



Retirement plan, raises, sales tax spending drive Albany's \$342 million 2025 budget

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ALBANY – After more than five decades of operating its current pension plan, the city of Albany is looking to phase out of the defined-benefit plan. That is not something that happens overnight, and current employees will be unaffected, but it will mean a change for new employees.

The move will not impact this year's budget, but in a few decades, the city will be shed of the long-term liability of the plan.

For this year, the biggest drivers of the city's spending plan will be plans to move projects funded with the 1% special-purpose local-option sales tax (SPLOST) and transportation special-purpose local-option sales tax (T-SPLOST) forward at an accelerated rate.

Other budget initiatives for the fiscal year beginning July 1 will be a program to ensure that city employees are provided with all required safety gear and are using it properly, and a proposed 3% raise for employees.

The safety initiative has been ongoing since the death in December 2024 of a city employee when a sewer line collapsed.



MICHAEL EATON

“One of the main initiatives of the city manager is (the) safety officer, making sure we're proactive and the safety of employees is primary, making sure we have all the safety equipment,” Albany CFO Michael Eaton said.

City Manager Terrell Jacobs also is emphasizing developing employees' soft skills with-

in their operational roles to make the city operate more efficiently.

The city's overall budget is expected to increase from \$318.79 million for the current fiscal year to \$342.37 million.

“The majority of the increase, over \$20 million, is due to assumptions of (using) sales tax for SPLOST and T-SPLOST projects,” Eaton said.

That does not mean a tax increase, but simply moving

projects forward at a quicker pace than had been the case previously.

The 2025-2026 budget does not call for a property tax millage increase, the CFO said. The Albany City Commission is scheduled to adopt the budget on June 25.

All city employees hired after July 1 will be enrolled in the new defined-contribution

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North Georgia nonprofit Builders for Christ constructs Calhoun County foster home



Staff Photo: Lucille Lannigan
Volunteers with north Georgia nonprofit Builders for Christ construct the frame of a future foster family home in Calhoun County.

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EDISON – Wayne Trundle gazed up at the tall wooden frame of a soon-to-be vaulted living room.

Behind him, the sound of

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hammers cracked against long plywood strips as sawdust flew into the humid air, swirling with the swarms of southwest Georgia gnats.

It was the first week of June, and for Builders for Christ, a nonprofit that does construction work for church organizations, that meant the start of its major annual project.

“A lot of the guys come every year, and it's like a big family reunion,” Trundle, the project manager, said. “We look

forward to seeing each other, catching up. It's amazing to see with the volunteer help and shared knowledge what will get done here.”

The eclectic crew was made up of about 70 people, from age 5 to 85: electricians, construction workers, retirees, businessmen, preachers and quasi-engineers. They traveled from all around Georgia and Alabama in trucks, camper vans and RVs, landing at Rehoboth Ranch Min-

istries in Calhoun County. This year's major project was to construct a full-time home where a Lee County family could raise their children and foster children.

The project is named “Welcome Home Rehoboth Ranch.” The completed foster home will be a part of Rehoboth Ranch Ministries, which also has a men's rehabilitation program for individuals struggling

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Former Albany Municipal Court Judge Willie Weaver seeks Ward II commission seat

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Editor's Note: First in a three-part series on the candidates seeking the Ward II Albany City Commission seat in a June 17 special election.



WILLIE WEAVER

ALBANY – With his youngest son having graduated from high school and having slowed down in his youth coaching duties and winding down his legal practice, former Albany Municipal Court Judge Willie Weaver has some more time on his hands these days.

With that extra time, the former Dougherty County School Board member is now making a run for the Albany City Commission.

The other two candidates in the June 17 Ward II special election are former Dougherty County Commissioner Muarlean Edwards and former Ward II City Commissioner Henry Mathis.

The winner in the nonpartisan race will serve the remainder of the term of former City Commissioner Jalen Johnson, who resigned in February. That term expires at the end of the year, so another Ward II election for a full four-year term will be held in November for the term starting Jan. 1, 2026.

With more than two decades working in the Municipal Court system, Weaver said he has gained some insight into the city. The timing also was right for Weaver, who previously was elected to two terms on the School Board, resigning during the second term to run for an open position on the Dougherty County Superior Court.

“I was thinking about this since I gave up the Sylvester, Dawson and Leslie (city courts),” Weaver said. “I whittled my law practice down to about 10%.”

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Sherry Stith calls on seniors to join her tax relief efforts



SHERRY STITH

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ALBANY -- Since an article appeared in last Saturday's edition of The Albany Herald concerning Sherry Stith's virtual one-woman effort to obtain tax relief for senior citizens from the Dougherty County School System, the newspaper has received a number of submissions to its Squawkbox feature praising Stith and encouraging her to continue her fight.

Stith responded this week to that encouragement.

“For the individuals that posted their

support, thank you,” Stith said in an email to the Herald's squawkbox@albanyherald.com. “Would you please take the next step and do the following?”

Stith's addendum to the email read: **ATTENTION DOUGHERTY COUNTY SENIORS**

If you are a Dougherty County property owner and have the S4 Homestead Exemption for Seniors 65 and Older, you may want to check out my story in (the May 31) Albany Herald about property taxes. (The article also is available at AlbanyHerald.com.)

As a senior, if you believe you should not have to continue paying school taxes, contact the the board member that you voted into office and tell them you want the topic of Senior School Tax Exemption placed on their agenda for discussion and vote. Please help me help you.

I looked up the information below from the DCSS website to save you some time:

District 1 -- Dr. Carolyn Hand, carolyn.hand@docoschools.org

District 2 -- Norma Heath, norma.heath@docoschools.org

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gling with addiction. Unfolding a large blueprint, Trundle points to the home's eight bedrooms, industrial-sized laundry room and large, open living space. This first group of 70 is tasked with completing the home's framing by the end of the week. Separate crews for mechanics, electric, drywall and more will follow.

On Sunday, a small group laid the foundations for the rest of the week. By Wednesday, the house's framed walls stood tall, and a group of men, and even one child, began to lay wood sheets for the roof.

"We don't require any knowledge as far as building or construction," Trundle said. "We've got plenty of guys that know how to do this. We just need hands."

The hands come in both small and large sizes. Seniors,

retired from construction, wear tool belts and hats with sun shades as they saw away at lumber. Small children carry long pieces of lumber – a boy on each end.

Many, like Trundle, are retired after decades spent working in construction. Some of them, like 18-year-old Kyle Summers, grew up on construction sites. He was 10 when he first accompanied his grandpa, who had learned about Builders for Christ when they did work on his own church, to a project.

At 10 years old, Trundle mainly helped his grandpa in the tool trailer and toted lumber. At 18, his favorite job is setting trusses and decking the roof, a part of the project he now leads.

"From a little boy, I've always loved fiddling around, working on stuff, helping my papa or dad with something," Summers said. "It's fun to me, watching something start out as nothing, and by the time

you're done, it's something."

It's now a family affair for Summers' family. This year, they traveled six hours from their home in Wolfsburg, Ala., to Edison in their grandparents' motor home. They're "camping" out along with several other families on the Rehoboth Ranch property. The rest of the Builders for Christ are scattered throughout Calhoun and Randolph counties at rentals or in churches kind enough to open their doors.

Bobby Lunceford, the non-profit's president, said not only do the builders volunteer their time, but they pay to be there. A \$125 payment goes to groceries and insurance. They don't make any money.

"We don't have money left over at the end, and we don't want any," Lunceford said.

Summers said it makes him happy to know that his hard work is for other people.

"Knowing that you come out building something, and it's gonna be done within a week – to put up a whole entire house or church for someone ... it's pretty incredible," he said.

The future tenants of the home should not let the speedy work concern them. Lunceford said in 30 years, the builders have never failed an inspection.

The builders work from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., rising early to eat breakfast together, pausing for lunches and dinners. The team ate with Sean and Melissa, the future heads of the household. (The couple asked that their last name be left out of the story to protect their children's privacy as they continue to foster.)

Sean said that they got to share their story with the group, the same one he and Melissa shared with The Albany Herald about one year ago, when the space, now filled by their future home's frame, was just a grassy hilltop. Right now, he and Melissa are fostering four kids along with raising the six kids they've adopted. They hope to be able to add two more to the family with the added space.

"We have mixed emotions," Sean said. "We're humbled and grateful that people are taking the time to come out and build it – the trust the Lord has in us in providing his people and resources."

He said watching the progress, from a slab on Sunday, to a structure with walls and a roof just days later, was exciting.

Melissa said she's ready for the slower pace the countryside offers, a space with land and animals where the children can play and grow. She's also excited for more room in the house, and the industrial sized laundry room and pantry.

"With large families, I don't think people think about how much it takes," she said. "The washers, as you can imagine, are always running."

Once the first round of work is completed, the family will have a ceremony to write scriptures on the framing. Sean said if funds allow, they hope to move in to the house in time to host Thanksgiving dinner there.

"We're excited to move forward," Melissa said. "We're overwhelmed."



Staff Photo: Lucille Lannigan

Three volunteers measure out plywood at the Builders for Christ project.

From 1A

WEAVER

"I've been working for the city for 24 years and know the ins and outs. I think it's something I'm equipped to do and something I'm qualified to do."

The candidate is also a longtime resident of east Albany and Ward II, having moved there when he was in the sixth grade and remaining there other than for the 10 years he spent in the U.S. Army and seven years attending Mercer University's School of Law in Macon.

Some of the issues the candidate identified as important in the race are crime and police policy; utilities; recreation, including sports and activities for youngsters and young adults; and Tift Park.

During his tenure as Municipal Court judge, Weaver initiated the Albany Works program to help reduce recidivism with individuals who appear in that venue through setting educational, work and other requirements for those who appear in Municipal Court. The program includes mentoring and assistance with housing-insecurity and other issues.

For many young people, there are no activities to help keep them away from gangs, Weaver said.

"There's no game room, no pool room," he said. "We need to find something for young people to do. There's nothing for younger adults and teenagers. That's why they're out in the street."

"I think the Recreation and Parks (Department) has done some good things."

At one time there were some 15 youth baseball teams in east Albany alone, he said, where now there are maybe one or two.

"Parents are not encouraging kids to do anything other than sit around and play games," he said.

On the topic of utilities, Weaver said he would like to see a bigger effort by the city to assist residents in performing weatherization projects on their residences, helping to keep homes cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter while saving money.

He also would like the city

to perform a cost analysis to determine how much profit the city's Utilities Department generates, the amount of that money transferred into the city's coffers and whether there is wiggle room to give some of the money back to ratepayers.

"I don't know what it costs for Albany Utilities to do what they do," he said. "I know some cities give rebates when there's a windfall. The first step is to determine if there is a windfall. If there is, we can reduce (customers') costs, maybe have free weatherization."

The application process for the weatherization program can be daunting, particularly the online process, the candidate said, so getting rid of some of the red tape could help residents.

The City Commission has been discussing a potential renovation project for Tift Park and has hired a consultant to make recommendations. While Weaver said he would like to see the historic site get a makeover, he said that the best way to move forward is by enlisting engagement from area residents at the beginning of the process.

Commissioners should also consider the future needs of residents.

"I do think Tift Park does need some work done on it," Weaver said. "It needs something for kids to do. You have commission meetings and you tell people what you're thinking about doing. My belief is people ought to be educated on what the city is trying to do before they do it. You listen and you explain to them that we're going forward with it because of these reasons."

Weaver, who was present during a report from Police Chief Michael Persley at the Tuesday City Commission meeting, said he was encouraged by what the city's top law enforcement officer said about the effectiveness of technology. The police department is depending on cameras, gunshot-detection devices and license plate readers to help deal with a shortage of officers.

Seeing the technology in action, Weaver said he observed a case where an individual received a gun from

another individual and then walked into a building. Officers were able to make an arrest due to the footage the camera picked up.

"I agree with the chief that you need quality officers, but I thought the technology is a good thing," he said. "I don't think it replaces the police."

"When I was growing up, most of the police officers were from Albany. They had a connection to the community and respect for the community. They stayed in it for 20 years. Now a lot of times they don't have a connection here."

A program akin to Albany Works could help people stay out of jail, the candidate said. During his time as judge, Weaver said, he had people approach him to ask for a referral for a younger relative to a program that does what the court program does.

As a judge, he learned that additional resources are sometimes needed. For example, while on the bench there were instances where he sentenced offenders to pursue education at Albany Technical College. In some cases, the offender had not applied to college after two appearances in front of him.

"They would break down in tears saying, 'I couldn't find it,'" Weaver said. "I learned there's no sign on campus that says 'admissions.' They needed help. They didn't know how to dress for job interviews. You have to teach them. In that program, we were working on people not being repeat offenders. We need something similar to Albany Works outside the court."

If elected, the candidate said he would represent his Ward II constituents while working for the overall progress of the city.

"I'm not stuck on wards," he said. "If the people in Ward II need weatherization, people in the other wards need it, too. Ward II will be my focus for making sure the people are taken care of, but Albany is one city. Based on my education and my years in city government, I'm well-versed and qualified."

Former Mayor Willie Adams and former Commissioner Johnson have endorsed Weaver.

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BUDGET

plan, while employees hired through June 30 would be part of the pension plan.

The city will match up to 6% of employee contributions at 100%, and employees would have the option of contributing a larger amount that would not be matched. Employees will contribute a mandatory 3%.

In recent years, the city has been required to make payments into the defined-contribution plan, most recently \$4 million in December 2024.

"The bottom line is we're trying to address the liability by having an end date in mind," Eaton said.

While the change will not have an immediate impact, it will be felt by future city commissioners, Commissioner Chad Warbington said.

"This is a long-term decision," he said. "The current commission, we're not going to see the benefit of it. In 10 to 20 years, that's when citizens and elected officials are probably going to be looking

back and saying 'Thank you.'"

Through the first five to seven years, the city's budget probably won't reflect the change, but in about the eighth year, the difference will be noticeable, Warbington said.

While the change is good from a financial standpoint, it also reflects the reality that today's workers are less likely to come aboard with the city and remain for 30 years or more, he said. They're more likely to change jobs several times in a lifetime and will enjoy the flexibility of being able to take the money from a defined-contribution plan to the next job.

"I would say it's two-fold," he said. "One, pensions in general are very expensive and very expensive toward the future because they are underfunded. (With the 401K-style defined-contribution plan, the city is putting the money in up-front. From the city's side, it provides more long-term security."

The commissioner said he wanted to emphasize that no current employees will be affected and that the pension plan will provide for them.

"If anything, we're making the plan more stable and more secure," he said.

From 1A

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Contacted about the article, Dyer said the board has discussed the matter but that they are concerned about what would be a "\$3 million hit" to the system's budget. Dyer said he would address the matter at a later time.

RETAIL DISTILLED SPIRITS LICENSE APPLICATION

Tate's Tavern LLC trading as Tate's Liquor at 2424 Sylvester Rd, Albany, GA 31705, gives notice that Timothy Tate (owner), 1775 Ivy Stone Court, Buford, GA 30519, has applied for a license to sell Beer, Wine & Liquor at 2424 Sylvester Rd., Albany, GA 31705. Run date: Saturday, June 7, 2025.

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Horoscopes

Make your home, family and friends your priorities. Use your intelligence to navigate your way into the mainstream. Now is the time to push forward with gusto and to stand firm in your beliefs. Choose brain over brawn, and success will be yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Speak up and stand behind your word. Protect and take care of your home and take advantage of any efficiency-related rebates available.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stay focused on what's important to you, and finish what you start. Social events will lead to interesting connections that can offer insight into how you can avoid setbacks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Refuse to let stubbornness become your downfall. Put ego aside and show resilience, integrity and foresight. If you play it cool, you will receive the support you require to reach your destination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Say a little, do a lot. The less conspicuous you are, the easier it will be to address your agenda. You are overdue for a change, so visit a place that inspires you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Updating your skills and qualifications, attending a networking function and engaging in discussions that offer insight into trends will help you make wise choices. Expand your mind and your long-term goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Emotions will surface regarding your relationships. Limit spending, overreacting and joint ven-

tures. Concentrate on how you look and feel, and choose a path that offers peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Get into the swing of things, attend functions that make you happy or spend time with someone who makes your heart flutter. Changes at home will encourage you to reevaluate what's important to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll meet with opposition, denial and false information. Hasty decisions will lead to regret and lifestyle issues. Distance yourself from those tempting you with indulgent suggestions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Make your surroundings more efficient. Personal and financial gains are apparent. A social event will lead to interesting concepts you can integrate into your lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Verify everything you hear before passing it along or incorporating that information into your plans. When in doubt, take a pass and protect your interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You are better off than you realize. Observe, and you'll see a path forward that can help you get involved in something essential to reaching your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Taking risks will leave you in a weak position. Whether it's a physical, financial or emotional chance you take, expect to face last-minute changes. Too much of anything will work against you.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Some of the worst mistakes of my life have been haircuts."

Jim Morrison,
musician (1943-1971)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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Straight to the point, no BS: If the city manager and utilities manager do not already know and know why utility billings spike and have an answer and solution before customers complain, both are either incompetent or derelict in responsibility of public trust. This has gone on much too long.

25% of liberals are on medication. That's scary; it means 75% are running around untreated.

Albany voters should read the Broken Windows criminological concept. For years, they have ignored bad behavior at the mall, dangerous driving 24/7, illegally tinted windows and altered mufflers, daily litter, and long-standing eyesore code violations in our neighborhoods. Taxpayers are tired of lame excuses. Wake up Albany and Dougherty government. Do your job.

Where have you been, squawker? The Popeye's on South Slap, down from the main post office, has been closed permanently for weeks if not months now. It doesn't just need an update. It needs new ownership.

Congress will never agree on enough spending cuts to balance the budget. We don't have a spending problem. We have a growth problem. The only way to catch up is to grow the economy. A 5% growth rate over time would put us in the black and allow us to start paying off our debt.

Our representatives seem to be representing lobbyists, family, friends and donors. Not the people they are supposed to be representing.

A squawker made the leap that blacks and whites can't have face-to-face talks based upon the names of Dougherty County graduates? They can't, that is as long as one or both make preconceived judgements without ever saying a word to each other. If we treat each other like we want to be treated, it is possible. Please deal with your own prejudices, before projecting them onto others.

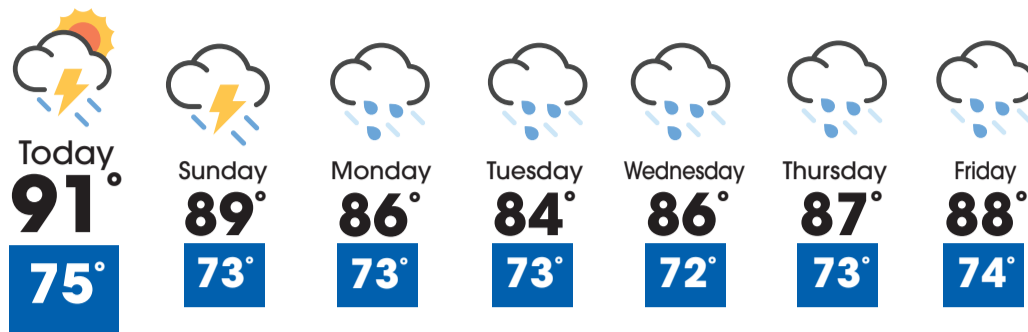
Attention south Georgia drivers: I know headlights don't help you see better at dawn and dusk, but they help other drivers see you, so please turn them on.

So the squawker says ask for the accounting of the \$5 million that preacher Warnock gave to preacher Lorenzo for remodeling 20 small apartments. I am sure preacher Lorenzo has some great accounting records. That would be something to see. And also ask about the cash money that hits the collection plates in his church on Sunday. Wonder who counts and keeps records of that?

So let me get this straight: Trump pardoned a Georgia couple who lived in a mansion and were convicted of defrauding Atlanta banks out of nearly \$36 million and tax evasion while working-class families are struggling to get by? And yet y'all still think he represents you? That Man Without a Family

There are squawks that make think and dig deeper. There are squawks that make me take that same shovel and bury the suppose thought. Then there are ones like the squawker suggesting that the names of kids graduating from Dougherty and Monroe High is clear evidence that talking with members opposite their race would be futile. Even duct tape couldn't fix that kind of stupid.

Weather Forecast



BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

ANOTHER REASON FOR FOURTH SUIT



Christian Nestell Bovee, an epigrammatic writer who died in 1904, said, "Music is the fourth great material want -- first food, then clothes, then shelter, then music."

If alive today, he would surely relegate music to fifth behind food, clothes, shelter and bridge.

In bridge, the fourth bid in an uncontested auction is game-forcing when it is in the fourth suit. Usually, responder is hunting for the best game, but sometimes he wants to suggest a slam.

Look at this deal. When North hears his partner rebid one spade, he knows game in spades should be easy and that a slam might be possible. Jumping immediately to four spades does not do justice

to his hand. Instead, he first forces to game with two diamonds. Then, after opener continues with three clubs, North jumps to four spades, which logically is a slam-try. Now South, with such a great hand, can take control with (Roman Key-Card) Blackwood before bidding seven spades or seven no-trump.

After West leads the diamond queen to the bare ace, how should South plan the play?

If declarer can play spades safely, he will have 13 tricks: four spades, one heart, two diamonds and six clubs. The right play is to cash the spade king, planning to cross to dummy's ace. That works great here, uncovering the 4-1 break. However, East might throw South off the scent by

playing his spade nine under declarer's king. If South thinks that is a singleton, he will next cash his spade queen and go down one.

Watch out for this falsecard.

North 06-07-25			
♠ A 8 5 4			
♥ A Q J 6			
♦ K 5 2			
♣ A 3			
West	East		
♠ 6	♠ J 9 7 3		
♥ 8 5 3	♥ K 10 9 2		
♦ Q J 10 9 8	♦ 7 6 4 3		
♣ 7 6 4 2	♣ 5		
South			
♠ K Q 10 2			
♥ 7 4			
♦ A			
♣ K Q J 10 9 8			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	??	??
Opening lead: ♦ Q			

COLUMNIST ■ JACK BAGLEY

Did you know?...



Summer is a-coming in. Next week, in fact, we will see the longest day of the year, the summer solstice. The sun rises at its earliest and sets at its latest. After that, days get progressively shorter until the first day of winter in December.

And the cycle renews itself. You know, there's something very comforting in that. Nice to know that, even in our modern confusing society, some things are constant. Like the change of seasons. And trivia.

Did you know ...
... you may know someone who practices limnology? Don't get upset, it isn't one of the mystic arts. Limnology is the scientific study of inland water ecosystems. A limnologist studies lakes and wetlands.

... the average lightning bolt is about one inch in diameter?
... the average American spends about 1,600 hours per year watching television? By comparison, that same average American (whoever it is) spends 323 hours reading.

... a very popular child's toy initially did not come with the most important part? In 1949, toymaker George Lerner invented a toy he called Mr. Potato Head, and by 1952 the toy had taken off in popularity with children. The toy featured a set of plastic body parts to put into a potato head, but ... no potato head. Kids were expected to use the body parts on their own real potatoes. It wasn't until 1964 that Hasbro, the company which marketed

the toy, added a plastic potato to the kit.

... The Lord of the Rings is not a trilogy? Written by J.R.R. Tolkien between 1937 and 1949, it is actually one long, long book. The publishers of that volume felt it would be cheaper to break the book into three parts and publish it as a trilogy than to publish the entire manuscript at one time. Allen & Unwin Publishers broke the story into three books: "The Two Towers," "The Fellowship of the Ring," and "The Return of the King."

... a cameo role in a 1980 comedy movie was originally written for a different actress? In the hilarious 1980 spoof "Airplane!," an elderly woman offers to "translate" jive talk spoken by two men who were suffering from food poisoning. The minor part was originally written for Harriet Nelson, who had played the mother on the 1950s series "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet." Nelson turned down the cameo, however, due to concerns with the language used in the script. The producers then offered the bit part to Barbara Billingsley, whose moment in the film is considered a comedy classic. Billingsley had played the mother on the series "Leave It to Beaver."

... you could end up having green blood? It can happen if you take too much of the medications sulfasalazine or sumatriptan. And the proper treatment for having green blood is a simple one -- wait it out. Stop

taking the medicines and your blood will eventually return to its natural robust red color.

... a classic character in literature almost had a different name? One of the most iconic characters in "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843 by Charles Dickens, is Tiny Tim, the youngest son of the poverty-stricken Cratchit family. While writing the original story, Dickens considered other alternative names for the character: Little Larry, Puny Pete, and Small Sam among them.

... one automobile designer is responsible for some of the most iconic cars in history? If you've seen any of the "Back to the Future" movies, you're aware of the DeLorean automobile. It was designed by John Z. DeLorean and those movies made his 1982 model auto a collector's item, though they were a flop when first made. But DeLorean designed some other cars you may recognize: the Pontiac GTO, Firebird and Grand Prix, and the Chevrolet Vega.

... the letter "E" is not used in most grading systems? Yeah, you knew that, especially if you have some of your old report cards. But did you know why? "E" was originally used to indicate a failing grade, but by the 1930s it was phased out of the A, B, C, etc., system because students were interpreting it to mean "excellent."

Now ... you know!

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DO JUST ONE THING

by Danny Seo

Do you love radishes? If you love the roots, you will probably love the stems and leaves even more. First, yes: The leafy parts of radishes are totally edible. And they are delicious, with a slightly peppery taste that makes a wonderful addition to all sorts of cooking. They're healthy, too, with magnesium, calcium and vitamin B6. Instead of tossing the stems and leaves away in the trash, use them for salads, soups and any dish to which you'd like to add a hearty green.

Today in History

Today is the 158th day of 2025 and the 80th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a declaration of independence.

In 1929, Vatican City became a sovereign state.

In 1942, the Battle of Midway ended in a U.S. victory against Japan.

In 1971, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling set the precedent that vulgar writing is protected under the First Amendment.

In 2006, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, was killed by a U.S. airstrike.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Paul Gauguin (1848-1903), painter; James Braddock (1905-1974), boxer; Jessica Tandy (1909-1994), actress; Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000), poet; Dean Martin (1917-1995), singer/actor; Tom Jones (1940-), singer; Liam Neeson (1952-), actor; Orhan Pamuk (1952-), author; Prince (1958-2016), singer-songwriter/

musician; Karl Urban (1972-), actor; Allen Iverson (1975-), basketball player; Bill Hader (1978-), actor/comedian; Anna Kournikova (1981-), tennis player; Michael Cera (1988-), actor; Iggy Azalea (1990-), rapper.

TODAY'S FACT: Pope Julius II hired the Swiss Guard to serve as his personal protection in 1506. The paid mercenary force has been protecting popes in Vatican City ever since.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1978, the Washington Bullets (now Wizards) won the franchise's first and only NBA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Live not for battles won. / Live not for the-end-of-the-song. / Live in the along." -- Gwendolyn Brooks, "Speech to the Young"

TODAY'S NUMBER: 882 -- estimated population of Vatican City in 2025.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (June 2) and full moon (June 11).

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State Sen. Freddie Powell Sims to join in prayer for Early County workers

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ALBANY — State Sen. Freddie Powell-Sims, D-Dawson, and members of the surrounding southwest Georgia community will come together at

the First Baptist Church of Blakely to help lift up those impacted by the recent announcement that the Georgia-Pacific Paper Mill Plant in Early County will close permanently. Georgia-Pacific announced

it will close its container-board mill at Cedar Springs, along the state's southwest border with Alabama. All 535 employees there will be let go, with most positions eliminated by Aug. 1. The decision to close the

mill will undoubtedly have a devastating impact on the town and the surrounding areas, while adding further plight to rural Georgians, state Democratic officials said. Georgia Senate Democrats

believe there is no Georgia without rural Georgia. These communities are the backbone of the state, feeding families, sustaining the economy, and preserving generations of tradition and service, these officials said

in a news release. From farm towns to timber country, rural Georgians deserve real investments in health care, education, infrastructure and jobs. Instead, rural communities are facing closures, cuts and broken promises.

Local officials scramble to deal with pending closure of Turner Job Corps Center

By Alan Mauldin

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ALBANY — Albany officials discussed the impact of the closing of the Albany Turner Job Corps Center and how the community could help, but the attitude seemed to be one of disappointment at the loss.

The U.S. Department of Labor abruptly announced a "pause" of operations for some 99 Job Corps sites across the nation and Puerto Rico, leaving about 25,000 participants unmoored from the centers that provide educational and job-training opportunities.

Prior to the announcement, there were 510 students and 271 staff at the Albany site.

President Trump has announced his intention to eliminate Job Corps, and officials fear the pause will be a permanent shuttering of the centers.

"I personally think this is a grave mistake, taking such a grave measure," Albany Mayor Bo Dorough said during a Tuesday news conference. "It was taken without consideration of the benefits Job Corps across the country provide for a path in their life. This was a hatchet job that will affect thousands, tens of thousands, of students across the country."

In a news release last week, the DOL gave statistics about the program, including a 38.6% graduation rate, average per-student cost of \$80,284 per year and annual earnings of former participants of only \$16,695. The department also cited statistics totaling 14,913 serious incident reports from Job Corps campuses in 2023, including 372 incidents of inappropriate sexual behavior and sexual assaults, 1,764 acts of violence and

1,167 breaches of safety or security.

Instead of doing a "hatchet job" on an organization whose successes outweigh the issues reported, Dorough said that a better course would have been working to fix those problems.

"We understand what a change Job Corps has had on the lives of young people throughout the country," he said. "Unfortunately, a wrong-headed decision was made to close these (facilities). Turner Job Corps is an institution in our community."

Initial reports were that students and staff were to be off the Albany campus by Friday, but Dorough said students may have to be off campus by June 13.

Nineteen percent of the Albany students' status was listed as homeless or housing-insecure, and the city is looking into the possibility of assisting them if it can, the mayor said.

"Feeding and housing these students is something that's a difficult issue," he said. "Dormitories are to be closed by next Friday. We have such a short window. What is happening is almost inhumane."

The Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission and Albany Area Chamber of Commerce are working to find possible job openings for students and staff, EDC President and CEO Jana Dyke said.

A resource fair is also planned for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday at the campus.

"The chamber and EDC have been working on a list of industries and contacting human resources at those (locations)," Dyke said. "We do not want to see a gap for the residents or the employees."



Special Photo: PCOM South Georgia
Accepting the award for Best Original Research was Michael Abaskaron, left, of PCOM South Georgia for the project "Challenges and Opportunities in Establishing a Student-Run Clinic in Rural Southwest Georgia."

PCOM South Georgia Research Day winners announced

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MOULTRIE — Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine students, master's degree in biomedical sciences students, medical residents and practicing physicians all gathered on PCOM South Georgia's campus in early May for their annual Research Day event. Four winners and three runners-up were named in the competition:

-- Best in Show went to Dr. Saron H. Araya, Endalkachew B. Melese, Javid Simran, Shah Saman and Jalal Muhammad, all from Kharian Medical College of Kharian, Pakistan, for their project "AI in Early Detection of Gastrointestinal Cancers: Evaluating Harvard's CHIEF Model and Machine Learning Innovations."

-- Best Clinical Case Study went to Collin R. Morris, Darya J Khani and Dr. Jamie Edwards of PCOM South Georgia, for the project "A Case Report: Uterine Artery Embolization for Treatment of Uterine Fibroids."

-- Runner-up in the Best Clinical Case Study category was Hima Chakka, Schiley Pierre Louis, of PCOM South Georgia, along with Dr. Ragin Alex of Archbold Internal Medicine Residency, and Dr. Christian Trujillo of Archbold Pulmonology, for their project "Cryptococcus gatti Infection Infection with Pulmonary and CNS Involvement in an Immunocompetent Patient."

-- Best Original Research Award was presented to Michael Abaskaron and Rajay Dockery, both of PCOM South Georgia, along with Dr. Jessica Mitchum of Colquitt Regional Medical Center, for their project "Challenges and Opportunities in Establishing a Student-Run Clinic in Rural Southwest Georgia."

-- Runner-up in the Best Original Research category was the project "Addressing the effects of stress on menstrual cycle regularity



Special Photo: PCOM South Georgia
Saron H. Araya accepted the award for Best in Show at PCOM South Georgia's recent Research Day.

and symptoms: A review of contributing factors, racial disparities and lifestyle interventions" presented by Nahimie Louissaint, Saron Araya and Jennifer Mitchell, all of PCOM South Georgia, along with Martin Embre of Xavier University.

-- Best Cadaver/Biomed Project award went to Sydnee N. Jackson, Marisela Benitez, Kayla E. Hasty, Patrice Sarrazin, Gerardo J. Tabares and Cailin Ingram, along with faculty members Dr. Rasheed Agboola and Dr. Shiv Dhiman, all of PCOM South Georgia, for their project "Evaluation of chronic pyoderma gangrenosum, acne, and suppurative hidradenitis (PASH) syndrome and its effect on kidney function: A cadaveric study."

-- Runner-up in the Best Cadaver/Biomed Project category was "Investigating the role of scoliosis in talocalcaneal joint osteoarthritis: A histologic and radiologic view" by Tyler Stanton, Valerie Yepez, Lily Dwyer, Me-

lea Neely, D'andre Edwards, Mark Shearer, Samuel Jacobs, and faculty member Emranul Huq, all of PCOM South Georgia.

Alexander Ophir, professor of Psychology at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., presented the keynote speech, "Sources of reproductive decision-making and their practical applications using Krogh's principle."

In 2019, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, a premier osteopathic medical school with a storied 125-year history, extended its commitment to the Southeast by establishing PCOM South Georgia. An additional teaching location in Moultrie, PCOM South Georgia, offers both a full, four-year medical program leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree and a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences. PCOM is a private, not-for-profit institution that trains professionals in the health and behavioral sciences fields.



Their future starts *Now!*

Online K-12 Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. Parents can visit www.docoschools.org/olr to get all the information they need about required documents, forms, etc. to complete the application to ensure that their child is ready to start school in August.

Note: There are different applications for K-12 students and for Pre-K. Please choose the correct one when registering.

COLUMNIST ■ MARC HYDEN

Georgia receives a 'D' for electricity competition

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No response from the Dougherty School Board after Sherry Stith's revelations? I guess they're used to people just getting frustrated and giving up. I've got a feeling that's not going to happen with Ms. Stith.

The fact that Trump, Vance, Kemp, DeSantis, MTG, Boebert and Jim Jordan are all members of the GOP exposes the lie that "No species on earth lets the dumbest of the pack lead except Democrats." Tell the truth, and shame the devil.

I never agree with anything Ludwig says in his columns, but I agree with his Saturday article calling Trump a draft-dodger. But I have one question: Did Ludwig ever wear the uniform of his country? If not, he can call no one a draft dodger. I can. I served.

Soon, we will have a generation of grandmothers who can not knit or bake cakes, but will be covered in tattoos, with fake lips and boobs.

The Department of Government Efficiency has finally rid the government of one of the worst government employees: Elon Musk. Thank God and Cybertruck he's gone. That Man Without a Family

01-21-2025, Elon Musk throws his arm up with hand extended; Democrats yell "Nazi salute." 05-31-2025, Sen. Corey Booker does the same thing: nothing. No surprise here.

Albany Municipal Court had missing money, employees fired in 2019. GBI investigated; DOCO DA sent case to Georgia DA. Now, in 2025, the same person running the court in 2019 is running for Albany City Commission. No known disposition on this matter. Should we be concerned?

If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock.

Stacy Abrams should have to account for every dollar of the \$2 billion Biden gave her to help people in south Georgia. This is why nobody has heard a peep out of her loud mouth. Hell, she is probably in a country that does not extradite.

Haven't bought a lotto ticket since Georgia ended Jumbo Bucks. Guess I'll have to start driving down to Tallahassee.

Is FEMA prepared for hurricane season? Seems the organization's director didn't even know that there was such a season. Of course, now he says he was joking. Sorry, not funny, and we don't believe you. We know you and your organization are not prepared to deliver the services that will be needed. The orange one's administration officials are so incompetent, they make jokes about themselves.

Fletcher, you amuse me. You still read actual books and listen to vinyl albums? Damn, man, the '70s are over.

The gun control movement is a calculated campaign to disarm the population and remove the only effective check on government tyranny. Numerous quotes by America's founding fathers said citizens should be armed to prevent tyranny by their own government.

The school discipline problem has roots in parents having none of their skin in the game. Hold them accountable.

Don't know why Fox uses Fowler to express his opinion. He is a total Democrat, which makes him a liar. He can join the other Democrats with his lies.

Georgians are bracing themselves for above-average summer temperatures and corresponding high electric bills, but the Atlanta City Council believes it has the solution. In an effort to curtail energy costs, "Legislation being considered by the City Council would create new stipulations around the materials used for building and replacing roofs to steer construction away from darker, sun-attracting colors to lighter, reflective colors," the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. "These new 'reflective roofing standards' would apply to all new construction — including roof replacements."

Kudos to the City Council for looking to solve a widespread issue, but it ought to tread carefully. If passed, this kind of proposal could spread to other Peach State cities, and I am not convinced that it is a particularly great idea. For starters, I am generally not a big fan of costly government mandates, and with housing affordability remaining a nagging issue, adding additional regulations that may drive up housing costs further seems problematic. Instead, if the City Council wants to lower energy rates, it should challenge the Georgia General Assembly to foster more competition.

Georgia's electricity market is an aberration that stands in stark contrast to free-market capitalism, and as a result, it harms consumers. In fact, some of my R Street Institute colleagues published an in-depth

study on all 50 states' electricity markets and graded them based on how well they promote electricity competition. Georgia received an embarrassing "D" grade. So much for being a national leader on energy.

The reason for this nearly failing grade is that Georgia maintains an archaic system that virtually grants electric providers monopolies over vast geographical regions in exchange for increased government regulation from the Public Service Commission.

"Georgia offers limited opportunities for competitive choice," the study reads. "Large customers [...] have the option to choose an alternative electricity supplier if they are a new customer and if either their site is already served by an alternative supplier or if the customer makes significant changes to the location that affect usage." Residential customers — like you and I — are given zero choice whatsoever and are captive to the local electric monopoly.

"Although Georgia Power is required to utilize competitive solicitations to meet future resource needs," the report continued, "it has recently sought waivers from such requirements, citing 'urgency' of resource needs." What's more, Georgia has not joined what's known as a regional transmission organization, which creates inter-

state partnerships that provide access to reduced-cost electricity.

Meanwhile, more than a dozen states permit consumers to choose their electric provider, and the competition drives prices down.

"Since competition was fully implemented, the 14 jurisdictions with retail electricity competition saw prices decline 0.3% between 2008 and 2020 compared to a 20.7% price increase in the states lacking retail competition," Pacific Research Institute found.

You can see this at play in Georgia, too. Just since 2023, the Public Service Commission has approved six rate increases for metro Atlanta's Georgia Power customers. Yet they cannot shop around because of Georgia's monopoly system. If they want electricity, they have only one choice, and if they don't like the prices or the manner of generation (nuclear, coal, wind, etc.), then tough luck.

There is a much better system than this. Georgia should instead allow consumers to have a choice and let electricity providers compete for their business. This will keep prices lower and let market forces — rather than the Public Service Commission — reward companies. Moreover, Georgia ought to join a regional transmission organization. Studies have shown that joining one can save

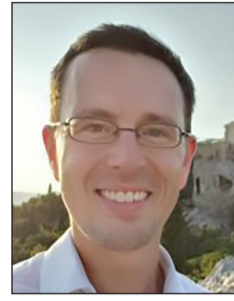
many billions of dollars. Smaller steps, like enabling the sharing of customer usage information collected by smart meters installed across Georgia Power's territory, would allow consumers to figure out ways to save money through energy efficiency measures.

Despite this, a majority of Georgia's policymakers have yet to show serious interest in electricity competition. Even modest proposals have been met with derision. Earlier this year, Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, introduced a measure to protect residential ratepayers from having to pay for energy costs created by electricity-guzzling data centers. The bill stalled, to the dismay of ratepayers. Another proposal by Hufstetler would have re-instituted a consumer advocate to participate in proceedings at the Public Service Commission, but it also stalled.

These are not the only means of reducing electricity costs. Certainly, if you want to install a "cool roof," then by all means please do.

"Individual homes with lighter-colored roofs would see an average of up to 5% savings in energy bills annually," according to the Journal-Constitution. However, if you want consumer choice and more serious savings, then electricity competition must be a priority.

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Striking similarities of the places where evil lurks

Everywhere you look, evil is lurking. Haddonfield, Elm Street, Camp Crystal Lake.

If those names aren't familiar to you, then you must not be a fan of horror movies. Because if you were, you would recognize them as the stalking grounds of three of the more prominent and prolific cinematic monsters of the last 50 years. Prominent in the sense they're known far and wide; prolific in the sense of their respective body counts.

These are the places where evil lurks:

- The masked Michael Myers roaming the streets of Haddonfield, intent on killing family members and anyone else who dares to cross his path.

- Disfigured and burned serial killer Freddie Krueger haunting the dreams of teenagers living on Elm Street, before murdering them in their nightmares.

- The hockey-masked Jason Voorhees seeking revenge for his mother's death — on anyone who dares set foot at Camp Crystal Lake.

Here's another place where evil lurks: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C. It's a big white house. You can't miss it. Look for an oversized oval office. Evil sits behind a big oak desk. His face is orange; no mask or disfigurement is necessary.

Michael Myers, Freddie Krueger and Jason Voorhees crossed over to the dark side because they were

hell-bent on getting revenge. Their intended targets were specific, but their reasons for doing what they did were immaterial. Evil doesn't need a reason.

Whereas Donald Trump's first time in the White House was mostly about lining his pockets, this time he shares the motivation of our three cinematic villains: vengeance. Taking it one step further, all four have the innate ability to do what they do ... because they are void of a soul.

Which leads to this: a sampling of the targets on the president's current Revenge Tour. As you examine the names on this list, you can almost smell the evil:

- Barack Obama, whom Trump wants tried by "military tribunal."

- Senator Adam Schiff, who Trump refers to as "the enemy from within."

- The "evil, sick, and crazy" Nancy Pelosi.

- Former Rep. Liz Cheney, who Trump considers to be "guilty of treason" for her involvement in the Jan. 6 Committee

- General Mark Milley, who in Trump's opinion "should be executed."

- CNN, MSNBC, CBS, ABC (for fact-checking him in a debate) and any other news media outlets Trump believes engages in spreading lies about him and his administration and therefore allegedly distorting the truth. (You know, like what Fox News does.)

- Joe Biden and his entire "crime family." (Just like the Trumps, except they're not guilty.)

- Kamala Harris, who should be prosecuted for her actions concerning the border.

- Special council Jack Smith, who Trump believes should be "thrown out of the country."

- New York Attorney General Letitia James (who should be prosecuted herself), justice Arthur Engoron (who should be prosecuted as well for being a "corrupt political hack") and Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg (who also should face prosecution). In short: You prosecute me, I prosecute you. (It's good to be king, right?)

- Anyone, and he means anyone — lawyers, political operatives, donors, illegal voters, corrupt election officials, the guy up the street selling snow cones — involved in the 2020 election fraud. They all need to receive "long prison sentences" for their (in his own depraved mind) crimes.

- Jail sentences for members of the supporting cast, to include Reps. Bennie Thompson and Jamie Raskin, Sens. Chuck Schumer and Mitch McConnell, former Rep. Adam Kinzinger, and his very own vice president his first time in office, Mike Pence.

All of Trump's attacks, of course,

are unwarranted. That's another thing they have in common with the carnage caused by Myers, Krueger, and Voorhees (forgive the ambulance-chasing law firm vibe).

Prior to his inauguration, billionaires Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg would have been on this list as well. But now that they've both "kissed the ring," (as Kevin McCarthy did publicly at Mar-a-Largo back in 2021), they're on good terms with the president.

For now, anyway. When you put yourself that close to where evil

lurks, there's a really strong chance that bad things are sure to follow. Just ask any horror movie fan what happened in Haddonfield, Elm Street, and at Camp Crystal Lake.

And if I were Elon Musk, I'd be looking over my shoulder right about now. The honeymoon appears to be over.

"I don't know what word in the English language — I can't find one — applies to people who are willing to sacrifice the literal existence of organized human life so they can put a few more dollars into highly stuffed pockets. The word "evil" doesn't even begin to approach it."

—Noam Chomsky
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GUEST COLUMNIST ■ THOMAS KNAPP

Why Iran can't be 'allowed' to enrich uranium

"The AUTOPEN" U.S. President Trump wrote on his "Truth Social" platform on June 2 (referring to Joe Biden), "should have stopped Iran a long time ago from 'enriching.' Under our potential agreement -- WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM!"

Trump's absolutely right, but only in three ways that don't reflect the pomposity of his post:

- Firstly, the Iranian regime has made clear that there is no "potential agreement" under which it will give up its ability and prerogative to enrich uranium.

- Secondly, the U.S. regime never has been, and is not now, in any position to "allow" or "not allow" the Iranian regime to enrich uranium. Nor could it put itself in any

such position short of winning a major war against a much bigger and more powerful opponent than it faced — and lost to — in Afghanistan.

- And thirdly, there's already an agreement. Not a "potential" agreement, an actual one. It's called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, aka the "Iran nuclear deal," and although Trump claims to have "withdrawn" the US from it since 2018, he hasn't.

The JCPOA is codified as a United Nations Security Council Resolution and is binding on all member states. The only ways for Trump to "withdraw" the U.S. from it are to "withdraw" the U.S.



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from its UN membership entirely, or get the Security Council to repeal it. That's not gonna happen.

The U.S. regime hasn't left the JCPOA. The U.S. is just in continuous violation of the JCPOA.

There's a difference.

Iran began enriching uranium to higher levels of purity -- slowly moving toward "weapons grade" — after the U.S. started violating that agreement and pressuring its allies to do likewise. The Iranians also have been clear and consistent: They'll be happy to stop enriching to those higher levels of purity, and mix the more highly enriched uranium into less pure uranium,

when and if the U.S. starts holding up its end of the agreement, which happens to be binding international law.

The JCPOA represented the culmination of a decade of negotiations consisting of U.S. demands, Iranian acceptances, more U.S. demands, more Iranian acceptances, rinse and repeat ad nauseam, until the U.S. finally took "yes" for an answer.

After which, under Trump, the U.S. defaulted on its own obligations while demanding even more from the Iranians. All this, it should be mentioned, in the absence of evidence that the Iranians were interested in developing, or attempting to develop, a

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COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Braves' Anthopoulos: How to turn a team around ... fire the third base coach

Baby, better come back, maybe next week, 'Cause, you see, I'm on a losing streak.

-- The Rolling Stones

The Atlanta Braves did what any team struggling through a frighteningly disappointing 27-340 season with a roster of overpaid multi-millionaires would do: They fired their third base coach.

(That's kind of like DuBose Porter going after the job of the guy who sold me ink pens after he's read a few of my columns.)

Yes, that was the reaction to the Braves' awful start -- better than only three other National League teams and three in the American League -- by General Manager Alex Anthopoulos, the guy whose only off-season move was to sign an iffy player who had a decent 2024 season, primarily, it turns out, because he was using performance-enhancing drugs.

The fact that the new Braves third base coach is Freddi Gonzalez, the guy current Braves manager Brian Snitker replaced, must be sitting well with the beloved Braves skipper, who has tried to remain positive as his team has floundered on the field.

Who can Braves fans point their fingers at as they watch this team that came into the season as one of the three teams most likely to win this year's World Series regularly stink up the joint?

Well, the Atlanta hitters would be a good place to start. Yes, Ronald Acuna is off to a fast start after finally returning from last year's season-ending injury, and rookie Blake Baldwin has proved he has the potential to be a star. But that's it.

Some might argue that Marcel Ozuna (.278) and Austin Riley (.275) are doing OK. But are they? One thing you'll notice about each is that they rarely if ever deliver in the clutch. Their forte appears to be get a meaningless single or double with nobody on base and two outs, but either pop up or strike out with runners on base. Insiders predicted Riley would have a break-out, superstar season. Not happening.

You go down the rest of the lineup, and you find a group that could be poster boys for mediocrity. Matt Olson? A couple of years removed from a Braves-record

54-homer season, the first baseman is, after a recent five- or six-game hot streak, all the way up to .240 with 12 home runs. Watching him walk away with that look of nonchalance he's perfected after striking out again with men in scoring position has become maddeningly predictable.

Then, well, just go down the lineup: Ozzie Albies, .235; Alex Verdugo, .252; Nate Allen, .236; Sean Murphy, .221; Michael Harris, .231.

About the only true bright spot on the Atlanta roster is veteran pitcher and reigning Cy Young winner Chris Sale. After a couple of rough outings during the Braves' 0-7 start to the season, Sale has regained the dominance he had last year. Even better, he's been a positive influence in the bleak Atlanta clubhouse, saying the right things as he's watched his teammates go through the motions.

After that, the Braves have a pitching staff of on-again, off-again arms that might strike out 10 hitters one game, then give up 10 hits in the first two innings the next. The bullpen ... suffice it to say that no increasingly rare lead is safe with this bunch of arms that, like the starters, may look lights-out one game and like candy arms the next.

A couple of you-can't-help-but-notice pitchers on the Atlanta staff: Spencer Strider, who once looked like he might become the next Randy Johnson before a season-ending injury early last year, surgery and a year of recovery, has looked like any team's fifth starter while trying to come back. He's so far 0-4 with a 6.70 ERA, and while it's still early in his recovery, Strider has lost about 5-6 mph on his fastball, without which he's ineffective.

Then there's the Braves' "closer" Raisel Iglesias. He's got a 5.64 ERA and has blown five saves, leaving Atlanta without a reliable reliever on the rare occasions that the team has a late lead.

Who knows what happened to this on-dynamic team? It's hard to believe all of the players forgot how to hit all at once. But at least Anthopoulos is on it. He's got that new third base coach on the job. Word of warning to the guys selling popcorn: Keep your head on a swivel. You could be next.

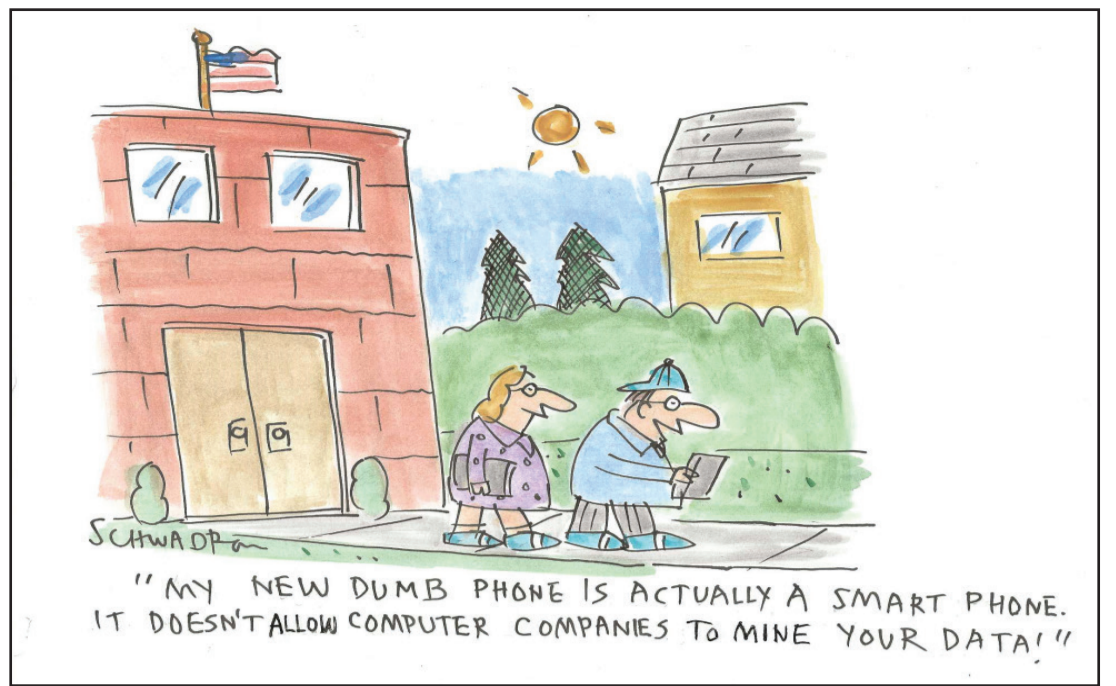
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"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

—2 Timothy 2:3



COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

So, you're thinking about becoming a writer?

"I want to be a writer ..." the email began. "I was sharing my work on social media, but people kept leaving hateful comments. Sometimes I'd be left in tears.

"Do you have any advice? To be honest, I feel moderately forestalled. How do I get into the writing business? Should I start my own Substack?"

Well, first off, congratulations on this exciting new path. The fact that you're coming to me for professional advice is the first step in any career's long and steady downward spiral into flames. Namely, because, as a long-time professional writer, I still have to move my lips when sounding out phrases like "moderately forestalled."

Frankly I don't know anything about the business of writing. And I'll let you in on a secret: Neither do the publishers, editors, marketing teams, or prof readers. This is why the publishing industry has perhaps the highest turnover rate among employees except for, perhaps, the mafia.

Moreover, I'm the wrong guy to ask for help because I'm not a businessman. I suck at business.

A good example of this is when I was a Cub Scout. We Scouts sometimes went door-to-door, selling homemade cookies that our moms had baked. I don't know why we did this. The Cub Scouts are not classically known for their cookies like Girl Scouts.

When you attend a Cub Scout troop meeting and witness a dozen boys entertaining themselves with poorly executed professional wrestling chokeholds, or telling jokes whose punchlines consist solely of bodily noises powerful enough to register on the Richter scale, you do not immediately think "cookies."

Nevertheless, we sold cookies. I was a bad salesman. My only sales technique was to knock on a door, then blurt out, "SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU!" Then I would speed-walk away. If someone had wanted to actually buy cookies from me, they would've had to chase me home and purchase them from my mother.

One thing I can tell you about the business of writing is that writers who approach writing as a "business" rarely have much fun.

The reason for this is because "business" refers to money. And money has nothing to do with good art. If you're measuring your

literary worth in terms of how much money it rakes in, you might as well give up now and move into an empty refrigerator carton in an alleyway. (You can be my neighbor.)

Because the unofficial cardinal rule of the writing industry states that the only way to make a small fortune as a writer is to start off with a large one.

In fact, I have only one writer friend who made it big. He shall remain nameless. I met him in college, and we all knew he was going places. He wanted to write content that affected readers on a deep level. He once said, "I want my work to cause people to experience true emotions like sorrow, anger and even pain." Today, he writes error messages for Microsoft.

Which brings me to my final point. Your writing is your craft. Your craft is you. And you are a human being. Human beings do not have monetary value until they become NFL draft picks.

Thus, the only way to make your work valuable is to value your work. Love your work. Share your work.

Do not run into the arms of Big Social Media and start posting there. You will only become disappointed and begin evaluating yourself based on digital reactions. Listen. Your worth cannot be measured in "likes" and "shares" and tiny turd emojis.

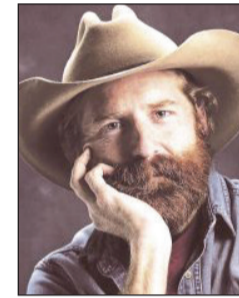
So don't fall prey to playing the Algorithm Game, which is a game no one can win unless they are either Sean "Diddy" Combs or a member of Congress, or both.

Join Substack instead. This is an incredibly benevolent platform with actual readers. Write your heart out. Then write some more. And if the only subscribers you have are your mom and your cousin Ed Lee, then write to your mom and your cousin with all your soul.

Because your words, your experiences, your love, your art, your perspective, it's all meant to share. So start putting it out there.

I'm running out of room here, but when you get discouraged, one of the best writer's tips I can pass on to you is this: Refrigerator cartons last longer if you place them beneath a highway overpass.

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DIETRICH

The Albany Herald encourages letters to the editor on topics of general interest, but reserves the right to edit them for content and length. Letters should be no longer than 400 words and must include the writer's name, address and daytime phone number for verification purposes.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ DAVID DIXON

Protect wildlife: Stop releasing balloons

It is likely that the people who need to read this article ... won't. However, it obviously needs repeating over and over again: Stop releasing balloons!

Balloons don't fly up to heaven. They will come back to earth. At the very least, they are a contribution to garbage pollution in the environment. However, worst of all, when they eventually come back to earth, they kill thousands of animals.

Every year, animals die from ingestion or entanglement. Animals mistake these balloons for food in many cases. Wild animals such as turtles, birds, dolphins, whales, tur-

tles, and other species are found dead. Domesticated animals like cows, dogs and sheep are also susceptible.

When animals mistakenly eat these balloons, they can cause blockages in their digestive system, leading to starvation. Entanglement from the attached strings or ribbons can cause death by restricting movement, causing injury or even strangulation.

The National Wildlife Federation estimates that more than 100,000 marine mammals die each year from plastic entanglement, including balloons. While it is illegal to intentionally release balloons in California, Connecticut,

Florida, Tennessee and Virginia, most states do not have such regulations. These laws ban or limit the release of balloons due to the potential hazards they pose, such as environmental pollution, entanglement with power lines, and other safety issue.

Tybee Island in Georgia and a few other communities have a balloon release ban, to a certain degree. It would be nice if the whole of Georgia followed suit, but that has not happened yet.

In this age of social media,



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where everything seems to be recorded, it would be hard to imagine that people don't already know this, but every day it seems we hear about another intentional release occurring somewhere. You wouldn't fire bullets up in the air and suffer the unintentional consequences should one land on someone when it returns to the ground.

Balloons are like randomly fired bullets to wildlife. Legacy and local media significantly contributes to this problem, also. Each year, hun-

dreds of stories pop up on television and in newspapers about a balloon release. They need to stop promoting or covering these events, as it gives support to these releases, unless they are also reporting on the dangers of releasing balloons.

If you want to honor a loved one, how about doing something beautiful and long-lasting? Plant a tree, plant a flower garden, adopt a highway spot in their honor and keep it clean.

Keep Albany-Dougherty

Beautiful has a program just for this purpose. You can hold a candlelight vigil, too. If you want to release something, how about butterflies or doves? Whatever choice you make, don't include a balloon release. There are many other ways to honor a loved one than potentially killing an animal.

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Georgia Southwestern honors top-performing scholars

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AMERICUS -- The following students, including several from Dawson, were recognized by Georgia Southwestern State University during its recent Student Recognition Ceremony:

Delores Capitan Writing Award

Andrew Bellacomo of Albany was recognized as a double winner of the Delores Capitan Writing Awards at GSW's 2025 Student Recognition Ceremony.

The winners for Academic Writing were Andrew Bellacomo, first place; Camila Fajardo, second place; Rene Miller, third place.

The winners for Creative Writing were Bellacomo, first place; Halle Hockman, second place; Jon Marsh, third place.

These awards were established by William H. Capitan, the university's eighth president, to honor his late wife's love of writing and to foster writing across the curriculum.

University Pride Award

Kaleb Hudson of Albany received the Outstanding University Pride Award. This award recognizes GSW students who promote school spirit, advance campus traditions, cheer on Hurricane athletics, encourage others to participate in campus life, and build the GSW community.

Student Employee of the Year

Savanna Lunsford of Leesburg has named the Student Employee of the Year at GSW. This award recognizes student employees who model customer service and professionalism, demonstrate consistency and responsibility, take initiative and are eager to learn new tasks, work well with others and create a team atmosphere, and serve the campus community with excellence.

Sigma Leadership Award

Zoe Jones of Camilla received the Sigma Leadership Award at GSW. This award recognizes nursing students who have exemplified leadership in GSW's chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Excellence in History Award

Morgan Dollar of Leesburg has received the Excellence in History Award at GSW. This is the third consecutive year Dollar has received this award. The award is given to a student graduating with a bachelor's degree in History who shows exceptional academic performance within the history curriculum. Students are nominated and voted on by the History faculty.

Best Talk -- Undergraduate Research Symposium

Alison Stubbs of Mauk, Noah Gibbs of Rochelle, and Kaylee Gotthardt of Leesburg won second place Best Talk in Georgia Southwestern State University's seventh annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Their talk was titled "Use of Copula Functions in Investment Portfolios." Students from a variety of majors and fields shared their research projects with an oral presentation or poster presentation.

"GSW's Undergraduate Research Symposium is an impressive showcase of our students' achievements as emerging scholars," Rachel Abbott, GSW interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said. "Their presentations consistently reflect deep disciplinary knowledge, strong communication skills, and a remarkable level of professionalism. The quality of their work is a testament to their dedication

to academic excellence and to the invaluable guidance of our faculty mentors."

Nearly 70 students participated in the symposium: 22 presented their group research in an oral presentation, 10 displayed their work on posters, and six served as moderators for the oral presentations.

Best Poster -- Undergraduate Research Symposium

Maribel Brizendine of Albany won first place for Best Poster in GSW's seventh Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Her poster was titled "Modeling Fatty Liver Disease in a Dish." Kaylee Hodges of Milton, Fla., Neely Austin of Valley, Ala., Paige Adams of Leesburg and Rebekah Cooper of Leesburg won second place Best Poster in the symposium. Their poster was titled "Sepsis."

Students from a variety of majors and fields shared their research projects with an oral presentation or poster presentation at the symposium.

Dean's List

The following local residents made the spring 2025 Dean's List at Georgia Southwestern State University and were among 885 students recognized for scholastic achievement. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or better and take a minimum of 12 credit hours. Local students honored included:

Edith Acevedo Cordero of Leesburg
Hannah Alumbaugh of Smithville
Graham Anderson of Albany
Kaitlyn Anderson of Albany
Callie Baker of Albany
Nathaniel Baldwin of Leesburg
Jennifer Baltazar of Albany
Loryn Bell of Leesburg
Emily Bellacomo of Albany
Lanie Biery of Albany
Angelina Brazil of Leesburg
Noah Bridges of Leesburg
Jeffrey Bryan of Albany
Sydney Bryan of Albany
Cloe Byrd of Leesburg
Chandler Cannon of Smithville
Haley Carman of Albany
Alexis Carr of Pelham
Isabella Castellanos of Leesburg
Carson Chandler of Leesburg
John Conley of Albany
Shaylan Daniel of Leesburg
Anniya Drakes of Leesburg
Courtney Edwards of Warwick
Justin Edwards of Newton



Jordan Ellis of Leesburg
Zachary Ellis of Leesburg
Zayne Fairbanks of Leesburg
Haley Fields of Leesburg
Catherine Forehand of Pelham
Shelby Fowler of Leesburg
Mckenna Gadt of Leesburg
Layla Gamble of Dawson
Lorene Gardner of Dawson
Kendall Gay of Leesburg
Ansley Goolsby of Dawson
Deadra Grooms of Dawson
Paris Gullige of Sylvester
Morgan Haire of Leesburg
Kendall Hall of Leesburg
Makenzi Harnage of Leesburg
Austin Hatcher of Pelham
Brady Henderson of Leesburg
John Henderson of Albany
Annie Ho of Leesburg
Kayleigh Holland of Albany
Aaron Hudson of Albany
Tyrone Jenkins of Smithville
Caitlin Key of Leesburg
Kinsey Kirt of Leesburg
Hannah Knight of Leesburg
Sarah Land of Leesburg
Justise Lofton of Leesburg
Savanna Lunsford of Leesburg
Cade Maxwell of Leesburg
Trenton Mays of Smithville
Cameron Mills of Smithville
Landon Milton of Sylvester
Chase Moore of Leesburg
Daniel Odom of Smithville
Lindsey Owens of Albany
Sahil Patel of Leesburg
Zackery Payne of Leesburg
Collin Phillips of Sylvester
Haley Polite of Leesburg
Afeni Powers of Dawson
Ariyanni Raymon of Albany
Adriana Rivera of Leesburg
Braden Rubsam of Leesburg
Joshua Sancinito of Albany
Amy Sanderson of Leesburg
Kentravious Shannon of Albany
Abigayle Sheffield of Leesburg
Rilee Shiver of Leesburg
Ryan Smith of Leesburg
Landon Spivey of Leesburg
Caroline Teal of Leesburg
Anna Tetrault of Albany
Carter Thomas of Leesburg
Alayna Thompson of Albany
Ally Tindell of Leesburg
Leslie Wakefield of Leesburg
Payton Warren of Leesburg
Lindsey Whittaker of Albany
Abigail Williams of Albany
Anastasia Williams of Albany
Jessica Wombough of Albany
Trey Young of Albany



Special Photo: AMA

"Soul & Spirit: A Juneteenth Evening" on June 20 at the Albany Museum of Art will feature food tasting, vendors with hand-made items, a jewelry demonstration, entertainment, and black history trivia for prizes.

Albany Museum of Art celebrates Juneteenth with 'Soul & Spirit'

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ALBANY — "Soul & Spirit: A Juneteenth Evening" on June 20 at the Albany Museum of Art will feature food tasting, vendors with hand-made items, a jewelry demonstration, entertainment, and black history trivia for prizes. The event is for adults 21 and older and will be held from 5-7:30 p.m.

"Juneteenth is also known as Jubilee Day, and it is the longest-observed African-American holiday in the United States, dating back 159 years," AMA Curator of African Collections and African Diasporic Art Sidney Pettice said. "It's a time to celebrate freedom and African-American arts, history, and culture. We hope to honor the traditions of this holiday through the uplifting of what our regional culture has to offer."

Juneteenth is a portmanteau of June and 19th and commemo-

rates June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas, more than a month after the Civil War had ended. It began at church and community gatherings in Texas, but expanded to other states. Its popularity surged in the 1970s, and it was formally recognized by all states by 1979. In 2021, Congress made June 19 an official federal holiday: Juneteenth National Independence Day.

Smokin Peace and Rayee's of Light will have hand-made items in the lobby of the museum, where a wine-and-beer bar will be located. Aqwerd Gyr Co. will be in the AMA Classroom for a jewelry and waist beads demonstration and history lesson.

Food tasting will start in the lobby at 5:45 p.m. and continue until supplies are gone. Participants include Q's Cakes and Baby Shane's restaurant. Entertainment, including a

Dance ASU performance and readings by local historian and author Angie Jones, will be held from 5:45-6:30 p.m. and 7-7:30 p.m. in the Willson Auditorium.

From 6:30-7 p.m., black history trivia will be underway.

"Participants can win prizes including a Cornerstone Coffee gift certificate, a Flint RiverQuarium membership, and paint party gift baskets," Pettice said.

Admission is \$5, or \$10 with two drinking tickets. Additional drinking tickets may be purchased for \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased online at www.albanymuseum.com/event/soul-spirit-2025/.

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive, adjacent to Albany State University's West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is open to the public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

Simplified 'terms, conditions' can make or break consumer trust

By Merritt Melancon

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ATHENS — Chances are you've accepted some hefty terms and conditions without so much as a glance through them. And digital service and social media companies are counting on that.

But what if these companies were upfront about what consumers were giving up in return for free services?

"You have these thousands of word-long contracts in a language that most ordinary people cannot understand," Tari Dagogo-Jack, an assistant professor of marketing at the University of

Georgia Terry College of Business, said. "So if you can rewrite this statement or rewrite sections of the contract in words that everyone can understand, then they should be more willing to trust you. But it's a double-edged sword."

Dagogo-Jack and his co-author, Terry College legal studies associate professor Tim Samples, published their findings in the Journal of the Association for Consumer Research. They found that transparency increased consumer trust, but only to a point.

Consumers were presented with different terms-of-use state-

ments, and inherently trusted companies using plain language summaries more and were more willing to share personal information with them. Furthermore, that trust was driven by how well they understood the contract provisions.

That is beneficial for both parties to a degree. On the other hand, those terms and conditions must not negatively impact the consumer. If a company is telling you in those plain terms that it's taking your data, can use it however it wants, and there's nothing you can do about it, consumers won't give data to a company like that.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGETS DOUGHERTY COUNTY

The proposed budgets will be presented to the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners in the Regular Session on **June 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** and **June 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 100 of the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue. The proposed FY2026 Budgets are the General, Capital Improvements Program, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Special Services District, Solid Waste Enterprise, Confiscated Assets, DHS Building Lease, Lease/Commercial, Grants, Law Library, Drug Abuse Treatment Education, ARPA, and Opioid Epidemic Litigation. The proposed budgets are available for review in the County Administrator's Office in Room 540 of the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue or online at www.dougherty.ga.us under the Finance Department Section.

A **Public Hearing** will be held **June 23rd at 10:00 a.m and 6 p.m.** during the Work Session of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners in Room 100 of the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue. The purpose of the hearing will be to hear citizens' comments on the proposed FY2026 Budget.

Winners named in eighth ABAC STEPS Symposium

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TIFTON — Officials at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College announced recently the winners of the college's eighth annual Student Engagement Programs (STEPS) Symposium.

This year's symposium included seven social science and humanities oral presentations, seven STEM oral presentations, six strategic planning and business research oral presentations, and 24 poster presentations.

"Undergraduate research experiences help students foster transferable skills like public speaking, teamwork, and adhering to ethical standards," Janet Kuposko, an associate professor of psychology in ABAC's School of Arts and Sciences and one of the symposium's organizers, said. "The STEPS Symposium gives students an opportunity to showcase their work in a supportive yet professional environment. We hope that STEPS Symposium presenters and attendees get a similar experience as what they would at a professional conference."

The overall oral presentation winner, and first place in the STEM Oral Presentation category, went to Daniel Bohler, a biology major on the biological sciences track from Sparks, for his presentation "How Gene Ex-



Special Photo: ABAC

Winners were announced recently for the eighth annual Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College STEPS Symposium.

pression in *Shigella flexneri* May Be Linked to Leaky Gut Syndrome and Brain-Gut Interactions." ABAC alumnus William Garcia was a part of the project before graduating. Their faculty mentor was biology professor Kingsley Dunkley.

Tifton's Tyler Mercer and Mitchell's Riley Downs, both natural resource management majors on the wildlife track, placed second in that category, for their presentation "Lead Ingestion by Mourning Doves in South Georgia."

Cameron Sumner, a history and government major

from Tifton presented her winning poster, "Modeling Recovery After Total Knee Replacement: How Adherence Predicts Success," at the 2025 STEPS Symposium. Sumner was mentored by Ryan Voris, an associate professor of political science.

Second place went to Emily McDonald, a history and government major from Comer, for "The Dangers of Fire Suppression: Fire Management Policies in the United States," with Voris and his history professor Dave Nelson serving as the faculty advisors.

First place in the Strategic

Planning and Business Research Category went to Theodore Brewer, an agriculture major on the crop production track from Marietta; Carter Greene, an agribusiness major from McRae-Helena; Caleb Griner, an agribusiness major from Camilla; Kelsea Steinmetz, an agriculture major on the livestock production track from Tallahassee, Fla.; Theo Williams, an agribusiness major from Edgefield, S.C.; and Jordan Wright, an agribusiness major from Ambrose, for their presentation "Marketing Plan for the Strategic Launch of EZspin."

Second place went to Andrew Speir, a general agriculture major from Brookhaven; Aidan Cobb, an agribusiness major from Hahira; Harlan Mobley, an agriculture major on the crop production track from Headland, Ala.; Landon Norman, an agribusiness major from Norman Park; Austin Shivers, an agriculture major on the livestock production track from Fort Gaines; and Collin Souter, an agricultural communication major from Poulan, for "Marketing Plan for the Strategic Launch of Mallard Reserves."

The overall poster present-

ation winner was Brooklyn Cersey, a biology major on the health science track from Nashville, who presented "Modeling Recovery After Total Knee Replacement: How Adherence Predicts Success." Her faculty mentor was mathematics lecturer Dr. Isaac Ofori. Second place went to Jayna Burch, an agriculture major on the crop and soil science track from Chester, for her presentation "Evaluating a 'Forgotten' Resistance Trait to Cowpea Curculio in Southern Peas," with Dr. Michael Maw, an associate professor of agronomy, as her faculty advisor.



Sowega Council on Aging announces senior resource fair in Moultrie June 13

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ALBANY — Sowega Council on Aging officials announced the agency's Summer Regional Senior Resource Fair, to be held on June 13, from 9 a.m.-noon at Lakeside Assembly of God Church, 146 Tara Street, in Moultrie.

The resource fair is a free event, serving seniors and caregivers from Colquitt and Thomas counties. It seeks to connect seniors with resources that are designed to improve the lives of the aging community.

This event is part of the Georgia Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program, a federally funded program that provides eligible seniors with food vouchers to purchase fresh, Georgia-grown fruits and vegetables. Authorized farmers sell their fresh fruits and vegetables on-site in exchange for food vouchers from eligible SFMNP participants. Benefits may be issued only one time to participants. Farmers Market participants also receive nutrition and health education on the benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables.

All SFMNP participants must be Georgia residents, 60-plus

years old at the time of the market and income-eligible. These participants must complete a registration form with income verification of not more than 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. When a registered senior or their designated proxy arrives at a market site, they will receive food vouchers valued at \$30 per person to purchase fresh produce.

In addition to the Farmers Market, participants at the Senior Resource Fair will enjoy free giveaways and can connect with other Aging Network providers to learn more about services and activities to enrich their lives.

"We love events like these because they are at the heart of our mission," Izzie Sadler, the executive director of SCOA, said. "We coordinate a system of services for seniors. That means SCOA is a resourcing organization; we connect people with the services and providers they need."

Participants are encouraged to call the Sowega Council on Aging at (229) 432-0994, Option 3, to see if they qualify for SFMNP and to pre-register. Participants also can register on-site on the day of the market.



IZZIE SADLER



Special Photo: Kennesaw State University

Sunanda Dissanayake, a Kennesaw State University professor, is studying whether school zones in Georgia are made safer through automated speed enforcement.

Kennesaw State professor studies speed, crash data to protect children

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KENNESAW -- Sunanda Dissanayake, a professor of civil engineering at Kennesaw State University, is gathering data on determining the effectiveness of automated speed enforcement near schools, then analyzing that data to offer recommendations that help to create guidelines for local governments and transportation authorities.

"Look at the basic laws of physics," Dissanayake said. "If you go faster than what is desired and there's a collision between two or more things, the damage is going to be higher due to the higher energy dissipation. That means more injuries and more fatalities, and this is especially harmful in school zones because we are dealing with the vulnerable population of young children."

Dissanayake, who also chairs the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the university, received a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation for the project she called "Effectiveness of Au-

tomated Speed Enforcement in School Zones and Guidance for Continuous Usage in Georgia."

"Speed management is always a challenge for the transportation community, because if you drive, you know that we always drive above the speed limit, when conditions permit it," Dissanayake said.

Dissanayake has worked on more than 50 research projects in this area. For this project, she is looking at the crash data from the locations where there are automated speed enforcement devices versus the locations where there are not present. Additionally, she is comparing the number of crashes and the severity of these crashes.

The data Dissanayake is analyzing includes crash data, field data and survey data. Crash data explain what happened, what time the incident occurred, and any injuries or fatalities that were reported; while field data use the automated speed enforcement devices' readings, and survey data offer the public a chance to give their opinions about their feelings toward the devices.

"For the most part, we are all

drivers," Dissanayake said. "And especially in Georgia, everybody loves to drive fast. When it's very congested, you can't really speed, but if it is open, we feel free to drive faster."

In addition to supporting schools and local governments, Dissanayake's work reinforces the importance of providing clear, evidence-based recommendations to law enforcement and transportation agencies. This means evaluating the effectiveness of policies and ensuring that public resources — such as taxpayer dollars — are directed toward ideas that substantially improve school zone safety.

While automated speed enforcement in school zones is a heavily debated topic, Dissanayake's research will show whether the practice has the potential to save lives and reduce injuries, especially involving school children.

"This is where policy and engineering kind of come hand in hand," Dissanayake said. "Not every driver will like this kind of policy, but on the other hand, it will improve the safety of all road users."

Thunder bring all-for-one mentality to NBA Finals



Photo by: Alonzo Adams-Imagn Images

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and the Oklahoma City Thunder celebrate their Western Conference title after defeating the Minnesota Timberwolves. The Thunder will begin their NBA Finals matchup against the Indiana Pacers on Thursday at home in Game 1.

Field Level Media

Oklahoma City Thunder coach Mark Daigneault is planning for the challenge of slowing down the Indiana Pacers in a matchup of two of the NBA's highest-scoring teams in the Finals, which began Thursday night.

As Daigneault digs into the details, he knows there's a difference between getting a feel for the opponent and the opponent making sure you feel them.

"We aren't inventing anything this week. They pump a 99-mph fastball at you, and you can prepare all you want for that," Daigneault said. "But when you're in the batter's box, it's different when it's time to hit. It's going to be a very tall challenge."

Oklahoma City features two top on-ball defenders who'll share the chore of shadowing Pacers All-Star guard Tyrese

Haliburton. He averaged 18.8 points and 9.8 assists in the playoffs to reach the Finals and is the engine of a revving offense capable of attacking from many angles. Lu Dort defended Haliburton in two regular-season matchups, Thunder wins, and limited him to averages of 11 points and 5.5 assists.

While the Thunder feature the NBA's leading scorer and MVP Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, the mentality of winning with defense and succeeding as a team are more than words to this young roster.

"Staying true to who we are is the reason we are here. We'd be doing ourselves a disservice to change or be something we're not once we got here," Gilgeous-Alexander said. "If we want to keep having success, we have to be who we are. It's organic, so it's nothing we have to think about or force. It's

who we are no matter the moment."

Gilgeous-Alexander will get the majority of the attention from the Pacers' defense, but forward Chet Holmgren said Oklahoma City has seen plenty of that approach. The Thunder claim they truly don't care how the points get on the board in Game 1 or beyond, as long as OKC is putting up wins.

"I'd say the biggest thing is playing for each other," Holmgren said. "And the type of guys we have here. If you ask anybody, everybody is going to tell you they are a winner. We have a team with 17 winners. They're going to put winning at the top of the totem pole over anything else, really. Does that mean you are guaranteed to win every single night? No. But when that's the main focus, you aren't working toward

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ACC, Florida State, Clemson to dismiss cases against each other

Field Level Media

After nearly two years of fighting, litigation involving Florida State, Clemson and the Atlantic Coast Conference is finally over.

The three sides filed to dismiss cases against one another on Tuesday, ending more than 17 months of legal battles in three different states.

The two schools and the conference approved the settlement's terms in March, which clarified if and when Florida State and Clemson — or any other ACC member — could leave the conference.

Among the terms of the settlement, schools would keep their own TV rights as opposed to the league. On top of that, per a presentation to Clemson trustees in March, exit fees would drop annually from \$165 million in fiscal year 2026 to around \$75 million in 2030-31.

Florida State first sued the ACC in December 2023 (in Florida, of course) followed by Clemson (in South Carolina) as the two schools explored joining a different conference. There were growing concerns that league revenues were falling behind those of the SEC and Big Ten, not to mention the ACC falling behind competitively relative to other conferences.

The Charlotte-based ACC,

in turn, filed lawsuits in North Carolina against Florida State and Clemson as it looked to enforce the "Grant of Rights" agreements and the league's exit penalties.

The March settlement agreement also created a new avenue for the ACC to share revenue with its members as about 60 percent of conference payouts would be distributed based on TV viewership of football and men's basketball.

"Today's resolution begins the next chapter of this storied league and further solidifies the ACC as a premier conference," ACC commissioner Jim Phillips said in a statement at the time. "As we look ahead to our collective long-term future, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the ACC Board of Directors for its ongoing leadership, patience and dedication throughout this process."

"The league has competed at the highest level for more than 70 years and this new structure demonstrates the ACC embracing innovation and further incentivizing our membership based on competition and viewership results. The settlements, coupled with the ACC's continued partnership with ESPN, allow us to focus on our collective future — including Clemson and Florida State — united in an 1.



File photo

Atlanta Braves right-hander Spencer Strider continues to work his way back from elbow surgery and a hamstring strain. Strider allowed three home runs in Tuesday's 8-3 loss to the D-backs as he searches for the dominant form that led the Majors in strikeouts in 2022 and 2023.

'I've got to be better': Strider grinding through struggles

By Mark Bowman

Braves.com

ATLANTA — How long might it take before Spencer Strider begins pitching like himself again?

Strider's patience was again tested as he allowed three homers in an 8-3 loss to the D-backs on Tuesday night at Truist Park. The Braves right-hander has battled inconsistent command as he attempts to regain the dominant form he had

before tearing the UCL in his right elbow for a second time at the start of the 2024 season.

"Command without stuff is batting practice," Strider said. "That's about what I offered up today. I've got to be better, just to give us a chance."

Ketel Marte hit a pair of homers within the first three innings and Corbin Carroll began his two-homer performance with a fifth-inning solo shot against Strider, who al-

lowed five earned runs and six hits over five innings. The Atlanta hurler has posted a 5.68 ERA over four starts this year and a 6.43 ERA in the three starts he's made since returning from a right hamstring strain.

"It just doesn't come back overnight," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "I wish it would. I know [Strider] does, but it's a tough process."

Making that process even tougher is the fact the Braves have lost nine of their past 12 games. They are 10 games out of first place and four games ahead of the last-place Marlins in the National League East. Their slide has actually created reason to wonder if they could be sellers before the July 31 Trade Deadline.

"We've got to win games, and when it's my turn to pitch, I've got to give us a chance to win," Strider said. "If I can't do that, then I don't know what value I'm providing, besides getting reps."

Strider was the game's most dominant pitcher, as he led the Majors in strikeouts from 2022-23, despite spending the first two months of that first season as a reliever. He set a franchise record with 281 strikeouts in 2023 and then suffered a season-ending elbow injury during his second start of 2024.

There wasn't a need to undergo Tommy John surgery for the second time in five years because his UCL wasn't

torn, it was compromised by a bone spur. So, he underwent the internal brace procedure that required 12 months of rehab, approximately six less than Tommy John.

After returning to Atlanta's rotation on April 16, he strained his right hamstring playing catch five days later. Another month on the injured list further delayed his bid to get back to where he was in 2023, when his four-seamer averaged 97.2 mph and his slider produced a 55.3 percent whiff rate.

Strider's four-seamer averaged 95.2 mph on Tuesday, 0.1 mph higher than it did exactly a week earlier in Philadelphia. The D-backs whiffed with eight of 14 (57 percent) swings against the slider. And the Phillies had a 60 percent whiff rate against this pitch last week.

So, that's encouraging. But Strider's inconsistent command hurt him when he left a changeup elevated to Marte in the first inning and then gave him a 3-0 cookie in the third inning. Carroll's fifth-inning homer came against another middle-middle fastball.

"Regardless of the hitter in the big leagues, they're going to do damage on those," Strider said. "I thought there were some streaks where I was really executing pitches and commanding the ball the way I wanted, but it doesn't take

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Saquon Barkley runs through a drill at Eagles practice in shorts and helmet. Fresh off leading the NFL in rushing and gracing the cover of "Madden 26," Barkley hinted that his NFL career could end abruptly, saying he might walk away at his peak, just like Hall of Famer Barry Sanders.

Saquon Barkley: Retirement could come out of nowhere

Field Level Media

Philadelphia Eagles running back Saquon Barkley is coming off a career year, complete with an NFL rushing title, a Super Bowl championship and even the cover of the "Madden 26" video game.

That said, Barkley raised a few eyebrows recently when he revealed his retirement plan is similar to that of Hall of Famer Barry Sanders.

"I'll probably be one of those guys that it'll be out of nowhere. I'll probably just wake up one day, whether it's next year or two years or four years, and just be like, 'Yeah, it's over,'" Barkley said on

Chris Long's Green Light podcast.

"... My favorite player of all time is Barry Sanders, so probably similar to that. Maybe one day, it'll be out of nowhere — I'll be balling and be like, yeah, call it quits."

Barkley, 28, is three years younger than Sanders was when the Detroit Lions legend opted to retire on the eve of training camp in 1999. Sanders was coming off his 10th straight 1,000-yard season when he made the shocking announcement.

Barkley is the reigning NFL Offensive Player of the Year after he led the league with 345 carries for 2,005 yards while scoring 13 touchdowns in

16 regular-season games (all starts). He also caught 33 passes for 278 yards and two TDs.

He rushed 91 more times in four playoff games for 499 yards and five TDs, giving him a combined single-season record of 2,504 yards to pass Terrell Davis.

Barkley has rushed 1,546 times for 7,216 yards and 48 TDs and caught 321 passes for 2,378 yards and 14 scores in 90 career games (all starts) for the New York Giants (2018-23) and Eagles.

The Giants selected him second overall in the 2018 NFL Draft out of Penn State.

Minkah Fitzpatrick's brother commits to Georgia

Field Level Media

Justice Fitzpatrick, a four-star cornerback in the Class of 2026 and the younger brother of NFL star Minkah Fitzpatrick, committed to play for Georgia on Tuesday.

The younger Fitzpatrick is considered the No. 3 cornerback in his class and No. 47 overall prospect by the 247Sports composite rankings.

Justice Fitzpatrick, who attends St. Thomas Aquinas High School

in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., chose the Bulldogs over finalists Florida, Texas, Miami and Ohio State. He is 6 feet, 0 1/2 inches and 185 pounds.

Before leading Georgia to back-to-back national championships,

Bulldogs coach Kirby Smart was the defensive coordinator at Alabama, where he overlapped with Minkah Fitzpatrick.

Minkah Fitzpatrick played three seasons for the Crimson Tide and won two national cham-

pionships in Tuscaloosa before the Miami Dolphins made him the 11th pick of the 2018 draft. The safety is currently with the Pittsburgh Steelers and is a five-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time first-team All-Pro.

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but one mistake to change the game."

Like when Chris Sale struggled at the start of this year, Strider believes his stuff, velocity and command will all improve as he refines his mechanics. He is physically limited as he distances himself from surgery. But he's still attempting to remain confident he can turn things

around as quickly as Sale, who has posted a 1.42 ERA in his past seven starts.

"I don't think things are just going to get better on their own," Strider said. "I think you've got to intervene deliberately. It can be tough because you've got to prepare your body for a start in five days. So you can't just crush reps on anything until things improve. But I do have the ability and the knowledge to make things better in the next five days."

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anything else, then you are able to chase that (outcome) better than if you had a different perspective on it."

Perspective might be a challenge early in the series.

Daigneault is matching up with Rick Carlisle, who guided the 2011 Dallas Mavericks to the NBA title, with a group of 20-somethings in the Finals for the first time. He reminded his team to walk into the home arena

grateful and wasn't afraid to reflect on the magnitude of the moment.

"Every single person that's participating in this," he said, "whether it's coaches, players, staff, there was a time in their life when this was just a dream. That's every player that's participating. There was a time they were in their driveway shooting, 1 on 0, with a basket counting down the end of the game. That's what makes it so special to be part of. We're all very humbled and grateful to be a part of it."

More former Indiana players allege sexual misconduct by physician

Field Level Media

More than 15 former Indiana men's basketball players allege improper sexual conduct by a former team physician, and they claim that university officials — including the late coach Bobby Knight — knew of the doctor's behavior.

Two former Hoosiers sued the school last fall, but the number of complainants has grown to five with another 10 expecting to also pursue litigation, according to ESPN on Tuesday.

In the existing lawsuit, former players allege that Dr. Bradford Bomba, who died last month at the age of 89, regularly performed rectal exams on male athletes during physicals despite the fact that medical guidance did not recommend them for college-age men. The lawsuit argued that this amounted to sexual misconduct, and it claimed university officials were aware of this behavior, yet failed to stop it.

The players said that they raised complaints, with some even requesting a different physician. However, the athletes alleged that Knight, who died in 2023, and head athletic trainer Tim Garl instructed players to continue seeing Bomba.

Garl, who is named as a defendant in the lawsuit, was the head athletic trainer from 1981 until

this year, when Indiana said it would not renew his contract. Garl's attorneys, emphasizing that the trainer did not supervise Bomba, noted that rectal exams were a normal part of a physical.

During his initial deposition a year ago, Bomba refused to answer 45 questions by invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Last month, Indiana commissioned an investigation that found Bomba's digital rectal exams were performed in a "clinically appropriate manner," adding that there was "no evidence to suggest that Dr. Bomba achieved sexual gratification."

However, Michelle Simpson Tuegel — representing the group of 10 players who are preparing to file suit — said two of her clients contradict that finding. One individual said Bomba "fondled his genitalia" during a physical.

Some medical experts indicated that it was uncommon for a physician to perform a rectal exam without any concerning history or symptoms. These procedures are generally used to screen for prostate and other cancers. In the 1990s, the American Cancer Society recommended them for men who were 50 and older.

An Indiana University spokesperson declined to comment on the lawsuit, citing pending litigation.

Rory McIlroy reminds media he doesn't have to talk

Field Level Media

Rory McIlroy admits he took it personally when a media leak led to widespread reporting of his driver failing inspection prior to the PGA Championship.

McIlroy said he was thinking about all of the others he would have to protect — including World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler — when he made the decision to call off media availability following all four of his rounds at Quail Hollow in North Carolina. He shared his thoughts on Wednesday after he touched down for the Canadian Open, a final tuneup before the U.S. Open next week.

"The PGA was a bit of a weird week. I didn't play well. I didn't play well the first day, so I wanted to go practice, so that was fine," McIlroy said of why he decided to ditch media at the PGA Championship. "Second day we finished late. I wanted to go back and see Poppy before she went to bed. The driver news broke. I didn't really want to speak on that. Saturday I was supposed to tee off at 8:20 in the morning. I didn't tee off until almost 2:00 in the afternoon,

another late finish, was just tired, wanted to go home.

"Then Sunday, I just wanted to get on the plane and go back to Florida."

Coming off of a Masters win that completed his career Grand Slam, McIlroy was a favorite at the PGA Championship. Scheffler's driver was ruled nonconforming before his five-stroke victory at Quail Hollow, which didn't help McIlroy's mood.

"I was a little pissed off because I knew that Scottie's driver had failed on Monday, but my name was the one that was leaked. It was supposed to stay confidential. Two members of the media were the ones who leaked it," McIlroy said Wednesday. "Again, I didn't want to get up there and say something that I regretted, either, because there are a lot of people that — I'm trying to protect Scottie. I don't want to mention his name. I'm trying to protect TaylorMade. I'm trying to protect the USGA, PGA of America, and myself. I just didn't want to get up there and say something that I regretted at the time."

Scheffler was forthright in discussions about the driver being ruled nonconforming



Photo by: Aaron Doster-Imagn Images

Rory McIlroy reflects on a turbulent PGA Championship week, where a media leak about his driver sparked frustration and led him to skip press duties. McIlroy addressed the situation Wednesday ahead of the Canadian Open, his final tune-up before the U.S. Open.

and said he felt like the decision was coming far earlier than it did.

McIlroy joined the chorus of players reminding media the PGA Tour doesn't require post-match interviews. Whereas most pro sports leagues mandate a limited amount of access, several golfers have been clear there are no such bylaws for tour participants.

"From a responsibility standpoint, look, I understand," McIlroy said. "But if we all wanted to, we could all bypass (press conferences), and

we could go on social media and we could talk about our round and do it our own way. We understand that that's not ideal for you guys, and there's a bigger dynamic at play here.

"I talk to the media a lot. I think there should be an understanding that this is a two-way street. We understand the benefit that comes from you being here and giving us the platform and everything else, so I understand that."

TONY'S TAKE

Perfection. 59 - 0 is the best baseball record in the history of college baseball. History didn't happen in the SEC or Big Ten. Historical runs don't happen often, so let's celebrate a small university who accomplished the unthinkable.

While you may have never heard of LSU Shreveport, the Pilots recently won the 2025 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championship. For the record, this was the 68th Annual NAIA Baseball National Championship.

LSUS won the championship game 13 - 7. In storybook fashion, the Pilots overcame a 7 - 6 deficit in the bottom of the 5th. How impressive is it that the squad embraced the pressure of the moment and kept this remarkable streak alive to win the hardware? Go Pilots!

Comparisons. The most successful seasons in college baseball history include the 2019 Vanderbilt team (59-12), the 1975 Texas team (59-6), and the 1995 Cal State Fullerton team (57-9). Other notable seasons include the 2011 South Carolina team (55-14), the 1978 USC team (54-9), and the 1983 Texas team (66-14). 66 wins will never happen again, but that season didn't top the 59-0 LSUS

season. It does make you wonder how many classes the 1983 team attended given they played 80 games. This was well before remote learning options. Gotta love it.

Dynasty. One of the newest members of the SEC achieve dynasty status several season ago. While they have been eliminated from winning the 2025 national championship, the Oklahoma Sooner's recent successes under Patty Gasso are remarkable.

OU has won eight national championships including four in a row between 2021 - 2024. While the Sooners have taken advantage of playing in front of a home crowd, no one will argue the remarkable run they are on. The college softball world series has been played in Oklahoma City since 1990.

The standard of excellence of winning four naty's in a row is the best in college softball history.

The Butcher. As the AD at Northeastern State University, I told my Senior Associate AD my feelings following meetings with one of our highly successful head coaches. My right-hand man heard me say on more than one occasion that Coach _____ better be glad he wins at a high level. Meaning, this coach's on-



Tony Duckworth

the-field success kept me from moving in a different direction.

The New York Knicks have been irrelevant for a quarter of a century until the arrival of Tom Thibodeau. The Butcher led the Knickerbockers to their first Eastern Conference finals since 2000. According to ESPN Research, Thib's led New York to 24 playoff wins which is 17 more than the team's past 13 coaches combined. Re-read the last sentence.

While Thib's isn't without flaws, it is hard to imagine the Knicks making a change despite the dysfunctional ownership. The Butcher made the NYK's relevant

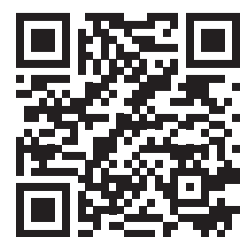
again while making the center of the basketball universe, Madison Square Garden, a high-energy home-court advantage again. I, along with the rest of the hoops community, will be watching what direction the organization goes.

Broken Record. The Atlanta Braves do not get hits when runners are in scoring position.

Follow Tony Duckworth on the X platform at @tonyduckworthsr. Duckworth is a native of Macon and serves as the President and CEO of the Albany Area YMCA. Tony worked in intercollegiate athletics for thirty-one years.

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Evaluate QR codes to protect against fraud

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Ancient civilizations had hieroglyphics, we have QR codes: the patterned graphic boxes prompting you to access restaurant menus, pay for parking, find out information about a package and more.

Generally, quick response (QR) codes are safe, but they can be used to redirect you to malicious websites, so caution is important. Here's how it works.

- You get prompted to use your device's camera.
- You scan the code and a link pops up.
- You click the link, exposing you to threat actors.
- You're directed to apps, websites, locations using your maps and much more.

Bad actors understand people are in a rush, so this is an appealing form of attack. It's a cost-efficient scam because these codes are easy to generate and distribute. And they are creative in finding new ways to make them appear legitimate. In public places, criminals can cover an official code with a sticker or printout showing a fraudulent code. Some of the more prevalent and convincing scams include:

- Parking Ticket Scams. Criminals place fake parking tickets

with QR codes on windshields, causing unsuspecting victims to scan the code and click the link to learn of their offense and digitally pay the alleged fine.

- Brushing Scams. A criminal will ship goods you never ordered, then require you to scan the QR code and click the link to see who sent you the gift.
- Payment Scams. Criminals cover a legitimate QR code with a sticker that has a fraudulent code that directs to a malicious site. This can happen at gas pumps, bank windows, parking lots, etc.
- Crypto Scams. Crypto transactions are often made through QR codes associated with crypto accounts, making this an appealing target for fraudsters, especially since once crypto payments are made, it's unlikely those funds will be recovered.

To stay safe when using QR codes:

- Check the URL: Once you scan and the link pops up, stop! Examine it for unusual domain names or shortened URLs before clicking.
- Verify the source: Only scan QR codes from trusted sources, like official websites or apps. Codes from unfamiliar sources are more likely to be malicious.
- Check for tampering: Look for signs of tampering, like altered graphics, design flaws or stick-

ers placed atop original codes.

- Be suspicious: Treat sites asking for a password or login information as a red flag.
- Be wary of promotions: Be cautious of offers that seem too good to be true.

• Use a secure connection: Look for a secure connection (HTTPS) or padlock.

• Confirm validity of request: Before taking action, like making a payment or entering personal information, confirm a request to scan with the company. If you receive a QR code from someone you know, reach out to them through a known number or email to verify they sent it.

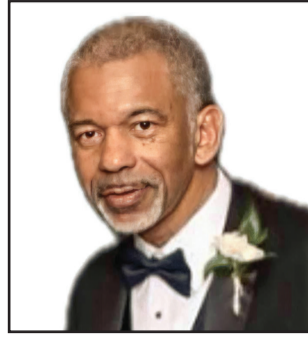
• Protect your device: Use anti-virus and anti-malware software.

• Report. If you identify a suspicious QR code or fall victim to a QR code scam, notify your bank and report it to law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission.

If you scan a fake QR code, your bank account, email and identity could all be at risk. For actions to take, consult PNC Bank's Reporting Fraud page on pnc.com.

Cyber criminals are always finding new ways to defraud their victims, and QR codes are no exception. With a little caution however, you can better protect yourself.

OBITUARIES



Mr. Charles Richard Cobb Jr.

Mr. Charles Richard Cobb, Jr. was born to the late Bishop Charles Richard Cobb, Sr. and the late Emma Baldwin Cobb in San Antonio, Texas on July 7, 1951. He confessed his love for Christ at an early age and grew up in a Christian family as his faith evolved. He joined the ranks of the immortal on May 29, 2025.

Educated in the public schools of Crisp and Dougherty counties, Charles graduated in 1969 from Albany High School which he helped to integrate. He pursued the Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. After spending a summer in France with Nadia Boulanger, he then matriculated at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned the Master of Music degree. He furthered his education in music theory in the Michigan State University's doctoral program.

Charles became an assistant director of the marching band, director of the wind ensemble, and instructor at South Carolina State University. He relocated to Albany, Georgia after marrying his high school sweetheart. They were blessed with one daughter, Charlese. A short time ago, Charles became a grandfather.

Initially, Charles was employed as an elementary music teacher in Americus, Georgia. His next teaching assignment was in Albany, Georgia where he worked as Music Specialist at Radium Springs Elementary School and Jackson Heights Elementary School. He used his musical expertise to impact the lives of numerous students. He retired from the Dougherty County School System in 2016 after he had served 28 years of dedicated educational service in Georgia.

Charles was a member of the Georgia Association of Educators and the Georgia Music Educators Association. In addition, he cherished his affiliation with the Ritz Cultural Center as well as the Cutliff Grove Baptist Church Summer Enrichment Program. He enjoyed reading, planning music events, listening to music, playing tuba, collecting memorabilia and personal keepsakes, traveling and communicating with friends.

Blessed with the heart of a servant, he enjoyed assisting his family and friends, especially during difficult times, and sharing whatever he had.

At Peachtree Memory Care in Vinings, Georgia, he made a quiet transition from his earthly journey of life into eternal rest and everlasting peace.

Left to cherish his memory are a wife, Rhonda Dent Cobb of Albany, Georgia; a daughter, Carey Charlese Newsome (Christian) and a granddaughter, Natalie Newsome, all of Brookhaven, Georgia; three sisters, LuChrista C. Sibley of Marietta, Georgia, Consiwilla C. Cullers of Decatur, Georgia and Yvonne C. Haugabook of Perry, Georgia; a mother-in-law, Carey Dent of Albany, Georgia;

a sister-in-law, Marva Laury of Tucker, Georgia; a stepbrother, Joe Snead of Albany, Georgia; and nieces, nephews, other dear family members, neighbors and friends.

The family will have a public viewing on Friday, June 6 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Elliott Funeral Home. The funeral will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 3 p.m. at Cutliff Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Nancy Matthew Potter

Nancy Matthew Potter, 69, of Moultrie, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at Colquitt Regional Medical Center.

Her Memorial service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, at Crown Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 AM until 11 AM.

A native of Albany, Ms. Potter was the daughter of Marie Matthew and the late Dr. Robert A. Matthew. She loved rescuing animals and assisting people. Ms. Potter was a caretaker and loved taking care of others. It was said "she never met a stranger" as she had an outgoing personality.

Ms. Potter is survived by a son, Matthew Potter and his wife Tammy; a daughter, Emily P. Layer and her husband Matt; four grandchildren: Cole Layer and his wife Paisley, Cody Layer, Makayla Potter, and Bradlee Potter; a great-grandson, Walker Layer; her mother, Marie Matthew, and a brother Art Matthew and his wife Donna.

Those desiring, may make memorials to the Albany Humane Society 1705 Oakridge Dr. Albany, GA 31707 or to Sally Weatherbee Adoption Center, 2223 Dawson Rd., Albany, GA 31721.

You may sign the online guestbook and share your own special thoughts by visiting www.kimbrellstern.com.



Mrs. Alice Faye Milner (McGarity)

Alice Faye McGarity Milner, of Morristown, TN, formerly of Dawson, GA, passed away at age 86, on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at Regency Retirement Village of Morristown.

Faye was born in Dawson, GA to the late J.P. McGarity and Mary Mackey McGarity on January 9, 1939. She graduated from Terrell County High School in Dawson, GA in 1957.

On June 23, 1957, she was married to Marcus Milner of Dawson, GA. They celebrated 67 years of Holy Matrimony on June 23, 2024. Faye and Marcus are members of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Morristown, TN. Faye has faithfully served the Lord as a Sunday school teacher, as well as other duties serving the Lord as long as she was physically able. She and Marcus also sang gospel songs together at churches and friends' gatherings, with Marcus playing his guitar. In 1958, on their first anniversary, they were heading to Hawaii, where Marcus worked at Pearl Harbor on ship-board electronics.

Faye's major job was raising their children, Debbie, Marcia, and Marc. After the children were old enough, Faye was employed as a pharmacy tech. Since Marcus retired in 1988, they have enjoyed 37 years of retirement together. After declining health, their daughter, Debbie, and son-in-law, Greg Adams, took her and Marcus in to take care of them. Then they moved to Regency Retirement Village in Morristown, TN.

Faye is survived by her husband, Marcus; daughters, Debbie (Greg) Adams and Marcia (Al) Griffin; son, Marc Milner; four grandsons, Benjamin Adams, Brian Adams, Allen Griffin, and Samuel (Annette) Griffin; and great grandchildren, Hayley Adams, Rowan, Wells, and Rhodes Griffin, and Declan Adams.

Her remains will be cremated, and her ashes will be interred in the family plot at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Dawson, GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a church or charity of your choice.

Allen Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 - NKJV



Odell Senn

Odell Senn, 75, of Albany, GA, died Tuesday, May 27, 2025. There will be no funeral services as he was cremated and his ashes will be scattered as to his wishes.

He was retired and spent all his free time playing pool and competing in tournaments. He also loved teaching others to play pool and spending time with his friends.

He is survived by his daughter, Beverly Senn Crane and her husband, Steve Crane of Lawrenceville, GA. His sister, Sarah Senn Milling and her husband, Ray Milling of Albany, GA. His nephew, Michael Milling of Albany, GA, and his nieces Baige Milling and Crystal Smith of Albany, GA. Two great nieces, Zaidee Milling and Dianna Smith also of Albany, Ga. He was preceded in death by his parents, GERALD Senn Peters and Huey B. Senn and two of his brothers, Hugh Max Senn and Billie Wayne Senn, Sr.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Unless otherwise noted, the following births all took place at Phoebe Putney Memorial in Albany between April 13 and May 23, 2025:

McGruder, Kinslee Calia, daughter, was born April 13 to Carlisa McGruder of Cuthbert.

Sampson, Bry'Leigh Imani, daughter, was born April 13 to Kaniyah Reed and Darnell Sampson of Albany.

Holloman, Amari Kanai, son, was born April 13 to Zekia Reed and Jaquari Holloman of Albany and Leesburg.

Hightower, Rho'Tavious Kentrell, son, was born April 14 to Shanequa Hightower of Cairo.

Sellers, Alex Ramir, son, was born April 14 to MiKendria Mathis and James Sellers of Leesburg.

Paige, Yah'niyah Dior, daughter, was born April 14 to Janaiyah Keith and Peace Paige of Albany.

Mathis, Abigail Marie, daughter, was born April 15 to Callie Garcia and Jesse Mathis of Albany.

Holmes, Layla Rose, daughter, was born April 15 to Sara Holmes and Scott Holmes of Leesburg.

Davis, Cartavious Trinard, son, was born April 15 to Jessica Odom and Cortavis Davis of Albany.

Kelly, Cora Bea, daughter, was born April 15 to Kinsey Kelly and Garrett Kelly of Sylvester.

Green, Sy'aire Jayceon, was born April 16 to Jy'Neshia Green of Albany.

Clark, Neriaah Emma Lee, daughter, was born April 16 to Nina Velazquez and Dominique Clark of Albany.

Clark, Meriah Cora Mae, daughter, was born April 16 to Nina Velazquez and Dominique Clark of Albany.

Whitlock, Gabriella Destiny, daughter, was born April 16 to Leigh Whitlock and Cartier Whitlock of Albany.

Hunt, Ace Calloway, son, was born April 17 to Victoria Hunt and Antoine Hunt of Leesburg.

Shiver, Bocephus Mark, son, was born April 17 to Samantha Burchett and Justin Shiver of Sylvester.

Tillman, Cambrie Lynn, daughter, was born April 19 to Savannah Salo and Cecil Tillman of Leesburg.

Stidham, Leighton Lynn, daughter, was born April 20 to Madison Roberts and Parker Stidham of Leesburg.

Wilson, McKenna Kay, daugh-

ter, was born April 21 to Haley Fann and Austin Wilson of Albany.

Brettel, Oakley Tate, son, was born April 21 to Christian Brettel and Matthew Brettel of Camilla.

Edwards, Zhayanna Iz' Lia, daughter, was born April 21 to Telia Roberts and Isaiha Edwards of Bainbridge.

Jones, Campbell Kate, daughter, was born April 23 to Leigh Jones and Joseph Jones of Leesburg.

Orr, Aubrianna LaTara, daughter, was born April 22 to Adrienne Muff and Montrell Orr of Albany.

Stein, Banks Olivia, daughter, was born April 21 to Brittany Stein and Benjamin Stein of Leesburg.

Smania, Adalyn Marie, daughter, was born April 22 to Samantha Smania of Leesburg.

Keith, Ja'loni Denise, daughter, was born April 23 to Heaven Ball and Jessie Keith of Albany.

Jackson, Khyro Lamar, was born April 23 to Dejonae Everett and Christian Jackson of Albany.

Gray, Loretta Saylor, daughter, was born April 24 to Katie Ansley and Charles Gray of Leesburg.

Beavers, Evelyn Elizabeth, daughter, was born April 25 to Katie Beavers and Daniel Beavers of Dawson.

Flowers, Marcellous Devante, son, was born April 25 to Courtney Flowers and Demetrius Flowers of Preston.

Funderburk, Frances Collier, daughter, was born April 27 to Katie Funderburk and John Funderburk of Albany.

Spratling, Roger Thomas, son, was born April 27 to Sarah Spratling and Lee Spratling of Albany.

Starling, Ja'Novah Brielle, daughter, was born April 27 to Camille Kruse and Brendrix Starling of Albany.

Aguire, Adelyn Anne, daughter, was born April 28 to Katelyn Aguire and Daniel Aguire of Albany.

Atkinson, Cora-Leigh Gail Nicole, daughter, was born May 1 to Haleigh Atkinson and Ryan Atkinson of Cuthbert.

Drayton, Drayce Logan, son, was born May 1 to Mya Coleman and Deondre Drayton of Camilla.

Gardner, Ezra Neal, son, was born May 1 to Celeste Gardner and Artie Gardner of Leesburg.

Daniels, Keri Nicole, daughter, was born May 1 to Jordan Ford and Jason Daniels of Albany.

Crump, Noelle Nicole, daughter, was born May 3 to Janie Broadwater and Carlton Crump

of Camilla.

Huntley, Legend Amir, son, was born May 3 to Diamond Dillard and Cameron Huntley of Leesburg.

Humphrey, Cassidy Marie, daughter, was born May 5 to Emma Humphrey and Cody Humphrey of Sylvester.

Stokes, Lionel Renaldo Jr., son, was born May 5 to Seara Brooks and Lionel Stokes of Albany.

Corley, Stetson Cole, son, was born May 6 to Madison Corley and Davis Corley of Leesburg.

Sartain, Dallas Chase, son, was born May 6 to Savannah Sartain and Brandon Sartain of Albany.

Lewis, Na'Mari Sincere, son, was born May 6 to Jalexis Richardson and Naterrious Lewis of Albany.

Williams, Chloe Jae, daughter, was born May 7 to Diamond Rainey and Jarrell Williams of Sylvester.

Williams, Zoe Jade, daughter, was born May 7 to Diamond Rainey and Jarrell Williams of Sylvester.

Novak, Archan Steel, son, was born May 8 to Maisy Novak and Jacob Novak of Albany.

Sanders, Jayceon Durell, son, was born May 8 to Chaviya Jackson and Durell Sanders of Albany.

Wilcox, Zyliee Jeriah, daughter, was born May 8 to Shantirra Horne and John Wilcox of Valdosta.

Irvin, Emery Jessiah, son, was born May 17 to Charity Parks and Quntravious Irvin of Leesburg.

Hernandez, Atlas Kimari Emilio, son, was born May 19 to Keyshona Brown and Jesus Hernandez of Albany.

Ramsey, Jerry Michael, son, was born May 19 to Savannah Ramsey and Jerry Ramsey of Albany.

Foster, Skyla Reign, daughter, was born May 21 to Jamiya Foster of Albany.

Kennedy, A'laysia Rayne, daughter, was born May 19 to Aleeseya Whitsette and Cortney Kennedy of Leesburg.

Johnson, Anthony Lee, son, was born May 20 to Brianna Thomas and Anthony Johnson of Albany.

Jones, Nyomi Gianna Sunny, daughter, was born May 23 to Ca'Nya Burnett and Peter Jones of Albany.

Hughes, Beau Eason, daughter, was born May 23 to Blythe Hughes and Ashton Hughes of Leesburg.

Beauford, Tremaine Marcel, son, was born May 23 to Kanyrea Spooner and Terrance Beauford of Albany.

July 4th Holiday Publishing Schedule for The Albany Herald

The Albany Herald will publish on Tuesday, July 1st, and a combo paper for Thursday, July 3 & Saturday, July 5th.

Deadlines for the Thurs-Sat combo paper will be
Tuesday July 1st at 1 pm

The Albany Herald Office **WILL BE CLOSED**
on Friday July 4th.

Happy Independence Day!



2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Albany Utilities Commission System ID #0950000 Albany/ Dougherty County

Albany Utilities is proud of the drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains much more important information about water and health. Albany Utilities will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards.1

Overview: Water Source

The Albany Water System draws its water from four different aquifers. They are the Floridan, Claiborne, Clayton, and the upper Cretaceous. We use 28 wells located throughout the City and County to supply an average of 12 million gallons of water a day to our customers. This assures Albany an adequate supply for the future. A Source Water Assessment has been performed for our area to provide baseline data about the quality of water before it is treated and distributed to our customers. This is important because it identifies the origins of contaminants within our area and indicates the susceptibility of our water to such contaminants. To complete your understanding of our water supply, request a copy of this information from The Georgia Environmental Protection Division or visit website: <http://www.gaepd.org/>.

How to Read This Table

The table shows the results of our water-quality analysis. Every regulated contaminant that was detected in our water, even in the most minute traces, is listed. The table contains the name of each substance, the highest level allowed by regulation (MCL), the ideal goals for public health, the amount detected, the usual sources of such contamination, footnotes explaining our findings, and a key to units of measurement. Definitions of MCL and MCLG are important.

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Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause Blue Baby Syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask for advice from your health care provider.

Key to Table:

AL: Action Level

TT: Treatment Technique

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal

ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l) ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Definitions

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):

"The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible, using the best available treatment technology."

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):

"The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety."

Treatment Technique

"A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water."

Additional Health Information

The Water Treatment Plant tested for and has not detected Cryptosporidium. To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes limits on the amounts of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations established limits for contaminants in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detected Level	Units	Range Detected	Major Sources	Violations
Chlorine	2024	MRDG = 4	MRDLG = 4	2.22	ppm	0.27 – 2.22	Water Additive used to control microbes	NO
Haloacetic Acids (HAAS)	2024	60	No goal for the total	4.2	ppb	0 – 4.20	By- Product of drinking water disinfection	NO
Total Trihalomethanes	2024	80	No goal for the total	15	ppb	1.0 – 15.0	By- Product of drinking water disinfection	NO
Inorganic Contaminates	Collection Date	Highest Detected Level	Range Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Major Sources	Violations
Fluoride	2024	0.82	0.61 – 0.82	4	4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	NO
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2024	1.9	0 - 1.9	10	10	ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits	NO
Volatile Organic Contaminates	Collection Date	Highest Detected Level	Range Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Major Sources	Violations
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene	2024	2	0.0 – 2.0	70	70	ppb	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	NO

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

A Microbial contaminant, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

B Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

C Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, and residential uses.

D Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas states, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

E Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Albany Utilities is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but it cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may choose to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE

Other Monitoring

In addition to testing, we are required to perform, our water system voluntarily tests for hundreds of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of high quality. Water is our most precious natural resource. Together we can preserve the quality of our water supply. If you notice a change in the look, smell or taste of your drinking water, please contact Albany Utilities. If you are interested in more information on the Quality Report, contact Kurt Anthony, at 229.302.1675.

Water Quality data for community water systems throughout the U.S. is available at www.waterdata.com or www.albanyutil.org.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

OTHER HELPFUL WAYS ALBANY UTILITIES ASSISTS YOU

Energy Conservation Program
This program provides free home energy audits for our residential customers. Certified auditors complete a full inspection of the home checking for inefficiencies like leaking doors and below recommended insulation. For additional information and to schedule a home audit, please call (229) 883-8330 (prompt 4).

H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pay for Energy/Essentials) The program was developed in 1993 to assist Albany Utilities customers who could not pay their utility bills due to unforeseen circumstances. For more information on how to qualify and/or donate, please call (229) 883-8330 (prompt 4).



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Lead and Copper

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of Albany is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Kurt Anthony at 229.302.1675. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Analyte	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	Range		Units	Violation
				Low	High		
Lead	Jun 14, 2023	0	15	0	29	ppb	No
Copper	Jun 14, 2023	1.3	1.3	0.0088	0.17	ppm	No

The Service Line Inventory (SLI) is a requirement under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to help water systems identify and replace lead service lines. It mandates that all public water systems develop and maintain an inventory of service line materials to assess the presence of lead and protect public health. The inventory will support proactive lead reduction efforts and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements to minimize lead exposure in drinking water.

To access all individual Lead Tap Sample results for the City of Albany Water System:

<https://arcgis08fTyj>

To access the SLI for the City of Albany.

<https://pws-ptd.120wateraudit.com/Albany-GA>



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Proposed bill could do away with tax on gun suppressors

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY -- On May 22, U.S. HR 1, now being touted as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," passed the House and is on the way to the Senate. As is the case with any bill exceeding 1,000 pages, its content should generate a good deal of debate on both sides of the aisle. The bill's potential impact on Medicaid benefits, tax breaks, health coverage and food assistance programs have already begun to raise spirited debates over the bill's merits vs. detriments.

For shooting enthusiasts, the removal of suppressors from the National Firearms Act is of particular interest. If passed by the Senate as written, the bill would effectively eliminate the \$200 tax currently in place on suppressors, allowing them to be purchased without regulation. This would be a significant win for gun owners for a variety of reasons.

The inclusion of Section 2 of the Hearing Protection Act in the bill explains the primary goal being hearing protection for shooters and those around them. The second goal is the reduction of high-decibel sounds generated from shooting sports, making hunting or target shooting less disruptive.

To better understand the debate, a number of factors needs to be considered.

The first commercially successful silencer is credited to American inventor Hiram P. Maxim around 1902. The "Maxim Silencer" was advertised in many of the popular sporting magazines of the period. Maxim may have focused on this endeavor due to his father Hiram S. Maxim's suffering from extreme hearing loss related to his invention and testing of the first automatic firearm.

The younger Maxim actually saw a parallel between noise created from the expanding gases created when a gun is fired to the noise being produced by the newly invented internal combustion engines of the day. He simultaneously developed the first systems to efficiently reduce the sound levels of both firearms and engines. President Theodore Roosevelt was known to have purchased and used Maxim silencers.

A suppressor is simply a device attached to the muzzle of a firearm that traps the expanding gases produced when it is fired. Slowing the expansion and release of the gases from the gun barrel behind the projectile dissipates the sound, reduces felt recoil and muzzle rise, making follow-up shots quicker and more accurate.

The late 19th and 20th centuries were marked by revolutionary advances in firearms technology. The advent of smokeless powder, semi-automatic pistols and the advent of functional machine guns dramatically transformed the performance of firearms.

The cultural and technological changes taking place during the "Roaring '20s" proved to be a deadly combination in many urban areas, as a booming post-war economy fueled a generation enamored with luxury and wealth. Societal changes fueled the "flapper era" and an anything-goes philosophy that led many to seek shortcuts to a flamboyant excess.

Efforts to curb these excesses would lead to national prohibition policies that ironically made matters worse. The unanticipated public reaction to these restrictions on alcohol and gambling led to a dramatic increase in organized crime, centered on the smuggling of liquor, gambling and prostitution. It's not surprising that the next

Georgians have reason to fear the growing alligator population

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY -- As the canoe glides across the calm surface of a remote slough on the Muckalee Creek, I turned on a spotlight, shining it across the several pairs of bright red orbs moved across the water's surface ahead of me. I was not alone.

That moment was also an indication that the once-endangered American alligator is alive and well in southwest Georgia.

Hunted to the brink of extinction by the 1960s, the keystone species of our region is once again thriving in Georgia waters in much the same manner as it had for the previous 180 million years. Conservation efforts were so successful that the alligator was removed from "total protection" status in 1987, allowing Georgia and other Southern states greater flexibility in managing the species.

In 1989, the alligator population had grown to the point that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources initiated a nuisance alligator program, allowing licensed trappers to capture and harvest alligators larger than 4 feet in length. Nuisance alligators are those that are located outside the normal range; those that have been fed, intentionally or not, by humans; those that no longer move away from humans, or those that have become aggressive toward humans.

The DNR's Wildlife Resources Division is currently seeking qualified individuals to fill two vacant nuisance alligator agent trapper positions. These agent trappers would be under contract with the DNR to remove nuisance alligators upon demand from department personnel. As payment for their services, the agent trappers will be allowed to sell hides, meat, and other products from the alligators they catch. Agent trapper position No. 1 would serve Early, Baker, Miller and Seminole counties; while agent trapper position No. 2 would serve Decatur and Grady counties.

The agent trapper must reside in one of the counties for which they are responsible. Individuals who are interested in filling the positions may request complete details of the nuisance alligator program and an application by contacting Kara Nitschke, DNR Game Management Section, 2065 U.S. Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, Ga. 30025 or by emailing kara.nitschke@dnr.ga.gov. Applications will be accepted until June 15.

Today, it is estimated that as many as 200,000 to 250,000 alligators



Staff Photos: Tom Seegmueller



are living in the state's waters. The majority of these amphibious reptiles can be found south of the fall line, which acts as a natural barrier running from Columbus through Macon and on to Augusta. The habitat and climate north of the fall line is less suitable for their survival and reproduction. The Okefenokee Swamp is a significant habitat for the alligator, as is the Kiokee and other swamps scattered across southwest Georgia.

In 2001, with a stable population of alligators in the state, public hearings were held to determine the public interest in an open alligator season in Georgia. In 2003, the first Georgia alligator quota hunt was conducted with 184 permits available though a drawing. The idea was so popular that 2,560 people applied for a chance to be awarded a permit.

The 2025 season will open at sunset on Aug. 15, closing at sunrise on Oct. 6. The state is divided into 11 zones, and hunters will be selected to hunt specific zones. The number of permits issued for each zone is established based on alligator population surveys conducted by DNR biologists.

Hunters may use hand-held ropes or snares, snatch hooks, harpoons, gigs or arrows with a restraining line attached. All alligators must be secured by one of these methods before being dispatched immediately upon capture by using a handgun or bangstick, or by severing the spinal cord with a sharp implement.

Those interested in applying for an alligator quota hunt should do so online at gooutdoorsgeorgia.com by July 15. Selection in a quota hunt will allow individuals to pur-

chase an alligator harvest permit, which must be held by a member of the alligator hunting party. Up to three individuals may apply as a party. No more than three individuals can be accepted as a party. When applying as a party, each applicant must allocate an equal number of priority points for the party application to be accepted. Each applicant must maintain a valid mailing address in their customer account.

Because the regulations vary for each zone, a little research is in order before making an application. Selected hunters should review the Guide to Alligator Hunting in Georgia that includes information on hunting preparation, techniques and processing.

With two recent alligator-related fatalities in Florida, data for Georgia showed a small number of documented attacks in the state. Since DNR started keeping records of these incidents in 1980, there have been only eight attacks, resulting in only one fatality. Although these numbers are low, alligators deserve a great deal of respect. They can reach a speed of 35 miles an hour on land and swim at up to 20 miles an hour.

"Alligators are native to Georgia and are critical to the health and balance of our ecosystems, so being GatorWise means we know how to modify our behavior to minimize any potential conflict," Nitschke, WRD's state alligator biologist, said.

To Be GatorWise:

-- Assume Alligators are Present: Alligators can live in any water body in their range. They are good at hiding and may be found in places where they have never

been seen, especially after storms or floods. Keep your distance.

-- Never Feed Alligators: Feeding alligators on purpose or by accident is illegal in Georgia. This is because the action can cause alligators to associate people with food and lose their natural fear.

-- Don't Dispose of Fish or Food Scraps in the Water: Throwing fish scraps in the water is one of the most common ways people unintentionally feed alligators. Properly dispose of bait, fish scraps and food items.

-- Never Harass, Capture or Handle an Alligator: Approaching, capturing or handling alligators puts you at risk. View and photograph alligators from a distance.

-- Be Responsible for People and Pets in Your Care: Alligators do not know the difference between pets and prey. Keep pets on a leash and away from the water's edge. Supervise small children near the water.

-- Maintain Awareness: Observe alligator warning signs. Stay away from the water if you see an alligator. Avoid swimming in areas with dense vegetation, and only swim during daylight hours.

For more information, go to about GatorWise at <https://www.gatorwise.org/>.

If you want to get a close-up look at alligators in their native habitat, the alligator exhibit at Chaw Park & Zoo is a fantastic opportunity. The weekend feedings on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. offer individuals the opportunity to legally feed some truly massiveigators.

swing of the cultural pendulum would be dramatic as well.

In 1934, the NFA was passed into law in an effort to reduce gun violence of the Prohibition Era, including the attempted assassination of President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. The act requires the registration of fully-automatic firearms, rifles with barrels less than 16 inches in length, shotguns with an overall length less than 26 inches and sound suppressors.

The NFA did not set out to ban any weapons. It merely imposed a tax on those weapons. It did not prohibit the manufacture, sale or transfer of these weapons. It simply required the purchase of a \$200 tax stamp to accompany each sale or transfer. The equivalent fee today, when comparing the average rate of inflation,

would be \$4,773.12. Many of those in favor of more restrictions on firearms believe an adjustment for inflation should be implemented today.

The initial concept was that the tax would be so heavy that the manufacture and commercial sale of these weapons would be financially impossible. In reality all it did was create a new layer of bureaucracy in the federal government while doing nothing to stop the criminal trade in the firearms covered by the NFA. For decades, the law was ignored. For a period of time, the Treasury Department began to enforce the law by passing the evidence it gathered along to the state courts for prosecution. In 1968, the United States Supreme Court nullified that process, making the

law unenforceable.

The Gun Control Act of 1968 was first proposed in 1963 following the assassination of President Kennedy. It would take five years to gain final passage, which was prompted by the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr and Robert F. Kennedy. The law banned the mail-order sales of firearms and prohibited most felons, drug dealers, and those judged to be mentally incompetent from owning firearms.

Suppressors are legal in 42 states, but several states impose additional restrictions. California, New York and New Jersey have banned ownership, while Texas and Wyoming have eased restrictions. As it stands, the process for legally purchasing a suppressor is not necessarily an easy one. The

process, which involves background checks, fingerprinting and the associated paperwork that is reviewed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), can take months.

Until the proposed legislative changes are enacted into law, anyone interested in owning a suppressor needs to do their own research and due diligence. The penalties for violating the existing laws are not something to take lightly. The most common violations are illegal possession, unauthorized transfer, or unlicensed manufacturer of a listed item. Imprisonment can be for a period not to exceed 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

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Albany Legals

Construction/ Service Bids

INVITATION TO BID
Asbestos Abatement
Westover High School
3-Story Tower
Bid No. 26-FAC-003

Sealed Bids will be received by the
Dougherty County Board of Education in the Office of the
Logistical Services Department
located at **601 Flint Avenue,**
Albany, Georgia, 31701 until 2:00
PM EST on Thursday, July 10,
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 providing
the supervision, labor, material, and
equipment required for the removal
and disposal of approximately
13,250 SF of asbestos containing
Floor Tile & Mastic from the
Westover High School 3-Story
Tower located at 2600 Partridge
Drive.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-Bid**
Meeting at 2:00 PM EST on
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at the
Project Site; 2600 Partridge Drive;
Albany, Georgia 31707. A general
discussion of the project will take
place at the Mandatory Pre-Bid
Meeting and a walk-thru of the
project building and site will be
provided immediately after the
meeting.

Bid Documents may be obtained
from the Dougherty County
School Systems and the Georgia
Procurement websites.

All inquiries or questions concerning
the Bid Documents shall be
addressed to **Tony Reese,**
Dougherty County School System,
Facilities Services Department; 1711
Schilling Avenue; Albany, Georgia
31705; via Phone: (229) 483-6333 or
e-mail: treese@dccoschools.org.

The Dougherty County School
System Logistical Services
Department, located at 601 Flint
Ave., Albany, GA 31701, will receive
sealed Bids/Proposals for
021-PUR-2025 for Employee
Uniforms on June 24, 2025 @
11:00 AM.

Bid documents may be obtained
from our website at
www.dccoschools.org. Minority
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By: Sharonda Thompson, Director of
Logistical Services

Alcoholic Beverages

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Debtors & Creditors

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all
creditors of the Estate of Ronnie Joe
Misamore, 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 28th day of May, 2025.

Christopher Michael Misamore and
Jeffrey Todd Misamore, Executors

Debtors & Creditors

Kirbo & Kirbo, P.C.
P. O. Box 70519
Albany, GA 31708-0519

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
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All creditors of the estate of Dennis
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Dougherty County, Georgia 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 the
undersigned.

This the 11th day of March 2025.

Mary Joyce Kimble Van Matre,
Executrix of the Estate
of Dennis L. Van Matre, deceased
c/o Phil Cannon
Georgia Bar 107895
Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
P O Drawer 720
Leesburg, GA 31763
229-759-9111
philcannon@meeksandcannon.com

NOTICE

GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all debtors
and creditors of the Estate of Lena
Mae James, late of said county,
deceased, to render an account of
their demands to the undersigned
with the time prescribed by law. All
persons indebted to the Estate are
hereby requested to make
immediate payments to make
undersigned.

This 4th day of June, 2025.

Executor, Michael Donnell Burrell
Address: 10560 Sourwood Court
Jonesboro, GA 30238

Dates to be Published: June 7, 14,
21 & 28, 2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Mary
Lou Higham 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 7th day of June, 2025.

Dennis W. Higham,
Administrator of the Estate of Mary
Lou Higham 1050 Hiawatha Farms
Road
Monticello, Florida 32344
Hall & Williamson, P.C.

GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors
EDDIE COX, 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.

STEVEN EDDIE COX, Executor
28296 GA Hwy 133 N
Doerun, GA 31744

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Enoch
Jordan Cox, Sr., 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 13th day of May 2025.
JOHN C. FUNDERBURK, III
Executor of the Estate of Enoch
Jordan Cox, Sr.
% DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of
CHARLES THOMAS DANIEL,
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 Executor.
This 17th day of May, 2025.
Chad Thomas Daniel, as Executor of
the Estate of Charles Thomas
Daniel, deceased
c/o Perry & Walters, LLP
Post Office Box 71209
Albany, Georgia 31708-1209

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Mary
Ruth Stutts March 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 12th day of May, 2025.

Mary Joann Anthony,
Administrator of the Estate of Mary
Ruth Stutts March
1217 Palmyra Rd. Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Johnny
Hanon Allen deceased, late
of Dougherty County, Georgia, are
hereby notified to render their
demands to the undersigned
according to law, and all persons
indebted to said estate are required
to make immediate payment to us.
This 9th day of May, 2025.
Catherine Frost
Administrator of the Estate of Johnny
Hanon Allen
173 Lynwood Lane
Leesburg, GA 31763

NOTICE

GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors
of the Estate of Linda Grace Parker,
deceased, to present an account of

Debtors & Creditors

their demands to the undersigned
within the time prescribed by law,
and all persons indebted to the said
estate are hereby requested to make
immediate payment to the
undersigned.

Susan Tranbarger
Administratrix of the
Estate of Linda Grace Parker
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2025

NOTICE

GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all creditors
of the Estate of Luella Street,
deceased, to present an account of
their demands to the undersigned
within the time prescribed by law,
and all persons indebted to the said
estate are hereby requested to make
immediate payment to the
undersigned.

Ruby Street Hayes and Ella Street
Co-Executrices of the Estate of
Luella Street
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2025

NOTICE

GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all creditors
of the Estate of Orlando Cortez Kitt,
deceased, to present an account of
their demands to the undersigned
within the time prescribed by law,
and all persons indebted to the said
estate are hereby requested to make
immediate payment to the
undersigned.

Vickie D. Roney
Administratrix of the
Estate of Orlando Cortez Kitt
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
Dates: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

State of Georgia,
County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2024-ES-480

All creditors of the Estate of Billie
Jean Threatte, 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.

Alice Jean Hartman
Executor of the Estate of
Billie Jean Threatte
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 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
CHARLOTTE SHORTER ELLIS
STRAWDER 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 13th day of May, 2025.

Cecil Strawder, Executor of the
Estate of Charlotte Shorter Ellis
Strawder
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Harrison
Ingebenor 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 20th day of May, 2025
Lauren H. Williamson,
Administrator of the Estate of
Harrison Ingebenor
216 N. Westover Blvd.
Albany, GA 31707

Divorces

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Desmond Hall

vs.

Respondent: Tresell Hall

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV-481-3

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Tresell Hall, Respondent Named
Above:

This notice has been published to let
you know that a Divorce case was
filed against you in the Superior
Court on May 18, 2025. The court
issued an order for service of
summons by publication on May 20,
2025. You must file an Answer to the
Petition with the clerk of Superior
Court and serve the Petitioner with a
copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's
address is 1404 Greenbrier Ct.,
Albany, GA 31705. You must file
your Answer within sixty (60) days
of the date of the order for service by
publication. If you fail to file an
Answer, then a judgment by default
will be taken against you, and the
Petitioner will get everything he
asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 27th day of May, 2025.

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

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Divorces

Petitioner: Harry Q. Dunlap

vs.

Respondent: Shannon M. Dunlap

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV-340-3

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Shannon M. Dunlap,
Respondent Named Above:

This notice has been published to let
you know that a Divorce case was
filed against you in the Superior
Court on April 2, 2025. The court
issued an order for service of
summons by publication on May 8,
2025. You must file an Answer to the
Petition with the clerk of Superior
Court and serve the Petitioner with a
copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's
address is 4157 Co. Rd, 36,
Hartford, AL 36344. You must file
your Answer within sixty (60) days
of the date of the order for service by
publication. If you fail to file an
Answer, then a judgment by default
will be taken against you, and the
Petitioner will get everything he
asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 9th day of May, 2025.

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

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Gerald B. Morgan

vs.

Respondent: Stacey Atkins

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV-520-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Stacey Atkins, Respondent
Named Above:

This notice has been published to let
you know that a Divorce case was
filed against you in the Superior
Court on May 15, 2025. The court
issued an order for service of
summons by publication on May 19,
2025. You must file an Answer to the
Petition with the clerk of Superior
Court and serve the Petitioner with a
copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's
address is 408 Williams St., Albany,
GA 31705. You must file your
Answer within sixty (60) days of the
date of the order for service by
publication. If you fail to file an
Answer, then a judgment by default
will be taken against you, and the
Petitioner will get everything he
asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 19th day of May, 2025.

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

Juvenile Court

PUBLICATION

DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE
COURT

IN THE MATTER OF: D.M., B/M,
DOB: 10/10/2007
B.G.H., White/Male, DOB:
06/20/2022; and
A.R.H., White/Female, DOB:
01/03/2024; and
R.C.H., White/Male, DOB:
12/21/2024

TO: Heather Ellen Hutchison, mother
of the above referenced Male child
born 06/20/2022, Female child born
01/03/2024, and Male child born
12/21/2024.

TO: Coy Brandon Kelley, biological
father of the above referenced Male
child born to Heather Ellen Hutchison
on 06/20/2022, biological father of
the above referenced Female child
born to Heather Ellen Hutchison on
01/03/2024, and putative father of a
Male child born to Heather Ellen
Hutchison on 12/21/2024.

TO: "Unknown John Doe" or any
other individual who might be the
biological father of a Male child born
to Heather Ellen Hutchison on
12/21/2024.

A petition was filed in this Court
by Social Services Case Manager
Donald Wood, on the 05th day of
June, 2025. 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.

By authority of an Order for Service
by Publication by the Judge of said
Court, 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 June 05, 2025 and on the
on the 26th day of August, 2025 at 1:30
PM 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

Juvenile Court

(2) notice of the filing of the Petition
to legitimate with the Dougherty
County Juvenile Court.

Witness the Honorable Herbie L.
Solomon, Judge of said Court this
5th day of June, 2025.
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.

MILES H. MILLER AND ROBYNEL
M. HARDEN, 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 NUMBER
SUCV2025000230

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

Public Sales/ Auctions

following business immediately at:
Miles Towing & Recovery
313 N Jefferson St
Albany, GA 31701
or call 229-431-2949

"Notice is hereby given that on June 19, 2025 U-Haul Company of Southern Georgia will sell under the contractual landlord's lien process by online auction the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods.

****WILL BE SOLD ONLINE AT lockerfox.com****

Location: 820 W Oglethorpe Blvd Albany, GA 31701

- Units:
1138 Jennifer Williams
1130 Jennifer Williams
1171 Nissa Surry
1136 Jetty Simon
1159 Jennifer Williams
1187 Tiffany Eason
1223 Lakayla Davis
1030 Shereda Carter
1042 Laskia Johnson
1010 Vontressia Jefferson
1112 Lawrence Edwards

Under the Authority of the Georgia Self Storage Act 10-4-210 to 10-4-215, Southern Self Storage will be conducting a sale on Wednesday, JUNE 18, 2025 at 2:00 PM. The following self-storage unit contents will be sold for cash by Southern Self Storage, 1006 Phlema Road / Albany, GA 31701. The sale will take place on www.StorageTreasures.com at to satisfy a lien.

Unit # 1166 , Brittany Carter Boxes, Totes, Beds, Bed Frame, Sectional, Love Sofa, chest of drawers, tools, toolbox, shoes, clothing, headboard, household and kitchen items, electronics, ironing board, furon, table/charis, toys, bear bags chair, rugs, christmas décor, wall décor, alarm system, curtains, covers.

Unit # 3145 Amanda Anderson Wall Décor, Bike, Season décor, luggagem totes, shelving units, beach chairs, shopvac, extinguisher.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Lake Park Storage located at 2220 Gillionville Rd , Albany, GA, 31707 will hold a public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The auction will be held at Lake Park Storage - 2220 Gillionville Rd , Albany, GA, 31707 on Monday June 16, 2025 at 11:00 am. Unless stated otherwise, the personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household items, furniture, boxes, clothes, appliances and vehicles. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/Parts Only", no titles or registration.

- 0380 - Cappola Buchannon
- 1315 - Albert Murray
- 2059 - James McCoy
- 0402 - Ricetra Lavant
- 1096 - Tonya Mincey
- 0021 - Kione Brown
- 0434 - Juanita Clark
- 0734 - Shabrina Brigham
- 0107 - Karlissia Linkhorn
- 2111 - Jerolde Byrd
- 0617 - Shabrina Brigham
- 0075 - Ashley Bemby
- 0609 - Thelia Johnson
- 1329 - Chevene King
- 1036 - Chevene King
- 1912 - Lorilyn Daniel
- 1601 - Jorihua Davis
- 2529 - Katma Bryant
- 2549 - Katrina Holloman
- 1548 - Chevene King
- 2037 - Yukia Adams
- 1317 - Emory Wright
- 2570 - Eisha McGhee
- 1101 - Kenyontae Hamilton
- 1703 - Gerald Offord
- 1046 - Mario Meadows
- 1006 - Lisa Love SWGA
- Performing Arts Acad
- 0097 - Catina Lee
- 0351 - Tamarla Leroy
- 1343 - Janteika Adams
- 2576 - Alexandra Adams
- 0627 - Kimberly Willingham

Publishing dates: May 31, 2025 and June 07, 2025

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

Year:2016
Make:Acur
Model:MDX
Vin:5FRYD4H43G8053985

YEAR:2008
MAKE:HONDA
MODEL:ACCORD
VIN:1HGCP36888A088861

YEAR:2008
MAKE:HONDA
MODEL:ODYSSEY
VIN:5FNRL38428B414191

YEAR:2007
MAKE:NISSAN
MODEL:ALTIMA
VIN:1N4AL21E97C187562

STRUMS ELITE TOWING & RECOVERY
2800 Phillips drive
229-319-5924

Service by Publication

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

FULCO PROPERTIES, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. ARTHUR C. SHOEMAKER, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA S. SHOEMAKER, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: LOT 9 IN BLOCK "T" OF AVONDALE SUBDIVISION, ALSO KNOWN AS 1913 GILLESPIE AVENUE, ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Defendants. CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2024000954

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Service by Publication

By Order for Service by Publication dated the April 24, 2025, you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of October 2024, Plaintiff filed suit against the Defendants a Petition for Quia Timet Against all the World to Establish Title to Real Property.

You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, TIMOTHY O. DAVIS, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication. WITNESS, the Honorable JOSEPH W. DENT, Judge of this Superior Court.

This 6th day of May 2025, For: DEPUTY CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT TIMOTHY O. DAVIS, Attorney for Plaintiff Georgia State Bar No. 213025 600 N. Jackson Street Albany, GA 31701 (229) 883-1610 tim@dtdpclaw.com

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY. The undersigned does hereby certify that they are conducting business at 2502 W. Doublegate Dr., Albany, GA 31721, Dougherty County, under the trade name: Sure Shot Media and that the nature of the business is customer lead generation and advertising services and that the name of the firm owning and carrying on said trade or business is Bull's Eye Media LLC, 2502 W. Doublegate Dr., Albany, GA 31721. Partners: Todd Hockman, 2502 W. Doublegate Dr., Albany, GA 31721; Ray Yarbrough, 1290 Jackson Springs Rd., Macon, GA 31211; Blake Cook, 2410 W. Doublegate Dr., Albany, GA 31721.

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Personally appeared before me, Todd Hockman, an officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned, who being duly sworn deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing registration are true. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 14 day of April, 2025.

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from RAY COATES to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS , dated June 8, 2022, recorded June 9, 2022, in Deed Book 4985, Page 124, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$122,735.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 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 253 OF GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION "B", ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 51 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-44), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AS 1907 HOMEWOOD DRIVE, ALBANY, GEORGIA- 31707.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1907 HOMEWOOD DR, ALBANY, GA 31707.**

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

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: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is RAY COATES, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107, Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be

Foreclosures

construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for RAY COATES

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Ruben Lubin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-25-01731-1 Ad Run Dates 04/26/2025, 06/07/2025, 06/14/2025, 06/21/2025, 06/28/2025

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by DOROTHY C. BROOKS to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR POPULAR FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC in the original principal amount of \$109,800.00 dated March 29, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 3136, Page 67, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF POPULAR ABS, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-C in Deed Book 5223, Page 214, 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 July 01, 2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 79 IN THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL OF LOT 110 OF WESTWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 87 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B-30), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said property being known as: **2804 RAYBUN CT, ALBANY, GA 31721**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are DOROTHY C. BROOKS 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 800-887-4420

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.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE FOR JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF POPULAR ABS, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-C, as Attorney-in-Fact for DOROTHY C. BROOKS

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Phone: 470-321-7112 Firm File No. 25-277065 - CHM

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Rayfield Jenkins and Georgia Jenkins to American General Financial Services, inc. (DE) dated 1/5/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3089 Page 282 and modified at Deed Book 3980 Page 112 Dougherty

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County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2017-RP1, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$30,530.00, 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 July 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 situate, lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, and being more particularly described as being Lot 21, Block 20 of Ragsdale Odon Addition Subdivision according to a map or plat of same recorded in Deed Book 15, Page 344 and 345 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as **527 Jefferies Ave, Albany, GA 31705** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Rayfield Jenkins and Georgia Jenkins or tenant or tenants. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 1-888-480-2432 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2017-RP1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Rayfield Jenkins and Georgia Jenkins

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1006-979A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1006-979A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Spencer Bernard Floyd and Vanessa H. Floyd to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. dated 1/26/2001 and recorded in Deed Book 2178 Page 234 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2019-R1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$158,675.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on July 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 Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 48, Westwood Village, Section Three, according to a map or plat of same, recorded June 15, 1998, in plat cabinet 1, slide C-44-H in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. The above described property is conveyed subject to any and all easements and those certain restrictions recorded October 18, 1991 in deed book 1150, pages 128-143 and dated July 15, 1998 and recorded August 6, 1998 in deed book 1851, pages 240-241, Dougherty County public deed records. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the

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Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as **1817 Regalwood Dr, Albany, GA 31707** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Spencer Bernard Floyd and Vanessa H. Floyd or tenant or tenants. Fay Servicing, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Fay Servicing, LLC P.O. Box 814609 Dallas, TX 75381-4609 1-800-495-7166 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2019-R1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Spencer Bernard Floyd and Vanessa H. Floyd Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1216-3433A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a Security Deed given to GERALD R. COLLINS by RECESSION PROOF PARTNERS, LLC, said deed dated March 24, 2023 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia in Deed Book 5074, page 109-116, given to secure a Note in the original amount of \$168,000.00 with interest from the date stated therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2025 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 321, of the 1st Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 and 13 in Washington Heights Subdivision, as further shown on a plat of Survey of Washington Heights Subdivision by John H. Sperry, Land Surveyor, dated June 17, 1965 and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 241, (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-4) Dougherty County Records, which plat is hereby referred to and made a part of this description. Said property being known as 2102, 2104, 2200, 2202, 2216, and 2218 S. Jackson St.; Albany, Georgia 31701. Tax Parcel IDs: 000BB/00026/002, 000BB/00026/003, 000BB/00026/004, 000BB/00026/005, 000BB/00026/012 & 000BB/00026/013.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and any matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is RECESSION PROOF PARTNERS, LLC.

Gerald R. Collins, Attorney in Fact for RECESSION PROOF PARTNERS, LLC, 5315 Old Hundred Lane, Atlanta, GA 30327 404-205-5620

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: WILLIAM S. JOHNSON ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN 2252 S. Madison Street, Albany, Georgia 31701

and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:

Take Notice that:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lots 41 and 42 of Block "B" of Emily G. Henderson Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Deed Book 1, Page 237, in the

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Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.

LESS AND EXCEPT the following: Property conveyed to Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Dougherty County by Warranty Deed recorded February 19, 1964, in Deed Book 310, Pages 327-329, said Clerk's Office (70 feet by 250 feet); Property conveyed to Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Dougherty County by Quit-Claim Deed recorded January 6, 1966, in Deed Book 344, Page 166, said Clerk's Office (70 feet by 250 feet); Property conveyed to Dougherty County School System by Warranty Deed recorded January 6, 1966, in Deed Book 344, Pages 167-169, said Clerk's Office (3.78 acres) and Property conveyed to W.H. Malphurs by Warranty Deed recorded August 9, 1971, in Deed Book 455, Page 163329, said Clerk's Office (75 feet by 140 feet).

Subject to easements and restrictions or record. Parcel No. 000BB/00012/001

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 21st day of July 2025.

The Tax Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 1st day of August 2023, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5122, Pages 194-194A. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 21st day of July 2025, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

YUKIA ADAMS % Divine Finney Davis, PC 600 N. Jackson Street Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

TIMOTHY O. DAVIS Attorney for Yukia Adams Georgia State Bar No. 213025 600 N. Jackson Street Albany, GA 31701 229/883-1610 tim@dtdpcplaw.com

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Austin Arnold to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Royal United Mortgage LLC dated September 11, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 5126, Page 77, Dougherty County Records, and pursuant to affidavit recorded in Deed Book 52932, Page 263-265, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Planet Home Lending, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$148,148.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 1, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 225 IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING A PART OF TRACT 36 OF NEW YORK GEORGIA PECAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 18, PAGE 125, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT NO 36 AND RUN THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT WHICH IS ALSO THE NORTH MARGIN LINE OF POINCIANA DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 188

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TRACT ONE:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the First Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, consisting of tract or parcel No. 11 in the subdivision of land described as Cromartie Beach Development being a part of Lot of Land No. 198, as per a plat of survey made by William Lowe, C.E., dated December 23, 1946, reference to which is made, said Tract No. 11 being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of said tract (this point being on the north side of Cromartie Drive); thence run west along the north side of said Drive 102.4 feet to the southwest corner of said tract; thence run north 205.8 feet to Flint River Lake; thence run east 101 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of said tract; thence run south 198.7 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT TWO:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the First Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot No. 10 situate, lying and being in the subdivision of described as Cromartie Beach Development being a part of Lot of Land No. 198, as per a plat of survey made by William Lowe, C.E., dated December 23, 1946, reference to which is made, the tract of land herein conveyed being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on the north side of Cromartie Drive at the southeast corner of Lot No. 10 and running west along said drive 10 feet; thence running north 205.8 feet, more or less, to the Georgia Power Company Lake, thence running east 10 feet; thence south 205.8 feet to the point of beginning.

The plat of survey made by William Lowe, C.E., dated December 23, 1946, hereinbefore referenced, is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 267 (Plat Cabinet One, Slide A-34) in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia and is by this reference thereto expressly made a part hereof.

This is the same property conveyed to Jack Rodney McNeil and Dorothy Louise McNeil by Warranty Deed recorded at Deed Book 668, Page 484 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia.

Said property is commonly known as 1603 Cromartie Beach Road under the present system of numbering streets in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia.

Note is given that Georgia Community Bank, ATTN: Scott Bealey, 507 N. Westover Boulevard, Albany, Georgia 31707, telephone number (229) 514-1760, is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the above-referenced Security Deed.

The indebtedness secured by the aforementioned Security Deed has been and is hereby declared immediately due and payable in full because of the failure of Tonya Toms Kennedy and Timothy Sebastian Body to maintain payments upon said indebtedness owing to Georgia Community Bank in accordance with its terms. Said indebtedness remaining in default, this sale shall be made for the purpose of paying such indebtedness, as well as all expenses of this sale, including attorneys' fees.

The above-described property will be sold as the property of Tonya Toms Kennedy and Timothy Sebastian Body, their successors or assigns and will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning and subdivision ordinances and/or regulations; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or an inspection of the property; all liens for solid waste and the like; all real property ad valorem taxes or assessments, which may constitute liens upon said property; all liens which, under applicable law, would take priority over the Security Deed described above; and all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, security deeds or other encumbrances of record which have priority over the referenced Security Deed.

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

Georgia Community Bank (f/k/a Bank of Lee County, a Division of Bank of Terrell), as Attorney-In-Fact for Tonya Toms Kennedy and Timothy Sebastian Body

DREW, ECKL & FARNHAM, LLP

By: DAVID W. ORLOWSKI Georgia Bar No. 554325 Attorneys for Georgia Community Bank

Post Office Box 607 Albany, Georgia 31702-0607 (229) 431-3036

PUBLICATION DATES: June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Lakina B. Dukes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for WMC MORTGAGE CORP., dated November 2, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 3243, Page 60, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded May 1, 2017 in Book 4411, Page 289 in the amount of One Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine and 10/100 (\$101,569.10) Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST by assignment recorded on April 24, 2025 in Book 5290 Page 103 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount

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of Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$65,600.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 1, 2025, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and being all of Lot Number Sixteen (16) in Block Number Thirty-four (34) in Rawson Circle Subdivision, as per map or plat of said thereof recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Plat Book Two (2), Page Seventeen (17).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept. or by writing to 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5 th Floor, Suite 500, Coppell, Texas 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Eric A. Dukes and Lakina B. Dukes or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 812 10th Avenue, Albany, GA 31701.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST as Attorney in Fact for Lakina B. Dukes.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Suite 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S file no.: 24-37245

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA ASHLEY WIDNER, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2025P14

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

CHERYL BRUNER WEATHERSBY has petitioned for LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to be appointed administrator of the estate of MARTHA ASHLEY WIDNER 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 JUNE 23 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.

Tony C. Thompson (Acting Judge) Judge of the Probate Court By: Juanita Dawson Clerk of the Probate Court P.O. Box 87 Morgan, Ga 39866 Address 229-849-2115 Telephone Number

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Grid for crossword puzzle with letters and numbers. Includes clues for 1-11 and 12-20.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Advertisement for Classifieds featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Whether you're buying or selling... it's a WIN! WIN! in the CLASSIFIEDS!'.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos. Includes a grid of letters and clues for words like 'Y M H W X G E A P Z X G T Z Z F X Z E P Z Y Z U T'.

7 LITTLE WORDS puzzle. Includes clues, solutions, and a word bank with words like IS, ZI, TAB, YE, HA, etc.

Advertisement for Local News Story: 'Got a Great Local News Story? Tell us about it today! Call Carlton Fletcher 229-888-9300 or carlton.fletcher@albanyherald.com'.

CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and grid. Includes sections for ACROSS, DOWN, and ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE.

Large advertisement for 'SUBSCRIBE TODAY!' for The Albany Herald, featuring a dog reading a newspaper and contact information.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle. Includes clues for 89-119 and 120-149, and a grid for the puzzle.

What to watch SATURDAY

June 7, 2025

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

To Barcelona, With Love

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film
Launching this year's "Passport to Love" event, this romance film stars Alison Sweeney as Erica, an American expat living in Barcelona who translates novels into Spanish, though her dream is to be published herself someday. Anna (Ashley Williams) is the American author of the hit book *Barcelona, Mi Amor* that Erica translated; due to its local popularity, Anna comes to Barcelona for a book signing event. Her arrival not only catches the attention of local bookstore owner Nico (Alejandro Tous), for whom Erica has long had feelings, but Anna's appearance



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at the store also threatens to bring to light Erica's secret: that she took liberties with her translation to improve the story and infuse it with the local authenticity it was missing.

Kidnapped by a Killer: The Heather Robinson Story

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film
Lifetime's latest "Ripped From the Headlines" true-crime thriller stars Rachel Stubington as Heather Robinson, who, at age 15, had her world shattered when she learned that she had been abducted as a baby and raised by the family of the man she knew as her uncle: serial killer John Robinson (Steve

Guttenberg), who was convicted of murdering her biological mother.

Ocean With David Attenborough

Nat Geo, 9 p.m.
Airing just ahead of World Oceans Day (June 8), this film marks the first collaboration of its kind between legendary naturalist Sir David Attenborough and National Geographic. The documentary is presented by Attenborough, who takes audiences on a cinematic journey through the planet's most spectacular undersea habitats while also exploring how we can restore Earth's vast, interconnected waters.

CATCH A CLASSIC

AMC Celebrates: 'Jaws' 50th Anniversary

AMC, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Steven Spielberg's classic, Best Picture Oscar-nominated thriller *Jaws* opened in theaters 50 years ago this month, on June 20, 1975. This adaptation of Peter Benchley's bestselling novel about a rogue great white shark terrorizing a New England beach community ultimately became the first U.S. film to gross over \$100 million at the box office, with most of its total coming during a summer release that also served to scare many viewers away from beaches that season. With a terrific cast led by Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw, Spielberg's film wisely jettisoned superfluous plot elements, and the rather abrupt ending, from

Benchley's novel to pare things down into a merciless and entertaining thriller/sea adventure. *Jaws* was the harbinger of a new blockbuster era; its long lines of eager filmgoers, many of whom saw the film multiple times, showed studios that summertime — before then, considered a largely slow time at theaters — could be big business for movies. And it certainly wasn't the last time that Spielberg's name would be attached to a summer blockbuster. The young (he was just in his late 20s when he made the film) filmmaker somehow did not receive a Best Director Oscar nomination even though it was his steady creative hand that made the film as successfully suspenseful as it is. The film did win Academy Awards for its sound and editing, and for John Williams' iconic musical score — the other major factor that has made the movie an influential and enduring thrill ride. AMC is celebrating 50 years of *Jaws* today with airings of the original classic and its sequels, which continued



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to diminish in quality with each successive entry: *Jaws 2* (1978), *Jaws 3* (1983) and *Jaws: The Revenge* (1987).

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'War for the Planet of the Apes'
20TH CENTURY STUDIOS

The 13th Wife: Escaping Polygamy, Part 2 (2025, Docudrama) Felicity Huffman, Olga Petsa **Lifetime, 6 p.m.**

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (2022, Action) Letitia Wright, Angela Bassett **USA, 7 p.m.**

Happy Gilmore (1996, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald **Comedy Central, 8 p.m.**

Miss Congeniality (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Patricia Cornwell's The Front (2010, Crime drama) Andie MacDowell, Daniel Sunjata **LMN, 8 p.m.**

War for the Planet of the Apes (2017, Science fiction) Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson **FXM, 8 p.m.**

Creed III (2023, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson **BET, 9 p.m.**

50 First Dates (2004, Romance-comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore **Comedy Central, 10 p.m.**

A Trusted Man (2011, Suspense) Charisma Carpenter, Dylan Neal **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Regina King **VH1, 10:30 p.m.**

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NASCAR Cup Series: FireKeepers Casino 400

Prime Video, 2 p.m. Live

The Cup Series is back at Michigan International Speedway for the FireKeepers Casino 400, featuring William Byron, Kyle Larson, Denny Hamlin, Chase Elliott and other stars battling for 200 laps.

Collector's Call

MeTV, 6:30 p.m.

Mike Lefevre was 5 years old when his father brought his little sister home from the hospital — holding her in one hand and a plush doll of beloved Peanuts beagle Snoopy in the other. From that moment on, Snoopy became a fixture in Mike's life. Today, his collection contains more than 15,000 Snoopy items, all on full display in a museum he has built at his waterfront restaurant in suburban Detroit. Mike shows some of them to host Lisa Whelchel and toy expert Johnpaul Ragusa, whose own home is filled with Snoopy paraphernalia that he and his wife have collected.

CATCH A CLASSIC

The Philadelphia Story

TCM, noon

Best Director Oscar nominee George Cukor's sophisticated, Best Picture Oscar-nominated 1940 screwball comedy classic is adapted from Philip Barry's play set in Philadelphia's tony Main Line suburbs. Best Actress Oscar nominee Katharine Hepburn re-creates her stage role as society girl Tracy Lord, whose upcoming second marriage is imperiled by the attentions of her playboy ex-husband, Dexter (Cary Grant).



'Tucci in Italy'

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

The Wedding Contest

UPtv, 7 p.m. ■ Original Film

When a couple can't decide on a theme for their upcoming wedding, they end up hiring two wedding planners, Taylor (Nikki McKenzie) and Ben (Giles Pantou), to compete for the job by proposing two very different styles.

SNL50:

The Anniversary Special

NBC, 7:30 p.m.

This is an encore presentation of the highly rated and critically acclaimed special that originally aired in February. The program features cast members past and present, and some of the biggest stars of the last half-century, celebrating *Saturday Night Live*'s milestone 50th anniversary.

The 78th Annual Tony Awards

CBS, 8 p.m. Live

Hosted by Oscar-nominated *Wicked* actress Cynthia Erivo, the 78th Annual Tony Awards

return to the legendary Radio City Music Hall in New York City to honor the incredible artistry of the 2024-25 Broadway season. *Buena Vista Social Club*, *Death Becomes Her* and *Maybe Happy Ending* lead with 10 nominations each, and actor/playwright Harvey Fierstein will receive the 2025 Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement. Members of the original cast of *Hamilton* reunite for a special 10th anniversary performance.

Tucci in Italy

Nat Geo, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

The first season concludes as host Stanley Tucci ventures beyond Rome to the less-visited countryside of Lazio to understand the relationships between the ancient metropolis and the rural heartland.

Eva Longoria: Searching for Spain

CNN, 9 p.m.

Returning to her ancestral roots, host Eva Longoria explores Asturias' majestic mountains, orchards and seas, discovering the region's rich culinary traditions.

Secrets of the Zoo: Down Under

Nat Geo Wild, 9 p.m.

In the new episode "Platypus Emergency," it's all hands on deck to try to save an emaciated and tick-infested 6-month-old platypus. Plus, meet the zoo's breeding pair of Galápagos tortoises.

My Happy Place

CNN, 10 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Actor Simu Liu is the subject of this travel/lifestyle series' first season finale. Bangkok, Thailand, was always Liu's dream destination to visit, and two years ago his dream became a reality. The city was everything he dreamed of, and in this episode, he revisits some of his favorite places and finds new things to love about Bangkok.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Rush Hour 3'
GLEN WILSON

Rush Hour 3 (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker **TBS, 6 p.m.**

To Barcelona, With Love (2025, Romance) Alison Sweeney, Alejandro Tous **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Avatar: The Way of Water (2022, Science fiction) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana **FX, 7 p.m.**

Blade (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff **BBC America, 7 p.m.**

Back to the Future (1985, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd **CW, 7:30 p.m.**

Avengers: Infinity War (2018, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Regina King **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Seduced by His Lies (2025, Suspense) Lauren Lee Smith, Christopher Russell **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

Blue Streak (1999, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson **BET, 9 p.m.**

Tomb Raider (2018, Adventure) Alicia Vikander, Dominic West **TNT, 9:30 p.m.**

Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore (2022, Fantasy) Eddie Redmayne, Jude Law **E!, 10 p.m.**

What Would You Kill For? (2025, Suspense) Rayisa Kondracki, Laura Provenzano **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Hustlers (2019, Comedy-drama) Constance Wu, Jennifer Lopez **VH1, 10:30 p.m.**

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What to watch

MONDAY

June 9, 2025

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

Art Detectives

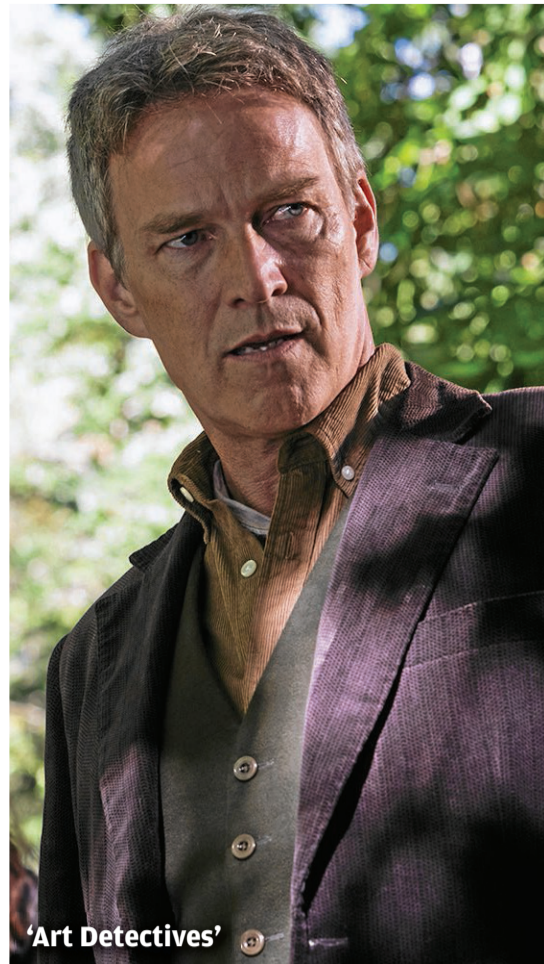
Acorn TV ■ **New Series**

This drama is centered around the Heritage Crime Unit, a police department consisting of art-loving Detective Inspector Mick Palmer (Stephen Moyer) and straight-talking Detective Constable Shazia Malik (Nina Singh). Together, they solve murders connected to the world of art and antiques. Mick navigates these demanding cases while managing a budding romance with museum curator Rosa (Sarah Alexander) and the sudden reappearance of his father, Ron (Larry Lamb), who just happens to be one of Britain's most notorious forgers. The first two episodes are available today; new episodes drop on Mondays.

BET Awards 2025

BET, 8 p.m. **Live**

Kevin Hart hosts this year's installment of the annual event celebrating Black culture and legacy across music, film, television and sports, which is marking its 25th anniversary.



'Art Detectives'

ACORN TV

Kendrick Lamar leads this year's field with 10 nominations. Mariah Carey, Jamie Foxx, Kirk Franklin and Snoop Dogg will all be honored with the BET Ultimate Icon Award.

American Ninja Warrior

NBC, 8 p.m.

Qualifiers continue in Las Vegas with a special *How to Train Your Dragon*-themed

episode. Dragons Toothless and Stormfly join the ninjas, and the film's star, Mason Thames, joins Matt and Akbar in the booth.

Virgins

TLC, 9 p.m. ■ **New Series**

TLC is describing its latest reality series as a wild, warm and wonderfully awkward ride with four adults who have yet to experience sexual intercourse, as they navigate love, intimacy and self-discovery in their 30s and 40s. It's not just about sex, TLC says — it's about embracing vulnerability and pushing past fears where the real climax is confidence, connection and self-love.

Yes, Chef!

NBC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Knowing Your Limit," the chefs will be asked to create a cohesive three-course menu and prepare any dishes they want for a room full of diners. They'll need to win head-to-head culinary battles to acquire ingredients.

Tyler Perry's Divorced Sistas

BET & BET Her, 11:30 p.m. ■ **New Series**

Described as a "fresh extension of the *Sistas* universe," this spinoff follows five friends — Rasheda (LeToya Luckett), Geneva (Khadeen Indréa), Naomi (Porscha Coleman), Tiffany (Briana Price) and Bridgette (Jennifer Sears) — who are all battling life and relationship woes at some stage of divorce, marriage or dating. Following its first-episode preview on linear television tonight, *Divorced Sistas* will drop new episodes Thursdays on BET+.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Cinderella'

JONATHAN OLLEY

Operation Fortune: Ruse de guerre (2023, Action) Jason Statham, Aubrey Plaza **SYFY, 5:30 p.m.**

Bonds Will Be Broken (2024, Suspense) Emily Tennant, Greyston Holt **LMN, 6 p.m.**

The Breakfast Club (1985, Comedy-drama) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald **Sundance, 7 p.m.**

Colombiana (2011, Action) Zoe Saldaña, Jordi Mollà **BBC America, 7:30 p.m.**

Wedding Crashers (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn **E!, 7:30 p.m.**

65 (2023, Science fiction) Adam Driver, Ariana Greenblatt **FX, 8 p.m.**

Legion (2010, Horror) Paul Bettany, Lucas Black **SYFY, 8 p.m.**

My Cousin Vinny (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei **AMC, 8 p.m.**

The Reluctant Royal (2025, Romance) Andrew Walker, Emilie de Ravin **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

There's No Way Out (2025, Suspense) Elizabeth Longshaw, Stafford Perry **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Cinderella (2015, Children) Cate Blanchett, Lily James **Freeform, 8:30 p.m.**

Nobody (2021, Action) Bob Odenkirk, Connie Nielsen **SYFY, 10 p.m.**

Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd **AMC, 10:30 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

Sister, Sister (Joan Fontaine and Olivia de Havilland)

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

The daughters of English actress Lillian Fontaine and attorney Walter de Havilland — Olivia, the oldest, and Joan, a little over a year younger — went on to become two of the greatest female stars of Hollywood's golden age (the only siblings to have won lead acting Academy Awards). While most siblings have their differences, the uneasiness and rivalry between them became well-documented by the media, and the two stopped talking following their mother's passing in

1975. Today, you can enjoy both Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine in just a few of their respective memorable films. Fontaine leads things off in **The Constant Nymph** (1943), a romantic drama that earned her a Best Actress nomination alongside Charles Boyer. Next is **Devotion** (1946), a biographical drama about the literary Brontë sisters featuring de Havilland as Charlotte. Fontaine takes the screen next in **Ivanhoe (pictured)**, the 1952 historical adventure also starring Robert Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor. Following that, de Havilland, Henry Fonda and Joan Leslie headline the romantic comedy/drama **The Male Animal** (1942). The drama **Until They Sail** (1957) is next, featuring Fontaine, Jean Simmons, Paul Newman, Piper Laurie and Sandra Dee. Then, the romantic comedy **Hard to Get** (1938) stars de Havilland alongside Dick Powell.



METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER

The final movie is Alfred Hitchcock's Best Picture-nominated thriller **Suspicion** (1941), starring Fontaine and Cary Grant. Fontaine's performance won her the Best Actress Oscar in the only year that the sisters were up against each other in that category (de Havilland had been nominated for *Hold Back the Dawn*).

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Expert Advice to Cook for a Summer Crowd

7 chef-inspired tips to reduce hosting stress

FAMILY FEATURES

Don't let cooking for a crowd add undue stress to summer fun. Barbecues are meant to bring joy, excitement and delicious foods to the table — without leaving hosts frantically flipping meat on the grill.

To help make your next cookout a success without the sweat, chef Trimell Hawkins and Current — on a mission to break down barriers to outdoor cooking with electric technology that's smarter, cleaner and more sustainable — offer these tips and tricks for hosting (and feeding) large groups.

Think In Themes

Giving your menu a theme, like street food, helps set the tone for the party. Portable, flavorful and easy to prep in bulk, street foods such as tacos are perfect for large gatherings. Hawkins' signature move is combining mini street foods — think tacos, gyros or bao — with skewers to create "bundle skewers." These Bundle Skewer Street Tacos are an ideal example of a playful, practical solution for portioning and presentation.

Portion Planning

Assume about two tacos per guest when other dishes are served alongside. This taco recipe yields around 50 tacos at 3 ounces each or closer to 80 if sized down to 2 ounces, making it a practical way to serve buffet-style meals with multiple offerings.

Temperature and Texture

Diversify your table with hot, cold and room-temperature options. Fruit and cheese plates, veggie platters and salads are "set and forget" staples that free up time while satisfying guests.

Master Make-Ahead Dishes

Success starts a day in advance by preparing marinades, salads, grilled veggies and sides. The more you prep early, the more you can enjoy the party.

Bundle Skewer Street Tacos

Recipe courtesy of chef Trimell Hawkins on behalf of Current

- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon pepper

Trust in Technology

If the thought of grilling for a crowd keeps you up at night, skip the messy charcoal and turn to the Current Model G Dual Zone Electric Grill. It allows hosts to grill promptly and eliminates the need for pauses to refuel or adjust flames. With sensing technology that precisely monitors and controls temperature at the grate level, it ensures accurate cooking — hosts can even monitor progress from afar and enjoy the party thanks to its app and Wi-Fi connectivity.

Plus, its patented cooking system and dual-zone flexibility are crucial for preparing large batches of food or simultaneously accommodating varied cooking preferences — like medium-rare versus medium-well steak — so hosts can confidently grill at different temperatures at the same time. Reduced flareups and no open flames or briquettes improve safety, comfort and cleanliness, all welcome benefits when managing large events. After grilling, simply wipe down surfaces rather than handling ashes or residue.

Offer Inclusive Options

Hawkins recommends including universally friendly dishes like hummus with veggies, fruit salads, grilled vegetables with chimichurri and gluten-free proteins like wings or tacos on corn tortillas to make sure there's something for everyone.

Be Present

Design your menu with the goal of enjoying your event — not dreading it. One of Trimell's favorite tricks is hot-holding proteins like chicken in stock and butter, which enhances flavor while reducing stress. The result: A more relaxed host and better opportunities to enjoy time with guests.

To find more summer hosting tips and recipes that can feed a crowd, visit [CurrentBackyard.com](https://www.currentbackyard.com).

- 1 teaspoon coriander
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 10 pounds chicken or beef shoulder steak, sliced thin
- taco shells or tortillas
- salsa (optional)
- shredded lettuce (optional)
- diced tomatoes (optional)

Combine garlic, onion, cumin, onion powder, garlic powder, salt, pepper, coriander,

lime juice and vegetable oil. Coat meat thoroughly. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour, or up to 24 hours.

Preheat grill to 400 F. Thread small bundles (about 3 ounces each) onto skewers. Aim for three per skewer to streamline portioning.

Grill chicken until it reaches internal temperature of 165 F. For steak, grill to desired doneness.

Transfer bundles to small taco shells and serve with salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, as desired.

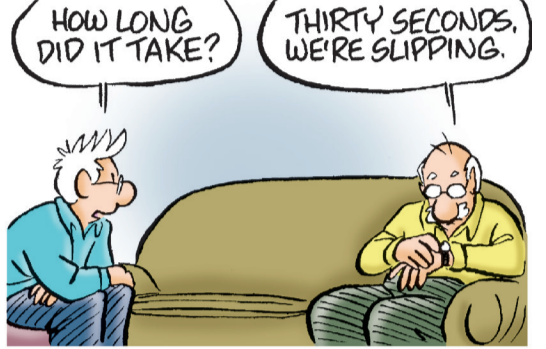


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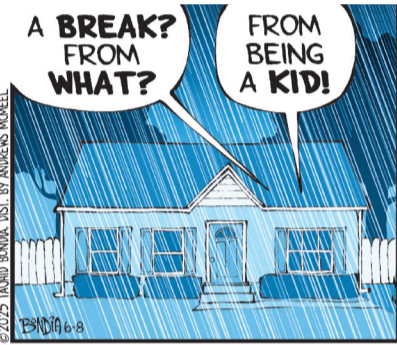
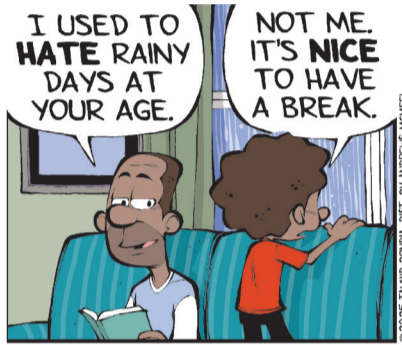
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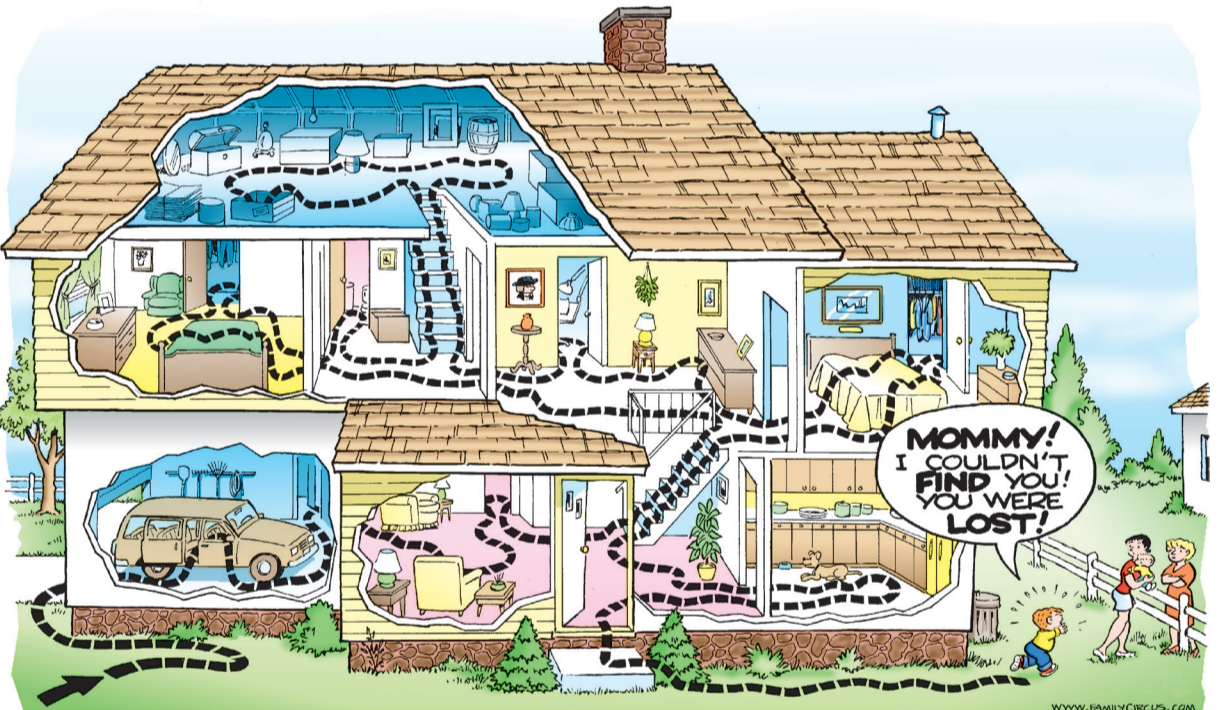
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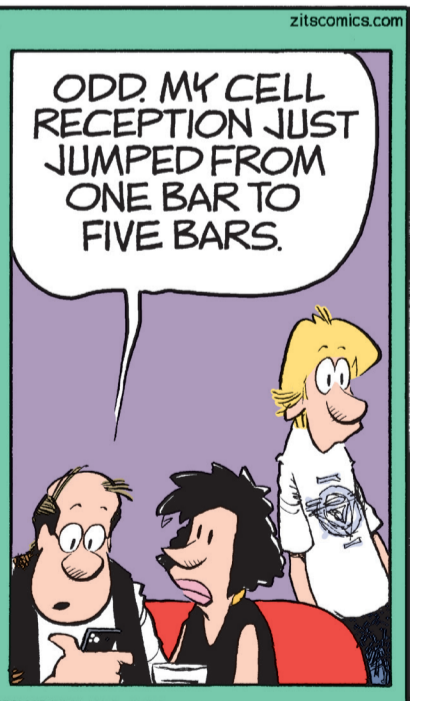
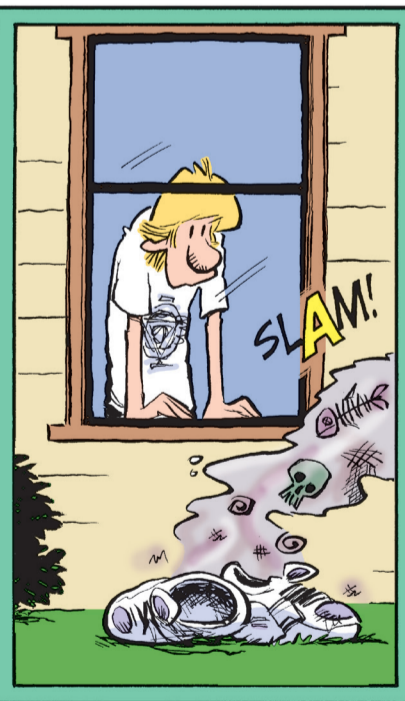
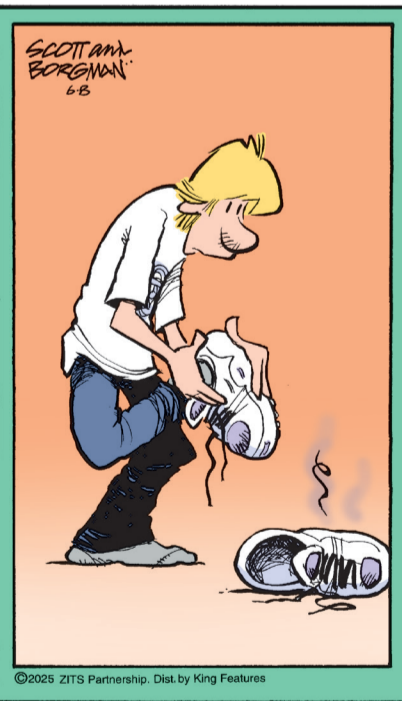
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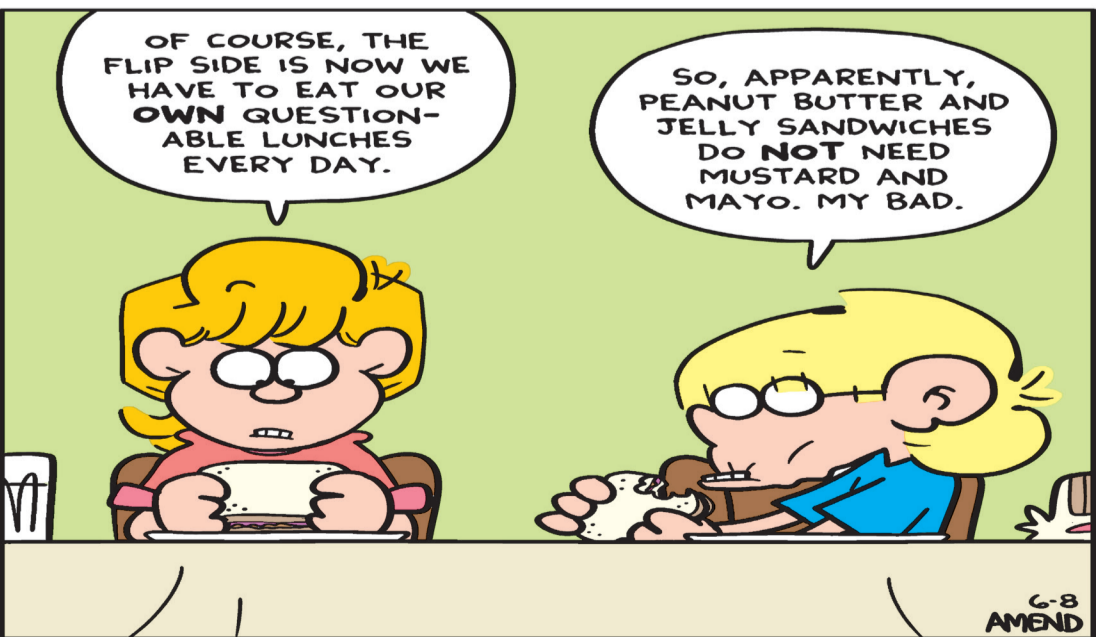
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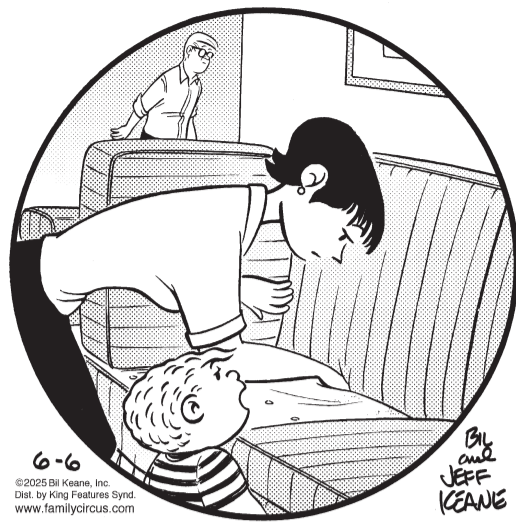
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CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



Research has shown that wearing a baseball cap backward can lower one's IQ by more than 50 points.

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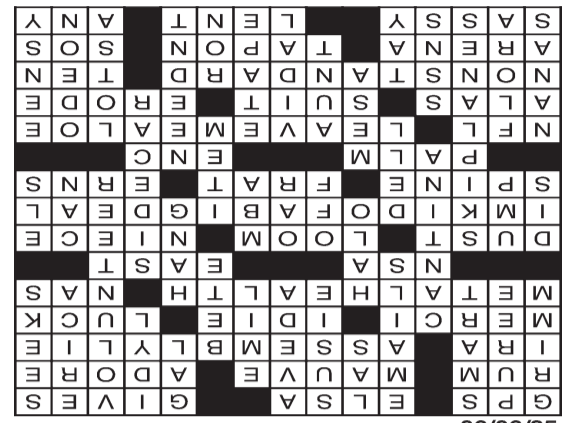
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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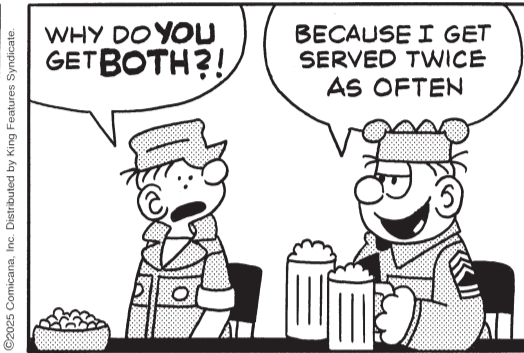
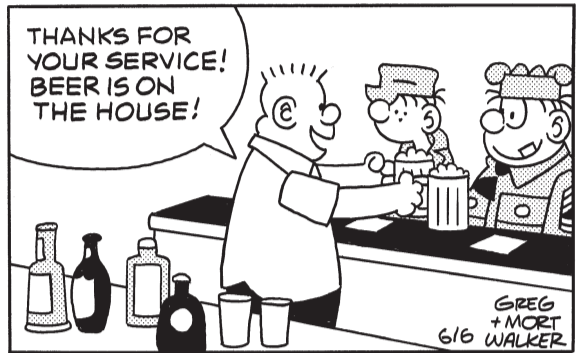
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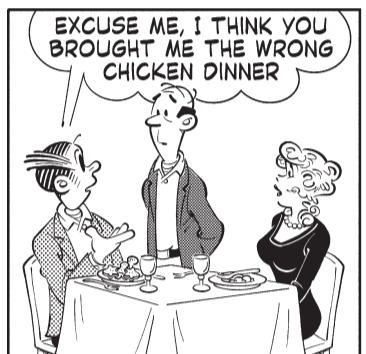
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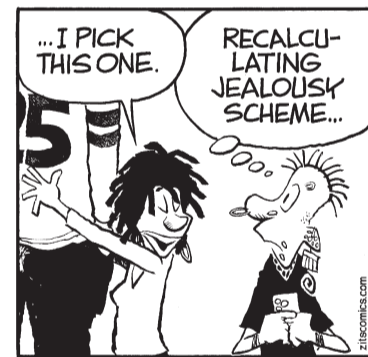
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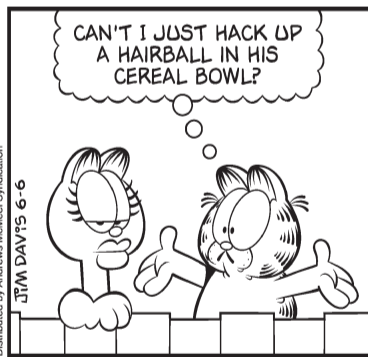
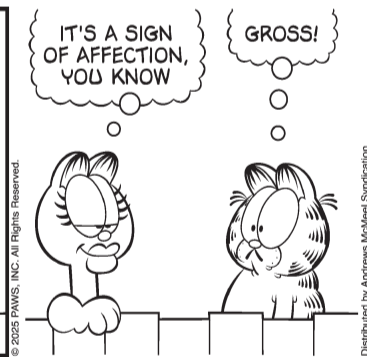
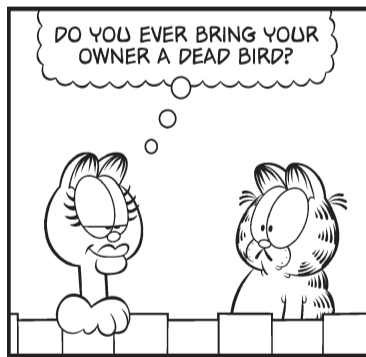
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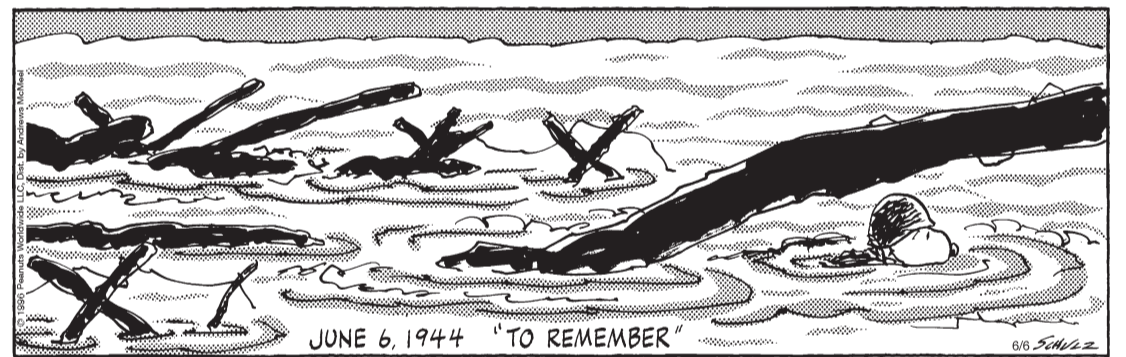
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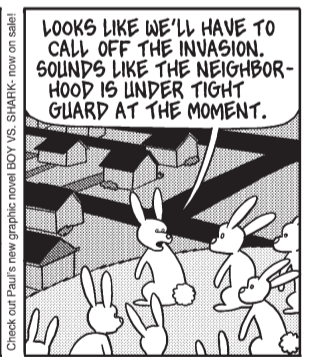
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PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



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.

HOPING FOR POSITIVE JOB GROWTH

Solution: 9 letters

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Adapt, Advance, Benefits, Bonus, Brand, Business, Career, Computer, Contract, Cost, Develop, Employer, Energy, Fund, Incentive, Income, Interview, Invest, Labor, Manager, Mindset, Payment, Performance, Plan, Products, Raise, References, Research, Résumé, Role, Safe, Salary, Sales, Skills, Staff, Statistics, Success, Time, Wage, Work

TODAY'S ANSWER: Prospects

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

MAIL-IN VOT

SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

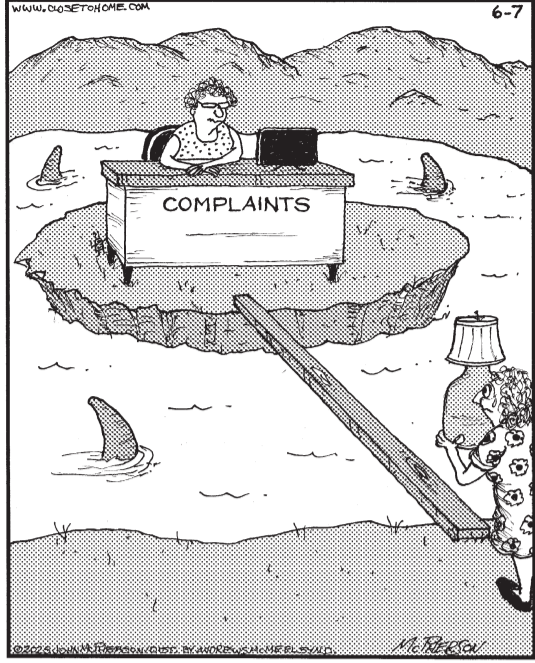
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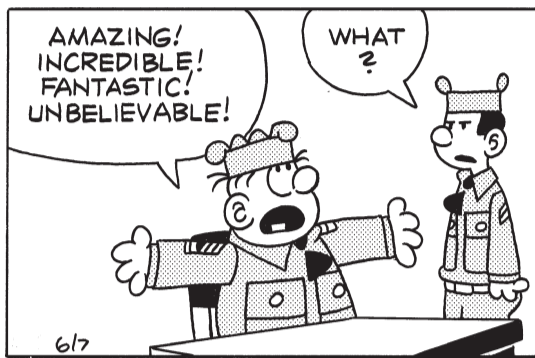
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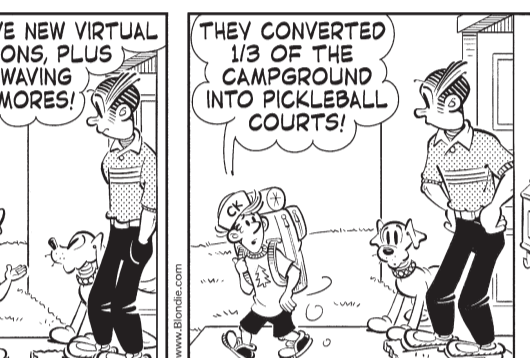
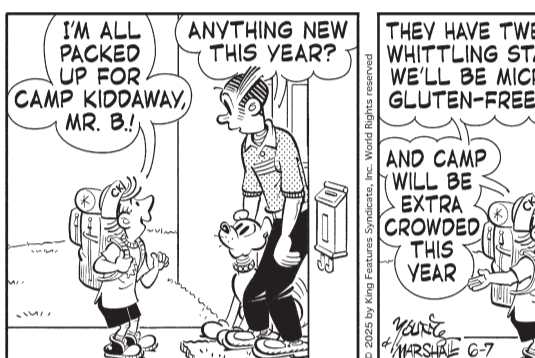
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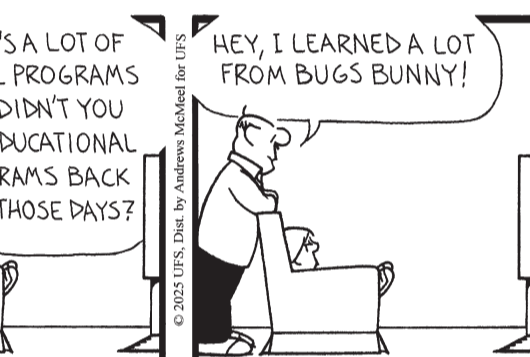
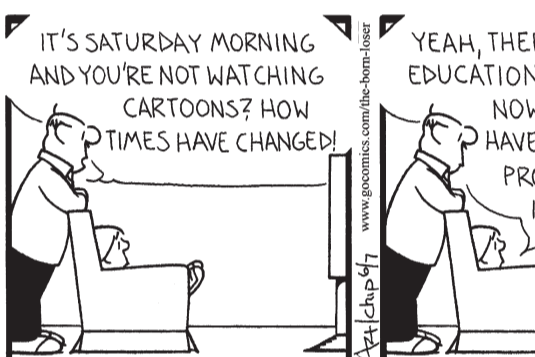
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THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



CROSSWORD

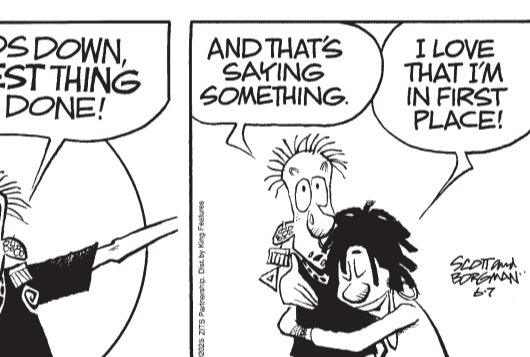
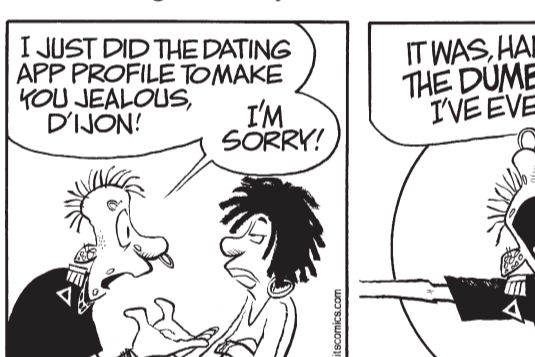
ACROSS
 1 Means to an —
 4 Rescued
 9 Scottish cap
 12 Movie set VIP (Abbr.)
 13 "— Lucy"
 14 — loss for words
 15 Hosp. area
 16 Bring down
 17 Calendar abbr.
 18 Place of worship
 20 Wavelet
 22 Youngster
 23 Distributed cards
 24 Raced
 26 Roll with a hole
 29 Nest-egg letters
 30 Actress — Lupino
 31 "Let — eat cake"
 35 The two together
 37 Gratuity
 38 Sailor's assent
 39 Helps to do wrong
 41 Worry
 42 Walk at a leisurely pace
 45 Mother
 46 Steal
 48 Insect antenna
 51 Literary collection
 52 Complete
 54 — de cologne
 55 Food fish
 56 Baggy
 57 Away from NNW
 58 Before
 59 Chew the scenery
 60 Rds.

DOWN
 1 Correction to a text
 2 Agreeable
 3 Repetitive sound
 4 Inane
 5 Succulent plant
 6 Promise
 7 "What — Happened to Baby Jane?"
 8 Ridicule
 9 City in Florida
 10 Island
 11 French painter
 19 Seed case
 21 Hit again and again
 24 Bro or sis — bono
 25 Mouthful
 27 Entrance to a mine
 28 Openings
 32 Perfectly safe
 33 Spud bud
 34 Came upon
 36 Sports period
 40 Ladybug
 41 Enemy
 42 With much speed
 43 Asia —
 44 Bit of grass
 45 Confused fight
 47 Chamber
 48 Eat no food
 49 Bridge position
 50 Regrets
 53 In addition

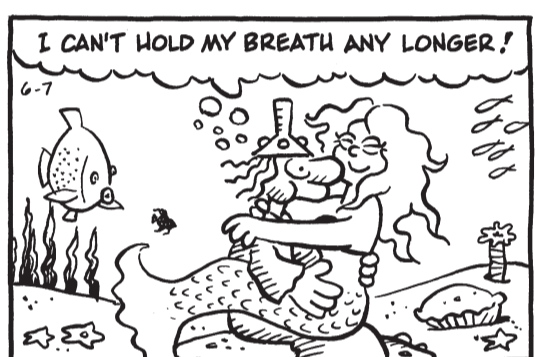
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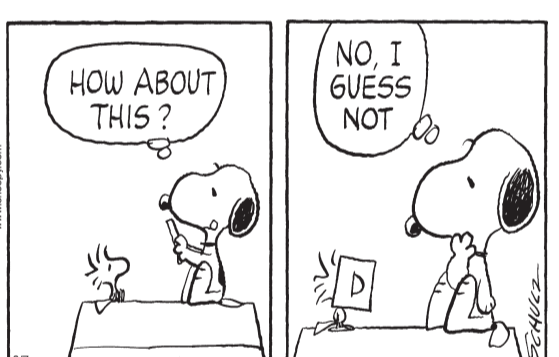
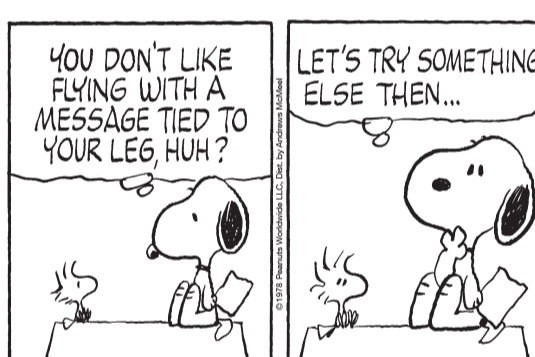
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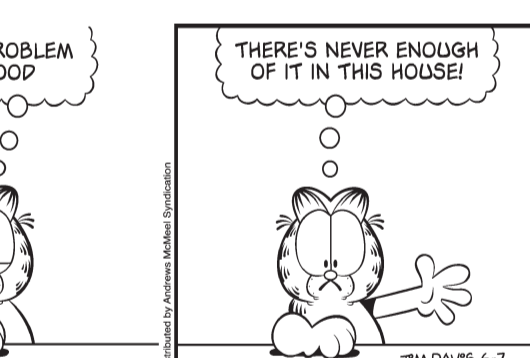
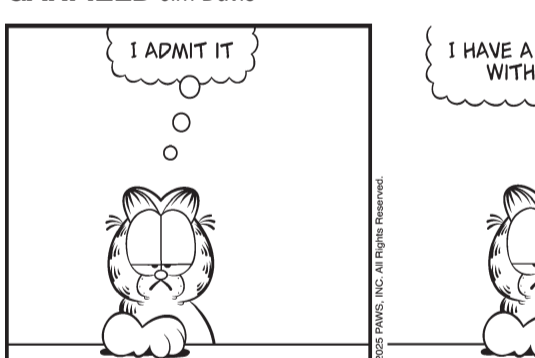
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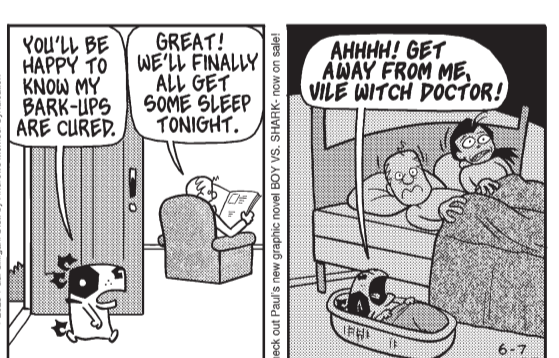
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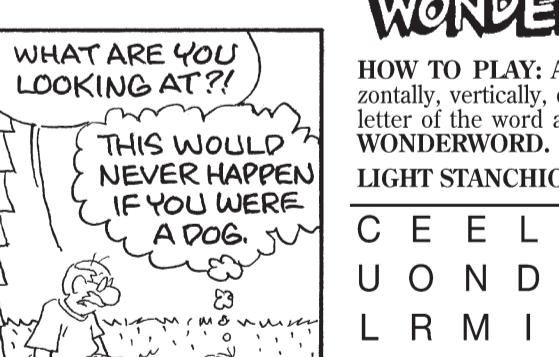
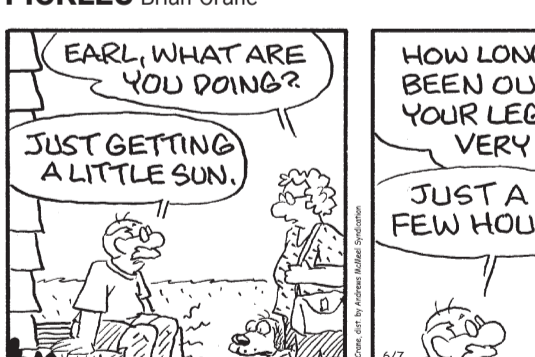
GARFIELD Jim Davis



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

2			8	3	5	6		
			9		8	1	2	
	9			3				
			6					
1	6					2	8	
		3						
		4			9			
3	9	8		1				
	2	1	8	4				3

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:

8	2	9	6	7	8	1	2	5
7	5	2	1	9	8	6	3	4
1	8	6	2	5	7	4	9	3
9	6	1	8	2	5	9	7	4
8	2	7	9	6	5	9	1	3
5	8	9	1	2	7	8	6	4
7	4	5	1	9	2	6	5	8
1	7	8	5	6	7	9	4	2
6	9	5	3	8	4	7	1	2

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

M I L L E N N I U M

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Not in a thousand years

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.

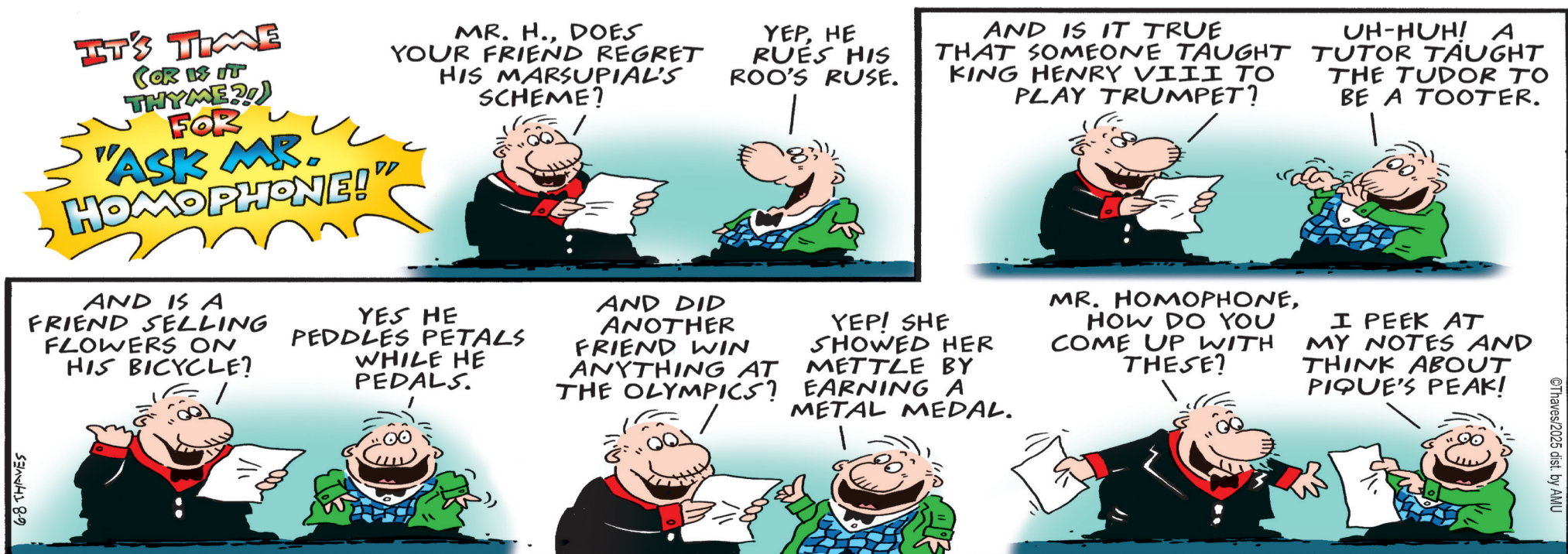
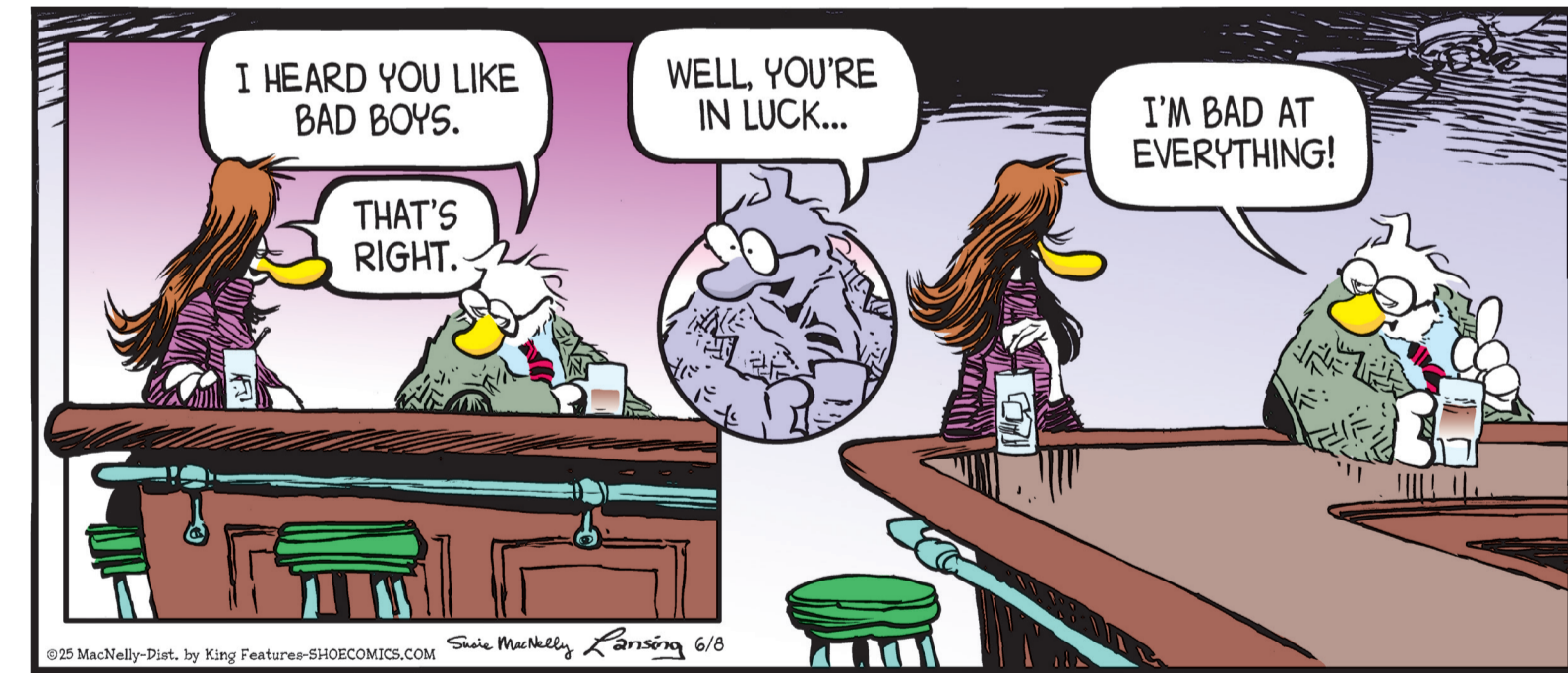
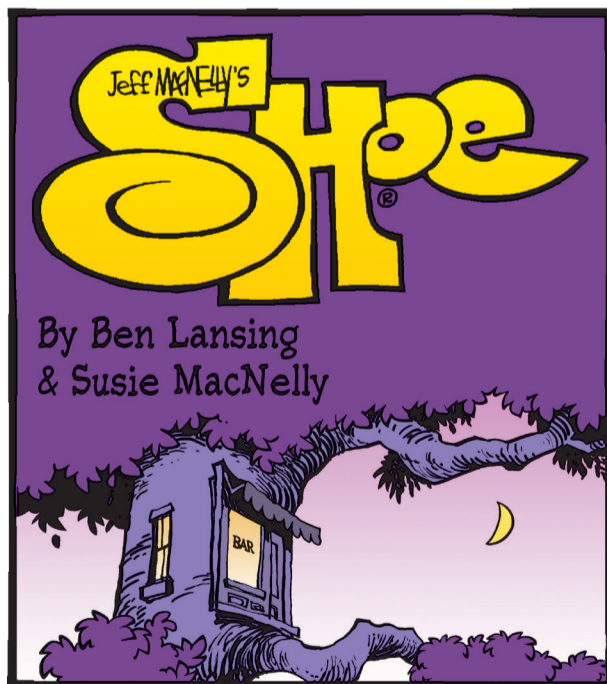
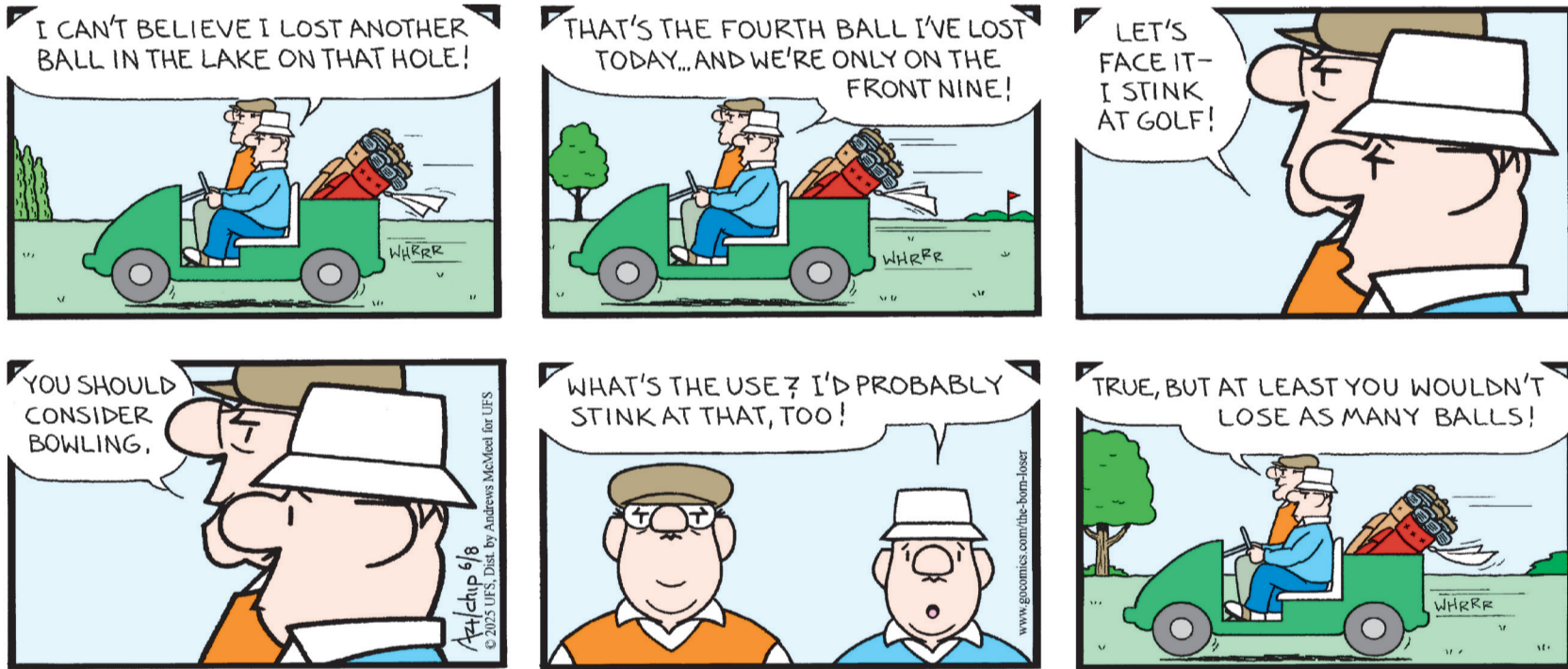
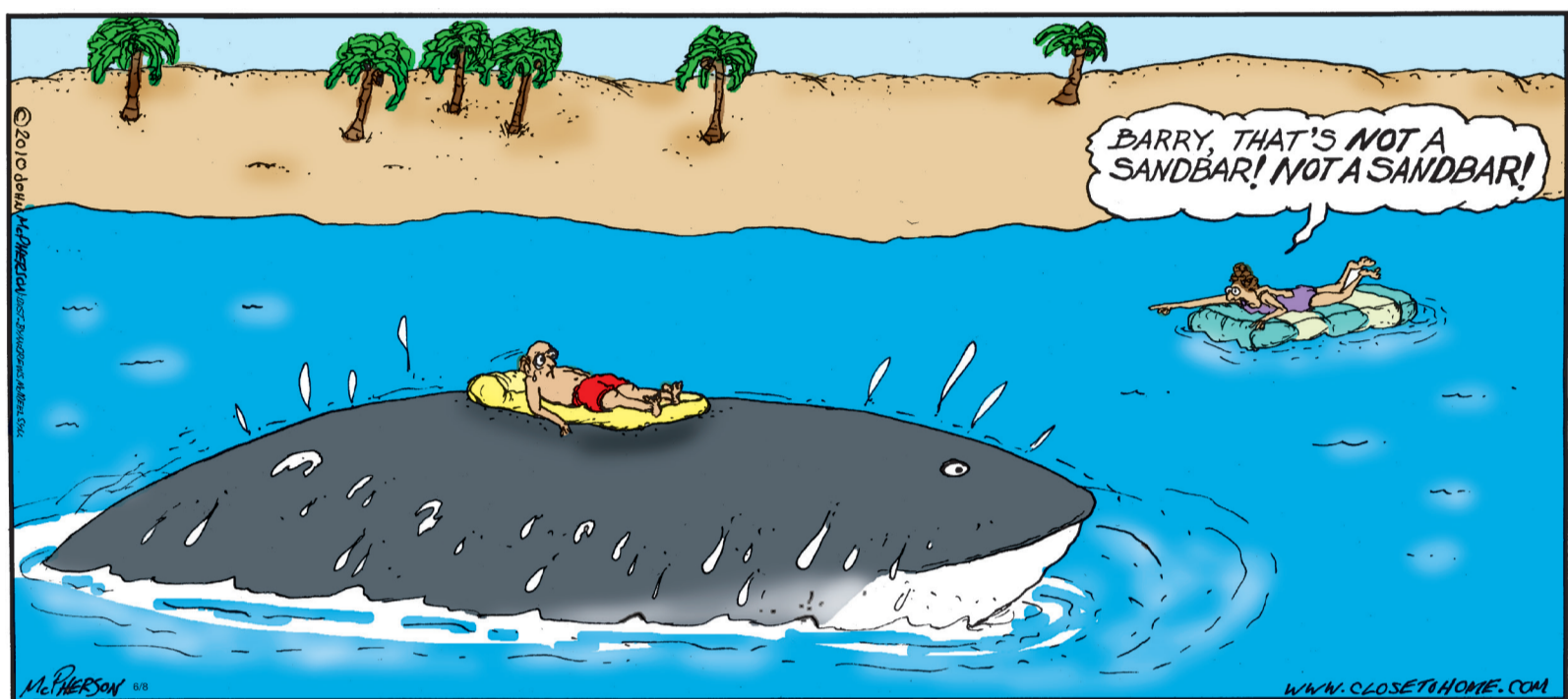
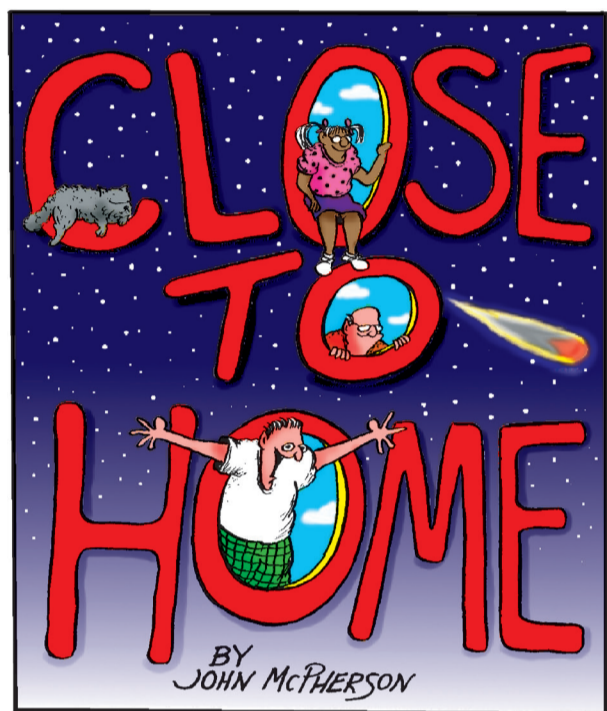
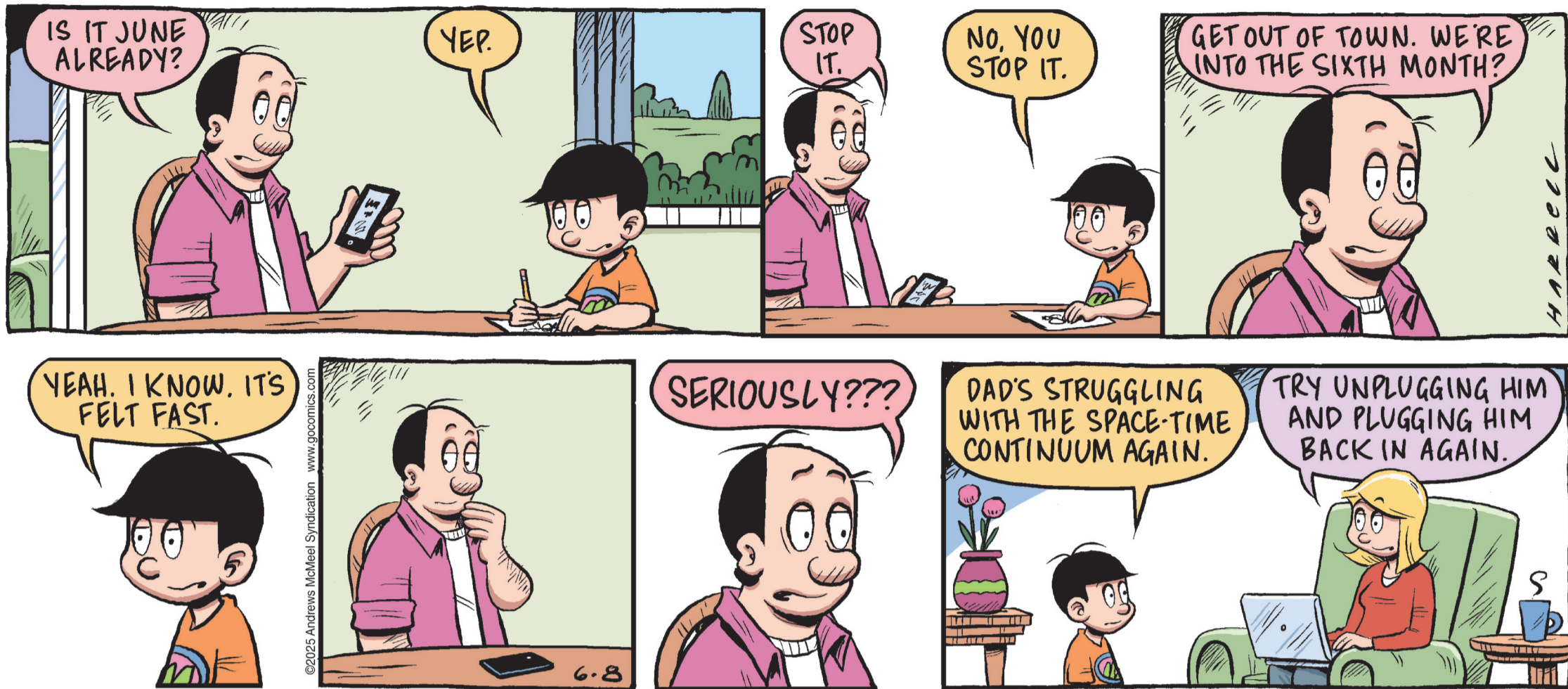
LIGHT STANCHIONS Solution: 6 letters

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 U O N D U R A B I L I T Y T G
 L R M I O Y S E C A P S V E R
 A F B P L E T N A N C H O R E
 N O P A L E G I B E A M E C N
 D U M U N I M U L A P P M N E
 S N S T S D A I E I L M R O G
 C D E E B N S N T A B L A C A
 A A D P U B L I C A E I S L T
 P T I O L A U E R E W H S T L
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 N O G E S E A S L A R U R M V
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 T E G D U B R I G H T N E S S

TODAY'S ANSWER: Venues

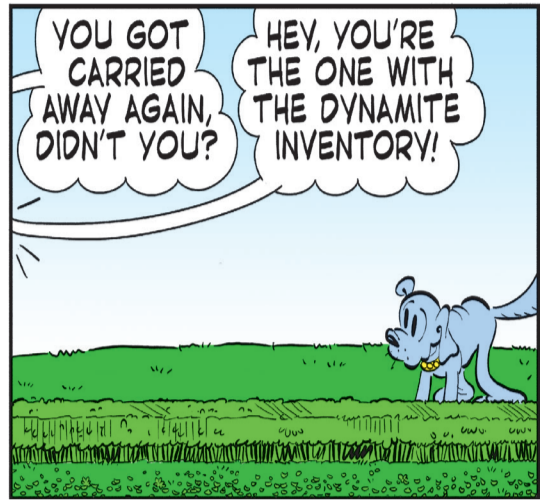
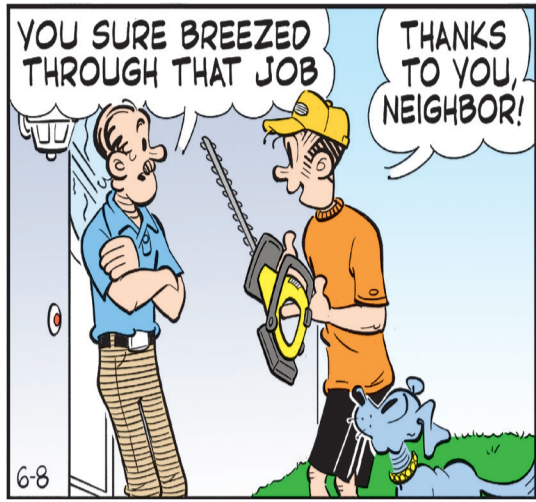
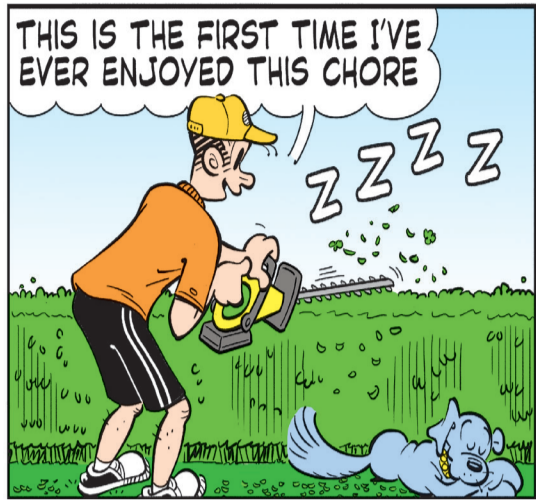
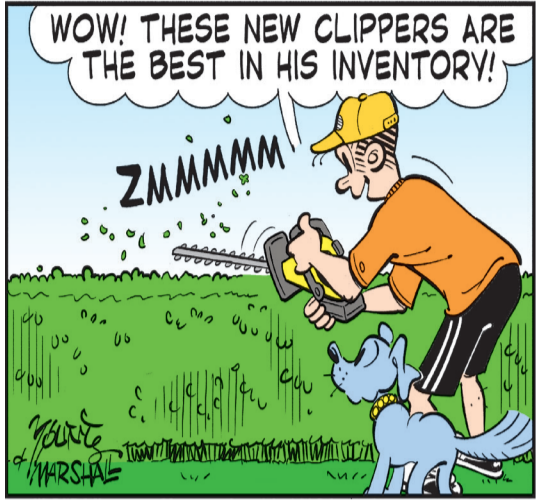
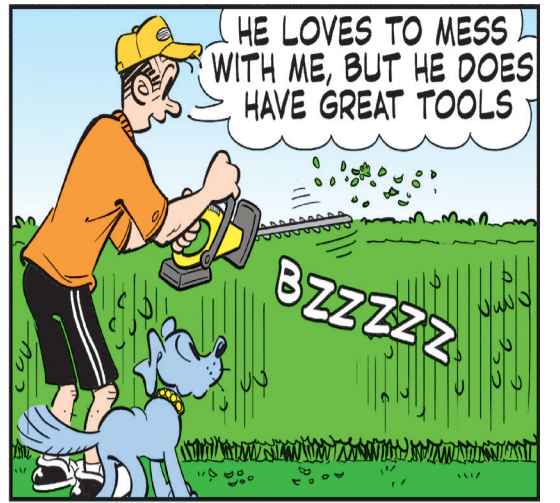
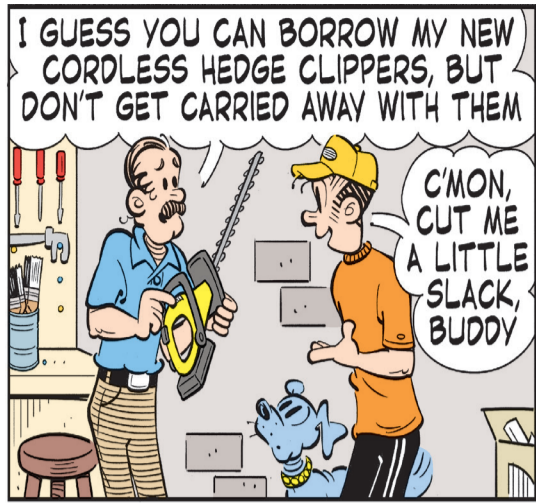
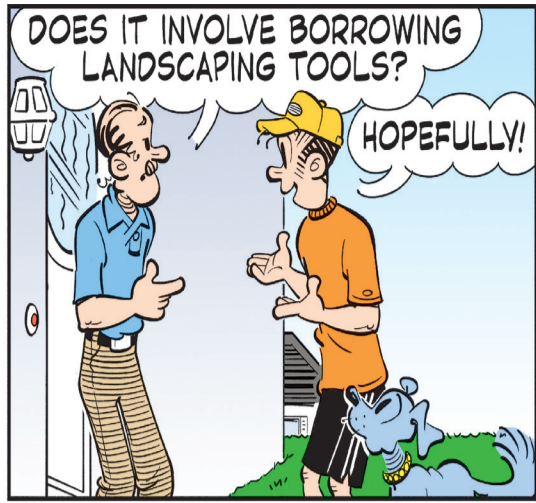
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BY ROB HARRELL



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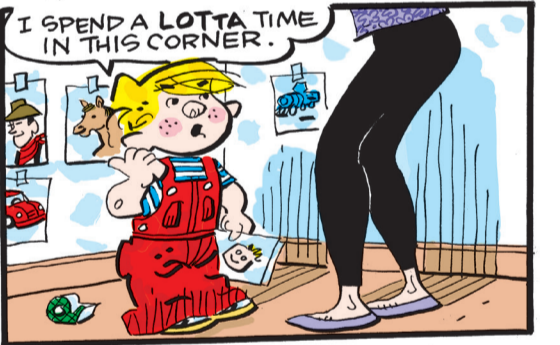
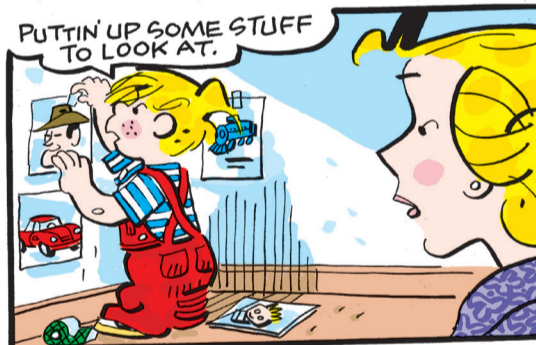
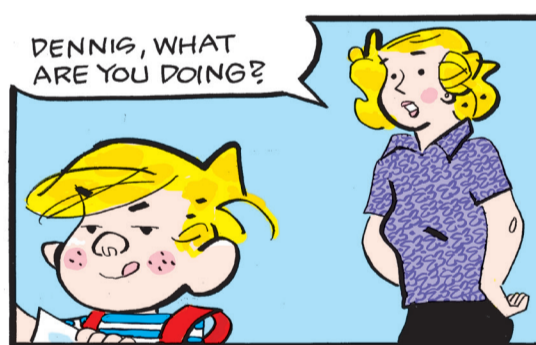
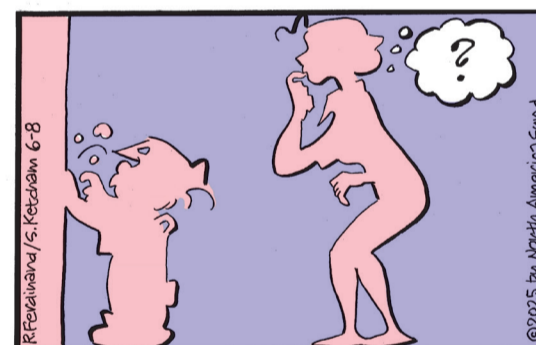
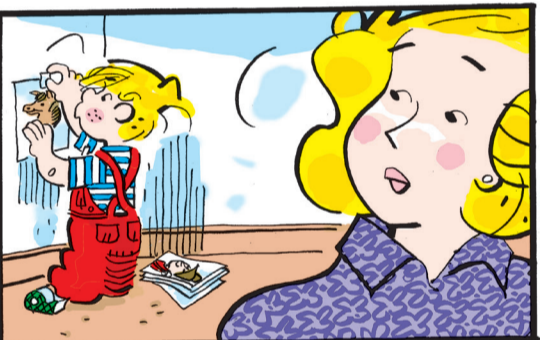
BY DEAN YEUNIS & JOHN MARSHALL



Mort Walker's beetle bailey

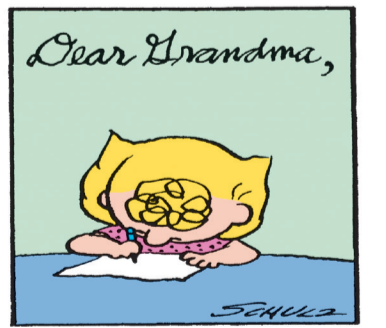
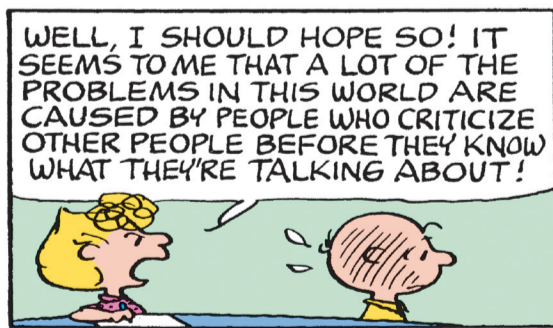
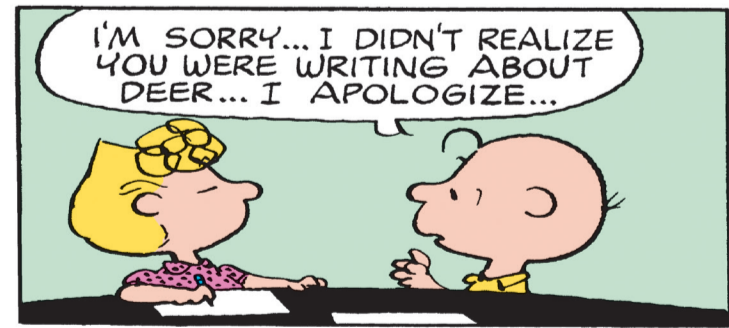
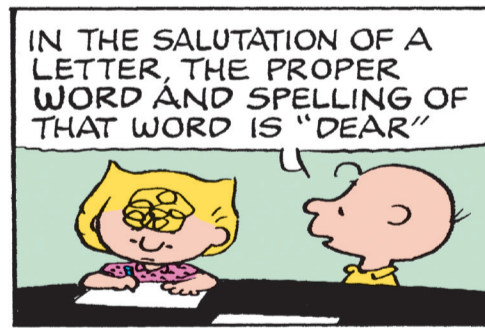
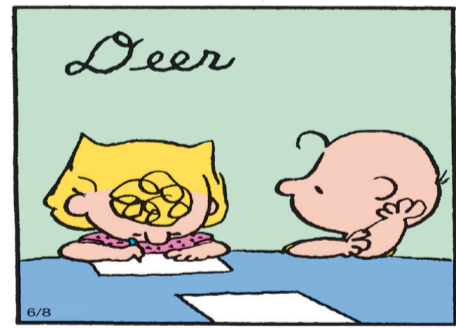


Hank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace CORNER-COPIA



CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

