 10, was 67 yeas to 32 nays.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

TRANSPORTATION OFFICIAL:

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Steven Bradbury to be the Transportation Department's deputy secretary. Bradbury was Transportation's general counsel for most of the first Trump administration after time at the Justice Department in the George W. Bush administration. Otherwise, he has been a lawyer at Washington, D.C., law firms. An opponent, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., said Bradbury "has shown more interest in a light-touch approach that benefits industry than being a champion for safety." The vote, on March 11, was 51 yeas to 46 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, War-

nock D-GA

ANTITRUST LAWYER: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Abigail Slater to be assistant attorney general at the Justice Department's Antitrust Division. Recently a vice president at Roku and adviser to J.D. Vance, Slater has also been a lawyer at the federal Trade Commission, general counsel for the Internet Association, and a policy aide in the first Trump administration. A supporter, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said she has "learned the nuts and bolts of antitrust enforcement. Ms. Slater also understands antitrust and economics from a policy perspective." The vote, on March 11, was 78 yeas to 19 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA

YEAS: Warnock D-GA

ECONOMIC ADVISER: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Stephen Miran to chair the White House's Council of Economic Advisers. Miran was a policy advisor at the Treasury Department during the first Trump administration and is currently a strategist at a private investment firm and fellow at the Manhattan Institute. The vote, on March 12, was 53 yeas to 46 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

DEPUTY LABOR SECRETARY: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Keith Sonderling to be the Labor Department's deputy secretary. An official at Labor and commissioner on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 2017 to 2021, Sonderling was previously a labor lawyer in Florida. The vote, on March 12, was 53 yeas to 46 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA



Sanford Bishop



Jon Ossoff



Austin Scott



Raphael Warnock

Gonzaga bulldozes Georgia to win 16th straight NCAA opener

Field Level Media

Khalif Battle recorded 24 points and eight rebounds as eighth-seeded Gonzaga trampled ninth-seeded Georgia 89-68 on Thursday in Midwest Region first-round play at Wichita, Kansas.

Braden Huff added 18 points and eight rebounds as Gonzaga came charging out of the gates like Secretariat with a 27-3 ambush in a battle of two

teams named Bulldogs. Gonzaga won its first-round NCAA Tournament game for the 16th straight time.

Nolan Hickman made five 3-pointers and scored 18 points for Gonzaga (26-8). Graham Ike added 13 points as the Zags won their fifth straight contest overall.

Gonzaga will face top-seeded Houston today. A victory would give the Zags their 10th consecutive Sweet 16 berth.

Asa Newell registered 20 points and eight rebounds for Georgia (20-13), which was part of the NCAA field for the first time since 2015.

Silas Demary Jr. had 15 points and Blue Cain and Somto Cyril added 10 apiece for Georgia.

Gonzaga, which scored the game's first 13 points, shot a stellar 55 percent from the field, including a sizzling 12 of 20 from 3-point range. Ryan Nembhard contributed eight

assists and three steals.

Georgia made 35 percent of its attempts and was a dismal 5 of 26 from behind the arc.

Gonzaga never trailed while making its 26th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

Hickman made all four 3-point attempts while scoring 15 first-half points for the Zags, who led 48-27 at the break. Battle had 14 points and seven rebounds for Gonzaga, which was 8 of 11 from 3-point range

and shot 58.6 percent overall in the half.

Newell had 10 points in the half for Georgia, which shot just 27.6 percent and was 1 of 13 from behind the arc in the first half.

Ike's jumper gave Gonzaga a 13-0 lead just more than 3 1/2 minutes into the game. Newell scored Georgia's first basket with 15:48 left in the half.

A short time later, the Zags ratted off 12 straight points

and took the 27-3 lead on Ben Gregg's basket with 11:44 remaining.

Battle's trey made it 30-5 with 11:01 left in the half.

The 21-point halftime deficit was too much for Georgia. It pulled within 64-48 on a 3-pointer by Cain with 12:24 remaining before Gonzaga answered with nine straight points. Huff's basket increased the margin to 25 with 9:51 to go.

The lead topped out at 26.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

The Worth County Rams celebrate at the plate Tuesday after Caden Emerson hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning. The Rams won an important region game over Fitzgerald, 6-3, thanks in part to Emerson's blast.

Emerson home run powers Worth County past Fitzgerald team

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

SYLVESTER — Caden Emerson delivered in a big way Tuesday night, launching a two-run homer over the left-field fence in the fifth inning before taking the mound to shut down Fitzgerald, sealing a 6-3 victory for Worth County at Pope Park.

"This was a big win for us," Worth County head coach Will Smith said. "We came in 3-3 in the region, and they came in 5-1, so this win is important."

The Rams jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third inning when Luke Rogers singled to bring home Garrett Brooks, who was running for starting pitcher Avery Kilcrease. Fitzgerald responded with two runs in the fourth, cutting the deficit to 3-2. Then, with one out in the fifth, Rogers singled to left, setting the stage for Emerson's first home run of the season — a towering shot that stretched the Rams' lead to 5-2.

Kilcrease was on the mound

in the fifth inning, working a full count against a Fitzgerald batter when Smith made a rare mid-at-bat pitching change, moving Emerson from first base to the mound.

"That's the first time in my career I've ever changed pitchers with a full count," Smith said. "But I had to do it. Avery was at 85 pitches, and if he goes over that, the rule says he can't pitch again for three days. I wanted to keep him available in case we need him for an inning on Friday."

Emerson walked the batter, allowing a run to score, but then shut down Fitzgerald the rest of the way, keeping the Hurricanes off the board for the final 1 2/3 innings.

"It was the game within the game," Smith said. "They (Fitzgerald) knew exactly where things stood. They were taking pitches to get Avery past that 85-number so he couldn't pitch Friday. Most people are just

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Albany State center fielder Matt Delay, right, talks with ASU head coach Scot Hemmings at third base during Tuesday's game against No. 1-ranked University of Tampa. Delay hit a grand slam in the eighth inning to help the Golden Rams take the win.

A TURNING POINT

Matt Delay's grand slam lifts Albany State to win over No. 1-ranked Tampa

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Matt Delay's first season at Albany State hasn't gone as planned, with injuries sidelining the center fielder and leadoff hitter for parts of the year. But on Tuesday afternoon, he made up for lost time in a big way. With the Golden Rams trailing top-ranked University of Tampa in the bottom of the eighth inning, Delay crushed a grand slam, propelling Albany State to an 8-6 victory — one of the biggest wins in program history.

The win moves Albany State to 14-12, while Tampa, the nation's top Division II team, falls to 20-4.

A turning point?

For head coach Scot Hemmings, the win showcased the team's potential.

"The first four innings were kind of the story of our season — self-inflicted wounds, errors, walks, not squaring up balls on offense," Hemmings said. "Then suddenly, the team I knew I had recruited showed up. I told them from the first practice that we had a regional contender, but we had to work hard because of the tough schedule we were playing. I hope tonight they see that when they play within a system, they can beat anybody."

Looking ahead, Hemmings hopes Tuesday's game marks a turning point.

"You always look back at one play or one game that changed a season," he said. "I hope in May, we're looking

back at Matt Delay's grand slam as the moment that got us going."

Delay, a transfer from Southeastern University (Florida), was one hit away from hitting for the cycle. He tripled, doubled and delivered the game-winning homer, all while adding a stolen base — stealing home in the third inning.

Tampa took an early 1-0 lead in the first, but Delay tripled and scored on an Austin Roberts single to tie the game. The Spartans responded in the second with two home runs off Albany State starter Quindon Wright, extending their lead to 4-1.

Albany State battled back in the third. Isaiah Haygood singled, then scored

SEE ASU, 10A

Terrell Academy falls shorts in loss to Brookwood

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

DAWSON — Terrell Academy came out swinging, jumping to a 4-0 lead in the first inning of Tuesday's game, but Brookwood stormed back with seven unanswered runs and held on for a 7-6 victory at Terrell Academy.

The Eagles fought back late, scoring once in the fifth on a Brookwood error and again in the sixth when Harrison Dozier crossed the plate after another defensive miscue. Trailing by a run in the bottom of the seventh, Terrell Academy had a chance to tie the game, but Brookwood's defense held firm.

Brooks Strickland led off the inning with a walk, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jace Berry and moved to third on a ground out from Jack Hampson. However, the Eagles couldn't push him across, leaving the tying run stranded just 90 feet away.

After the game, Terrell Academy head coach Ashley Walker credited Brookwood for its execution.

"They pitched it better than we did, and they hit it better than we did in crucial situations," Walker said. "They



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Terrell Academy first baseman John Mark Irvin is a second late in a pickoff attempt during Tuesday's game against Brookwood in Dawson. The Brookwood runner was safe. Irvin later made a catch at first base that would qualify for an ESPN highlight reel, but Terrell Academy lost 7-6.

ran the bases better than we did. We were better in one phase of the game, and when that happens, it's hard to win close games."

Walker also pointed to his team's mental approach as an area that needs improvement.

"We struggled with the mental side of situations, and it cost us an opportunity to win," he said.

Terrell Academy's four-run first inning was fueled by two walks, a hit bats-

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Albany State names wide receivers coach

Staff Reports

ALBANY — Albany State has named Ryan Petrasek as its new wide receivers coach, the program announced Monday. Petrasek, who has coached at multiple levels of football, brings a wealth of experience in offensive strategy, player development and scouting to the Golden Rams.

"I'm very excited to be part of the Albany community and such a tradition-rich program here at Albany State," Petrasek said. "The warm welcome has been incredible. I immediately felt unified with Coach Gray and our staff, and I'm excited to help create a highly competitive team. Excellence is the standard!"

Petrasek joins Albany State after serving as the running backs coach and special teams

assistant at Southern Virginia University. His coaching career includes stints as a wide receivers coach in the European League of Football with the Wroclaw Panthers, a tight ends coach at Pike Road High School (Alabama), and offensive assistant/player personnel roles at Liberty University and Old Dominion University.

Throughout his career, Petrasek has played a key role in game planning, scouting, and player development. He has experience in breaking down opposing defenses, designing offensive schemes, and mentoring players at multiple positions. During his time with the Wroclaw Panthers, he coached former NFL wide receiver Matt Cole and UCLA wide receiver Josiah Norwood, further

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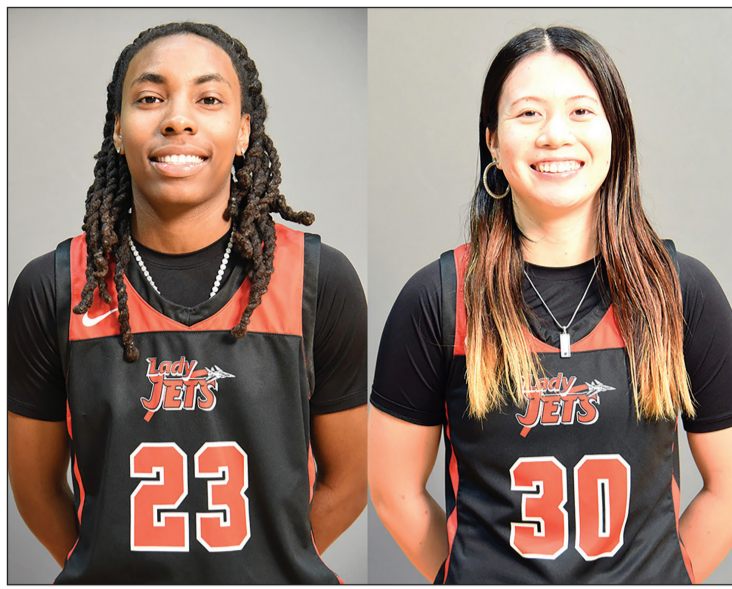
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SGTC Lady Jets to play national champion in first round

Staff Reports

AMERICUS — The South Georgia Technical College Lady Jets (25-6) have punched their ticket to the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament for the 11th time in program history. Seeded 22nd in the 24-team field, they will take on defending national champion Hutchinson Community College in the opening round at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper, Wyoming. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+.

The Lady Jets enter the tournament riding a 13-game winning streak, while Hutchinson (28-4) secured an at-large bid and was seeded 11th. The Blue Dragons, who spent nine weeks at No. 1 in the national rankings, finished 21-3 in conference play before falling 45-42 to Coffeyville Community College in the Region 6 semifinals.



South Georgia Tech's top scorers — From left, Jamiah Gregory, Mio Sakano, Enola Papin and Kaiya Carter — have led the Lady Jets' offense this season, each averaging double figures as they head into the NJCAA Division I National Tournament.

Hutchinson returns to the same court where it won its first-ever NJCAA national title last season, capping a perfect 37-0 run with an 88-80 overtime victory over Northwest Florida State in the championship game. This season, the Blue Dragons split their two games against No. 4-seeded

Dodge City (67-41 loss, 75-67 OT win) and earned a one-point win over No. 14-seeded Murray State (69-68).

South Georgia Tech, meanwhile, did not crack the national rankings this season but enters the tournament as one of the hottest teams in the country. Their last loss



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came on Jan. 18, an 84-80 defeat to East Georgia State College. The Lady Jets faced just one nationally ranked team this season, losing twice to top-seeded Chipola (81-74 on Dec. 19 and 84-75 on Dec. 31).

The only previous meeting between South Georgia Tech

and Hutchinson came in the 2015 NJCAA Tournament, where the Blue Dragons won 80-61 in the second round. However, Hutchinson later forfeited its games that season, allowing South Georgia Tech to advance to the Elite Eight under then-head coach James Frey.

This marks second-year Lady Jets head coach Jason Carpenter's first trip to the NJCAA Tournament. Historically, South Georgia Tech holds a 5-8 record in tournament play, including 4-5 in opening-round games. Hutchinson, making its 12th national tournament appearance, boasts a 24-12 all-time record and a 5-2 mark in first-round matchups under longtime head coach John Ontjes, who has won over 500 games since taking over in 2007.

South Georgia Tech enters the tournament as one of the top-scoring teams in the NJCAA, averaging 83.7 points per game — third-best in the nation. Hutchinson ranks much lower at 50th, averaging 70.6 points per game. The Lady Jets also hold a major advantage on the glass, ranking sixth nationally in rebounding (49.7 RPG), compared to Hutchinson's 74th-ranked 35.0 RPG.

Kimbrel joins Braves with Minor League contract

By Mark Bowman and David Adler
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NORTH PORT, Fla. — Craig Kimbrel is coming back to where it all started with the hope of extending his career.

Kimbrel has agreed to a Minor League deal with the Braves, according to multiple sources with knowledge of the deal. The veteran reliever will make \$2 million if he is added to Atlanta's roster. The club has not confirmed the agreement.

Kimbrel set the Braves franchise record with the 186 saves he totaled from 2010-14. The 36-year-old hurler no longer stands as one of the game's most dominant relievers. But with a bounce back year he could help fill some of the holes in Atlanta's bullpen.

Kimbrel posted a 5.33 ERA over 57 appearances for the Orioles last year before being designated for assignment in September. He hasn't been in camp with any club since the start of Spring Training. So, he will make necessary prepara-

tions before beginning this season with Triple-A Gwinnett.

Braves closer Raisel Iglesias, setup man Pierce Johnson and left-handers Dylan Lee and Aaron Bummer are currently the only locks for Atlanta's bullpen. Daysbel Hernández is a near lock. Enyel De Los Santos and Hector Neris are non-roster invitees who could fill two of the remaining three spots. The last spot could be given to someone to serve as a long reliever.

The Braves play each of the first seven days of the regular season. So, the Braves could carry AJ Smith-Shawver to either make a start or be a long relief option during this span. If he makes a start, Ian Anderson could initially be tabbed the long reliever.

In Kimbrel, the Braves reunite with one of the most decorated closers ever, potentially a future Hall of Famer. He's a nine-time All-Star, most recently in 2023 with the Phillies, and has won MLB's Reliever of the Year Award in both leagues — he

was the Trevor Hoffman NL Reliever of the Year in 2014 with the Braves and the Mariano Rivera AL Reliever of the Year in 2017 with the Red Sox.

Kimbrel has 440 career saves entering the 2025 season, fifth-most all-time and second-most among active closers behind Kenley Jansen.

Kimbrel has led his league in saves four times and the Majors once — that was his career-best 50-save season in 2013 — although the last of those seasons was a decade ago. He has five 40-save seasons, fourth-most of any closer after Rivera (nine), Hoffman (nine) and Francisco Rodriguez (six), and eight 30-save seasons.

He's also been to the postseason nine times, with five different teams — the Braves, Red Sox, Cubs, White Sox and Phillies — and was a World Series champion with the Red Sox in 2018, closing out three of Boston's four wins over the Dodgers in the Fall Classic.



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Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe was clocked at 4.37 seconds Wednesday in the 40-yard dash during Alabama's Pro Day in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Alabama QB Jalen Milroe blazes 40 at pro day

Field Level Media

Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe posted a 40 time in the 4.5-second range at the Crimson Tide pro day in Tuscaloosa on Wednesday morning.

NFL Network reported some in attendance clocked Milroe as fast as 4.37 seconds on his first of two 40-yard dash attempts.

Milroe flashed a cannon for a throwing arm, another known commodity, but his accuracy and ability to dial in on shorter throws and float the ball between the second and third level remain concerns for NFL evaluators.

He has a second-round grade from Field Level Media. He had 33 TD runs and threw 45 touchdown passes for the Crimson Tide.

Milroe opted to work out with quarterbacks in position drills in Indianapolis at the NFL Scouting Combine

but did not run the 40. He was clocked Wednesday using handheld timing devices rather than the digital timing system in place at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Perhaps the most significant development on campus was the revelation that projected first-round linebacker Jihaad Campbell, wearing a heavy brace and stabilizing support device to elevate his left arm, had shoulder surgery to repair what he described as a "slight tear" in his labrum. Campbell and offensive guard Tyler Booker are viewed as probable first-rounders in April.

With scouts from all 32 teams in attendance, Milroe's speed — long known to be an asset — was not a concern for teams evaluating a QB class featuring purported No. 1 overall pick Cam Ward (Miami) and projected first-rounders She-deur Sanders (Alabama) and Jaxson Dart (Ole Miss).



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Albany State shortstop Emory Stephens waits for a throw at second base as a runner from the University of Tampa steals second. The throw was a split second slower than the runner.

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on Delay's double before Delay swiped home on a bases-loaded walk to Trenten Justice. The Golden Rams left the bases loaded, however, as Tampa's right fielder chased down a deep fly ball from shortstop Emory Stephens.

Tampa added another run in the sixth inning and stretched its lead to 6-4 in the eighth, but Albany State had two

more chances left.

Stephens led off the bottom of the eighth with a single, and Nathan Saavedra walked, prompting Tampa to change pitchers. Haygood followed with a walk to load the bases, setting the stage for Delay's grand slam, a no-doubt blast over the left-field fence that gave Albany State its first lead of the game, 8-6.

Tampa opened the ninth with a lead-off hit against reliever Gercal Reyes, but Reyes responded by retiring the next

three batters, sealing the victory with a game-ending strikeout.

Reyes earned the win, throwing two scoreless innings, allowing two hits and striking out two batters.

The Golden Rams will travel to Columbia, South Carolina, this weekend for a three-game series against Benedict College, with two games today and a third on Sunday. Albany State will return home Tuesday to host the University of West Alabama at ASU West, with first pitch set for 5 p.m.

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man and singles from Tucker Lanza, Kyle Hall and Landon Misamore. But Brookwood responded quickly, plating seven runs to take control of the game.

Sophomore right-hander Brody Cowart started on the mound, pitching 3 2/3

innings while allowing six runs on six hits. He walked three and struck out two before Landon Rogers took over in relief. Rogers pitched 3 1/3 innings, giving up just one run on three hits while striking out five batters.

Despite keeping the game within reach, Terrell Academy couldn't capitalize on key opportunities late.

"All credit goes to Brookwood, they

outplayed us," Walker said. "We played a pretty clean game, we just didn't handle adversity well, and we have to do hard better!"

With the loss, Terrell Academy falls to 5-5 on the season. The Eagles now turn their attention to arch-rival Deerfield-Windsor, facing the Knights in Albany at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday before hosting them in Dawson at 4 p.m. Thursday.

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watching a baseball game, but as coaches, we have so many different things to watch and decisions to make."

Rogers, Emerson and catcher Brody Weaver each had two hits for the Rams. Kilcrease earned the win, pitching 5 1/3

innings while allowing four hits and three earned runs, striking out seven and walking one. Emerson closed the game, tossing 1 2/3 innings, allowing just one hit while striking out three.

Worth County, now 12-4 overall and 4-3 in region play, was set to host Brantley County on Friday at Pope Park for a doubleheader.

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demonstrating his ability to develop high-caliber talent.

A Virginia Tech graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering, Petrasek has also been involved in recruiting operations and player personnel management. Beyond coaching, he has been active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and high school ministry programs, emphasizing leader-

ship development on and off the field.

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Petrasek to our coaching staff," Albany State head coach Quinn Gray said. "He brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to developing student-athletes on and off the field. His expertise and leadership will enhance the direction of our program."

Petrasek officially began his new role with Albany State on Monday.



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Easter Apps Made Easy

FAMILY FEATURES

If you'll be hosting friends and family for Easter this year, creating the perfect spread doesn't have to be hard. Make your gathering as simple as it is delicious by serving dishes that can be made ahead of time then easily put together on the big day.

Opting for an array of appetizers can help keep hungry people out of the kitchen until the main course is ready. Featuring easy prep and short cook times, these apps from "Cookin' Savvy" can let you spend more time creating memories with loved ones.

Whether you're celebrating with your nearest and dearest or hosting a larger crowd, these Deviled Eggs, Pimento Cheese Bites and Spinach Bites recipes can be halved or doubled to fit your needs. Plus, they feature many ingredients you may already have on-hand, making them easy to prep ahead of time to avoid spending too much time in the kitchen while trying to host.

Find more recipe inspiration to make your Easter celebration extraordinary at Culinary.net.

Spinach Bites

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 24 spinach bites

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup thawed frozen spinach
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

1 package (2 sheets) frozen puff pastry

With hand mixer, blend cream cheese, mayonnaise, sour cream, spinach, Parmesan cheese, mozzarella, bacon pieces, garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper, to taste.

Heat oven to 400 F.

Thaw and roll out puff pastry sheets. Cut each sheet into 12 squares. Place each puff pastry square into hole in muffin pan then spoon spinach mixture into each square and pinch corners together. Bake 15 minutes and serve warm.

Notes: Spinach mixture can be made in advance and kept in refrigerator up to 5 days before using. Recipe can be halved or doubled depending on needs.



Pimento Cheese Bites

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 12 shells and 12 tops

- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 jar (4 ounces) pimentos, drained
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 2 packages frozen puff pastry shells

With hand mixer, blend cheddar cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise, pimentos, garlic powder, onion powder, bacon pieces and salt and pepper, to taste, until smooth; set aside.

Heat oven to 400 F.

Thaw then bake pastry shells 15 minutes. Remove tops and set aside. Spoon pimento cheese mixture into each shell.

Place dab of pimento cheese mixture on tops for smaller appetizers.

Notes: Pimento cheese mixture can be made in advance and kept in refrigerator up to 5 days before using. Recipe can be halved or doubled depending on needs.

Deviled Eggs

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 16 deviled eggs

- 8 boiled eggs
- 1/2-3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 2 tablespoons dill pickle juice
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

smoked paprika, for garnish (optional)

Slice each egg and place whites on plate and yolks in bowl.

In bowl of yolks, add 1/2 cup mayonnaise, mustard, pickle juice, bacon pieces, garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper, to taste. With fork or hand mixer, blend until smooth. Add more mayonnaise until mixture reaches desired smoothness.

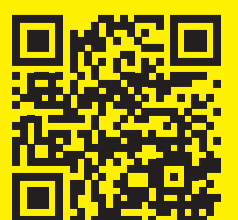
Spoon or pipe mixture into egg whites.

Garnish with smoked paprika, if desired.

Note: Deviled eggs can be made day before and kept covered in refrigerator until needed.



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Colquitt Regional Hospital receives Patient Safety Awards

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MOULTRIE -- Colquitt Regional Hospital recently announced it was the recipient of two prestigious Patient Safety and Quality Awards, given by the Georgia Hospital Association. The hospital's project, "Simulations and Escape Rooms: A Recipe for Patient Safety," won first place in the Hospitals with Less than 100 Beds category, while its project, "Use of Rounding Technology to Improve Patient Safety and Satisfaction," earned second place in the same category.

The GHA annual awards presentation recognizes Georgia health care organizations for achievements in reducing the risk of medical errors and improving patient safety and

medical outcomes.

"Patient safety is always our top priority at Colquitt Regional," Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney said. "We are continually looking for ways to innovate and improve the care we provide. These projects showcase our team's dedication to excellence and their commitment to ensuring that our patient have the best outcomes."

The "Simulations and Escape Rooms: A Recipe for Patient Safety" project utilized Colquitt Regional's state-of-the-art simulation labs to enhance patient safety education for staff. The education team developed a patient safety escape room, where participants solved puzzles and interacted with a mannequin to "escape" while learning about critical



Special Photo: Colquitt Regional

Colquitt Regional Medical Center recently announced it was the recipient of two Patient Safety and Quality Awards, given by the Georgia Hospital Association.

safety protocols. Topics covered included hand hygiene, emergency response, medication safety, fall prevention, urinary catheter maintenance, and personal protective equipment usage. This engaging and memorable approach reinforced essential safety prac-

tices, helping to create a safer environment for both patients and staff.

The hospital's second-place-winning project, "Use of Rounding Technology to Improve Patient Safety and Satisfaction," focused on identifying and implementing a technol-

ogy solution that enables nursing and administrative leaders to round on patients in real time. The goal was to proactively address safety concerns and improve the overall patient experience. This initiative included targeted rounds for fall safety, central line, and catheter maintenance, among others. Since launching in the summer of 2023, leaders at Colquitt Regional have completed more than 21,000 patient rounds. As a result, satisfaction scores have reached an all-time high, demonstrating the program's success in enhancing both safety and the patient experience.

"We are honored to recognize Colquitt Regional Medical Center for their innovative initiatives to enhance patient safety," Georgia Hospital As-

sociation President and CEO Caylee Noggle said. "Their commitment to high-quality care and patient-focused strategies is making a tremendous impact on health outcomes in their community."

Hospital Authority Chairman John Griffin also commended the team's efforts.

"These awards highlight the dedication and hard work of our entire staff in ensuring the highest standards of patient care," he said. "Colquitt Regional continues to be a leader in innovation and excellence, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished."

For more information on these awards, contact the Colquitt Regional marketing department at (229) 890-3552.



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PCOM South Georgia to host Osteopathic Medicine annual meeting

Staff Reports

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MOULTRIE — Practicing physicians and residents can learn more about geriatric medicine and network with other doctors from south Georgia during the Georgia Osteopathic Medicine Association's District III Annual Meeting on April 1 at PCOM (Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine) South Georgia here.

PCOM South Georgia is part of a multiyear partnership with the Emory University Center under Emory's cooperative agreement with the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration for the Geriatric Workforce Expansion Project. The goal of the project is to improve geriatric care and education for health care workers in Georgia, focusing on underserved and rural areas.

As part of the HRSA project, PCOM's Dr. Michael Srulevich

will present "Essentials for the Care of Older Adults" during the GOMA annual meeting. Srulevich is board-certified in family medicine with added qualifications in geriatric, hospice and palliative medicine. He is a professor in the Department of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine at PCOM and is the program director for PCOM's Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program, which is accredited by the ACGME (American Council for Graduate Medical Education).

Srulevich serves as an associate medical director at Visiting Nurse Association Hospice of Philadelphia. Additionally, he is the lead physician for palliative medicine at Roxborough Memorial Hospital, has a clinical

practice in PCOM's Specialty Care Clinic on City Avenue in Philadelphia, and provides long-term care to residents at four Philadelphia nursing homes.

Continuing medical education credit (AMA and AOA) is available for physicians (MDs and DOs) attending Srulevich's presentation.

"The purpose of the Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association is to promote public health while also promoting art, science and philosophy of osteopathic medicine," Kristie Petree, president of GOMA District III and an associate professor of neuromusculoskeletal and osteopathic manipulative medicine at PCOM South Georgia. "GOMA works as our osteopathic voice in training program quality and legis-

lative lobbying, giving us the opportunity to make positive changes for our profession."

The GOMA District III annual meeting will begin on the campus of PCOM South Georgia, 2050 Tallokas Road in Moultrie, at 6 p.m. with a meet-and-greet, followed by a GOMA Business Information Session at 6:30. Dinner and Srulevich's educational session will begin at 7.

"We hope to create a networking opportunity for osteopathic physicians, residents, interns and students who want to support and represent our profession in the state of Georgia," Petree said. "This event will also bring awareness to the critical issues in geriatrics and need for geriatrics-specific care while showcasing our PCOM South Georgia location. We're happy to provide tours of our wonderful facility."

There is no fee to attend,



Dr. Michael Srulevich

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WATCH YOUR WEIGHT

Learn the rules for and critical factors when towing trailers

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY — To steal a line from Forrest Gump, “I’m not a smart man.” But I know that just because I can pull a trailer doesn’t always mean I should pull a trailer. I’m living proof that wisdom comes with age. The challenge is to live through the lessons. When it comes to towing trailers, I’ve been fortunate to literally live through a few.

Weight is one of the most critical factors in regard to safe towing. Getting a heavy load rolling isn’t really the hard part. However, getting a heavily loaded trailer to track and stop safely can prove to be challenging. Understanding a number of limiting factors will help ensure that you are towing your loads safely.

As people often say, “When all else fails, look at the owner’s manual.” There you likely will find a statement informing you that your vehicle is designed primarily as a passenger- and load-carrying vehicle. Towing a trailer can have an adverse impact on handling, performance, braking, durability and fuel consumption. For your safety and the safety of others, you must not overload your vehicle or trailer. You also must ensure that you are using appropriate towing equipment that has been installed correctly and used properly and that you employ safe driving habits.

The manual will provide information stating the vehicle capacity weight, which is the combined weight of occupants and luggage. It also will have a warning that any accessories that are added to the vehicle after it leaves the factory should be included in the total. Items such as brush guards, winches, toolboxes and content, cargo caps, roof racks and other add-ons fall into this category. Combining the total weight of the vehicle with the vehicle capacity weight is the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, or GVWR.

Obviously, the Trailer Weight Rating, or TWR, which is the sum of the trailer’s weight and the weight of the cargo loaded on or in the trailer, is a critical factor. Just because you can load it onto the trailer with room to spare does not mean it is a safe load. An overloaded trailer not only exceeds tongue weight, it may exceed the safe load rate of the tires and cause excessive wear on wheel bearings.

It’s important here to point out that the same can be said about tires. Just because they fit the trailer does not mean they are the right tires for the trailer. Trailer tires and car tires may be the same physical size, but

there are many differences between the two. Trailer tires are designed and fabricated for load capacity and stability and have a stiffer sidewall to resist sway and prevent fishtailing. Treads are designed to increase traction as it relates to tracking the tow vehicle. Trailer tires are designed to carry heavier loads than car tires.

These tires are designed to resist stress and heat buildup, reducing both the risk of premature wear and failure. Tire pressure is critical and should be checked frequently. Weight limits for tires should be followed as closely as the overall load rating of the tow vehicle and trailer. It is also important to note that trailer tires may have lower speed ratings than car tires. This is because higher speeds generate heat build-up that can cause internal components to degrade or separate, leading to blowouts or other forms of catastrophic failure. None of these things can come to a good end when heavy loads are moving at high speed.

Before hitting the road, be sure that there is a spare tire specific to the trailer being pulled, as well as a jack and lug wrench to change the tire if necessary. I strongly recommend buying at least one spare wheel bearing for the trailer. Pre-lube the bearing and seal it in a Ziplock so it is clean and ready for installation.

The next factor related to towing is the maximum allowable gross combination weight, which is the sum of the GVWR and the weight of the trailer being towed, including all cargo. The next critical measure is the maximum allowable gross trailer weight, which is the combination for the trailer and cargo weight. If the tongue weight is too light, the trailer will tend to “fishtail” or swing from side to side. If the tongue weight is too heavy, the tow vehicle will bear more of the load on the rear axle, making steering difficult and potentially dangerous when other factor such as speed and road conditions come into play.

Light tongue weight should not be confused with a light GTW. In fact, light tongue weight is often the result of a heavy load on a trailer that is not distributed correctly. This condition can be exasperated in relation to how a trailer is loaded in relation to its balance point. A general rule of thumb is to have 60% of GTW in front of the trailer’s axle or center point between dual axles. If possible, the heaviest items should be placed directly over these points. Weight obviously should be balanced as much as possible.

The owner’s manual will further define the maximum safe limits for



Staff Photo: Tom Seegmueller

Weight is one of the most critical factors when towing a trailer safely.

each of these values, as well as the type hitch or receiver that should be installed for the calculated weight of the trailer being towed. There are four hitch classes. Class I has a capacity of up to 2,000 pounds GVWR weight with 200 pounds tongue weight. Class II hitches have a capacity of up to 3,500 pounds GVWR and a tongue weight of 350 pounds. Class III hitches have a capacity of up to 5,000 pounds GVWR with a tongue weight of 500 pounds. Class IV hitches have a capacity greater than 5,000 pounds GVWR and a tongue weight between 1,000 to 1,200 pounds.

When attaching the trailer to a ball-mounted hitch, ensure that all components are in good condition and equal or greater than the GVWR of the trailer. Make sure that the trailer ball and hitch coupler are the same size. These measurements should be stamped directly into each component, the most common being 1 7/8 inch, 2 inch, and 2 1/2 inch. The ball of the hitch and the coupler of the trailer should be at a height that allows both the tow vehicle and trailer to be level when connected.

Attach the ball and coupler according to manufacturer’s instructions. Attach safety chains from the trailer to the tow vehicle so that they cross under the trailer tongue catching it so that it cannot contact the ground if the trailer should disconnect from the tow vehicle. Each chain should be attached to a separate point on the tow vehicle and rated for the GVWR. Connect any pin connectors for breaks if applicable and ensure all trailer lights are connected and working properly.

One of the most startling things that can happen while pulling a trailer is to have it disconnected from the tow vehicle. By following the appropriate procedures in attaching safety chains,

drivers may be able to minimize overall damage. The first and sometimes hardest thing to do is not panic and immediately hit your breaks. Full disclosure here: I have done it the right way, and I’ve done it the wrong way. Hit the brakes, and the tongue of the trailer is going to ram anything it reaches under your vehicle.

If the safety chains do their job, the tongue does not jam into the road-bed. The trailer stays attached to the tow vehicle and follows it safely to the side of the road out of traffic’s way. Hopefully, damage to the trailer and tow vehicle will be limited. However, a wayward trailer can do a lot of destruction while it tries to chew up the tow vehicle. Having the presence of mind not to hit the brakes and gradually slowing the vehicle while getting out of traffic may help avoid any damage. To ensure this does not happen, make a habit of inspecting your trailer hitch assembly anytime that it has been parked unattended for even a brief period. Some people have a sick sense of humor. I am aware of several damaged trailers as a result of vandalism.

Trailer separation can occur for a number of reasons, including a defective hitch. It generally is human error, though, where the hitch and ball did not match or a safety pin was not used on the hitch to ensure it does not open. Or someone removed or forgot to use a safety from the pin that holds the ball on the trailer hitch.

When coupled together, the towing vehicle and trailer should both be as level with the road as possible. When pulling a cargo trailer with varying loads, the GTW will always differ as well as the balance point of any given load. Using the visual level assessment, as well as pulling the loaded trailer for a trial run, is advisable before hitting the road. How-

ever, if pulling the same camper or boat, visiting a commercial scale and checking the GVWR, GTW, as well as the actual weight on the front and rear axles of the tow vehicle when the trailer is attached is recommended.

When it comes to being attached, it is surprising how often people load a trailer and hit the road without securing their load. This creates a series of issues, with the primary ones being a loose or shifting load. A loose and shifting load not only can damage the items being hauled, but change in the tongue weight can result in safety issues. Other issues relating to safety and liability can result from an unsecured load.

Over the years I’ve had a number of items eject from the bed of my truck or the trailer I was pulling. Fortunately, none damaged another vehicle or injured anyone. However, there have been some close calls. My wife had a piece of plywood land in front of her car on Interstate 75. It sailed off a trailer three vehicles ahead of her before landing on end immediately ahead of her. The plywood won, but fortunately it only destroyed the car’s front clip.

One memorable “almost” occurred as she was following me in her car as I towed our boat with 150 gallons of fuel on board, asking if I thought we needed to tie it down. I laughingly told her it wasn’t going anywhere with more than 100 gallons of fuel on board. She told me I might want to tell that to the boat, as she had seen it clear the bunks of the trailer twice in a half-mile. Needless to say, I pulled over and tied it down temporarily until I could install adequate tie-downs when we got home.

My most memorable and ill-conceived experience pulling a trailer occurred when I hooked a Jeep CJ-7 up to a trailer carrying a load of full-length creosote power poles. Getting the load rolling was no problem. However, when I reached the gate of the farm and hit the brakes to make a turn, the front wheels had no effect on the direction I was traveling, and the brakes were just as ineffective at slowing my fortunately somewhat moderate speed. I did come to a complete stop about 30 feet into a field across the road.

The combination of an improperly loaded overweight trailer and a vehicle with brakes designed to stop an extremely small light weight could have been catastrophic had there been any other vehicles near that three-way intersection. The Jeep was obviously no match for the extreme load, and in reality, most full-size pickups would have come up short as well.

Five Georgia state parks to visit before everyone else does

Staff Reports
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ATLANTA — Georgia’s state parks are no secret, but some of their best-kept treasures are still waiting to be discovered by many. As travelers move beyond the usual hotspots in search of quieter, more authentic, outdoor escapes this season, these five parks are the perfect locations to put at the top of your travel list.

1. A.H. Stephens State Park, Crawfordville: Just west of Augusta, this park offers a unique blend of history and outdoor recreation,

making it a great spot for multi-generational travel. Most known for its equestrian facilities, A.H. Stephens has more than 21 miles of trails to explore and features a Civil War Museum with one of the finest collections of artifacts in Georgia.

2. Chattahoochee Bend State Park, Newnan: At 2,910 acres, Chattahoochee Bend is one of Georgia’s largest state parks. This hidden gem hugs five miles of the Chattahoochee River, offering plenty of space for fishing and paddling excursions. Kayakers and anglers will love the easy access to the river, while hikers will enjoy exploring

more than 11 miles of trails

3. George L. Smith State Park, Twin City: A peaceful retreat known for its iconic cypress-filled mill pond, George L. Smith State Park is a dream destination for paddlers, anglers and nature lovers alike. Kayak or canoe through a labyrinth of moss-draped trees, where the reflections on the still water create an almost otherworldly experience. Nature enthusiasts can look for beaver dams, blue heron, white ibis and other wading birds, while hikers can explore the park’s quiet trails winding through lush woodlands.

4. Jack Hill State Park, Reidsville: A small-town getaway in southeast Georgia, Jack Hill State Park has a surprising range of outdoor activities. Recreation opportunities and rich local history greet travelers on the iconic Southeast Georgia Wiregrass and Woodpecker Trails close to the ancient flowing waters of the Ohoopie and Altamaha Rivers. The park’s picturesque 12-acre lake is perfect for fishing and kayaking, while its golf course offers a scenic setting for a relaxing round.

5. Fort Mountain State Park, Chatsworth: Fort Mountain State

Park stands out as one of north Georgia’s most stunning and adventure-filled destinations, offering a rich blend of history, scenic beauty, and outdoor recreation. Fort Mountain is perfect for explorers looking for a less-crowded mountain escape. With winding trails leading to scenic overlooks, waterfalls, and a stone fire tower, there’s plenty to uncover. One of the park’s most unique features is the ancient stone wall at the summit of Fort Mountain. After a day of exploration, visitors can cool off on a mountain lake swimming beach and end the night enjoying clear views of the night sky.

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Construction/ Service Bids

DOUGHERTY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

INVITATION TO BID
Westover High School Phase 2 Early Site Package
Bid No. 25-FAC-007

The Dougherty County Board of Education, Albany, Georgia, Owner, in the Office of the Dougherty County School System, Logistical Services Department, 601 Flint Avenue, Albany, Georgia, 31701 will receive Sealed Bids until 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Those Bids will then be publicly opened and read. Bidders will be required to submit specific information/documentation with their Bids.

The scope of work includes all labor, material, and equipment required to provide the infrastructure for two temporary portable classroom wings (each wing will consist of eight classrooms and a gang toilet portable) per the plans and specifications at Westover High School; 2600 Partridge Drive, Albany, Georgia. The Scope of will include Concrete Demolition, Plumbing, Electrical, Life Safety, Door and Toilet Hardware.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Facilities Services Department; 1711 Schilling Ave., Albany, Georgia. Individuals who do not attend the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will not be eligible to submit a Bid.

Bid Documents may be obtained through the Facilities Services Department; 1711 Schilling Avenue; Albany, Georgia 31705; Phone: (229) 431-1301 or Dougherty County School Systems link <https://www.docoschools.org> or Georgia Procurement Registry link <https://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/gpr/>.

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 Linda Whitaker Bush 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 18th day of February, 2025.

Pamela Lou Fennewald
Executor of the Estate of Linda Whitaker Bush
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Stephen Wyatt Mitchell 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 18th day of February, 2025.

Jeffrey E. Hall
Executor of the Estate of Stephen Wyatt Mitchell
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Ben Thomas 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 4th day of March, 2025
Name: Ruby Thomas
Title: Administrator
Address: 318 Tremont Ave. Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of FRANCIS P. WETHERBEE, JR., deceased, late of said State and County, are hereby notified to render

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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.
This 10th day of March, 2025.

AB&T Trust & Investments, a Division of Thomasville National Bank, as Executor of the Estate of Francis P. Wetherbee, Jr., deceased c/o Perry & Walters, LLP Post Office Box 71209 Albany, Georgia 31708-1209
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA FLEMING HOLLOWAY, 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. James B. Holloway, Executor c/o DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC 600 N. Jackson St Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS/DEBTORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF Jamil Jewon Wright

All creditors/debtors of the Estate of Jamil Jewon Wright, deceased, late of Dougherty County are, hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to Jewon Wright.

Administrator of the Estate of Jamil Jewon Wright, deceased, c/o Attorney Valerie Brown-Williams, P.O. Box 681, Albany, Georgia 31702.

This 27th day of February, 2025.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Willie Walton Jordan, 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 14th day of March, 2025.
Cora M. Jordan, Administrator of the Estate of Willie Walton Jordan 2800 Pine Valley Road Albany, Georgia 31707 Hall & Williamson, P.C.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Judith Joan Kisner 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 4th day of March, 2025.

Sindy Lou Xenos
Executor of the Estate of Judith Joan Kisner
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCES BEST MEADOW, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Frances Best Meadow, 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 Frances Best Meadow.
This 11th day of March, 2025.
William Letcher Meadow, Executor of the Frances Best Meadow Estate 2103 Chatham Drive Albany, Georgia 31721

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of **MARY SNEAD REEDER**, 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.

JOSEPH ALLAN REEDER, JR., Petitioner
2326 Meadow Brook Lane
Albany, GA 31707
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of **JEFFREY P. SCHNELL**, 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.

LAURA L. KILLEBREW, Petitioner
5612 Old Dawson Rd.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Susan Powell Leggette, deceased, late of said State and County, are hereby

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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 Executors.

This 12th day of March, 2025.

Laura Ann Leggette
as Administrator of the Estate of Susan Powell Leggette, deceased
c/o Perry & Walters, LLP
Post Office Box 71209
Albany, Georgia 31708-1209
GEORGIA,

DOUGHERTY COUNTY

All creditors of the Estate of **FRANK HENDERSON TURPIN, III**, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 17th day of March, 2025.

LISA LUKE TURPIN
Executrix of the Estate of FRANK HENDERSON TURPIN, III, deceased
1201 Great Oaks Dr.
Watkinsville, Georgia 31791

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Odell Naylor Sr. 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 7th day of March, 2025.

Michele Diane Louis
Executor of the Estate of Odell Naylor Sr.
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Minnie Lee King 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 to us.
This 24th day of February, 2025.
Name: Wanda Harris c/o Broel Law, LLC
Title: Administrator
Address: 331 N. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of Charles B. Gillespie, deceased, late of said State and County, 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 Executors.

This 25th day of February, 2025.

Charles Frederick Gillespie and Katherine Gillespie Baker as Co-Executors of the Estate of Charles B. Gillespie, deceased c/o Perry & Walters, LLP Post Office Box 71209 Albany, Georgia 31708-1209

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. 03-JU-2024-500.01

In The Matter Of: Fiona Yu Pollard (DOB 6/6/2012)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDINGS, AND NOTICE TO: BILLY LEE POLLARD

Please take notice that Petition for Termination for Parental Rights in the above-styled matter has been filed in said Court by Yingye Yu, Petitioner, and the Respondent(s) and/or Billy Lee Pollard must appear at the hearing on the 12th day of May, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Montgomery County Courthouse Annex 1, 100 S. Lawrence Street, 3rd Floor, Montgomery, AL 36104 and plead to, answer and demur to the Petition in Case No. 03-JU-2024-500.01, Juvenile Court of Montgomery County, Honorable Judge Calvin L. Williams

PUBLICATION

DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF: A.C.M., B/F, DOB: 10/28/2007; and L.M.B., B/M, DOB: 12/20/2010

TO: Alesha Adel Brockington, mother of the above referenced Female child born 10/28/2007 and Male child born 12/20/2010.

TO: "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of a Female child born to Alesha Adel Brockington on 10/28/2007.

TO: "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of a Male child born to Alesha Adel Brockington on 12/20/2010.

A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Manager Ronzavia Simmons, on the 18th day of March, 2024. The Petition alleges the above-referenced Children 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, Albany, Georgia, 31701, phone 229-431-2162.

Juvenile Court

By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 18th day of March, 2024, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, located at 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia, 31701, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 10th day of June, 2025 at 11 o'clock AM 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 Children 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, Jenifer Cummings.

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 Ingrid P. Driskell, Judge of said Court this 18th day of March, 2024.

Tequilla Woods, Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court

Jenifer E. Cummings
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 70191, Albany, Georgia 31708
Phone (229) 352-5656, Georgia Bar Number 326291

Miscellaneous

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR AND EX OFFICIO SHERIFF OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, Plaintiff, vs. RUPESH RAJKARAN, JAISWAL DINESH RAJKARAN OR THEIR ESTATE AND ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2025000095

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Defendants, Rupesh Rajkaran and Jaiswal Dinesh Rajkaran or their estate and any of her respective heirs at law, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, whomsoever, whose names and/or addresses are known or unknown.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled Petition for Interpleader offering to the Registry of the Court excess tax sale proceeds was filed against you in said Court on January 31, 2025, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on February 24, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court, Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia and serve upon Stephen G. Gunby, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 1199, Columbus, Georgia 31902 an Answer to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw, Judge of said Court.
This 25th day of February, 2025.
CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By: Phyllis Johnson Clerk

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR AND EX OFFICIO SHERIFF OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROGER DALE BRIDGES, DELORES J. BRIDGES OR THEIR ESTATE AND ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN AND BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY OF GEORGIA, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2025000094

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Defendants, Roger Dale Bridges and Delores J. Bridges or their estate and any of her respective heirs at law, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, whomsoever, whose names and/or addresses are known or unknown, and upon Defendant Beneficial Mortgage Company of Georgia, its successors and assigns, whomsoever, whose names and/or addresses are known or unknown.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled Petition for Interpleader

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WITNESS the Honorable Denise Marshall, Chief Judge of said Court.
This 25th day of February, 2025.
CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By: Phyllis Johnson Clerk

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR AND EX OFFICIO SHERIFF OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, Plaintiff,

vs. HYATT SPRIGGS, SR. OR HIS ESTATE AND ANY OF HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2025000096

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Defendant, Harry Spriggs, Sr. or his estate and any of his respective heirs at law, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, whomsoever, whose names and/or addresses are known or unknown.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled Petition for Interpleader offering to the Registry of the Court excess tax sale proceeds was filed against you in said Court on January 31, 2025, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on February 24, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court, Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia and serve upon Stephen G. Gunby, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 1199, Columbus, Georgia 31902 an Answer to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS the Honorable Victoria M. Johnson, Judge of said Court.
This 25th day of February, 2025.
CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By: Phyllis Johnson Clerk

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) (2), that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at: A-1 Wrecker Service, 213 7th Ave, Albany, GA.

Make: Lexus
Year: 2012
Model: RX330
Vin ID: 2T2HA31U84C039171
License: TBI4775
State: GA
Case #: 2025-12AV

Make: Saturn
Year: 2009
Model: Aura
Vin ID: 1G8ZV57B09F115375
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2025-14AV

Make: Toyota
Year: 1997
Model: Camry
Vin ID: JT2BF22K2V0082377
License: SDR6849
State: GA
Case #: 2025-15AV

Make: Toyota
Year: 2009
Model: Corolla
Vin ID: 1NXBU4EE1AZ198764
License: SAG4605
State: GA
Case #: 2025-16AV

Make: Mercury
Year: 2003
Model: Grand Marquis
Vin ID: 2MEHM75W73X662112
License: RCY1264
State: GA
Case #: 2025-13AV

Make: Toyota
Year: 2004
Model: Camry
Vin ID: 4T1BE32K74U819995
License: YJQ861
State: GA
Case #: 2025-17AV

Make: Toyota
Year: 2006
Model: Scion
Vin ID: JTKDE177960073588
License: RVL4465
State: GA
Case #: 2025-18AV

Model: Chevrolet
Year: 2004
Make: Silverado 1500
Vin ID: 1GCEC14X24Z314390
License: PTP4803
State: GA
Case #: 2025-2AV

Model: Nissan
Year: 2018
Make: Altima

Miscellaneous

Vin ID: 1N4AL3AP2JC149315
License: CVX7253
State: GA
Case #: 2025-1AV

Model: Chevrolet
Year: 2005
Make: Trailblazer
Vin ID: 1GND513S752162418
License: XXW637
State: GA
Case #: 2025-3AV

Model: Dodge
Year: 2001
Make: Dakota
Vin ID: 1B7GL2AN61S118409
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2025-4AV

Model: Ford

Miscellaneous

against you in said Court on January 31, 2025, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on February 24, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court, Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia and serve upon Stephen G. Gunby, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 1199, Columbus, Georgia 31902 an Answer to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisas, Judge of said Court.
This 25th day of February, 2025.
CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By: Phyllis Johnson
Clerk

**NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL
P. I. 0017843 DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project. The date of location and design approval is: February 25, 2025. The project proposes signal upgrades at 12 locations along SR 234, SR 133, SR 520, and SR 520 BU in the city of Albany in Dougherty County.

The project will include mast arms, strain poles, LED signal heads with TP IX retro-reflective backplates, flashing yellow left-turn arrows, new vehicle detection and communication where appropriate. The project will also improve pedestrian mobility to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards by implementing appropriate wheelchair ramps, pedestrian platforms, pedestrian signs and signals, and crosswalk striping. No off-site detours are proposed.

- SR 234/Slappey Boulevard at Lippitt Drive
- SR 234/East Oakridge Drive at Radium Springs Road
- SR 133/Moultrie Road at Power Lane
- SR 234/Gillionville Road at Clarendon Court/West Access Drive
- SR 234/Gillionville Road at Magnolia Street
- SR 520 Bus/East Oglethorpe Road at SR 133/Radium Springs Road/Broadway Street
- SR 520 Bus/East Oglethorpe Road at Thornton Drive
- SR 520 Bus/East Oglethorpe Road at Edison Drive
- SR 520 Bus/East Oglethorpe Road at Loftus Drive/Rosebrier Avenue
- SR 520 Bus/Sylvester Road at Branch Road
- SR 520/Clark Avenue at Mock Road
- SR 520/Clark Avenue at SR 300/Cordele Road

The project is located within Land Lots 80, 81, 86, 87, 114, 115, 161, 162, 187, 190, 191, 201, 202, 205, 241, 242, 265, 266, 268, 375, 376, and 404. Georgia Department of Transportation would be responsible for acquiring property rights for this project. Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation: Terry Norman, Area Manager District 4 Area 5 tnorman@dot.ga.gov 2060 Newton Road Albany, GA 31701 229.430.4198

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator
GDOT Office of Program Delivery
Attn: Rianon Rudolfer
RRudolfer@dot.ga.gov
600 West Peachtree St NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
678.827.2755

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Albany Housing Authority will accept Request for Proposal (RFP) for the following:

Security Camera System (Holley Homes, 921 Cherry Ave)

RFP packets may be picked up at 521 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31701, or requested via e-mail to Deneshia Taylor-Nance, Associate VP of Field Operations at dnance@albanyha.com beginning March 20, 2025.

Original responses must be delivered (and sealed) via hard copy by April 21, 2025 to Deneshia Taylor-Nance, Associate VP of Field Operations, at 521 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31702, with the titled subject of either of the proposals above or emailed to dnance@albanyha.com. Documents must be in a clear, legible, 12-point, 8.5 by 11-inch format.

Respondents are advised to adhere to the submittal requirements. Failure to comply with the instructions of this RFP will be cause for rejection of submittals. Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing via email to dnance@albanyha.com or call 229-434-4500.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR AND EX OFFICIO SHERIFF OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, Plaintiff,

vs. JAMES L. WILSON AND VICKIE L. WILSON, OR THEIR ESTATE AND ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE

Miscellaneous

KNOWN OR UNKNOWN AND SUNTRUST BANK, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2025000097

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Defendants, James L. Wilson and Vickie L. Wilson or their estate and any of her respective heirs at law, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, whomsoever, whose names and/or addresses are known or unknown.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled Petition for Interpleader offering to the Registry of the Court excess tax sale proceeds was filed against you in said Court on January 31, 2025, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on February 25, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court, Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia and serve upon Stephen G. Gunby, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 1199, Columbus, Georgia 31902 an Answer to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS the Honorable Joseph W. Dent, Judge of said Court.
This 25th day of February, 2025.
CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By: Phyllis Johnson
Clerk

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Make: Buick
Year: 1999
Model: Park Ave
Vin ID: 1G4CW52K9X4656574
License: XND397
State: GA
Case #: 2025-72AV

Make: Chrysler
Year: 2014
Model: 2007
Vin ID: 1C3CCBAB3EN204273
License: EXV258
State: GA
Case #: 2025-73AV

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 1989
Model: S10
Vin ID: 1GCB814EXK2224592
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2025-74AV

Make: Mercury
Year: 2008
Model: Milan
Vin ID: 3MEHM08108R650414
License: TCT0416
State: GA
Case #: 2025-79AV

Make: Mazda
Year: 1987
Model: BZ200
Vin ID: JM2UF3116H0594772
License: DP6KQY
State: GA
Case #: 2025-78AV

Make: Ford
Year: 2005
Model: F150
Vin ID: 1FTRW12W25KE46322
License: TGG5913
State: GA
Case #: 2025-76AV

Make: Kia
Year: 2016
Model: Sorento
Vin ID: KNDPB3ACXG7821482
License: SEV2128
State: GA
Case #: 2025-77AV

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2002
Model: Monte Carlo
Vin ID: 2G1WW15EXX29208505
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2025-75AV

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Name Changes**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

In re the name change of:
CHASE ALEXANDER DIXON

Civil Action File No. 25CV260-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, CHASE ALEXANDER DIXON, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 27th day of February, 2025 to change my name from CHASE ALEXANDER DIXON to Chase Alexander Dixon. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 27th day of February, 2025

Chase Alexander Dixon
Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
RYAN NICHOLAS DIXON

Civil Action File No. 25CV263-

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, RYAN NICHOLAS DIXON, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 27th day of February, 2025 to change my name from RYAN NICHOLAS DIXON to Ryan Nicholas Dixon. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 27th day of February, 2025

Ryan Nicholas Dixon
Petitioner

Name Changes**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

In re the name change of:
ALTAMESE PITMAN DIXON

Civil Action File No. 25CV262-1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, ALTAMESE PITMAN DIXON, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 27th day of February, 2025 to change my name from ALTAMESE PITMAN DIXON to Altamease Pittman Dixon. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 27th day of February, 2025

Altmease Dixon
Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
Aamya Cawthon

Civil Action File No. 25CV280-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Aamya Cawthon, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 17 day of March, 2025 to change my name from Aamya Cawthon to Aamya Harris. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 17 day of March, 2025

Aamya Cawthon
Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
NICHOLAS RAJON DIXON

Civil Action File No. 25CV261-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, NICHOLAS RAJON DIXON, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 27th day of February, 2025 to change my name from NICHOLAS RAJON DIXON to Nicholas Rajon Dixon. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 27th day of February, 2025

Nicholas Rajon Dixon
Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
Gail Frances Mormon

Civil Action File No. 25CV273-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Gail Frances Mormon, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 13th day of March, 2025 to change my name from Gail Frances Mormon to Gail Frances Mormon. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 13th day of March, 2025

Gail Frances Mormon
Petitioner

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
Brenna Leigh Patnaude

Civil Action File No. 25CV208-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Brenna Leigh Patnaude, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 26 day of February, 2025 to change my name from Brenna Leigh Patnaude to Brenna Leigh Barber. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 28 day of February, 2025

Brenna Leigh Patnaude
Petitioner

Forfeiture/Seizure**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

STATE OF GEORGIA
ex rel
GREGORY W. EDWARDS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DOUGHERTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PLAINTIFF

VS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 24CV0859
2005 BUICK LACROSSE, VIN #2G4WE567551208847;
ONE DIAMOND BACK 9MM HANDGUN, MODEL #DB9, SERIAL #YF7590; SIX 9MM BULLETS; 65.8 GRAMS OF COCAINE; 50.2 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE; 15.7 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA; 40 PILLS OF OXYCOONE; 8 PILS OF ECSATSY

ONE DIGITAL SCALE; ONE BOX OF ZIP LOCK BAGS; AND TWO DRUG MEASURING CUPS, DEFENDANT IN REM

RE PROPERTY OF TOI ALEXANDRIEL HAMPTON AND WILLIE DEWAYNE HAMPTON CLAIMANTS

ORDER OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff/State of Georgia having moved the Court for an Order directing service of Court process to be made upon Toi Alexandriel Hampton, one of the Claimants in the above-styled action, by publication and it appears to the

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Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of said Motion for service by publication that Toi Alexandriel Hampton is evading service of process; she is a nonresident, or has departed the jurisdiction of the Court and diligent effort has been made to service her personally with the Court process, and that the action is such that Claimant may be served publication under the provision of O.C.G.A. § 9-16-12 (b)(3).

Consequently, it is hereby ORDERED that service be made upon Toi Alexandriel by publication as provided by law.

SO ORDERED, this 26th day of November 2024.

Denice Marshall
Judge of Superior Court
Dougherty Judicial Circuit

Probate Court Administration

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CARRIE MAE HICKS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2024-ES-366

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Vickie D. Roney, has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of ORLANDO CORTEZ KITT, 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 April 14, 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: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: ALFRED LEE SMITH
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-088

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Renita Smith Whitfield and Alfred Dwayne Smith have petitioned to be appointed administrators of the estate of ALFRED LEE SMITH, 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 April 14, 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: March 22 and 29, 2025
April 5 and 12, 2025

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF:
CHARLIE ROBINSON
DECEASED

ESTATE FILE NO: 2025P5

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Corey Robinson has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Charlie Robinson, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261. All interested persons 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 of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 9, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel 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.

Annie Doris Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 87
Morgan, GA 39866
(229) 849-2115

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CARRIE MAE HICKS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-063

Probate Court Administration

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

John W. Hicks, III, has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of CARRIE MAE HICKS, 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 March 31, 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: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: MILTON HENRY HERRING
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-079

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Emmie Lou Herring has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of MILTON HENRY HERRING, 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 April 7, 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: March 15, 22, and 29, 2025
April 5, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: BONNY KAY ALLIGOOD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-071

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Tony Kirk Alligood has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BONNY KAY ALLIGOOD, 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 March 31, 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: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: LARRY A. BROWN, SR.
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-068

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Sandra Brown has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of LARRY A. BROWN, SR., 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 March 31, 2025.

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Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702

Probate Court Administration

(229) 431-2102

Citation dates: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF:
DONNETTA SANDERS

ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-053

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Ca'Teama Sanders has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DONNETTA SANDERS, 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 March 31, 2025.

All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk

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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: March 15, 22, and 29, 2025
April 5, 2025

Public Sales/ Auctions

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19(a)(2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amount owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at HOOK EM TOWING & WRECKER SERVICE 204 POPLAR STREET, ALBANY, GA 31707.

The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Vehicle Make:	Model:	Year:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Equinox	Vehicle ID	#:	2GNAXHEV2J6220310							
Vehicle License #: BRSP404										
State: GA										

Vehicle Make:	Model:	Year:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Model:	Forester	Vehicle ID#:	JF1SG63676H71812							
Vehicle License#: ACW4060										
State: GA										

Vehicle Make:	Model:	Year:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Model:	Homemade - Black & Red	Vehicle ID#:	UNK							
Vehicle License: UNK										
State: UNK										

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Hook Em Towing & Wrecker Service 204 Poplar Street Albany, GA 31707 229-496-2011

PUBLIC SALE:

FIVE POINTS MINI WAREHOUSES WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC SALE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE STORAGE UNITS LISTED BELOW AT THE TIME AND DATE SHOWN BELOW TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. ALL SALES ARE TO BE PAID FOR BY CASH ONLY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL REMOVE ALL CONTENTS OF THE UNIT IMMEDIATELY AND SWEEP THE UNIT. THIS COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BID AND WITHDRAW ANY ITEM FROM THE SALE.

PLACE: FIVE POINTS MINI WAREHOUSES

ADDRESS:
2309 E BROAD AVENUE SUITE B
ALBANY, GA 31705

PHONE: (229)888-2519

DATE: APRIL 2, 2025

TIME: 9:00 A.M

NAME: SHONTE JOHNSON
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: A-2

NAME: RENITA WALKER
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: A-5

NAME: NYLEE HUDSON
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: UNIT: A-18

NAME: TANEISHA SEAY
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: B-3

NAME: MARILYN THOMAS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: A-24

NAME: ANGELA FOSTER
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: B-28

NAME: LEKEISHA MILLEDGE
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: C-7

NAME: SUIEOR CLAY
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: D-4

NAME: MOLLY LOVING
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: F-3

NAME: TYNISHA POPE
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-14

NAME: KENDRA HALL
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: C-10

NAME: ROBERT CARTER
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-6

NAME: LEKEISHA MILLEDGE
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: F-13

NAME: LYNN CLYDE
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-29

NAME: AMOS GIBSON
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: F-9

NAME: XZAVIOUS MALLORY
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: G-1

NAME: DEIDRE WILLIAMS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: H-14

NAME: ROSEMARY SWAN
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: H-3

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:

You are hereby, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) 2, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at:

Public Sales/ Auctions

Strums Elite Towing & Recovery, 2800 Phillips Drive Albany Ga 31721. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the business above.

Year:2011
Make:TOYT
Model:COROLLA
Vin:2T1BU4EEXBC607654

Year:2009
Make:CHEV
Model:HRH
Vin:3GNC23B59S593080

Year:2020
Make:HYUNDAI
Model:ACCENT
Vin:3KPC24A64LE122499

Year:2009
Make:Hyundai
Model:SONATA
Vin:5NPET46C39H529304

Year:2013
Make:CHEVY
Model:IMPALA
Vin:2G1WC5E3XD1216801

Year:2007
Make:KIA
Model:OPTIMA
Vin:KNAGE123875099786

Year:2018
Make:Nissan
Model:Altima
Vin:1N4AL3AP0JC214159

Strums Elite Towing & Recovery
2800 Phillips Drive Albany ga
229-319-5924

WALKER & WALKER AUTO SALES & REPAIR

210 Mock Rd.

Albany, GA 31705

IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A SECTION 40-11-02, (4) CARS ABANDONED, WRECKED, AND/OR STOLEN VEHICLES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

PUBLIC AUCTION:

April 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:
CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS, (\$35.00 Administration Fee added to each sale.)

LOCATION:
210 Mock Rd,
Albany, GA 31705

Please note, all vehicles must be removed from the property by 2 PM on date of the sale,

2009 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
VIN-2MEHM75V89XG631919

2008 DODGE MAGNUM
VIN-2D4FV47T88H197366

2006 HONDA ELEMENT
VIN-5J6YH28346L000462

Walker & Walker Auto Sales & Repair
210 N. Mock Rd.
Albany, GA 31705

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Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the business above.

Vehicle Make: Jeep
Year:2016
Model: Renegade
Vehicle ID#: ZACCJBC77GPD74900
State: GA
Magistrate Court Case No:2025-47 AV

Vehicle Make: Honda
Year: 2013
Model: Civic
Vin ID #: 19XFB2F88DE022855
State: GA
Magistrate Court Case #:2025-50 AV

Vehicle Make: GMC
Year: 2005
Model: Yukon
Vin ID: 1GKEC13T95J243756
State: GA
Magistrate Court Case #:2025-52 AV

Vehicle Make: Pontiac
Year: 2003
Model: Vibe
Vehicle ID #: 5Y2SL62853Z482101
State: GA
Magistrate Court Case #:2025-49 AV

Vehicle Make : Toyota
Year: 2006
Model: 4 Runner
Vehicle ID: JTEZT17R068009487
State: GA
Magistrate Court No:2025-51 AV

Vehicle Make: Ford
Year:2010
Model: Explorer
Vehicle ID: 1FMEU6DE2AUA18105
State : GA

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Vin:55SWFBEB6KU298297
Year: 2019
Make:MERZ
Model:C-class C300

Vin:3GNEC12017G251803
Year:2007
Make:Chevrolet
Model:Avalanche

Vin:1HGCP26828A075906
Year:2008
Make: Honda
Model: Accord

Vin: 5XXGN4A79FG498340
Year:2015
Make:KIA
Model:Optima

Vin: 5N1AL0MN3DC301654
Year:2013

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Make: Infinity
Model:JX

Vin:3C4PDCAB4DT7238847
Year:2013
Make:Dodge
Model:Journey

Vin: 1N4AL3AP0JC214159
Year: 2018
Make: Nissan
Model: Altima

Vin:2G1105SA0G9130974
Year:2016
Make:Chevrolet
Model:Impala

Vin:3N1CB51DX4L858626
Year:2004
Make:Nissan
Model:Sentra

STRUMS ELITE TOWING & RECOVERY
229-319-5924

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: PAINT PRO TOWING, LLC Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 1/2/25 Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's Office or online at: www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

1.)2013 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGCR3F89DA004762
Case # 2025-69AV

2.)2019 Nissan Altima
Vin # 1N4BL4B4K177657
Case #2025-56AV

3.)2013 Buick Verano
Vin # 1G4FR5SK8D4235109
Case #2025-70AV

4.)2006 Dodge Charger
Vin # 2B3KA46C3G26H42167
Case # 2025-68AV

5.)2013 Ford Fusion
Vin # 3FA6P0HR2DR375439
Case # 2025-71AV

6.)2009 Hyundai Sonata
Vin # 5NPEU46C39H570884
Case # 2025-55AV

7.)2010 Nissan Maxima
Vin # 1N4AA5APXAC859967
Case # 2025-54AV

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This 21st day of December, 2023

Denise Marshall, JUDGE,
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

Foreclosures

of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY,
Dougherty County Tax Director,
Petitioner

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**NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 29, Radial Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2024001159 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All of Lot 29, Radial Subdivision, Section Two, as per a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 117, Dougherty County, Georgia records.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **3722 Radial Avenue, Albany, Georgia**

Tax Parcel ID # 00122/00006/013. Current Owner: Gerald S. Penberthy.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 1991 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 2, Block M, Rood Pecan Park, et al, Case No. SUCV2024001158 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All of Lot 2, Block M, Rood Pecan Park according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 102 and 103 of the Land Records of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **844 Riley Street, Albany, Georgia**

Tax Parcel ID # 00001/00006/002. Current Owner: Harold W. Williams

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2014 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot M3E, Radium Springs, Inc. Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2024001160 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot M3E of Radium Springs, Inc., Subdivision of Lots M-3 & M-4, Section No. 2, Radium Springs Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 219 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-64), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **109 S. Rosewood Drive, Albany, Georgia**

Tax Parcel ID # 00010/00005/015. Current Owner: Steven R. Benson.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2019 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY,
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**NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus North One-half of Lot 2, Block O, Rood Pecan Park, et al, Case No. SUCV2024001156 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of the north ½ of Lot 2, Block "O", Rood Pecan Park according to a map or plat of same recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 103, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **709 Riley Street, Albany, Georgia**

Tax Parcel ID # 00001/00001/005. Current Owner: Portoli Investments, Inc.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2016 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY,
Dougherty County Tax Director,
Petitioner

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed

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executed by LUTRICIA D. JONES to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. DBA SECURITY 1 LENDING in the original principal amount of \$179,250.00 dated August 25, 2014, and recorded in Deed Book 4155, Page 220, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION in Deed Book 5257, Page 210, Dougherty County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on April 01, 2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 2 OF LINCOLN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 38, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

PARCEL ID: 00HH/000551/001

Said property being known as: **1407 S CLEVELAND STREET, ALBANY, GA 31701**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are LUTRICIA D. JONES or tenant(s).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (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.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

PHH Mortgage Corporation
1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100
West Palm Beach, FL 33409
866-503-5559

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
LUTRICIA D. JONES

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid,
Crane & Partners, PLLC
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**NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 37, Block 56, City of Albany, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000016 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as part of Lot 37 of Block 56 (City Tax Map No. E-22-15).

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **405 Lincoln Avenue, Albany, Georgia**

Tax Parcel ID # 0000E/00022/015. Current Owner: Isaac L. Wright.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2000 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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**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 Ricardo Kennedy to Mergage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated July 26, 2021 and recorded on July 27, 2021 in Deed Book 4863, Page 115, 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 One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$122,657.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 5202, Page 200, 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 April, 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, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 147 of Audubon Plantation, Phase IV, according to a map or plat of same as recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide C-49C, as recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Said property may more commonly be known as 3005 Stonewater Dr, Albany, GA 31721.

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 PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442.

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 Ricardo Kennedy 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.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

as Attorney-in-Fact for Ricardo Kennedy Contact:
Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520 Ad Run Dates: 03/08/2025, 03/15/2025, 03/22/2025, 03/29/2025; 25-001664-1

**NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 2, Block 6, Cleveland Heights, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000018 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Six (6) of Cleveland Heights Subdivision according to a map or plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 204 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **612 North Stappey Boulevard, Albany, Georgia**

Tax Parcel ID # 0000D/00015/002. Current Owner: Carolyn Robertson.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2015 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued

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interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY,
Dougherty County Tax Director,
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Dougherty County Tax Director and
Ex Officio Sheriff

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by June B Jones and Robert Tom Jones Jr to U.S. Small Business Administration dated 8/30/1994 and recorded in Deed Book 1417 Page 39 and modified at Deed Book 4333 Page 220 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by LPP MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A LPP MORTGAGE LTD, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$66,500.00, 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 April 1, 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 THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING A PART OF LOT 27 OF BRYANT SUB-DIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 280, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH MADISON STREET WITH HARMON AVENUE, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 716.4 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 27 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 27 A DISTANCE OF 99.6 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 37 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 80.02 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 27; RUN THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 30 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 27 A DISTANCE OF 91.4 FEET TO THE SOUTH MARGIN LINE OF HARMON AVENUE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTH MARGIN LINE OF SAID HARMON AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 79.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PROPERTY BEING DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF THE PROPERTY OF ROBERT TOM JONES, JR. AND JUNE B. JONES, DATED JUNE 28, 1978, BY WILLIAM LOWE, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

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 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 418 Harmon Ave, Albany, GA 31701 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): June B Jones and Estate and/or Heirs to Robert Tom Jones Jr or tenant or tenants.

LPP MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A LPP MORTGAGE LTD is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

LPP MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A LPP MORTGAGE LTD Loss Mitigation Department 1 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 360 Lake Zurich, IL 60047 1-866-397-5370

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

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immediately above.

LPP MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A LPP MORTGAGE LTD as agent and Attorney in Fact for June B Jones and Robert Tom Jones Jr Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1072-652A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1072-652A

**NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on February 11, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lots 41, 43, 45 and 47, Flintview Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2024001157 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 1, 2025), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 320 of the First Land District Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of Lots 41, 43, 45 and 47, of the redivision of Flintview Subdivision, according to a map or plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 229, in the Dougherty County Clerk of Superior Court.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

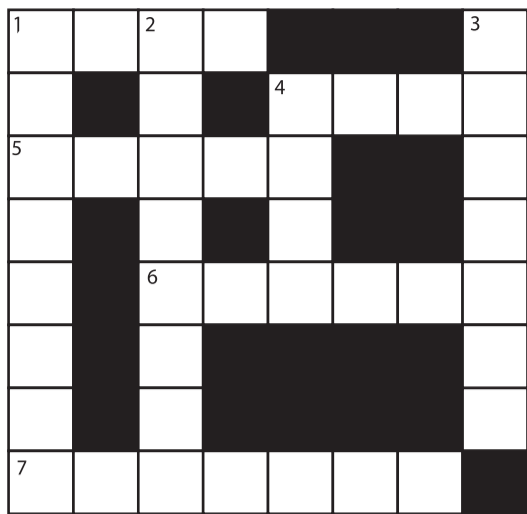
The improvements thereon being known as: 114 Shelby Lane, Albany, Georgia.

Tax Parcel ID # 000B/00018/158. Current Owner: Shane Bell Rentals, LLC

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2016 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of



Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
 1. Infant
 4. Uncultivated land
 5. Without other people
 6. A popular "Cap'n"
 7. Unique
- DOWN**
 1. Bed coverings
 2. Holds books and items
 3. Yarn craft
 4. Lists restaurant offerings

Answers:
 Across: 1. Baby 4. Moor 5. Alone 6. Crunch 7. Special
 Down: 1. Blankets 2. Bookcase 3. Crochet 4. Menu



1765: Stamp Act passed; 1st direct British tax on American colonists, organized by Prime Minister George Grenville

1965: US confirms its troops used chemical warfare against the Vietcong

2018: US President Donald Trump imposes \$80 billion worth of tariffs on Chinese imports

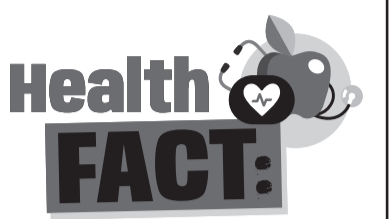
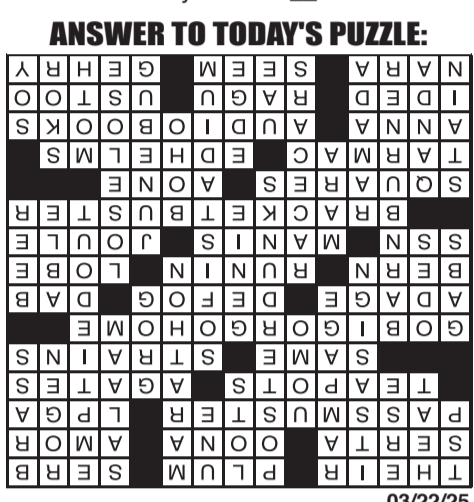


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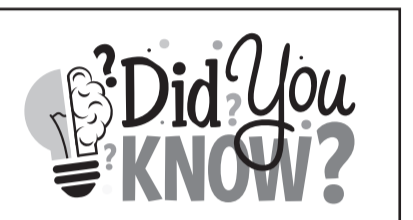
- ACROSS**
 1 Possessive pronoun that can be singular
 6 Clue academic
 10 Tesla, for one
 14 Certain king-maker
 15 Actress Chaplin
 16 Ancient Roman conqueror?
 17 Survive scrutiny
 19 Green party, briefly?
 20 Samovar kin
 21 Banded marbles
 23 Identical
 24 Light tunes
 25 Anti-conservative slogan?
 29 Saw
 30 Clear the air
 31 Blot
 34 Continental capital
 35 Encounter
 36 Piece of one's mind?
 37 Oft-redacted fig.
 38 Digital services?
 39 Unit of energy
 40 Pool problem?
 43 Perfect figures?
 45 Tops
 46 Takeoff locale
 47 Portrayer of Andy Bernard on "The Office"
 50 Actress Deaver Smith
 51 Novels no one reads?
 54 Picked out, in a way
 55 Tagliatelle topper
 56 "We agree"
 57 Early capital of Japan
 58 Appear
 59 Frank who co-designed Prague's Dancing House
- DOWN**
 2 Pressure, informally
 3 Highland tongue
 4 "The universe has spoken!"
 5 Frenzy
 6 Preserved jams?
 7 Plenty
 8 A word to les sages?
 9 Long-lasting event
 10 Bow low
 11 Drained
 12 "The Lion King" voice actor Seth
 13 High-ranking officials
 18 Italian man
 22 Buccaneer booze
 24 L.A. venue where "Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" was filmed
 25 Chats
 26 Heart-filled texts?
 27 Match that's lit
- 28 Spirit of myth
 32 Up to it
 33 Ginger ___
 35 Drag performers
 36 Like a situation with no good outcome
 38 Rooney of "Women Talking"
 39 Beetle in the scarab family
 41 Wyndham brand
 42 ___-chic
 43 Leave a mark
 44 Time when audiences are engaged, briefly
 47 Upper hand
 48 Lepidopterist's subject
 49 Toffee bar
 52 Persian Gulf fed.
 53 ___ milk



Health FACT:
 This type of activity keeps the brain active and can be relaxing and reduce stress.



English: Yarn
Spanish: Hilo
Italian: Filo
French: Fil
German: Garn



Crochet patterns feature a lot of abbreviations for stitches. Learning them can make projects easier.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
 Answer: Crochet project

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CRYPTO FUN
 Solve the code to discover words related to a home office. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = E)

A. 26 5 3 1 25 18 16 20
 Clue: Work device

B. 20 16 3 5 18 16
 Clue: In a distant location

C. 4 5 25 24 16 4 5 11 22
 Clue: Place of residence

D. 1 20 8 10 6 26 2
 Clue: Free of being disturbed

WORD SCRAMBLE
 Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to working from home.

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Answers: A. computer B. remote C. household D. privacy

GUESS WHO?
 I am an actress born in Louisiana on March 22, 1976. I was a fashion model at age seven. I had a breakout role as a party girl who sets her sights on Harvard Law School. I won several awards for playing a country star with an equally famous husband.

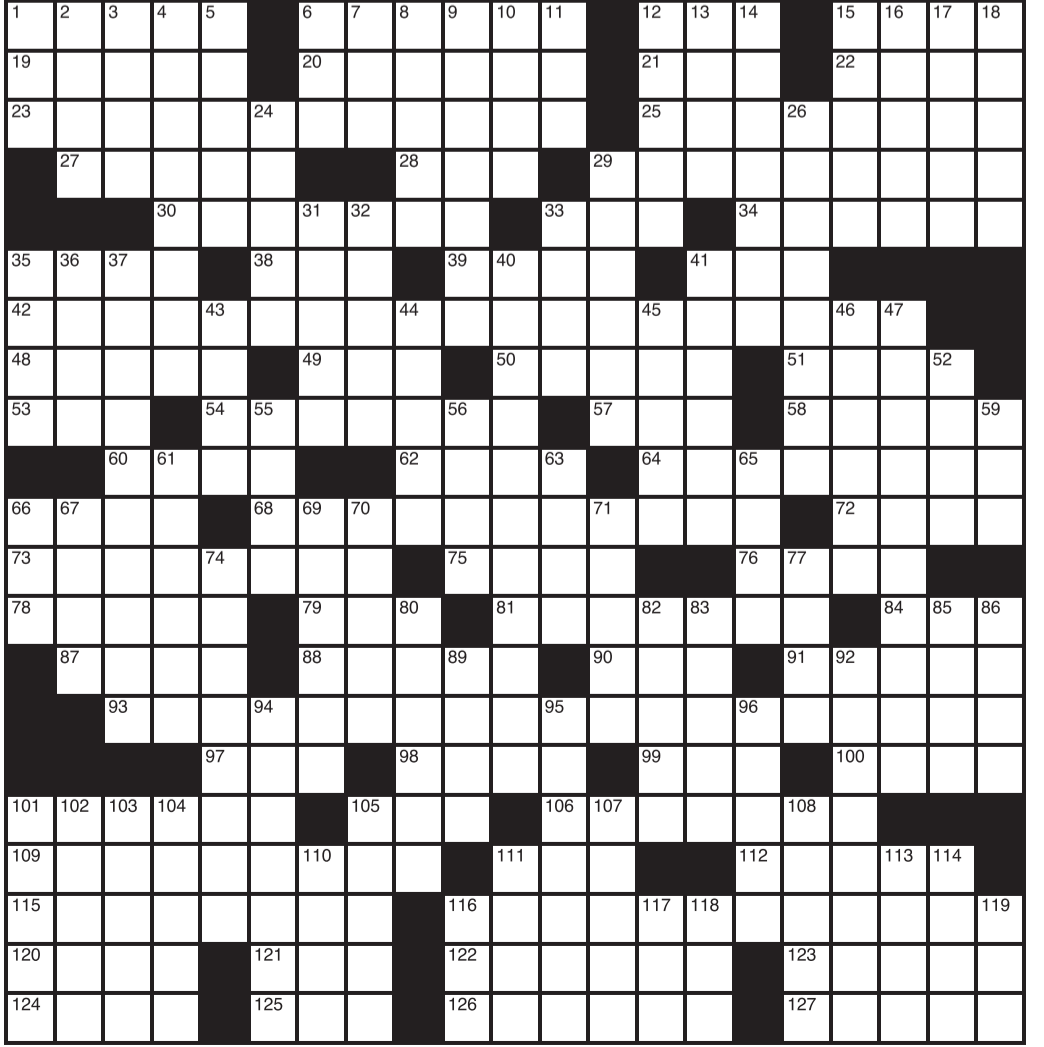
Answer: Reese Witherspoon

REMOTE WORK WORD SEARCH

WORDS
 ANNUALIZED ASYNCHRONOUS CLOUD COMMUNICATION COWORKING DIGITAL FLEX TIME FREELANCE FULLY GIG ECONOMY GLOBAL HOURS HYBRID LOCATION MESSAGE OFFSHORING REMOTE SOFTWARE SOLOPRENEUR TEAM TELECOMMUTE VPN WORKLOAD WORKPLACE

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle
 Edited by Patti Varol

- "WORLD SERIES" BY GARY LARSON & DOUG PETERSON**
- ACROSS**
 1 Fashion brand that makes Luna Rossa Ocean fragrances
 6 Web crawler?
 12 "The Big Bang Theory" character
 15 Sale caveat
 19 Narrow
 20 "Sweet!"
 21 Big bird
 22 Fill a hold
 23 A spunky teenage girl works as an intern in Silicon Valley?
 25 Home of the Lil' uokalani Botanical Garden
 27 "Goosebumps" series writer
 28 Bard's nightfall
 29 A forensic anthropologist investigates crime at a topless beach on the French Riviera?
 30 Bach work
 33 Center of activity
 34 Blue-white twinklers
 35 Actress Gilbert
 38 Tic-___toe
 39 Shadowbox
 41 Basketball great
 42 Hugh Laurie's character practices medicine in Tokyo?
 48 Yosemite photographer
 49 Tabasco kin
 50 Arabian Peninsula citizen
 51 Sugar ___ peas
 53 [Yawn]
 54 Tasteless
 57 "Sick!"
 58 Saint ___ fire
 60 Actress Rae
 62 Major obligation
 64 Most in need of a trim
 66 Is not misused?
 68 The bar where "everybody knows your name" opens a franchise in a New York borough?
 72 "California Gurls" singer Perry
 73 Plan for
 75 Gobsmack
 76 Get ready
 78 Familiar theme
- DOWN**
 8 Map feature
 9 Pathologists' focus
 10 Sci. of money
 11 Sleep acronym
 12 Post-surgery therapy, for short
 13 Spanish "love"
 14 Insect similar to a figeater beetle
 15 Parcel out
 16 Hot spot
 17 One whiling away the time
 18 Sam-I-am's creator
 24 Square meal?
 26 Preoccupied (with)
 29 Tuition collector
 31 White House family of the early 1910s
 32 Popcorn brand
 33 One of "The Two Coreys"
 35 Bogus
 36 First-class
 37 Heading out in a hurry
 40 Collection of a brand's goods
 41 Dee of heavy metal
 43 Yale grads
 44 "I'll give you a lift!"
 45 Not just impressed
 46 Not similar to
 47 Prepare to haggle, perhaps
 52 Fence upright
 55 Part of town, for short
 56 "Devil Inside" band
 59 Pen for a pig
 61 Daze
 63 Elisabeth of "The Boys" figure
 65 "NBA Today" aier
 66 Toward the stern
 67 Texter's "Unless my memory deceives me"
 69 Portly
 70 Upright
 71 Long, thin mushroom
 74 Junk mail addressee
 77 Not made up
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 111 "I double-dog ___ you!"
 113 Personal bearing
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 116 Physique, for short
 117 ___ de la Cité: Notre-Dame locale
 118 Once called
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

3/23/25

1. Infant
 2. Holds books and items
 3. Yarn craft
 4. Lists restaurant offerings
 5. Without other people
 6. A popular "Cap'n"
 7. Unique
 8. Map feature
 9. Pathologists' focus
 10. Sci. of money
 11. Sleep acronym
 12. Post-surgery therapy, for short
 13. Spanish "love"
 14. Insect similar to a figeater beetle
 15. Parcel out
 16. Hot spot
 17. One whiling away the time
 18. Sam-I-am's creator
 19. Narrow
 20. "Sweet!"
 21. Big bird
 22. Fill a hold
 23. A spunky teenage girl works as an intern in Silicon Valley?
 24. Square meal?
 25. Home of the Lil' uokalani Botanical Garden
 26. Preoccupied (with)
 27. "Goosebumps" series writer
 28. Bard's nightfall
 29. A forensic anthropologist investigates crime at a topless beach on the French Riviera?
 30. Bach work
 31. White House family of the early 1910s
 32. Popcorn brand
 33. One of "The Two Coreys"
 34. Blue-white twinklers
 35. Bogus
 36. First-class
 37. Heading out in a hurry
 38. Tic-___toe
 39. Shadowbox
 40. Collection of a brand's goods
 41. Basketball great
 42. Hugh Laurie's character practices medicine in Tokyo?
 43. Yale grads
 44. "I'll give you a lift!"
 45. Not just impressed
 46. Not similar to
 47. Prepare to haggle, perhaps
 48. Yosemite photographer
 49. Tabasco kin
 50. Arabian Peninsula citizen
 51. Sugar ___ peas
 52. Fence upright
 53. [Yawn]
 54. Tasteless
 55. Part of town, for short
 56. "Devil Inside" band
 57. "Sick!"
 58. Saint ___ fire
 59. Pen for a pig
 60. Actress Rae
 61. Daze
 62. Major obligation
 63. Elisabeth of "The Boys" figure
 64. Most in need of a trim
 65. "NBA Today" aier
 66. Toward the stern
 67. Texter's "Unless my memory deceives me"
 68. The bar where "everybody knows your name" opens a franchise in a New York borough?
 69. Portly
 70. Upright
 71. Long, thin mushroom
 72. "California Gurls" singer Perry
 73. Plan for
 74. Junk mail addressee
 75. Gobsmack
 76. Get ready
 77. Not made up
 78. Familiar theme
 79. Wearable souvenir
 80. Softening ___light
 81. Resembling the king of the jungle
 82. ___light
 83. Battle cry
 84. Total jumble
 85. Tuck of country
 86. Total jumble
 87. Budget execs
 88. Eel, to a sushi chef
 89. Point
 90. "Lost" actor Daniel Dae ___
 91. Stand for
 92. Low-pitched wind in a marching band
 93. Rachel, Ross, and the gang climb the Himalayas?
 94. Auditory ecstasy
 95. Religious dissident
 96. "Moby-Dick" figure
 97. Former Interior Secretary Haaland
 98. Nodder's phrase
 99. Shake a leg, quaintly
 100. Salty expenses
 101. More glum
 102. Sign of spring
 103. "The Practice" actor McDermott
 104. Floppy ___
 105. Explosive block in Minecraft Valley?
 106. Nursery noismakers
 107. Detest
 108. Meeting room stand
 109. A navy lawyer visits the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem?
 110. Stand up
 111. "I double-dog ___ you!"
 112. Wonderland cake words
 113. Personal bearing
 114. Basic French verb
 115. Former Interior Secretary Haaland
 116. High-powered attorneys vacation at the Yellowstone Hot Springs?
 117. ___ de la Cité: Notre-Dame locale
 118. Once called
 119. Ave. crossers
 120. Not very convincing
 121. Willy
 122. Camden Yards player
 123. "Sneak Previews"
 124. HR dept. data
 125. NYC subway org.
 126. Formal announcement
 127. Bowling alley lineup

What to watch SATURDAY

March 22, 2025

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

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament: First Round

ABC, ESPN, ESPN2 & ESPNU, beginning at noon Live

First-round action from the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament concludes. Winners advance to the second round beginning Sunday.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament: Second Round

CBS, TBS, TNT & truTV, beginning at noon Live

The men's March Madness field is down to 32 teams as second-round action takes place today and Sunday on CBS, TBS, TNT and truTV.

Hearts Around the Table: Jenna's First Love

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Jenna (Ashley Newbrough) plans a charity event for billionaire Tom Redlands (Steve Lund). But working with Tom's right-hand man Andrew is proving difficult, especially since Jenna and Andrew have a romantic history.

Incredible Northern Vets

Nat Geo Wild, 10 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Season 1 concludes with "Trooper Trouble," in which Trooper the dog won't eat and Dr. Allison goes on a dog-sledding adventure.



'Hearts Around the Table: Jenna's First Love'

HALLMARK MEDIA

Formula 1 Racing: Heineken Chinese Grand Prix

ESPN, 2:55 a.m. Live (late night)

Race 2 of the 2025 Formula 1 season brings

Max Verstappen, Lando Norris, Oscar Piastri, Carlos Sainz, George Russell, Lewis Hamilton, Charles Leclerc and more top drivers to China's 5.451-kilometer Shanghai International Circuit.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Spring Training

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Baseball season is nearly upon us, and you can help yourself get into the mood to play ball with two classic baseball-themed movies this evening. Batting leadoff in this double feature is **The Bad News Bears** (1976), director Michael Ritchie's beloved comedy led by Walter Matthau as an aging, alcoholic, down-on-his-luck ex-minor leaguer who ends up coaching a team of misfits in an ultra-competitive Little League. Tatum O'Neal, Jackie Earle Haley, Vic Morrow and Joyce Van Patten also star. Next in the lineup is another comedy, the original 1951 **Angels in the Outfield** (pictured), in which the Pittsburgh Pirates' brash, foul-



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mouthed, abusive manager (Paul Douglas) receives the help of a team of deceased ballplayers, led by a head angel, to win games, becoming a better person in the process. Janet Leigh and Keenan Wynn co-star.

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'Daddy's Home 2' PARAMOUNT PICTURES

An Unexpected Valentine (2025, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Robert Buckley **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Burned by Love (2023, Suspense) Shiva Negar, Dillon Casey **LMN, 6 p.m.**

Geostorm (2017, Action) Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess **SYFY, 7 p.m.**

Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Just Go With It (2011, Romance-comedy) Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston **E!, 7:30 p.m.**

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (2003, Action) Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Daddy's Home 2 (2017, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg **Comedy Central, 8 p.m.**

Single Black Female 3: The Final Chapter (2025, Suspense) Amber Riley, Raven Goodwin **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

300 (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey **SYFY, 9:30 p.m.**

Big Daddy (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams **E!, 10 p.m.**

The Wrong Obsession (2025, Suspense) Vivica A. Fox, Gina Hiraizumi **LMN, 10 p.m.**

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What to watch SUNDAY

March 23, 2025

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Tracker

CBS, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Exodus," a chilling mystery involving dark magic is uncovered when Colter (Justin Hartley) teams up with a detective (guest star Marci T. House) in New Orleans to find a missing teenage musician.

Family Guy

FOX, 8 p.m.

Brian and Quagmire (both voiced by Seth MacFarlane) go on a press tour after successfully landing a plane in the new episode "Dog Is My Co-Pilot."

The Americas

NBC, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Andes," the Andes mountain range of South America is a landscape of dramatic contrasts where life adapts to extremes. In Ecuador, a mother bear and her cubs navigate a dangerous rock face for the first time. In Peru, the rare spatuletail hummingbirds, with only 500 males left, engage in an intense mating competition, while the marbled four-eyed frog's ability to freeze solid and revive daily is



'David Blaine: Do Not Attempt'

DANA HAYES

documented for the first time. Torrent ducks in Argentina navigate geothermally heated rivers, and in Chile, salt-flat lizards engage in fierce battles for territory.

Lucy Worsley Investigates

PBS, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Lucy Worsley investigates whether Mary I, England's first ruling female monarch, should be remembered as a pioneer or a tyrant.

Suits LA

NBC, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "You're on Your Own," Ted (Stephen Amell) and Amanda (Maggie Grace) attempt to thwart the prosecutor from having Lester's wife (Kristen Hager) testify.

Wolf Hall: The Mirror and the Light

PBS, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

This sequel to *Wolf Hall* picks up in May 1536 after the beheading of Anne Boleyn and follows the last four years of Thomas Cromwell's (Mark Rylance) life. The first episode, titled "Wreckage," begins in the wake

of Anne's (Claire Foy) execution, when King Henry VIII (Damian Lewis) weds Jane Seymour (Kate Phillips). Marital bliss does nothing to quell Henry's rage at his daughter, and Cromwell makes a risky play to save Princess Mary (Hannah Steele) from her father's murderous streak.

Watson

CBS, 9 p.m.

While Watson (Morris Chestnut) helps a woman whose memory resets every three minutes, he struggles with auditory hallucinations. Guest star Randall Park returns in the new episode "Teeth Marks."

The Great North

FOX, 9 p.m.

Aunt Dirt (voice of returning guest star Jane Lynch) takes an unexpected new job at Lone Moose School in the new episode "Can't Hardly Debate Adventure."

David Blaine: Do Not Attempt

Nat Geo, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

This jaw-dropping journey follows magician David Blaine as he travels the globe tracking down incredible people and learning their closely guarded secrets to push his craft to the next level. Ultimately, each episode culminates with David harnessing the skills he has learned to pull off a new feat that only this iconic artist could conjure up. "It was very inspiring to meet these people from all different walks of life, all different parts of the world that are so passionate about what they do," he shares. "They're all pushing the boundaries and searching for things that are unknown."

The Equalizer

CBS, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "A Few Good Women," McCall (Queen Latifah) and her team search for a missing soldier who was planning to expose an alleged secret military project.

Grosse Pointe Garden Society

NBC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Pollination," Catherine's (Aja Naomi King) attempts to rebuild her marriage take a sexy turn; Brett's (Ben Rappaport) love life explodes as Alice (AnaSophia Robb) struggles to make sense of their relationship; Birdie's (Melissa Fumero) friendship with Joel (Matthew Davis) is tested; and a loose end is revealed from the night of the murder.



EVERETT COLLECTION

white woman (Katherine Houghton) brings home her Black fiancé (Sidney Poitier) to meet her parents (Oscar winner Katharine Hepburn and Oscar nominee Spencer Tracy) in their ninth and final onscreen pairing; Tracy's final film role, who must grapple with their concerns about the engagement.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967)

TCM, 6 p.m.

Stanley Kramer's acclaimed and important 1967 drama was one of the earliest American films to feature an interracial marriage in a positive manner, and it was received negatively in certain states where such marriages were still illegal at the time. But the film endures as a classic and has outlasted whatever naysayers it had. A young

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Joe Dirt' COLUMBIA PICTURES

The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman **AMC, 6 p.m.**

Vegas Vacation (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo **BBC America, 6 p.m.**

Strange World (2022, Children) Jake Gyllenhaal, Dennis Quaid **Disney Channel, 7 p.m.**

My Cousin Vinny (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei **CW, 7:30 p.m.**

My Husband's Baby (2024, Suspense) Moni Ogunsuyi, Samantha Brown **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

National Lampoon's Vacation (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo **BBC America, 8 p.m.**

The Call (2013, Suspense) Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Romance-comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas **E!, 8:30 p.m.**

Jumanji: The Next Level (2019, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **FX, 9 p.m.**

Plane (2023, Action) Gerard Butler, Mike Colter **SYFY, 9:30 p.m.**

Danger on Party Island (2024, Suspense) Lindsey Dresbach, Adam Harper **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Joe Dirt (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller **E!, 11 p.m.**

Spectre (2015, Action) Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz **MGM, 11 p.m.**

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What to watch MONDAY

March 24, 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.

Calvin (Cedric the Entertainer) spends the day babysitting his granddaughter in the new episode "Welcome to the Blowout."

All American

The CW, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Squabble Up," it's homecoming weekend at South Crenshaw High; as part of a new tradition, Amina (Alexis Chikaeze) is named Ms. South Crenshaw, which brings up memories of her mother. Khalil (Antonio J. Bell) prepares to play for the first time since making the football team.

The Voice

NBC, 8 p.m.

The battle rounds conclude as Kelsea Ballerini, Michael Bubl , John Legend and Adam Levine enlist superstar battle advisers to help prepare their artists in hopes of advancing to the knockouts. Each coach has one steal and one save.

Poppa's House

CBS, 8:30 p.m.

Poppa's (Damon Wayans) smooth-talking brother (guest star Marlon Wayans) rolls into town with a shady new get-rich-quick scheme in the new episode "Melvin."

NCIS

CBS, 9 p.m.

Torres and Knight (Wilmer Valderrama and Katrina Law) uncover a murder linked to a wealthy family. Guest star Zane Holtz returns as Special Agent Sawyer in the new episode "Moonlit."

Hollywood Demons

Investigation Discovery, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

This docuseries pulls back the curtain



CBS STUDIOS

of fame to expose the hidden struggles, sacrifices and scandals of life in the spotlight. Tonight's two-hour series premiere looks at actor Stephen Collins, who for 11 years graced the screen as the Rev. Eric Camden on the TV series 7th Heaven. However, his squeaky-clean image was shattered when a recording of him admitting to inappropriate sexual conduct with underage girls was leaked. In the episode, one of Collins' alleged victims comes forward in a shocking tell-all interview.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Primetime Musical Matinee

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Turner Classic Movies has a Saturday afternoon musical matinee airing of classic films from that genre, but you can enjoy four memorable musical titles in this special evening block. The lineup begins with 1977's **New York, New York (pictured)**, directed by Martin Scorsese and led by Liza Minnelli and Robert De Niro in a romantic story set in the title city in 1945. Along with some classic standards, the film also features a memorable, Golden Globe-nominated title song, performed by Minnelli in the climax but which later became more associated with Frank Sinatra and his cover version. Up next is **Victor/Victoria** (1982), a musical comedy from writer/director Blake Edwards and starring his wife, Julie Andrews, in a Best Actress Oscar-nominated performance alongside James Garner, Best Supporting Actor nominee Robert Preston and Best Supporting Actress nominee Lesley Ann Warren. Following that is the 1976 adaptation of **A Star Is Born**, led by Barbra Streisand and Kris Kristofferson and featuring the Oscar-winning song "Evergreen (Love Theme From A Star Is Born)" as a highlight of its smash-hit soundtrack. The lineup concludes with **Fame** (1980), which boasted a hit soundtrack of its own, with tunes including the Oscar-winning title song and the Oscar-nominated "Out Here on My Own."

The Hunting Party

NBC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Denise Glenn," the student becomes the master when an escaped serial killer from the Pit decides to adopt another inmate's style of killing as a way of paying homage to them.

Happy Face

Showtime, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

In this eight-episode drama inspired by a true story, the daughter of a serial killer discovers the impact her father had on his victims' families and must face a reckoning of her own identity. Annaleigh Ashford, Dennis Quaid and James Wolk star.

Last Resort: Between the Sheets

TLC, 10:05 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Cast members from this season of 90 Day: The Last Resort provide behind-the-scenes commentary and personal reflections on their experiences at the resort.

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Hoax: The Kidnapping of Sherri Papini (2023, Docudrama) Jaime King, Matt Hamilton **LMN, 6 p.m.**

Southside With You (2016, Romance) Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers **BET, 6 p.m.**

The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost (2023, Mystery) Jodie Sweetin, Stephen Huszar **Hallmark Mystery, 6 p.m.**

John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard **FX, 8 p.m.**

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Pen lope Cruz **USA, 8 p.m.**

Step Brothers (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

The Flash (2023, Action) Ezra Miller, Sasha Calle **TNT, 8 p.m.**

Yoga Teacher Killer: The Kaitlin Armstrong Story (2024, Docudrama) Caity Lotz, Kyle Schmid **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Lakeview Terrace (2008, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Patrick Wilson **VH1, 10 p.m.**

Grown Ups (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James **Paramount, 10:30 p.m.**

Men in Black: International (2019, Science fiction) Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson **FX, 11 p.m.**

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Creative Easter Cakes



Blueberry Lemon Bundt Cake
Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 1 cake

- 1 pint fresh blueberries, rinsed
- 1 box lemon cake mix
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk

Glaze:

- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease bundt pan and place rinsed blueberries in bottom. Mix cake mix, butter, eggs and milk; pour on top of blueberries. Bake 35 minutes. Let cool and remove from pan. To make glaze: Mix butter, sugar and milk then pour over cake.

Carrot Cheesecake
Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 1 cake

Cake:

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 cup grated carrot
- 1 cup coconut
- 4 eggs
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 2/3 cup vanilla Greek yogurt

Cheesecake:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

Topping:

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup chopped white chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350 F. To make cake: Mix cake mix with carrot and coconut. Using hand mixer, blend in eggs, butter and yogurt. Pour mixture into greased springform pan and bake 30 minutes. Let completely cool in pan. To make cheesecake: Using hand mixer, whip whipping cream and sugar to form whipped cream and set aside. Using hand mixer, whip cream cheese, vanilla and powdered sugar. Add in whipped cream and mix. Pour onto completely cooled



carrot cake in springform pan. Let set in refrigerator at least 4 hours or overnight before unspringing pan. For topping: Sprinkle chopped nuts and chocolate chips on cake before serving. **Tip:** For extra festive appearance, add desired Easter candy on top.

Fun Mini Easter Bundts
Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 24 mini bundts

- 1 box confetti cake mix
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup milk

Chocolate Toppers:

- 1 cup each color melting chips of desired colors
- silicone Easter candy molds of desired shapes
- 1 pouch ready-made green icing

Heat oven to 350 F. Mix cake mix, butter, eggs and milk. Pour into greased mini bundt pan and bake 20-25 minutes. Let cool and remove from pan. To make chocolate toppers: In bowl for each color, melt melting chips in 1-minute intervals in microwave until thoroughly melted. Pour into baggies and snip corner. Pipe melted chips into molds and freeze 15-20 minutes. Pipe green icing onto mini bundt cakes for "grass" then place chocolate mold pieces on top. **Substitution:** Save time on toppers by replacing with store-bought chocolate bunnies, eggs, crosses or marshmallow bunnies.

Celebrate the holiday with tasty desserts and time with family

FAMILY FEATURES
Sweet, delicious treats make Easter celebrations magical, putting the final touch on brunch, lunch or dinner gatherings. Whether your crowd enjoys the sweet-tart combination of fruit-infused cakes, mini bundts with personalized decorations or rich, creamy cheesecake, the dessert table is sure to be popular. Blueberry Lemon Bundt Cake and Carrot Cheesecake from "Cookin' Savvy" are

perfect desserts for sharing with loved ones, made with little effort and a lot of love. You can even let little ones help in the kitchen with Fun Mini Easter Bundts by allowing their creativity to run wild – just hand over the icing and chocolate toppers then watch the artistry unfold. To ensure your feast goes off without a hitch, create these tempting cakes the day before for a no-hassle Easter. Find more ways to elevate Easter celebrations with food by visiting Culinary.net.

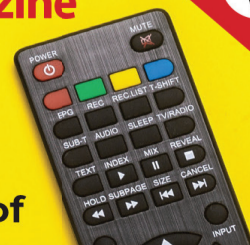


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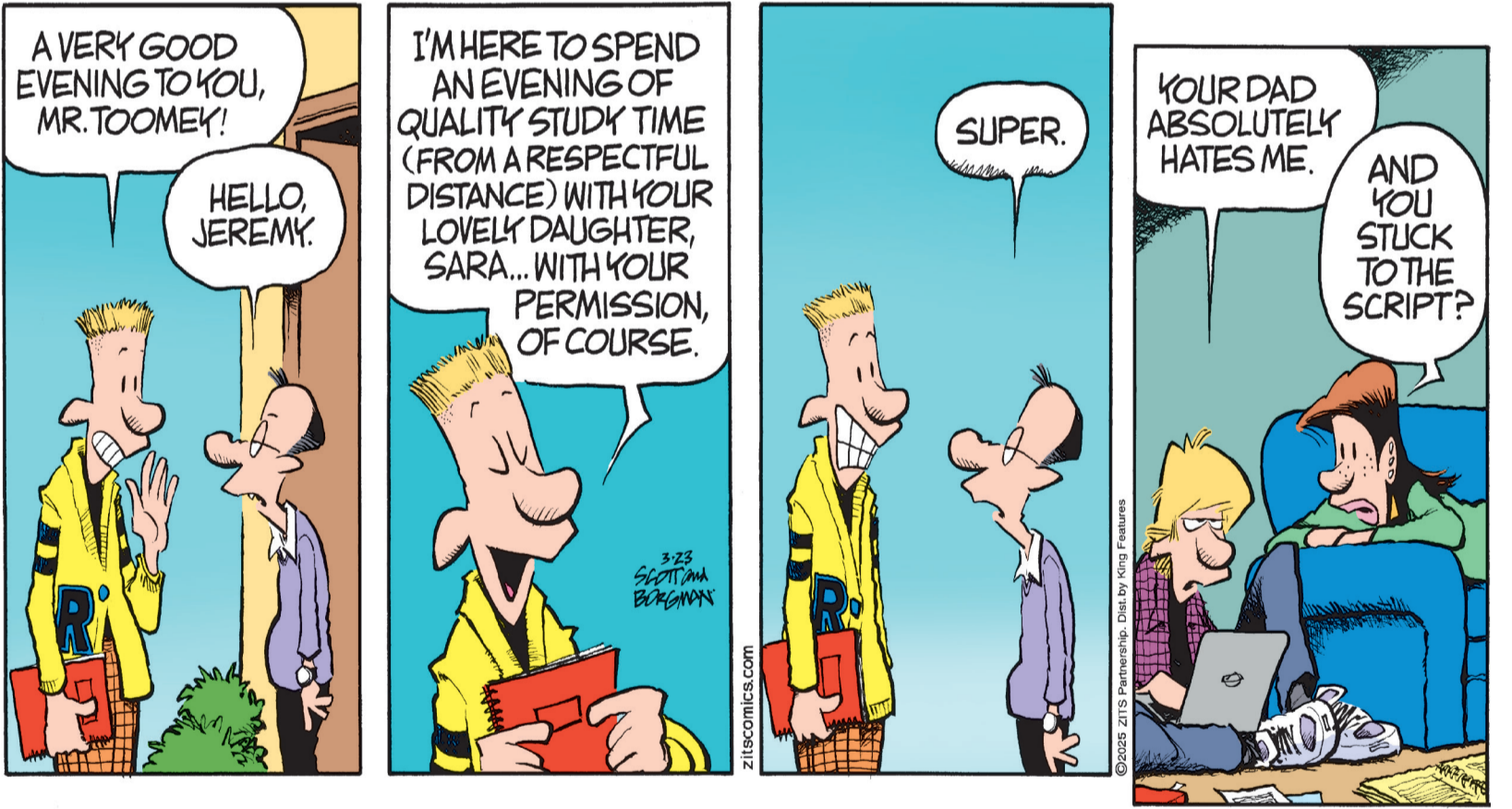
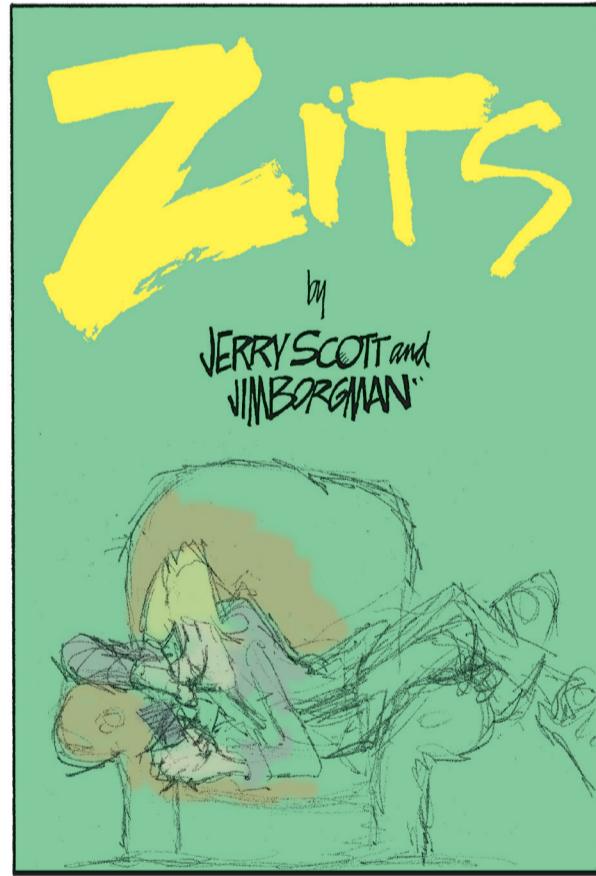
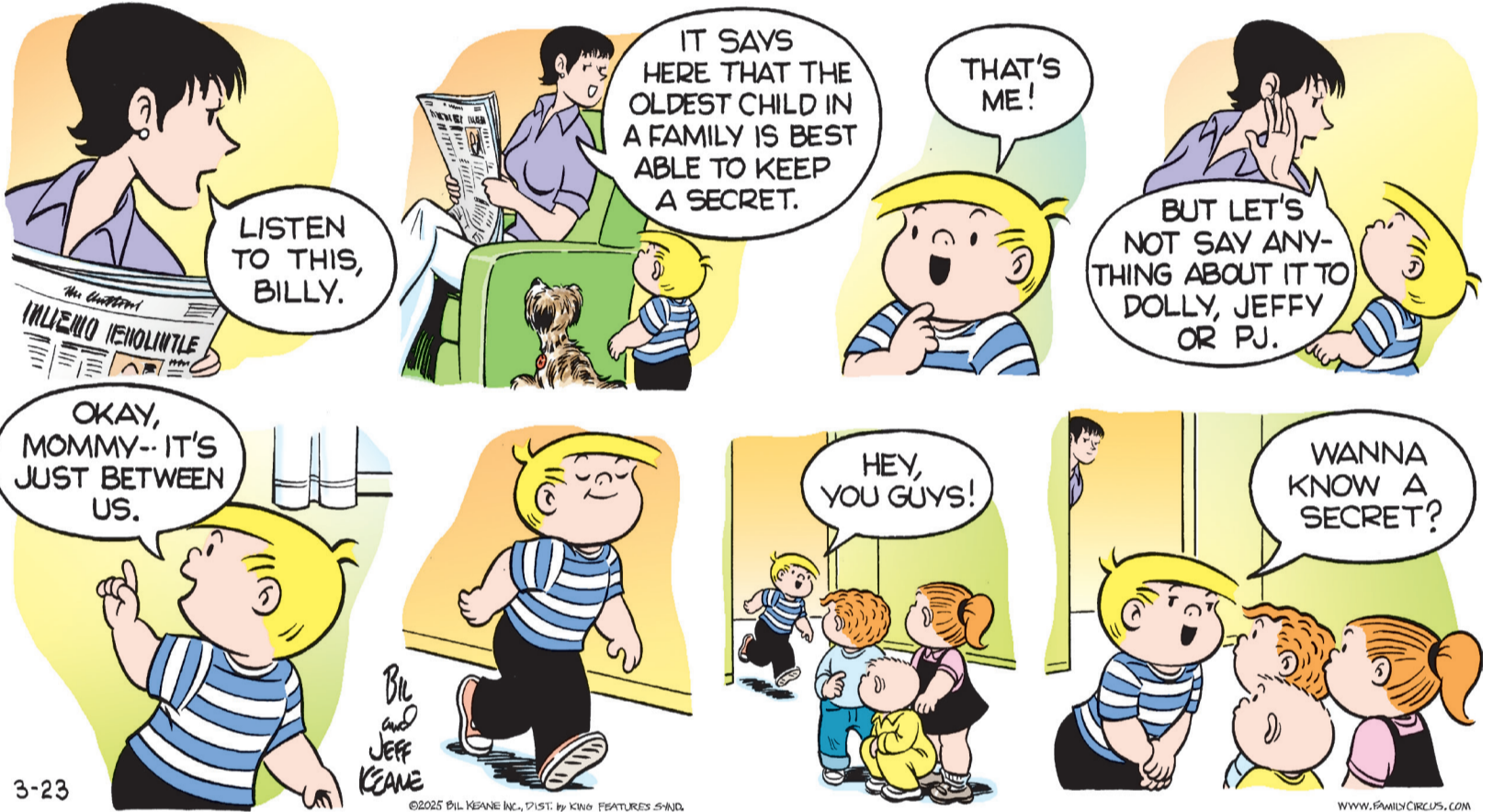
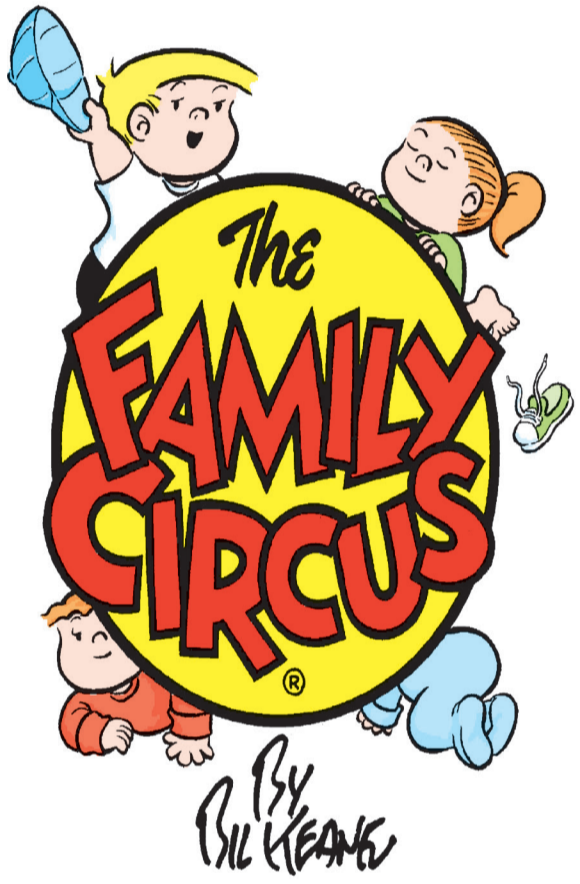
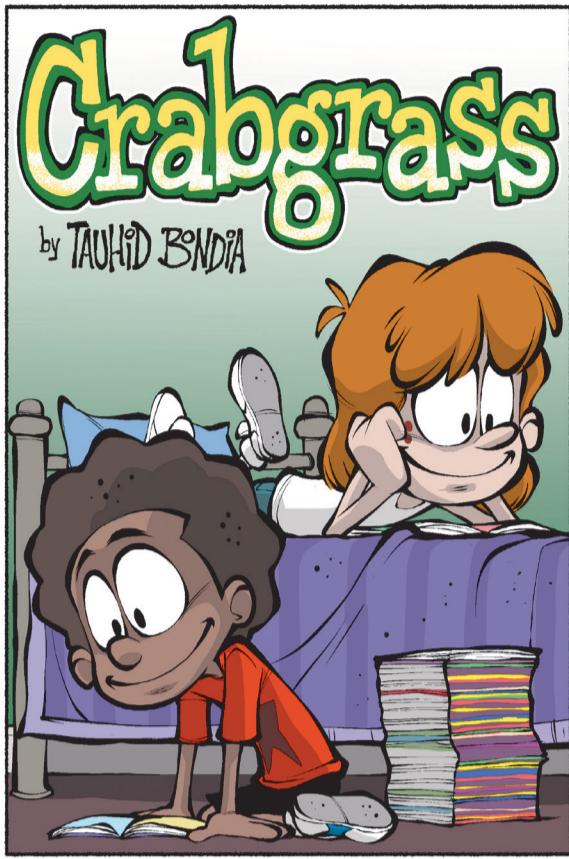
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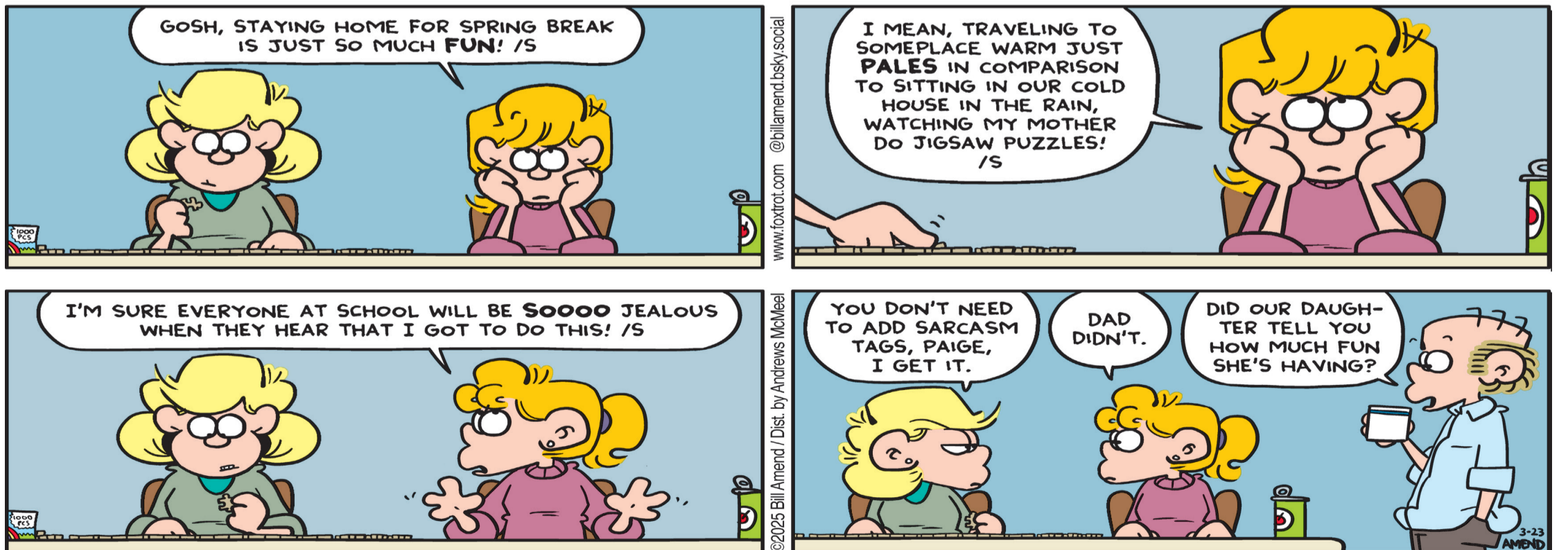
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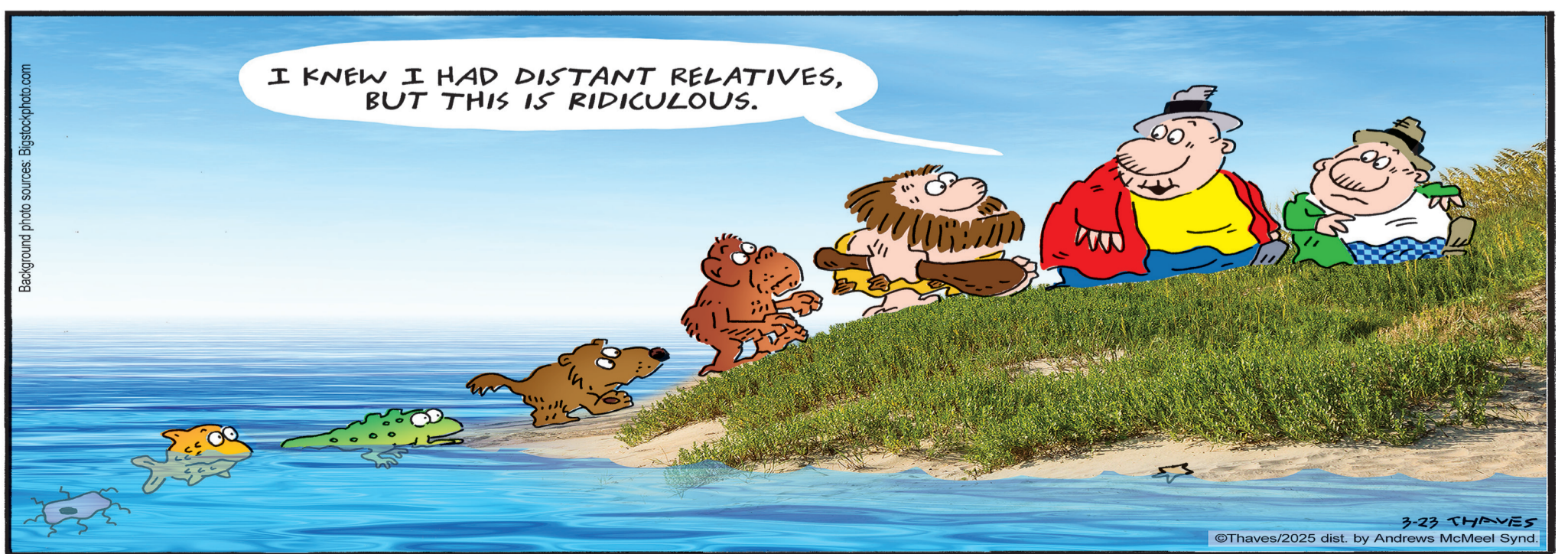
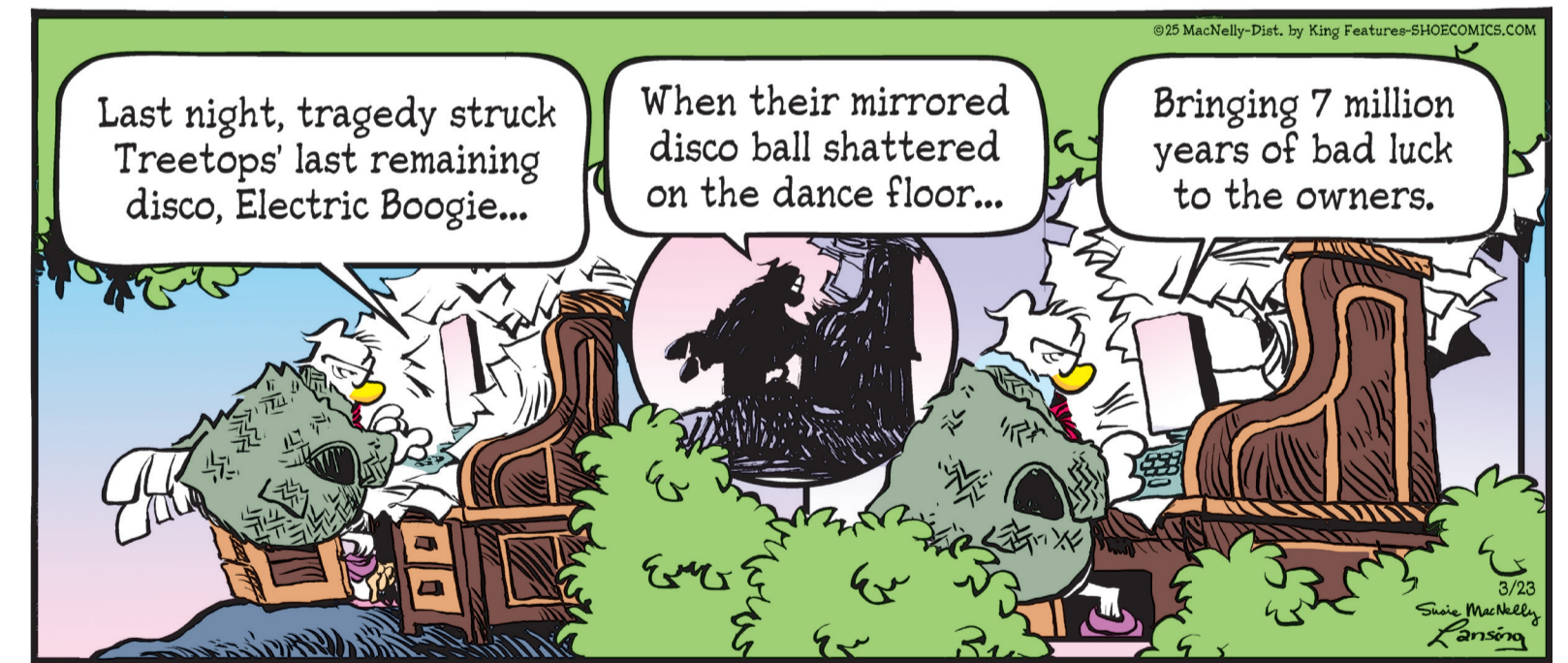
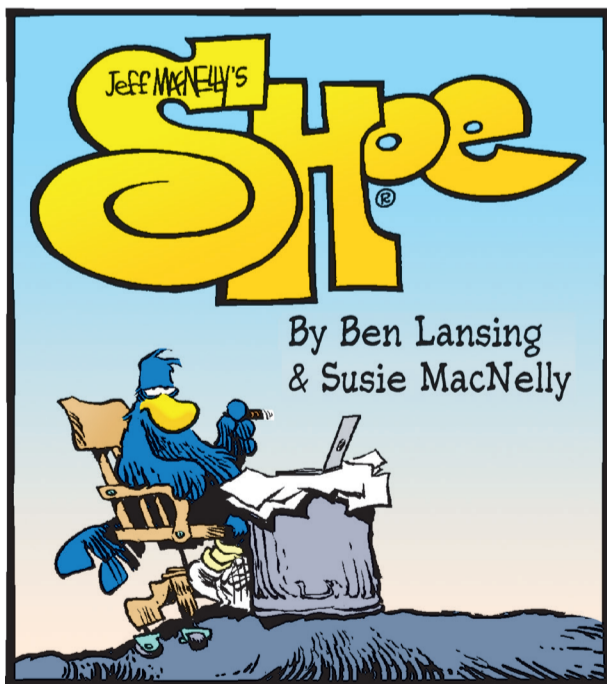
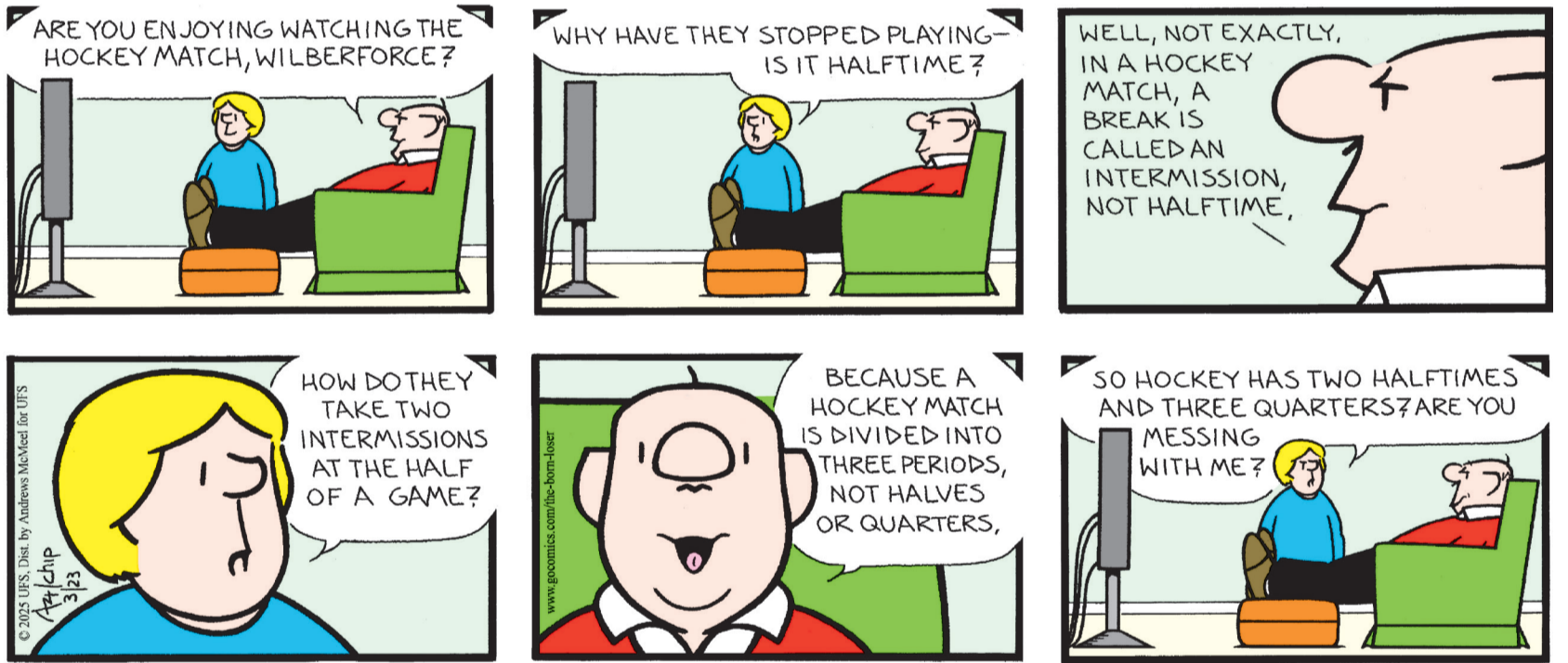
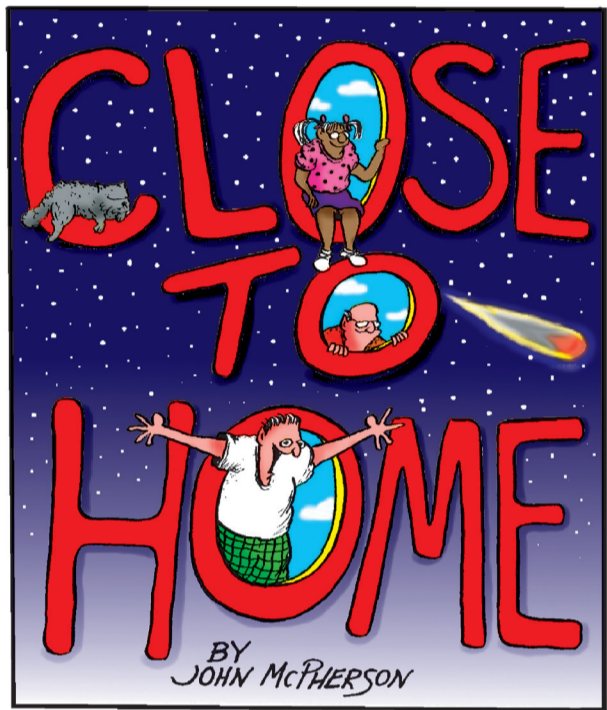
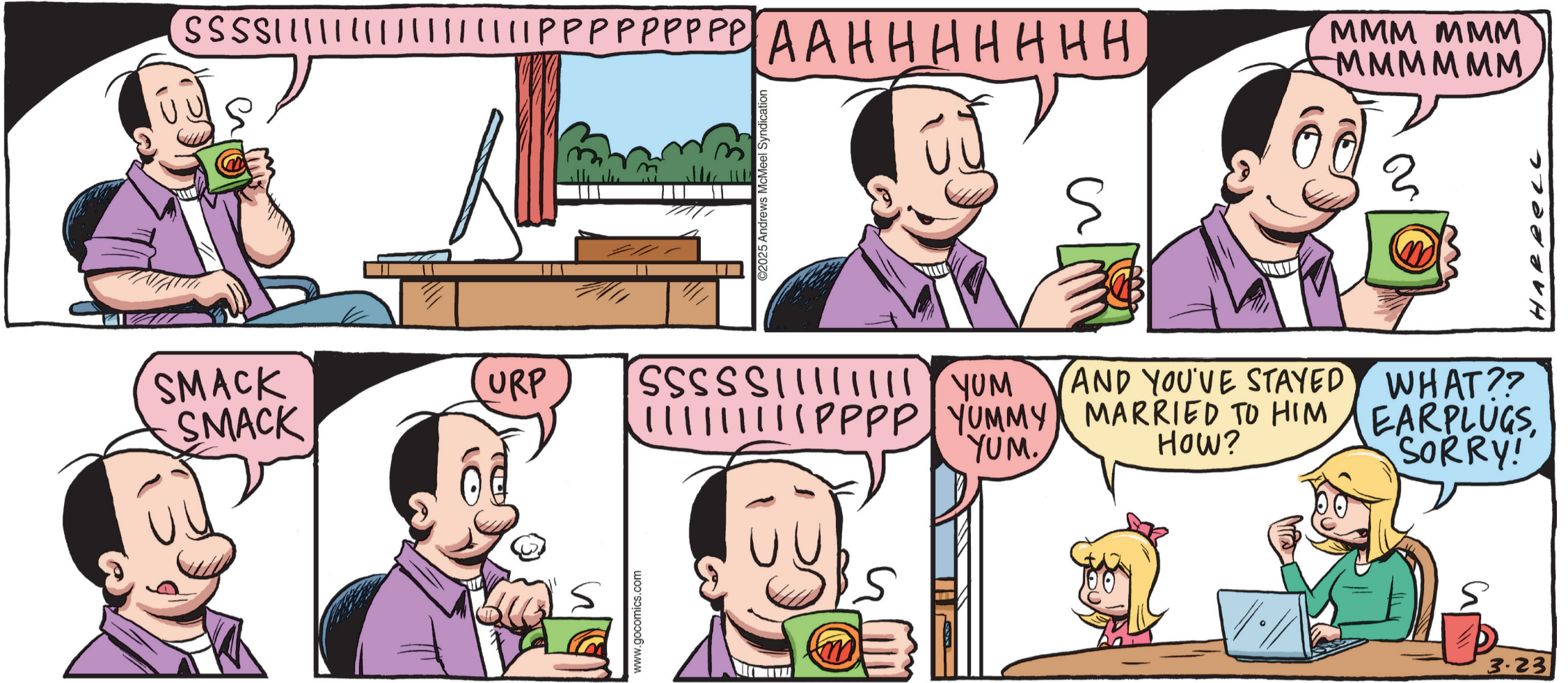
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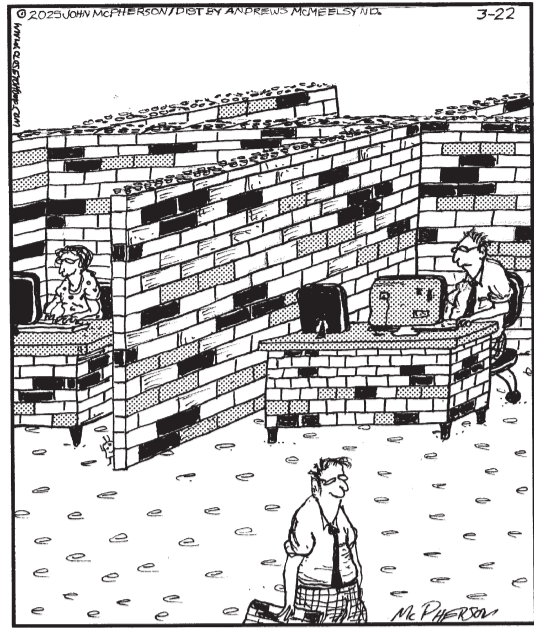


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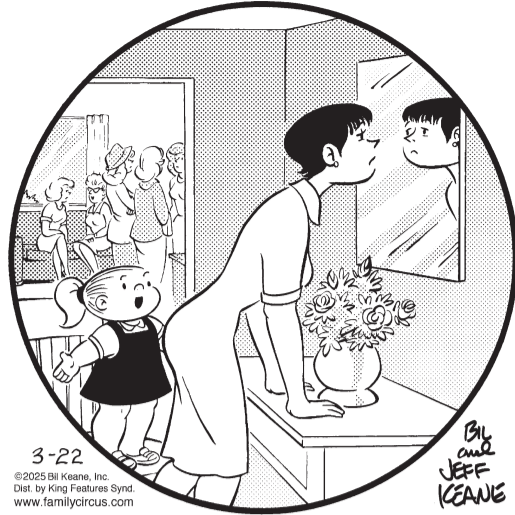


CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



At Lego headquarters.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bill Keane



"Mommy! I like it when somebody says I look older."

BEETLE BAILEY Mort & Greg Walker



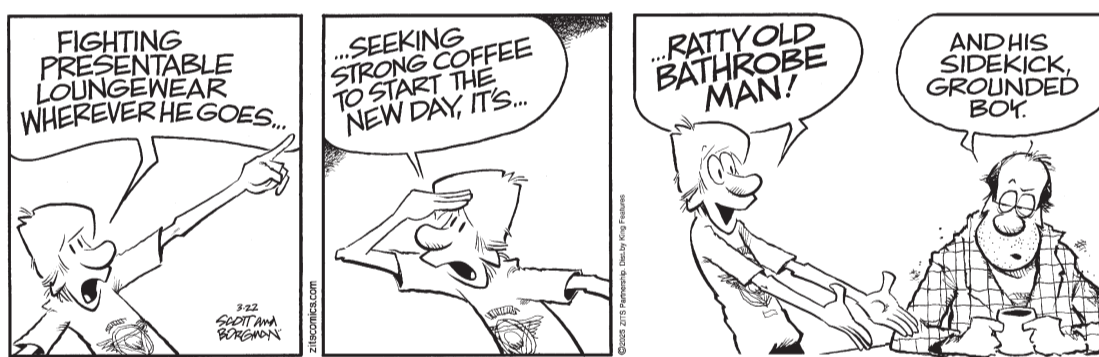
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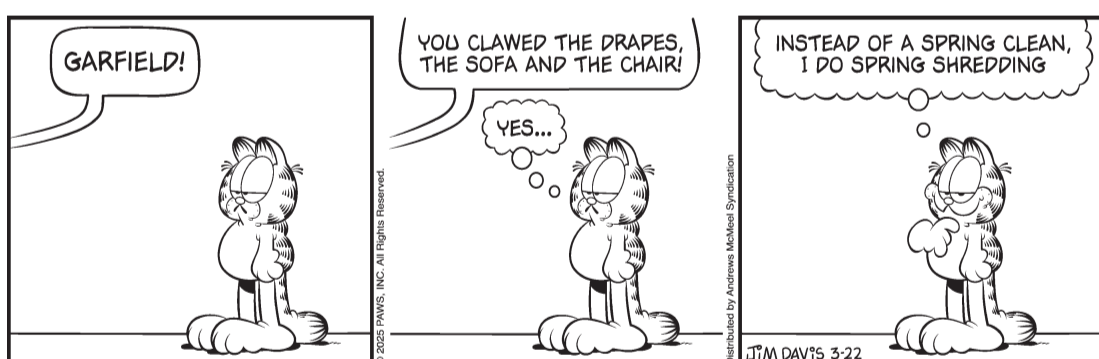
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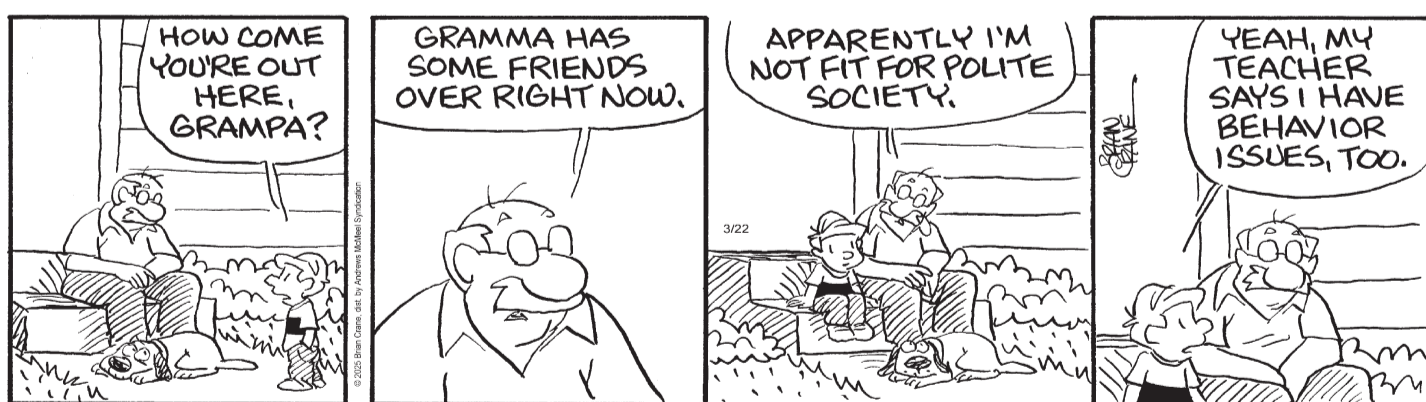
ZITS Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



GARFIELD Jim Davis



PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

		2	1	4	9			
	3		9					8
			6					
8				6				1
3			4					6
9			5					8
			2					
	9		8		1			
1	2	9		5				

SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

Christian Bale

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

7	8	9	4	6	2	1	9
9	2	1	8	9	4	6	7
6	9	4	7	2	1	8	5
8	4	2	1	9	7	9	6
9	2	6	7	8	1	4	5
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3	6	4	1	5	2	9	8

TODAY'S ANSWER: Roofed

CROSSWORD

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

ACROSS

1 "Shake a —!"
 4 — de menthe
 9 Bat wood
 12 Scull
 13 Caesar, for one
 14 Role in "The Matrix"
 15 PreCheck org.
 16 Musical work
 17 Bite
 18 Karate instructor
 20 White fur
 22 Downward movement
 23 Cupidity
 24 Not yet up
 26 Cries like a donkey
 29 Dissolute fellow
 30 Lenient
 31 — and away
 34 Paving material

DOWN

1 Oodles
 2 Facilitate
 3 Magnificence
 4 Go slowly
 5 Flat bread
 6 Big bird
 7 Crafted
 8 Vim
 9 "— Get Your Gun"

35 Cruet's contents
 36 Threesome
 37 Fish with hook and line
 39 Grip
 40 Old-fashioned
 43 Gain
 44 Set upon
 46 Get a move on
 49 By way of
 50 Lukewarm
 52 Frozen water
 53 Antlered animal
 54 Cell terminal
 55 Directional suffix
 56 Abbr. on maps
 57 Caught a certain way
 58 Actress — McClanahan

10 Paris' river
 11 Wished
 19 Aspect
 21 "— Doubtfire"
 24 Museum contents
 25 Anaconda
 26 Online diary
 27 Marsh bird
 28 Wheel shaft
 31 Undeveloped area
 32 Trouble
 33 Singer — Stewart
 36 "— is the life!"
 37 — rule
 38 Drink of the gods
 40 Brick
 41 Inclined
 42 Dracula's undoing
 43 Walked through water
 45 Gambling game
 46 Conceal
 47 Neutral color
 48 Hawaiian bird
 51 Soda —

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



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.

HOUSES WITH DORMERS Solution: 6 letters

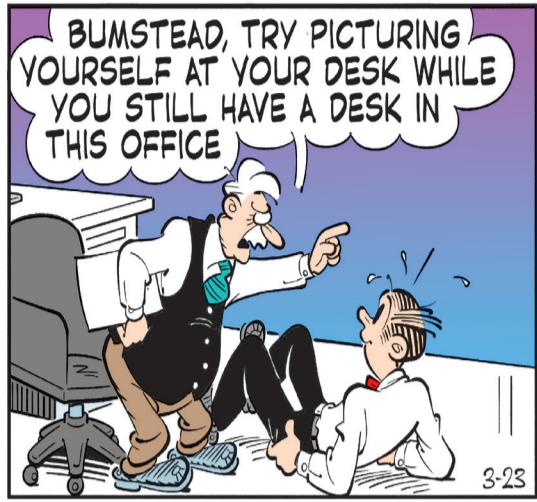
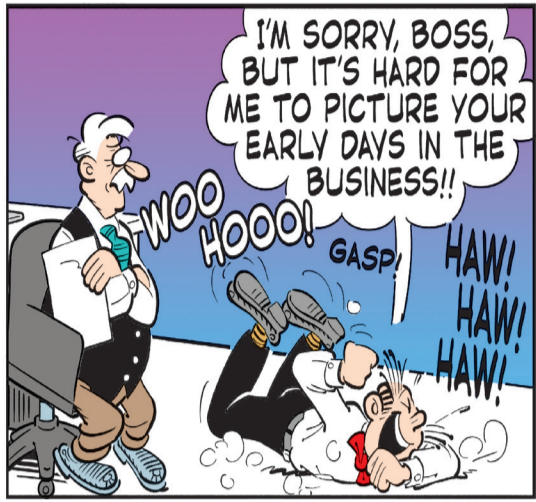
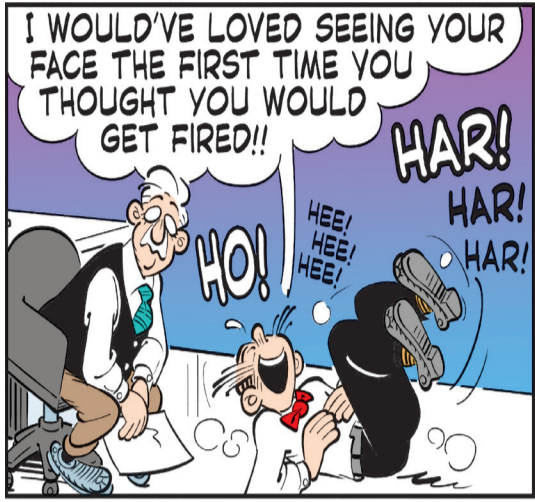
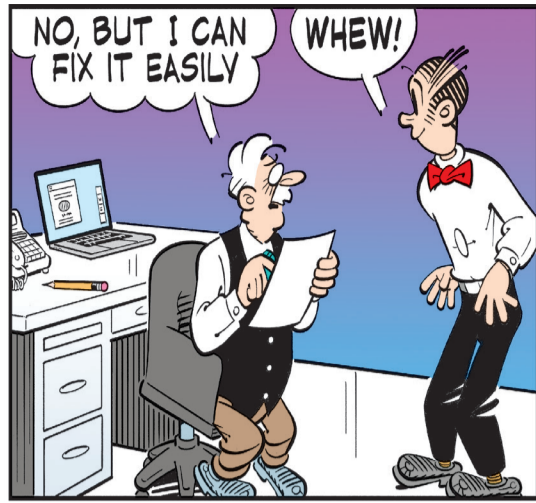
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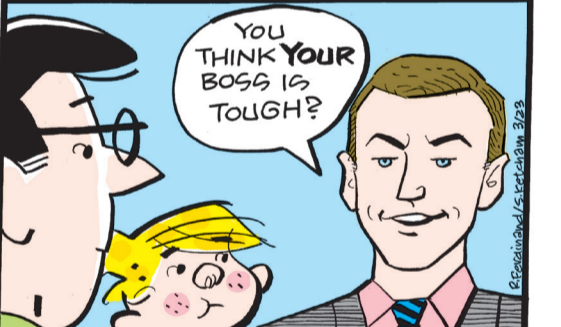
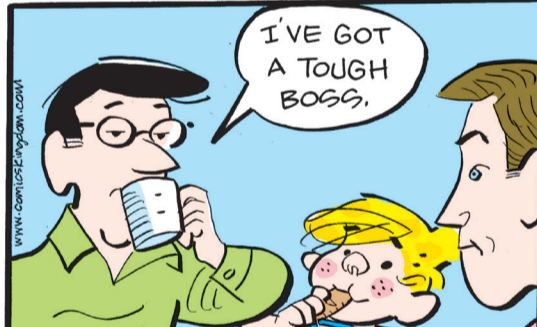
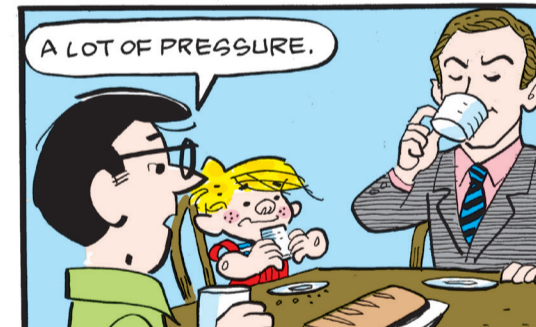
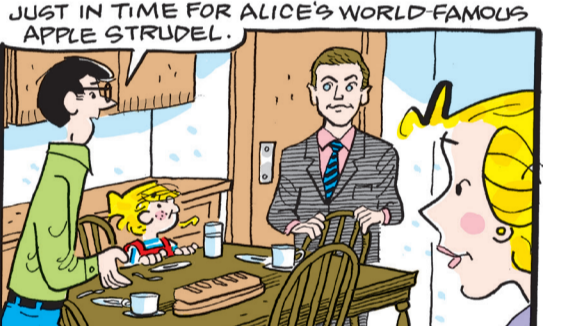
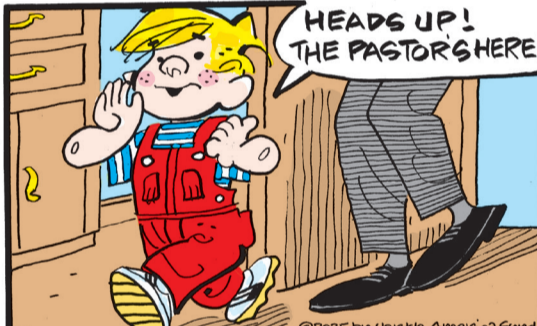
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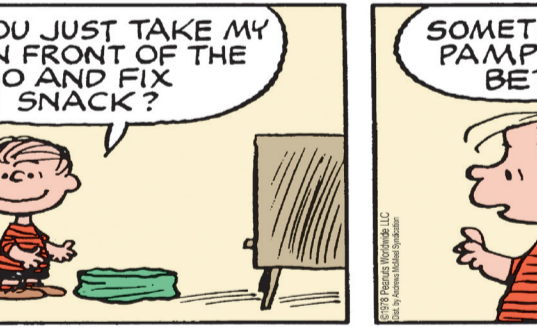
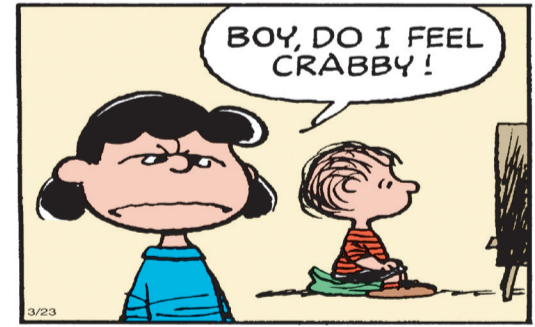


Hank Ketchum's DENNIS The Menace DIVINE COMEDY



CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ



BY STEPHAN PASTIS

