

From 1A

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bitter taste in a community where nearly everyone has a connection to those steam stacks.

“Many generations have been raised on this paper mill,” Kirkland said. “It’s going to devastate families.”

Steam, sweat and stories: How a paper mill raised generations of Early County area families

The paper mill changed the makeup of the tri-state area when it opened its doors in 1963 and has maintained its prominence in the region since.

Billy Ray Butler, an 88-year-old paper mill retiree, began working there just one month

after it opened its doors. He traveled about 15 miles on a mostly orange, dirt road to get to work.

“It was the best place I ever worked,” he said.

Don Harper, started working at the mill in April of 1967, just a week before the No. 2 paper machine would produce its first roll. He earned \$2.25 an hour and he said he felt rich.

“If somebody asked you where you worked, you were proud to say you worked at the paper mill,” Harper said.

Butler and Harper are a part of a large group of paper mill retirees who eat breakfast together on the last Friday morning of each month. This tradition began in the 90s and has carried on until the present day. About 20

of them got together at Jo’s Family Diner, in Donalsonville on July 25. They passed around sympathy and birthday cards to sign. They prayed for those being impacted by the paper mill’s closure.

William Cleveland sat among the other retirees as they shared stories. He began working at the mill in 1981, when he was just 22 years old. He said the staff were family. They cooked meals together, hosted Easter Egg hunts and threw celebrations for retirements. If they lost a co-worker, the flag in front of the mill was placed at half-mast.

Cleveland worked long hours, alternating night shifts and day shifts. He carried the sulfurous smell of the paper pulp home with him.

“Back when my daughter was younger, I didn’t get to go to a lot of things,” he said. “But that company down there got me to where I am today.”

Cleveland lives just a few miles down the road from Georgia-Pacific. He’s watched the once steady stream of trucks carrying large logs to the mill slowly dwindle. He said the mill’s closure will affect more than just paper mill people. It’s going to hit the timber industry, chipping companies and more businesses that were fueled by the mill’s demand.

Darius Moss, another retired paper mill worker of 42 years, has had to watch family members struggle to find jobs that allow them to remain living in the area. Nothing pays as much as Georgia-Pacific did.

Moss started working at the mill at just 18 years old. He was a paper-maker, working his way up to the specialized role of “back tender.” He said the mill took care of his family. When his daughter traveled to London in high school, the mill gave her a scholarship.

“I don’t know how to say

how I feel about it closing,” Moss said. “I feel like I’m let down. I feel like part of my family has died.”

He said he worries how the closure will impact the future sustainability of his community – of southwest Georgia.

“It’s going to hurt the economy here in Donalsonville because it’s the main gateway,” Moss said. “Guys with families might have to move away. It’s going to hurt the restaurants, the grocery stores and the churches.”

Moving forward: Early County faces future without largest employer

Leaders within Early County and Blakely have been hard at work since the closure announcement in May, helping displaced workers and strategizing budgets as they prepare for the loss of the mill.

Susanne Reynolds, the director of the Early County Development Authority, said Georgia-Pacific’s public relations team and WorkSource Georgia, a statewide work force initiative, have been hands-on in helping workers find jobs and discuss retirement, health care and unemployment insurance.

“We want to try to keep them here in our region, so we’re trying to align them with positions in Early County and southwest Georgia,” Reynolds said. “It’s definitely helped some of our existing businesses and industries get quality employees.”

Blakely Mayor Travis Wimbush said the city hosted job fairs for mill employees to connect with employers like Procter & Gamble in Albany. He said while Georgia-Pacific wasn’t in Blakely, the mill had a significant economic impact there.

“We’re just bracing, taking conservative steps with the finances that we do have and trying to just prepare for this

upcoming budget for the new fiscal year,” he said.

As Wimbush navigates the mill’s closure as an elected official, he’s struggling to make time to navigate it as a former employee. He worked as a crane operator in the mill’s woodyard for the last 12 years. His last day was July 15.

“I was at the mill just as much or more than I was at home,” he said. “It was very rare that the mill shut down for anything so with the time we spent together over the years ... we ate together, we prayed together, we worked together, we cried together.”

Now, Wimbush is searching for work that lets him continue to raise his family in Blakely and serve as the city’s mayor. But he hasn’t found the right opportunity yet.

“It’s caused a lot of anxiety,” he said. “Sixty days is not a lot of time to adjust. As a leader, I’ve tried to show up and be the strength for everyone else. I’ve personally put myself on the back burner.”

Wimbush said most employees were offered a severance package based on their years of service. They had to work up until late July in order to receive it.

“I haven’t received it yet ... it’s caused a financial strain of tapping into savings,” he said. “Even when I find something, the likelihood of me finding something that’s comparable to what I made there is slim to none in this region.”

Reynolds said in her nearly three years as development director, there had been concerns and rumors about the mill closing. Red flags were raised for workers when the mill began idling its No. 2 paper machine and other pieces of equipment were left unrepaired. Still, Reynolds’ role was vacant for almost a decade before she took over, and she said no official strategic

plan had been developed to prepare for the mill’s potential closure.

Early County isn’t alone in southwest Georgia in its reliance on one industry. Southwest Georgians can point to the shuttering of the Tyson Chicken Plant in Dawson, or Cooper Tire and Rubber in Albany, both of which triggered significant job loss and dwindling of local businesses. So Reynolds encourages communities to develop a strategic plan for their local economies.

“It’s about diversifying so that this community never finds itself in this situation again, where it depends so much on one industry,” she said.

Wimbush said southwest Georgia as a whole needs to work together to attract more industry and business to the area.

“We have to be intentional as a region to make sure we’re landing some of the great industrial trade work here,” he said. “Early County may not be able to do it by itself, but region 10, we can do this. We have rivers. We have rail. We have access to goods.”

Reynolds said Early County will start tapping into its other assets, like the lower Chattahoochee River, the Kolomoki Mounds State Park and large industrial properties waiting to be activated. Blakely is in ongoing efforts to revitalize its downtown and has recently seen new businesses and a successful monthly farmers market.

“Come spend your money in Early County because we definitely need that local sales tax,” Reynolds said. “Support our local small businesses because they’re still here, and we want to see them survive as well. Come spend money in communities that are about to face some hard times.”

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RABBITMAN

Anthony and Cornelius Williams, sons of founder Elijah Williams, and their nephew Tony Thornton.

“The name started with my granddaddy,” Tony Williams said. “He was from the Putney area. He was a rabbit hunter. His main thing was rabbits, and he sold rabbits.”

Elijah Williams started out shining shoes and worked at the Albany Procter & Gamble plant. He operated mainly in east Albany but also worked on the west side of town.

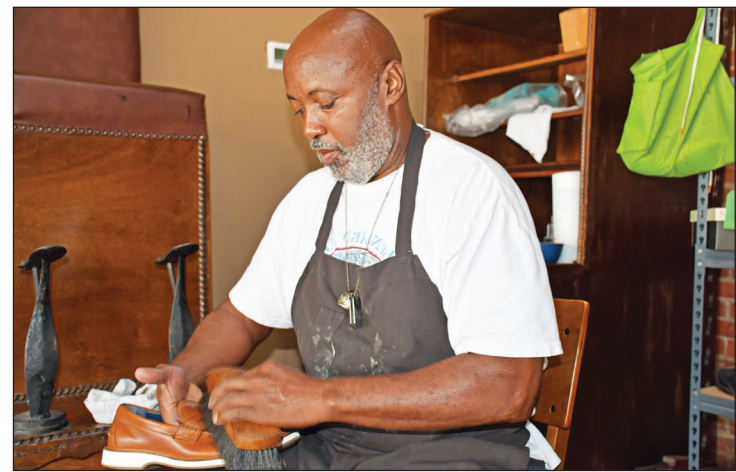
“Back in the ‘60s is when he started the shoe shine store,” Tony Williams said. “In 1988 is when we agreed to open up the full-time shoe repair store, me and my dad and brother Johnny, who is now deceased, along with other family members.

“After daddy retired from Procter & Gamble, he came up with expanding his shoe shine business into a full-time shoe repair business. My brother and I learned to repair shoes.”

The first location opened in the Shackelford Shopping Center at 225 E. Oghethorpe Blvd.

In addition to the shoe care side, the family-owned business, which includes sister Grindal Laster, has a line of shoes available online at <https://rabbitmans.com/>. The shoe line includes both dress shoes and a few casual shoe models, and all of them are named after a family member.

“These are our own shoes,” Tony Williams said. “We designed them. We got a company in Italy to make them.



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin
Cornelius Williams polishes a pair of shoes at the 334 W. Broad Ave. Rabbitman’s Footwear location.

We encourage people to go online and see what they like.”

While many shoes sold today are of the buy-and-throw-away variety, there are still many people who buy shoes built to last, the brothers said. And those shoes need care, from new soles and heels to having a nice shine. Some customers also drop off expensive athletic shoes to be cleaned.

“A lot of people still buy good quality shoes, and they want to continue to wear them,” Tony Williams said. “You find a nice pair that fits and wears good, you want to keep them, especially good, expensive ones. That’s where we come in. We can keep them shined, conditioned. You buy those types of shoes, you want them to last a long time.”

The key to keeping a more expensive pair of shoes fit to wear for a long time is that care, particularly keeping a good shine on them, Tony Williams said.

“And wearing them,” Cornelius Williams added. “Don’t just keep them in a box. It’s like leaving a car in a garage for years.”

As expected, for a business that spans decades and generations, Rabbitman’s has

some loyal customers. But not all of them have caught on that the store has moved.

At the old East Oglethorpe Boulevard location, now the office site for the Oglethorpe Bridge replacement project, a customer actually walked in with a pair of shoes in her hands looking for the familiar faces of the Williams brothers, Tony Williams said.

“We still want our good customers to know where we are,” he said. “We’re glad to be downtown. We’re loving our new location. We’ve got a nice building, and we’re still here offering good service. The good thing is we enjoy doing it.”

While on East Oglethorpe Boulevard, the brothers threw annual summer bashes for youngsters in the community, and they are looking to continue that tradition downtown. The Williamses plan to get together with other downtown merchants to hold similar events in the future.

“We’ve been here since 1988, as far as doing shoe repair,” Tony Williams said. “We’re still here, thank God. You can tell the citizens of Albany we thank you, the whole family thanks you. Come by and we’ll do the best we can do.”

Horoscopes

You'll accomplish the most this year if you work quietly behind the scenes. Allowing your emotions to stand between you and achieving your objective isn't an option. Direct and motivate yourself to finish what you start and to ignore negativity. Learn from your mistakes, and you'll outmaneuver anyone who gets in your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- It's up to you to create opportunities that help achieve your vision. Waiting for someone to do things for you will be your downfall, as it gives others the chance to upstage you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Refuse to let someone's playful attitude infringe on what's important to you. Don't accommodate others; only change what works for you, and you'll maintain respect and freedom of choice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Think before you act. Too much of anything will drag you down. Avoid the temptation to indulge in excessive behavior. Pay more attention to your surroundings, and be grateful for what you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Participate in something that concerns you. Force isn't the answer, but showing up to support your beliefs can make a difference. A choice will lead to confusion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Put more time and effort into your surroundings. Maintaining a cost-efficient and functional home will give you the incentive to share your space with friends and family.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Verbalize your feelings and agenda. Take the initiative to share your

dreams and plans with someone who matters to you. The input you receive will help you determine how to balance the needs of those you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- You'll find yourself going back and forth. Follow the path that feels best for you. Refuse to let anyone railroad you into something you don't want to do. It's time to take responsibility for your happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Stop guessing; when in doubt, ask. Don't be shy or reluctant to infringe on others for answers. Knowing how others think or feel will make your choices easier.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Concentrate on health, finances and paperwork. Reaching out and helping someone or addressing a cause that concerns you will get you in touch with fascinating insight and information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Consider your professional options. A change may not be something you relish, but it may be in your best interest. Soothe your emotions by heading in a direction that puts your mind at ease.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Get into the mainstream where the action is, and see for yourself. Knowing right from wrong, truth from fiction and what's best for you will help you make better choices.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Ask questions, and refrain from agreeing to something you cannot deliver. Focus your energy on home improvements and addressing issues that make life difficult.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with cat, it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat.

Mark Twain,
writer (1835-1910)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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How many of these back-to-school supply giveaways are taxpayer-funded? One is enough.

I'm glad to see The Herald printing stories about Luke Flatt -- and glad to see Brad McEwen writing the stories. Mr. Flatt is an excellent businessman, but more than that he's devoted to this community. There aren't many like him left.

How can Albany have an affordable housing problem? Ride down Nottingham, Whispering Pines and Dawson Road, and in front of all of those huge apartment complexes they have "for lease" or "now renting" signs up everywhere. And, yes, they are all Section 8 housing. What was that squawk last week about preachers and politicians making a living on poverty?

I read with interest the story about Mary Carter's efforts to bring businesses to Albany. These clowns in city government should be working with people like her, not paying some worthless bureaucrat way more money than they're worth to do absolutely nothing.

SMRs, Trump's Tariffs go in play on Aug. 1. You better get another part-time job because inflation will be going up.

So Trump's approval rating has slumped to 37% in the wake of the Epstein scandal? I learned a long time ago that conservatives have short memories and tend to forget when it comes to their idols, so he'll distract them with something else, like a sleep-deprived parent singing "Rock-a-bye baby, in the treetop" while swinging a shiny object over the head of a crying baby. That Man Without a Family

When the season is (mercifully) over and "experts" look back on it, they'll have a very difficult time trying to explain how a team with the Atlanta Braves' talent turned out to be one of the worst teams in all of baseball. A real shame.

I've seen reports that Mars aims to grow U.S. production. Why is it that our commissions and our mayor can't collaborate with valuable employers like Mars, P&G and Miller to help bring more jobs and actual economic growth? Albanians are tired of this unprofessionally dressed and behaved group of cronies bickering over endless handouts and free housing.

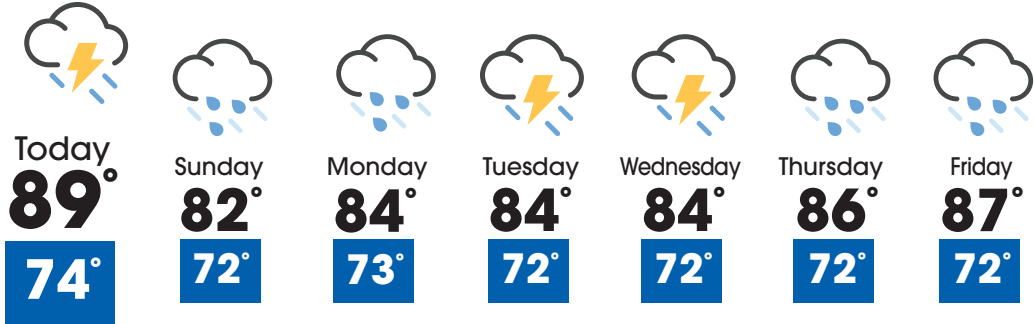
Squawker, you are so right. Seeing Fletcher's byline on stories in The Herald always brightens my day.

What's this thing our newspaper's editor has for Milan Patel? It seems like every time he does a story about a new development in Albany, it's about Patel. Give others some ink, too

I just had a conversation with a friend of more than 30 years about life in general. The conversation progressed to the current news of the day. My friend said, "Trump has made some really grievous errors, but how are you doing in the stock market?" My response, "OK, but I'm sure I won't be able to buy my way out of an interment camp." I'm sure we both had raised eyebrows when we hung up.

I can't believe high school-age kids are preparing for the coming football and softball seasons in this heat. Starting school in late July and early August is ludicrous.

Weather Forecast



BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

GOOD DEFENSE NEEDS WORK IN TANDEM



Matt Drudge, creator of the Drudge Report, said, "The Internet feeds off the main press, and the main press feeds off the Internet. They're working in tandem."

That sounds like good defenders, who work in tandem to defeat declarer.

The contract is three no-trump. West leads fourth-highest from his longest and strongest, the diamond four. How should East and West card after that?

South starts with seven top tricks: two spades and five clubs. And since there are three winners available from hearts, things look promising for him. However, with diamonds 5-3, not 4-4, the defenders can succeed.

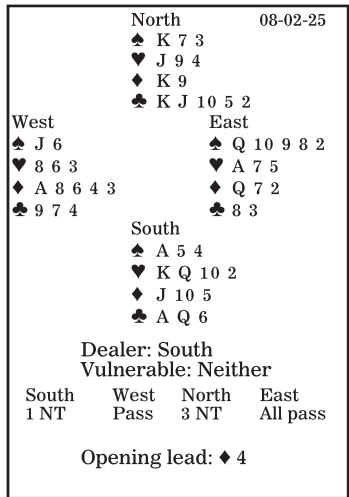
Suppose South plays low

from the board at trick one. After East wins with his queen, he must return the diamond seven, the higher of two remaining cards. South should now play his jack, the higher of touching honors from the closed hand. But West should not be fooled. He should know that if East had begun with Q-10-7-2 of diamonds, he would have led back the two, low from a remaining tripleton. So West, since he has no entry, should duck this trick, playing his three and keeping communication with his partner.

South wins on the board and calls for a heart, but East should grab the trick with his ace and lead his last diamond, giving his side one heart and four diamonds.

Even if South wins with

dummy's diamond king at trick one and calls for the heart jack, trying to look like someone planning a finesse, East should not be fooled. He should win with his ace, cash the diamond queen, and play his third diamond.



ADVICE COLUMNIST ■ ERIC THOMAS



Sister gets short end of stick from father's estate

Dear Eric: My dad passed away three years ago. He lived about 10 hours away from me but near my sister.

Sis and Dad have always been close. I had an OK relationship with both of them, though she and I have never been close. She took on most of his care, and I tried to visit a few times a year.

Dad had a paid-off house worth about \$250,000. To make probate easy, he "sold" the house to my sister when his health declined. He had said we were to sell the house and split it four ways between me, her and two step-siblings when he passed. Both steps had no contact with him for several years, so she asked me if I minded leaving them out. I said OK.

She sold the house, said she didn't get much because of issues it had and sent me \$10,000. I tried to be OK with this, but a bit more would have been nice. Yes, she deserved more for the time she put into his care.

I found out through a cousin that, after selling the house, my sister paid off her own house, bought her and her daughter brand-new cars and sent her grown daughter and grown grandchild on European tours. I think the part that gets to me is she lied to me. I guess she didn't have to technically send me anything because it was in her name.

Maybe if she would have told me differently, I wouldn't have minded as much. But telling me she didn't get much out of the sale hurts knowing it had to have sold for more than \$150,000. I just wonder now if I should say something to

her? I am trying to be OK with this, but that was a slap in the face to me. Should I reach out or let it lie?

— *Left Out Sister*

Dear Sister: First, the legal: You could, if you want, consult an estate attorney to see about the possibility of suing your dad's estate. From your description, this could be tricky, as much of what was agreed upon seems to have been spoken instead of written, and the house was in your sister's name. But if it's bothering you, that is an option.

However, I think a conversation with your sister -- whether or not you talk to an attorney -- is going to be more productive. There are some parts of this story that you can check out on your own -- the sale price, for instance. But it sounds like what you need most is a way to understand the new shape of your relationship with your sister. Yes, the money is important, but the grief from your father's death and the confusion around the inheritance have created wounds that money wouldn't fix. Talk to your sister. Try to have a conversation that is focused less on accusation than it is on finding some peace for yourself and, perhaps, a new foundation for your relationship with her.

Dear Eric: My 15-year-old granddaughter recently texted me to say "Grandma, I am a lesbian." I was only mildly surprised because her mom had told me before that she had a "girlfriend." I texted her back and said whatever she was, I would always love her. And I

asked her how long she had known. She said "for a while now. I've dated boys and girls, and it just feels better to date girls." Less than a year ago, this granddaughter bought a T-shirt that said, "I love my boyfriend." She had dated boys from the time she was about 12. I am just wondering if she is really lesbian or afraid of being with guys?

— *Confused Grandmother*

Dear Grandmother: It sounds like your granddaughter is still exploring what, and who, is right for her. This is natural for teenagers, and folks of any age. The way she identifies may continue to evolve throughout her life. You're already doing exactly the right thing: assuring her that you love her for her and will be there for her no matter what.

Even kids who are sure they're straight have shifting relationships to dating. They might be gaga over one person one day and over another person the next day. All of us get to know new parts of ourselves through love relationships, and those discoveries can be surprising and sometimes confusing. By continuing to listen to her, to show up for her, and to reply with love, you're letting her know that you're a safe adult she can confide in and go to for advice on dating or anything else she has questions about. That's the most important kind of relationship for her to cultivate right now, and it will continue to benefit you both as life goes on.

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DO JUST ONE THING

by Danny Seo

If you've bought a bunch of flowers or a gift basket wrapped in cellophane, you might wonder: Is this clear, plasticlike material recyclable? While it looks like plastic, the good news is, it isn't: Cellophane is actually made from wood pulp and not from petroleum. But that doesn't make it eco-friendly, per se; the Sierra Club reports that "cellophane production requires toxic carbon disulfide." But unlike plastic, it will biodegrade, and it is also compostable.

Today in History

Today is the 214th day of 2025 and the 44th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY:

In 1790, the first official census of the United States was conducted.

In 1923, President Warren Harding died in San Francisco. Vice President Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as president before dawn the next day.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died and was succeeded by Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait.

In 2018, Apple Inc. became the world's first trillion-dollar company.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frederic Auguste Bartholdi (1834-1904), sculptor; Jack Warner (1892-1978), film executive; Myrna Loy (1905-1993), actress; James Baldwin (1924-1987), writer; Carroll O'Connor (1924-2001), actor; Lamar Hunt (1932-2006), sports executive; Peter O'Toole (1932-2013), actor; Wes Craven (1939-2015), filmmaker; Isabel Allende (1942-), writer; Mary-Louise Parker

(1964-), actress; Kevin Smith (1970-), filmmaker; Sam Worthington (1976-), actor; Lily Gladstone (1986-), actress; Carli XCX (1992-), singer-songwriter.

TODAY'S FACT: The familiar engrossed copy of the Declaration of Independence bearing the signatures of 56 congressional delegates was signed on this day in 1776.

TODAY'S SPORTS: The "Black Sox," eight former Chicago White Sox baseball players charged with defrauding the public in a conspiracy to throw the 1919 World Series, were acquitted on this day in 1921.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I love America more than any other country in the world and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually." -- James Baldwin

TODAY'S NUMBER: 3,929,214 -- population of the United States as recorded in the 1790 census.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Aug. 1) and full moon (Aug. 9).

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Farmers show solar, agriculture can co-exist

By Emily Jones
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LEESBURG — On a vast property in Lee County, in the heart of southwest Georgia, Tyler Huber raises sheep. As the flock grazes, the sheep need somewhere to take a break from the Georgia sun.

“It is incredibly hot, the sun is just unavoidable, and the fact that they’ve got shade every 15 feet out here — it’s just the ideal environment, to have shade so close,” Huber said on a recent hot day.

The shade comes from solar panels, which use that same relentless sunshine to generate energy. The sheep, in turn, cut down on mowing costs for the solar farm. The flock loves chowing down on the vegetation under and around the panels, Huber said.

“If we’re able to grow this, which is just a buffet of everything they could ever want, they’re going to happily eat that down,” he explained.

Before solar developer Silicon Ranch bought this land, it used to have row crops — mostly corn and cotton — and beehives. Farmers can’t grow corn and cotton under solar panels, but this is still farmland for sheep and bees.

Scenes like this are increasingly common as power companies add more and more solar energy to keep up with rising demand for renewable electricity.

Many of those solar panels are being built on Georgia farmland. The change has given rise to a wave of opposition from local activists to the state legislature and the White House. But supporters say, often, farming and solar energy can co-exist.

Lisa Davis with the Lee County Chamber of Commerce said the Silicon Ranch project, with its ongoing sheep and beehive operations, is different from what many expect when farmland gets sold or leased to solar companies.

“They envision in their head that you’ve got these big excavators and you just move everything out,” she said. “That is so not the case.”

The county actually paused solar development a few years ago over these concerns, and asked Valdosta State University to look into the issue. The resulting study found that the financial benefits to taxpayers outweigh the downsides because farmland gets a tax break in Georgia.

Farmers pay property taxes on just 40% of the value of their land, but the county can collect full property taxes on land used for solar. Davis said that can make a huge difference for rural communities.

“They’re never going to get big manufacturers or a lot of big commercial,” she said. “So the opportunity for having a solar project can

mean a lot.”

Still, there’s been pushback to solar on farmland. A bill in the state legislature this year would have removed the farmland tax break for an entire farm if it adds solar — even when the solar is only on part of the land. That measure passed the Georgia House but not the Senate and could still return next year.

The Trump administration, too, has said it wants to “disincentivize” solar development on farmland. But experts say that while loss of farmland is a major concern, in Georgia and nationwide, solar isn’t the main culprit. “A lot of what we see in terms of farmland conversion pressure in Georgia is actually due to low density residential development,” Mallory O’Steen, southeast senior program manager for the American Farmland Trust, said.

There are real concerns about solar, she said. It can drive up the price of land. Silicon Ranch recently reached a settlement with farmers who claimed another one of its Georgia installations, this one in Stewart County, was causing runoff on their land. Last year, citing concerns about effects on wildlife, the Houston County board of commissioners voted against allowing a large solar farm.

But, O’Steen said, there

are also benefits. Using part of their land for solar can guarantee farmers critical income even when weather or disease wipes out crops. The key, O’Steen said, is for policymakers to guide solar development in a way that balances energy needs with farmers’ interests.

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Special Photo

The rising number of solar fields placed on Georgia farmland has given rise to a wave of opposition from local activists to the state legislature and the White House. But supporters say, often, farming and solar energy can co-exist.

Joe Mulholland elected president of District Attorneys’ Association

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ATLANTA — Joe Mulholland, the district attorney for the South Georgia Judicial Circuit, has been elected president of the District Attorneys’ Association of Georgia.

Having previously served as the group’s treasurer and vice president, Mulholland’s election to the association’s highest office is a testament to the respect and confidence he has earned from prosecutors across the state.

“I am incredibly honored and humbled to be elected by my peers,” Mulholland said in a news release. “The District Attorneys’ Association plays a critical role in shaping policy and supporting the work of prosecutors across Georgia. We have a



Special Photo

Joe Mulholland has been elected president of District Attorneys’ Association.

great deal of work ahead of us, especially with this upcoming legislative session, and I’m committed to ensuring that the voice of our offices is heard and respected.”

The DAAG is composed of all 50 elected district attorneys in Georgia and serves as a collective voice to advocate for justice, promote

prosecutorial excellence, and collaborate on criminal justice issues at both the state and local level.

As president, Mulholland will lead the association’s legislative and policy initiatives, strengthen inter-agency cooperation, and continue efforts to support victim advocacy and public safety throughout the state.

Illegal deer kill featured on YouTube gets Georgia hunter lifetime ban in Kansas

By Sherman Smith
Georgia Recorder

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Georgia man who admitted to illegally killing deer in Kansas and featuring the kills on his YouTube hunting show will pay \$25,000 in fines and restitution, and is forever banned from hunting in Kansas.

Matt Jennings, 35, reached a plea agreement this week on two charges of violating the federal Lacey Act, which prohibits interstate commerce for wildlife taken in violation of state regulations. He is the host of “The Game,” which streams on YouTube and CarbonTV. “Hunting is all I’ve ever known, to kill to eat ... it’s what makes my heart pound and my soul fulfilled,” Jennings said on the show’s website.

According to court documents, Jennings primarily lives in Bowdon, Ga., and sometimes resides in Woodland, Ala. He traveled to Kansas in November 2022 with a tag that allowed him to take an antlered deer within a hunting area near WaKeeney in northwest Kansas.

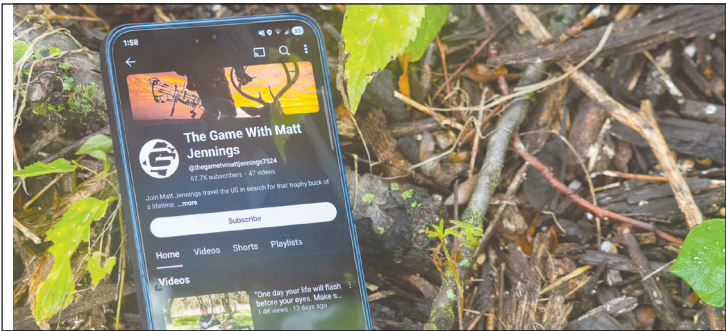
On Nov. 11, 2022, Jennings killed an antlered deer near Florence in the central part of the state, which wasn’t covered by his tag. He drove to Oklahoma the following day to register the kill there, then returned to Kansas.

A week later, he killed another deer near WaKeeney. Although it was in the area allowed under his tag, the second kill violated state law by exceeding the bag limit of one antlered deer per season.

A joint investigation between the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service confirmed Jennings’ movements through phone data and social media posts.

Jennings featured the kills on “The Game,” which the show’s website describes as “a dark, in-your-face, more serious look at what makes a hunter tick.”

“It’s about pushing one’s self to the breaking point, and then looking back on



Special Photo: Sherman Smith/Kansas Reflector

More than 62,000 users subscribe to Matt Jennings’ hunting show on YouTube, where he featured illegal deer kills in Kansas.

the experience to learn from it,” the website says. “Matt Jennings takes you to the frontlines weekly to destinations in your backyard or worlds away. Either way, the intensity and drive this man has for the hunt will draw you to him and to what crazy things he will do next.”

Episodes feature him as a skilled bow hunter dressed in camouflage, with black grease around his eyes and cheeks. More than 62,000 users subscribe to the show’s YouTube channel. The most recent episode is from 11 months ago.

Recent comments on the videos berate Jennings.

“Hey Kansan here, stay in Georgia with that Poaching s***,” someone with the username “@Jimmy2toes4u” wrote in a comment on one of the shows. “Bad enough to see all the out-of-town plates much less guys who think their ... ‘hunting show’ gives ‘em the right to do whatever they want.”

The most recent post to the show’s YouTube account, from July 11, is a short promotional clip titled: “One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it’s worth watching.”

Someone with the username “@lifesshort69” commented: “One day your show will flash before your eyes. Make sure your not a poacher and its worth watching.”

Under federal charges, Jennings faced up to a year in prison and as much as a \$100,000 fine. Under the plea deal, he will serve five years of unsupervised probation and pay a \$10,000 fine. He also will pay \$15,000 in restitution to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Law Enforcement Fund in Pratt. He has to sur-

render the two illegally taken deer mounts, and he must retake an Alabama Hunter Education Course.

Jennings is prohibited while on probation from hunting, trapping, fishing or being with anyone engaged in those activities in Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota. He agreed to a lifetime hunting and fishing ban in Kansas.

In exchange for the plea, the federal government dismissed a charge from the original complaint and agreed not to file additional charges — unless Jennings denies his illegal activity or engages in additional criminal conduct.

Jennings didn’t immediately respond to requests for comment by phone and email.

UGA study: Childhood trauma can harm health for life

By Savannah Peat
UGA Today

ATHENS — Adverse experiences and environments in childhood may cause a chain reaction of mental and physical health problems later in life, according to new University of Georgia research.

The study suggests growing up with negative events and in dangerous communities in early adolescence can alter an entire lifetime, particularly for black men and women.

“Things that happen to you in childhood — from how you’re raised as a child to the environment that you’re in — can lead to long-standing issues,” Sierra Carter, co-author of the study and the new associate director of UGA’s Center for Family Research, said.

The researchers relied on

data from the UGA-led Family and Community Health Study. Beginning in 1996, the ongoing study follows more than 800 families, all of which had a fifth-grader at the start of the study. The researchers re-interview participants every two to three years.

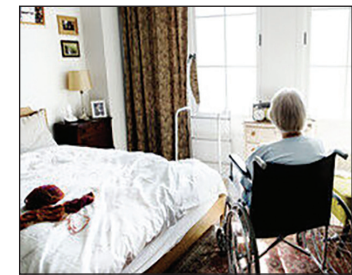
The present study found, starting at age 10, children were already able to register when their environments and treatment around them were unsafe.

Unsafe community environments affected not only the way the children acted but also created a physical, inflammatory response in their central nervous system. Later in young adulthood, these stressors on both body and mind translated to earlier and more frequent use of substances as a way of self-medicating. “We found a lag with these

background childhood experiences and drinking,” Steven Beach, corresponding author of the study and director of the Center for Family Research, said. “Once kids moved out of the protective environment of their homes, the delayed inflammatory responses had a chance to emerge and influence their behavior in a bigger way, setting the stage for elevated alcohol consumption.”

The consumption of excessive amounts of alcohol over time created measurable health complications in adulthood for participants in the study. Those who reported drinking heavily as young adults were at higher risk of heart problems as they got older.

Additionally, those 29-year-olds had worse aging outcomes as a result of this drinking, meaning there



File Photo

Georgia Democrats criticized federal funding cuts to nursing homes included in President Trump’s budget bill the Republican-controlled Congress passed early this month.

by (U.S.) Senate Democrats ... to give their senators talking points to go out and say, ‘This bill is going to harm seniors,’ “ he said.

While the legislation lets nursing homes keep the provider tax intact, broader spending reductions in the bill could affect individual nursing home residents’ eligibility for Medicaid benefits.

However, Downing said it’s way too soon to assess the potential impacts of those cuts, which won’t take effect for several years.



Special Illustration: Kaiya Plagenhoef

Negative childhood experiences can potentially lead to lifelong physical health challenges, according to new UGA research.

was a possibly shorter life expectancy and faster signs of aging across numerous body systems.

The repercussions of adverse childhoods were compounded for black men and women, largely due to the added effects of discrimination in childhood.

Black participants who experienced racism in early life were more likely to binge drink and experience cardiac issues and faster aging in their appearance and body functionality.

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Country music artist Mark Chesnutt’s interview in the Herald was revealing. He credits Garth Brooks and Shania Twain with sending country music “to hell.” So it’s probably not a stretch to conclude he’s not a fan of Taylor Swift or Beyoncé’s recent dabbling in the genre. It’s Chesnutt’s prerogative to continue to make his brand of country. Just as it is for other artists to record their non-traditional brand.

Anybody else notice that when they ask you to press 1 for English, they transfer you to someone who barely speaks English..

Can’t make this #%!@ up: Hatchet-wielding cigarette price protester fished from pond after threatening to shoot someone ... Writer’s silent commentary on Herald award photo ... WALB’s pic of twerker’s down-blouse triple F’s in facial recognition identity case ... WALB airport reported turtle in smuggler’s bra (what do you expect if “he” had no luggage).

The True President is hoping another convicted felon will bail him out of this current mess. So sad.

Millionaire college football players? May the game dry up and blow away.

Do not let anyone deceive you. Orange boy sent his toughest, meanest attorney to let Ghiselle know that if she denies Trump was a client she will get a pardon, and if she does not, things will go poorly for her. Like something out of “The Godfather.”

If we were able to read Carlton’s mind, we would back away slowly and run

Maybe you couldn’t care less that CBS has caved to Donald Trump, or perhaps you’re even celebrating, but consider this: He is also suing Rupert Murdoch, the owner of the conservative “Wall Street Journal,” and Fox News. If these people do not report exactly what he wants, no matter how they have kowtowed to him in the past, he will go after them, too. Think about that. That Man Without a Family

I just ordered something online, and it requested a tip with suggested amounts. This is getting ridiculous.

Considering the city’s July 26 list of “cooling stations,” the only use of the \$12M, closed, unoccupied and non-functional Albany Transportation Center. The facility should be named “Albany Heating and Cooling.” Running the AC, security, supervision, cleaning ... It would be cheaper to rent everyone rooms at the Hilton.

SMRs, looks like at least 37 nursing homes in Georgia will close after Trump’s bill takes effect and cuts Medicaid. You better start making plans for grandma.

Trump was asked about the ongoing attacks on the Gaza Strip by Israel. His reply: “Based on TV, those children look very hungry.” Oh, so presidential.

To That Man Without A Family: Biden had four years to release the Epstein files and chose not to. Now you are shocked that Trump hasn’t released them either after six months in office. You are a typical two-faced, far-left, liberal Democrat.

In less than 35 days, the college football season starts. Can Georgia be competitive after losing so many starters on offense and defense? 2025 will be “The Year of the Gator.”

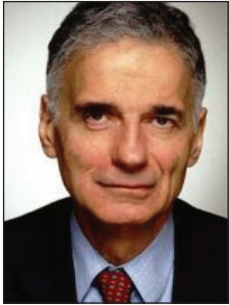
COLUMNIST ■ RALPH NADER

Toady Speaker Johnson closes down House to cover Trump’s scandal

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mike Johnson — probably the worst Speaker in American history — shut down the House early this week before its five-week vacation. He wants to avoid holding votes on releasing the Epstein files that reportedly include, among other notables, Donald Trump.

This is the latest valet service provided by a spineless Johnson, a Trump toady, whose groveling has no known boundaries. Imagine Johnson, a lawyer, took an oath to uphold the Constitution yet has no interest in safeguarding the independence of the Congressional branch of our government.

Like Trump, he falsely characterizes what is in the Trump corporate giveaway tax/budget bill that shattered the country’s social safety net for American families.



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No one has ever even dared to promote such a draconian tax bill. Our country’s safety net has had the support of both parties until the wrecking crew of Trump, Johnson and Senate leader Thune showed up.

Johnson declined to protect his own party members who were raising serious questions about Trump’s big, destructive bill. He allowed the Trumpsters to physically threaten these dissenters to get them back in line.

Most seriously, he has further crumpled the Founders’ system of checks and balances by turning the House of Representatives into an automatic rubber stamp for Trump. Johnson even refuses to allow his committee chairs to hold hearings on legislation Trump wants to ram through Congress. Johnson and his cronies do no oversight of the executive branch despite Trump’s vast viola-

tions and vicious cruelties, such as firing tens of thousands of key federal civil servants and further debilitating the resources of the IRS to collect taxes from the evasive super-rich and big companies.

The New York Times elaborated further with this description: “Mr. Johnson’s decision to shut down the House early was the latest example of how the speaker has in many ways ceded the chamber’s independence in order to please or avoid angering Trump. He has deferred to the president on matters large and small, including when it comes to Congress’s spending power. He quietly maneuvered this year to yield the House’s ability to weigh in on Trump’s tariffs, in order to spare Republicans from having to cast politically tricky votes on whether to end them.”

The larger danger is that no matter who is in control, the GOP or the Democrats, the crass obeisance to the executive branch remains the sur-

rendering norm.

The consensus by the two parties extends to the minimal days that Congress is actually in session. The members take numerous vacations (they call them “recesses”). They see the weeks they work as starting on Tuesday and ending on Thursday. In between even those days, they are busy in their offices, dialing for campaign dollars.

There are many overdue changes and reforms backed by large majorities of liberal and conservative voters to make Watchdog Groups a formidable force. One percent of the voters can change Congress, especially because the necessities of the people are widely and strongly supported by millions of voters.

Ralph Nader is an author, columnist and consumer advocate. His latest book is “Civic Self-Respect.”

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

As for New Orleans, it’s beignet, done that

I’m not here by choice. I’m only here because the place I never wanted to go ever again, and the place my grandson chose for Cindy and me to take him on his summer vacation, is one and the same: New Orleans, La. Or, as it is more commonly known, the Big Sleazy.

Sorry, that would be the Big Easy. My mistake.

But I can’t possibly be the first one to make it. A while ago, I wrote some things about New Orleans that weren’t particularly flattering. So I decided to take this, ‘er, opportunity to give the city a second chance. To be fair, I’ll point out both the good and the bad things that I encountered the second time around.

The four of us — me, Cindy, our 16-year-old grandson, and his friend — stayed in a comfortable Airbnb shotgun house in the Garden District, a couple of miles from the French Quarter. It was conveniently located near the streetcar rail system, so getting around town wasn’t a problem.

That about does it for the good. Now we’ll move on to everything else, which is to say, the bad.

-- Haunted History Tour of the French Quarter: Billed as “family



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friendly,” it was anything but. Tiny, our tour guide, dropped a GD in his introductory comments. An oversight, I thought. It turned out to be anything but. He did say, however, that he would be covering a great deal of horror stories throughout the tour, so I decided to turn a deaf ear to his choice of adjectives and listen to what he had to say. By the time the two-hour tour was over, Tiny had used so many obscene words that the guy who counted Al Pacino’s F-bombs in Scarface wouldn’t have been able to keep up. The number of ghost stories, however, even I could count. That’s because there were only two of them. Tiny mentioned the natives of New Orleans were friendly to a fault. So he lied about that as well, as you’ll find out shortly.

-- Hospitality workers: On the way home from the haunted history tour, the streetcar operator told Cindy to “sit down, dammit” as she tried to show him our passenger tickets. At least Tiny had the “fault” part about the natives right; “friendly” is still up for debate.

-- Bookshops: The first used bookstore we entered resembled one of the more horrific episodes of “Hoarders.” There was, literally,

not enough room to turn around in the maze of books that were, also literally, stacked from floor to ceiling. It was my first exposure to literary claustrophobia. The second used bookstore — just a couple of doors down from the first — offered plenty of space to move around and browse. Only the shop owner, another of New Orleans’ friendlies, met me at the door and gruffly said, “You’ll have to wait” because there were already six customers inside. “No I won’t,” I replied. Then I turned around and left, wondering if I might have missed an F-bomb or two from the owner on my way out.

-- Bourbon Street: OK, I’ll say something nice here: The smell of urine wasn’t nearly as strong as the last time I was here. Then again, the garbage collectors weren’t on strike this time, so that was probably why.

-- French Market: It’s like a flea market, except with a foreign name. Other than that, it’s just a whole lot of junk sold by local and “friendly” merchants taking advantage of tourists. One booth had a sign in front saying “No photos.” “No worries,” I said out loud as I zipped by. Why anyone would think anyone wanted a picture of their piles of junk escapes me.

-- Beignets: A friend told me that there was a certain place in town

where the beignets were “to die for.” I imagine if any of us ate enough of them, he would have been right because we would have been. Dead, I mean. If you’re not familiar with beignets, they’re pastries made of flour in the shape of a bean bag, deep-fried in hot grease and coated with powdered sugar. Beignet is a combination of two Latin words: “beig,” which means gastric and “nets,” which means distress. Eat them for a couple of days and you’ll understand.

One last observation: I didn’t notice a lot of Starbucks. My guess is because they don’t sell beignets and therefore wouldn’t have any customers.

On our last night in New Orleans, I thought I was being a good Samaritan when I found a wallet on the sidewalk. Since we were leaving the next day, I took it to the hostess in the restaurant closest to where I found it. It just so happened that the owner of the wallet worked there.

Only you would be mistaken. The owner of the wallet glared at me like I had just kicked his dog. On that note, city of New Orleans, I bid thee an eternal farewell. You had a second chance. And, as Tiny our haunted history tour guide would say, you F-bombing blew it.

COLUMNIST ■ KING RANDALL

In Albany, we are who we keep

There’s something we don’t talk about enough in Albany, but it’s one of the heaviest truths sitting quietly in the background of our progress: We keep losing our best people.

I’m talking about the ones who light up classrooms, who mentor in silence, who try to open small businesses, who bring fresh ideas, who love this city deeply but feel like it doesn’t love them back. The folks who want to serve, want to stay, but after a while — they pack up and leave. Maybe it’s to Atlanta. Maybe to Florida. Maybe somewhere they think they’ll be seen, heard or supported.

Some leave for opportunity. Some leave out of frustration. But too many leave because they feel invisible: Like their work here doesn’t matter, like the systems are too stubborn, or like they’ll never get a seat at the table unless they go build their own somewhere else.

And you can’t even blame them.



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Because let’s be honest, Albany’s got a bad habit of not nurturing its own. We celebrate folks once they make it somewhere else. We repost them once the world knows their name. But while they’re here trying to build? While they’re sweating and sacrificing and staying up at night just trying to help their city? It’s crickets.

That’s not just discouraging — that’s dangerous. Because a city is only as healthy as the people it keeps.

If we want to change Albany for the better, we can’t just focus on attracting new industries or passing new policies. We have to start retaining the people who already care. The ones already doing the hard work. The ones raising kids here. The ones showing up at council meetings, volunteering on Saturdays, trying to open that corner store, coach that team, build that program, teach that class.

Those are our city’s lifelines:

-- If we keep our teachers, we keep our future.

-- If we keep our young men out of the system, we keep our families together.

-- If we keep our small business owners encouraged, we keep the economy alive.

-- If we keep our elders engaged, we keep our wisdom.

-- If we keep our visionaries, we just might see something different.

This isn’t about perfection. This is about presence. We don’t need celebrities. We need citizens. We don’t need saviors. We need neighbors.

And if we don’t start recognizing, uplifting, and investing in the people who’ve already chosen Albany — we’ll keep watching them disappear, one by one. And every time a good one leaves, a little more of this city’s potential goes with them.

That’s the real brain drain nobody’s measuring.

But the good news is — we can change that. We can be the kind of community that speaks life into the ones who stay, that thanks them

while they’re still here. That shows up to their events, shares their posts, supports their businesses, donates to their mission, claps for their students, and makes them feel seen.

It doesn’t cost anything to say “Keep going.” It doesn’t take much to say “We see you.”

So if you’re one of the ones who stayed, I want to say thank you. If you’re thinking about leaving, I understand. But I hope you know you matter more than you think. And if you’re someone in a position to lift others up, don’t wait until they’re gone to realize what you had.

We are who we keep. Let’s start acting like it.

King Randall is a youth educator and founder of The X for Boys, a program dedicated to empowering young men in Albany through discipline, leadership and hands-on training.

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COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Searching for diversity in a non-diverse environment

Teach your children well.
-- Crosby, Stills & Nash

I'm conflicted as I write this. Frankly, I don't quite know what to say or how to say it. But I feel something needs to be said.

I've been trying to wrap my head around a comment innocently made by a youngster during a recent visit to the downtown library branch. Introduced to the youngster and his brother by their mom, an exceptionally talented artist and the wife of a young man I have long loved like a son, as their dad's basketball coach when he was in high school, one of the youngsters asked his mom, "Why did dad have a white coach?"

I laughed the comment off at the time, and the mom mildly admonished her young son by saying, "Coaches come in all colors," and all of us went our separate ways.

But for some reason, that little boy's comment has stayed with me, has haunted me as I've failed to move past it.

A lot of people tend to dismiss kids' behavior as products of their environment. And, to a degree, I guess that's mostly true. But over the years as I've encountered these young boys' dad, we both have made it clear that the love we have for each other -- and, yes, I do mean love, an emotion borne of mutual respect and what I know on my part is admiration for this young man and the arc of his life -- has not diminished as time since our initial meeting has passed. And while I don't know this man's wife as well, having only recently met her, she appears the perfect complement to her husband.

And their kids that I've met ... as polite and intelligent as any you'd hope to encounter.

That leaves me to look toward another major aspect of their development: school. I don't know where the youngsters attend school, but I'm pretty certain they're in the Dougherty County public school system.

I'm a firm believer in the public school system. While raising my own kids, I often told fellow parents whose children attended private schools that even if I did have the money to place them in private schools -- I didn't -- I wouldn't do it. I

have long believed that public schools do a better job of preparing kids for the real world, more so than attending private schools, where they're given more attention and are usually shielded from the societal issues that are becoming more rampant in public schools.

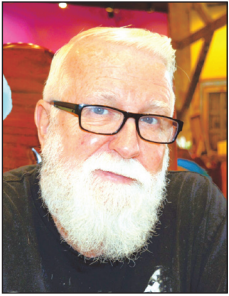
Looking at the demographics of the local school system, though, I don't believe students are getting the well-rounded experiences that once were part of the public school experience. At last check, the system's student population was more than 95% black, and the overwhelming majority of faculty, staff and administration are African American as well. And, yes, the major factor in those numbers is that the population in the county is around 70% black.

But as reports of dangerous incidences in the local system have increased, many of the county's white students -- and a growing number of black students whose parents have the means -- are transferring to private schools or are being home-schooled. So the interactions among students of different races, religions and socio-economic backgrounds is becoming rarer and rarer. Students in the local system typically interact with peers who look like them, and they are being taught by instructors who offer an increasingly narrow view of the students' place in the world outside their classrooms.

Do I have a solution? Of course not. I'm as perplexed as anyone. But I would hope that the local school system and local leaders would encourage parents in the community to enroll their students -- and support -- local public schools. The state of Georgia's Republican-majority legislature enacted a voucher program that was a thinly-disguised attempt to draw students away from public schools into private schools, further eroding the benefits of diversity that public schools have always offered.

Am I fretting too much about an innocent comment made by an inquisitive youngster? Probably. But this comment makes me think the benefits of diversity in the local system are eroding. After all, there's very little diversity here to celebrate.

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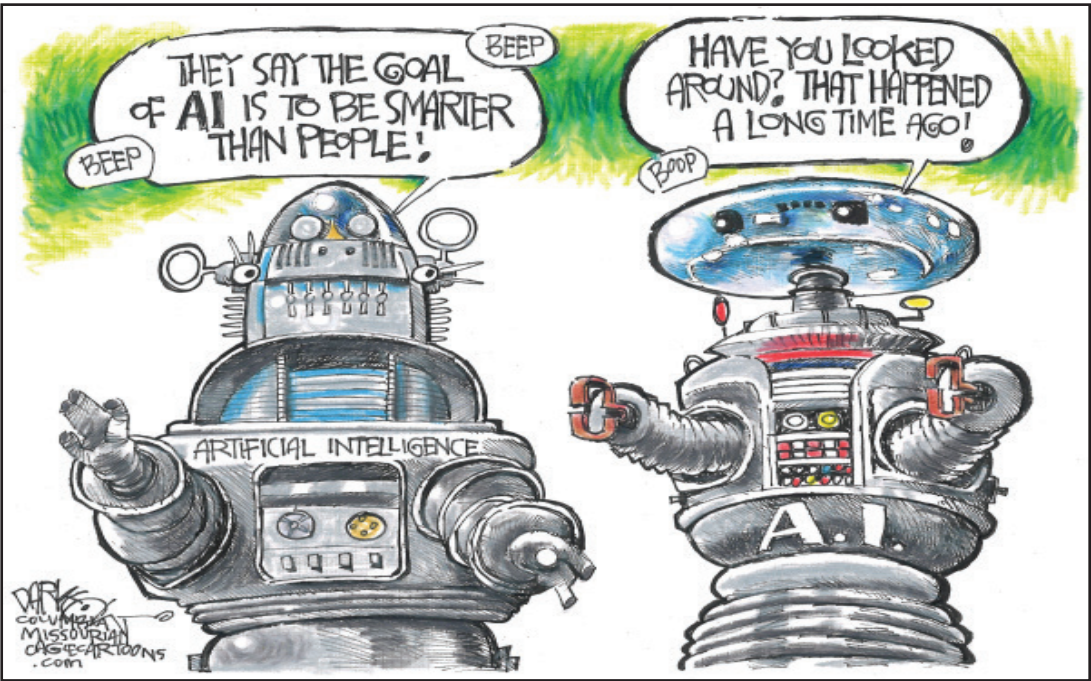


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*"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."
--Psalms 37:11*



COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

How in the world did we survive?

I attended the grand opening of a new "safety first" community playground, and it looked nothing like the playgrounds of my youth. I vividly remember sharp edges, swings that took me way too high, and lots of hard concrete surfaces, gravel and bark chips that gave us scabbed knees.

Who can forget the splinters from those wooden see-saw planks? In the heat of summer, we got burned on long metal slides that turned to fire on a hot day.

I'm reminded of other reckless products and activities from my childhood. Basically, we lived a daredevil lifestyle. How did we survive?

Whenever I bring this up to a fellow baby boomer, two words come up: "Lawn darts." Followed by, "Who thought it was a good idea to toss metal-tipped darts fitted with plastic fins into a plastic hoop on the ground?" Especially when the label clearly stated, "May cause serious or fatal injury." Yet this product was on the market until 1988.

We've all had our close calls, yet somehow we are still here. We learned many lessons the hard way. Working at my parents' general store and gas station had its own dangers. At age 12, I was illegally delivering groceries stashed in a saddlebag on my motorcycle on narrow country roads. With about two weeks of driving experience, I spun out on some loose gravel. I still have the scars to show for it decades later. But I did wear a helmet, a lesson some still have yet to learn.

(And before you condemn my parents for letting me ride that motorcycle, I will concede they were not perfect. But at least no one had to tell them not to leave me in a hot car.)

Also, by age 12 I had worked under the hood of many vehicles, refilling dangerously hot radiators, which could be a literal blast. But that was nothing compared to the experience of attempting to pour an aluminum can of Quaker State motor oil into an engine. Somehow, the can made contact with a battery cable. Boom! An explosion of oil went everywhere, staining and ruining my cleanest dirty shirt. Nobody had warned me about that either. A few decades later,

oil companies switched to plastic containers. I figured they had heard about my explosion debacle, but no. Plastic was simply cheaper. I wish they had discovered that earlier. I still miss that shirt.

My kids and others who grew up in the era of safety belts and car seats still can't believe it when I share stories of life on the road in the days of station wagons and pickup trucks.

In the rural South, we often went from Point A to Point B in the back of a pickup truck. Many kids grew up in large families, so Pa and Ma were in the cab, and their eight young 'uns were carrying on in the rear, sometimes on a flat-bed with no tailgate.

One friend told me that when he was a baby, his car seat was a box. He said his teenage mom drove him thousands of miles in that box. There was no restraint of any kind. But at least he couldn't crawl out of the box.

I don't remember being boxed in, but I do remember many long rides without a seat belt, even after they became commonplace. Sure, I saw the public service commercials urging me to buckle up, but my parents had lived 50 years without them, so I figured I could, too. When I was about 30, singer Barbara Mandrell was seriously injured in a car crash and would have died had she not been wearing a seat belt. She soon became a vocal seat belt advocate. I finally began taking it seriously. Thank you, Barbara, you saved many lives.

The list goes on. Bunk beds with no railings. Houses with lead-based paint and asbestos floor tiles. Kids like me wore zero sunscreen day after day, year after year. We simply didn't know any better.

In the coming weeks, I will be writing about products that we miss from our youth. They were in stores, in our medicine cabinets and in our homes. Drop me a line, and I'll tell your story.

David Carroll is a Chattanooga, Tenn., news anchor. His latest book is "I Won't Be Your Escape Goat," available from his website, Chattanooga-RadioTV.com. Contact him at RadioTV2020@yahoo.com.



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COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

Ten o'clock on Sunday morning

At 10 o'clock a.m. on Sunday, I am going to be praying. You will find me on my knees. Praying for them.

Ten o'clock. Because of 10 victims. Ten precious souls. Ten battered children, and possibly more.

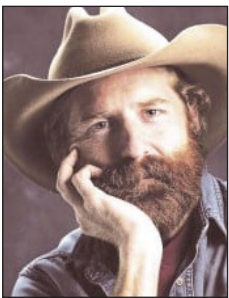
You might have already heard about it. It happened in the county next to mine. In Bibb County, Ala. A few days ago, seven adults were arrested for operating a child-sex ring. I am weeping as I write this. It was an underground bunker. A filthy basement. A bare mattress. At least 10 child victims were tied down, repeatedly abused, and kept imprisoned. And in our

state's own backyard. There are probably more victims.

These are babies. Children between ages 3 and 15 were raped. For roughly \$200 per appointment. The kids were drugged. Punished with canine shock collars. They were harmed beyond comprehension. I can't breathe. I can't get them off my mind. Those children of God. Those innocent souls. Those parents. Those shattered families. I am one man, God. But I'm setting aside Sunday in prayer. I've never prayed for an entire day before. I've never really done anything of note. Heck, I can't even consistently empty the dishwasher.

But I'm going to pray for those families. And I'm not going to stop after 10 a.m. either. I will pray all day. All week. Always. I don't know the children's names, God. But You do. You know them all. Namely, because You formed them in the womb. You engineered their personalities. You gave them gifts and talents and quirks. And You're with them now.

But if I'm being honest right now, I don't understand You, God. How could You let this happen? Some-



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times, I can't figure You out. And if I'm being doubly honest, it is hard for me to believe in Your goodness today.

Where is this sacred mercy everyone so often talks about?

Where was that mercy when those children were suffering? Where were You? Please God, help me understand. Help my unbelief. Because I'm angry. I'm upset. I'm angry with You, God. These are Your children. Still. Although I am upset, although I grieve for those families, I don't know who

else to pray to. I don't know who else to trust. You're all I have. I don't know where else to go.

So I'm asking You now: Please help those children. Help their moms and dads. Help the peace officers, the law officials, the county employees, the social workers, the emergency workers, help the entire state of Alabama, God. Maybe, if I can get a few in Alabama join me in prayer, maybe those people will get other people to join them. Then, maybe those people will ask even more people to pray. Maybe entire churches will pray, and temples, and mosques, and synagogues, and schools,

and community groups. Maybe whole cities will pray. Maybe news will spread like bacteria. Maybe those prayers will spiderweb outward from Alabama all the way to Georgia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, Utah, Maine, California, Canada, China, Mozambique, New Zealand.

Maybe all those prayers will rise upward to Heaven like incense, and all that healing energy from everyone's souls will find its way to those battered babies in Bibb County, and into the hearts of those precious wounded families. Maybe.

I don't know, God. But I'm still going to try. Ten o'clock.

Technical colleges, university system partnership targets nursing students

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA -- Nursing students graduating with an associate’s degree from Georgia technical colleges will be allowed to transfer directly into participating four-year public colleges and universities under an agreement between the technical college and university systems.

Transferring students will be able to work toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree without any interruption or loss of credit.

“Georgia’s success as the No.-1 state for business depends on a strong pipeline of talent, especially in critical fields like health care,” Gov. Brian Kemp said. “This agreement between TCSG (the

Technical College System of Georgia) and USG (the University System of Georgia) is a perfect example of how our state is working together to expand opportunities for students, strengthen our work force, and ensure that every Georgian has the opportunity to succeed.”

The agreement stems from House Bill 192, the Top State

for Talent Act, which the General Assembly passed overwhelmingly this year. The legislation requires the Georgia Department of Education to align its curriculum with the state’s high-demand career list.

Georgia’s nursing work force was hit particularly hard by the pandemic, with many nurses choosing to leave the

profession by retiring or seeking other jobs. The technical college and university systems have struggled to produce enough nursing graduates to address that work force shortage.

“Georgia’s growing population means a greater demand for health care,” University System Chancellor Sonny Perdue said. “This partner-

ship helps meet it by preparing more nurses, especially in rural and underserved areas. As we align programs, we’re making it easier for students to grow their skills.”

The agreement is part of a broader strategy by the technical college and university systems to help students pursue careers in health care.



Special Photo

The Grammy-nominated Swon Brothers are scheduled to perform at the Rylander Theatre in Americus.

Grammy-nominated Swon Brothers to perform at Rylander Theatre

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AMERICUS – Country music fans in south Georgia are in for a night to remember on Aug. 15, as the Grammy-nominated Swon Brothers take the stage at the historic Rylander Theatre to kick off the 2025-2026 Presenter Series season.

The Swon Brothers, known for their seamlessly smooth, tight-knit sibling harmonies, rose to national prominence as finalists on NBC’s “The Voice.” The brothers — Zach and Colton — have captivated audiences across the country with hits like “Later On,” “What Ever Happened,” and

their latest single, “Who You Are.”

The duo’s blend of modern country with classic Southern rock flair has earned them a loyal fan base and critical acclaim. Honored with the “Rising Star” award by the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame and inducted into the “Rhythm and Routes Oklahoma Music Trail,” the Muskogee, Okla., natives have been charming fans with their fun-loving personalities since childhood. Since releasing their major label hit, “Later On,” the brothers have written and produced their own music independently and also contributed to superstar Blake Shelton’s album “Body Language,” co-

writing the title track and appearing as featured performers on the song.

During their career the brothers have garnered industry honors and nominations with nods from The Country Music Association, The Academy of Country Music, and The CMT Music Awards. Their music has landed on many digital streaming platforms and editorial playlists.

The Swon Brothers have toured as part of Carrie Underwood’s “Storyteller Tour” and Brad Paisley’s “Country Nation World Tour,” as well headlining their own cross-country shows. Through the years the brothers have raised more than \$200,000 and

thousands of pounds of non-perishable food at their annual “Swon Brothers’ Concert to Benefit the Salvation Army” for their hometown and regional area.

“We’re so excited to have the guys here at the Rylander to kick off the new season,” Rylander Director Heather Stanley said in a news release. “I had the opportunity to see them showcase last year and knew right away they belonged on our stage.”

The concert is presented by the Friends of the Rylander Theatre. Tickets and memberships for the 2025-2026 season are on sale now online and through the theater box office.

Quality Cotton award winners announced

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AMERICUS – STATESBORO -- The 2024 Georgia Quality Cotton Awards were presented at the recent 2025 Georgia Cotton Commission Mid-Year Meeting. The awards are co-sponsored by the Georgia Cotton Commission and Bayer Crop Science/Deltapine and administered by the University of Georgia Cotton Team.

Yangxuan Liu, extension economist at the University of Georgia, conducted the analysis, and Camp Hand presented the awards at the event on behalf of the UGA Cotton Team.

The purpose of the awards is to recognize producers and ginners of high-quality cotton fiber and to identify their general management practices for the benefit of other growers. The producers and their gins received a plaque, and the winning producers received a \$500 cash award. The UGA County Extension agents for each winner also were recognized as they work closely with the farmers during the growing season.

The awards are given in each of three cotton acreage categories: 1) less than 500 acres, 2) 500 to 1,000 acres, and 3) greater than 1,000 acres, within the four regions of the state. Winners in these categories are determined by the loan value



Special Photo: Georgia Cotton Commission

Tift County farmer Ryan Branch, second from the right, and Scott Utley of Sconyers Gin & Warehouse, center, accept the 2024 Best Cotton Award as part of the 2024 Georgia Quality Cotton Awards. From left are Justin Hand, Tift County Extension Coordinator; Taylor Sills, Georgia Cotton Commission Executive Director; Utley; Branch; and Will Duffie, Bayer Crop Science.

and premiums of their cotton. The winners’ achievements are due largely to their management practices and expertise. Winners included:

Region 1
Less than 500 acres
Grower – Keith Melcher, Crisp County; Ginner – Arabi Gin Company Inc., Arabi; Nominated by – Jack Quayle

500-1000 acres
Grower – Mark Thompson Wilcox County; Ginner – Arabi Gin Company Inc., Arabi; Nominated by – John Bennett & Jay Porter

1000+ acres
Grower – Lime Creek Farms, Crisp County; Ginner – Arabi Gin Company Inc., Arabi; Nominated by – Jack Quayle

Region 2
Less than 500 acres
Grower – Phillip John Raley, Glascock County; Ginner – Farmer’s Gin & Storage, Wadley; Nominated by – Pamela Sapp

500-1000 acres
Grower – Bill Godowns Farm Partnership, Jefferson County; Ginner – Farmer’s Gin & Storage, Wadley; Nominated by – Pamela Sapp

1000+ acres
Grower – Dean Johnson, Burke County; Ginner – Bryant’s Inc., Bartow; Nominated by – Cliff Collins & Peyton Sapp

Region 3
Less than 500 acres
Grower – Ryan Branch, Tift County; Ginner – Sconyers Gin & Warehouse Co., Sycamore;

Nominated by – Justin Hand and Regan Veal

500-1000 acres
Grower – C + M Southern Farms, Brooks County; Ginner – B.C.T. Gin Company Inc., Quitman; Nominated by – Michasia Dowdy

1000+ acres
Grower – Dewitt Farms, Brooks County; Ginner – B.C.T. Gin Company Inc., Quitman; Nominated by – Michasia Dowdy

Region 4
Less than 500 acres
Grower – Allen Donalson, Grady County; Ginner – Boston Gin, Boston; Nominated by – Jackson Cale Cloud & Sydni Ingram

500-1000 acres
Grower – Adam Rowland, Thomas County; Ginner – B.C.T. Gin Company Inc., Quitman; Nominated by – Sydni Ingram & Michasia Dowdy

1000+ acres
Grower – Parker Heard, Decatur County; Ginner – Clover Leaf Gin & Warehouse, Donalsonville; Nominated by – Hugh Mye

The final award given was the overall Best Cotton Award. This was awarded to the Georgia cotton producer with highest loan value and premium. The 2024 Best Cotton Award went to Tift County’s Ryan Branch with a loan value of 57.05 cents/pound and a premium of 5.05 cents/pound.

TRMC Foundation awards Terry Arthur Physician Assistant Scholarship

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TIFTON – The Tift Regional Medical Center Foundation recently presented Marlaina Reaves with its third annual Terry Arthur Physician Assistant Scholarship.

“Since 2021, Marlaina has worked at Southwell as a physical therapy assistant,” Mandy Brooks, the executive director of the TRMC Foundation, said. “She is from Fitzgerald and is eager to help patients on their road to recovery.”

Reaves has been accepted into the Berry College Physician Associate Program for August 2025 and said she plans to graduate in August 2027.

The Terry Arthur Physician

Assistant Scholarship is made possible due to contributions from area physician assistants. The award was named for Tifton’s first Physician Assistant and founding member of the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants, Terry Arthur. He graduated from UAB in 1973 and joined Tifton Medical Clinic, now known as Southwell Medical Clinic. Arthur currently works part-time in Tift Regional’s Heart and Vascular Center.

“Terry has been instrumental in training and mentoring Physician Assistant students and graduates,” Brooks said.

To learn more or to donate to the Terry Arthur Physician Assistant Scholarship, call (229) 391-3310.

Norfolk Southern, Union Pacific merger to create United State’s first transcontinental railroad

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA -- Freight railroad companies Union Pacific and Atlanta-based Norfolk Southern have announced a merger agreement that will create the nation’s first transcontinental railroad.

The merger, subject to the approval of the federal Surface Transportation Board, will connect more than 50,000 route miles across 43 states, linking about 100 ports.

“Railroads have become an integral part of building America since the Industrial Revolution, and this transaction is the next step in advancing the industry,” Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena, who will become CEO of the combined company Union Pacific Transcontinental Railroad, said. “This combination is transformational, enhancing the best freight transportation system in the world. It’s a win for the American economy, it’s a win for our customers, and it’s a win for our people.”

“Norfolk Southern, like Union Pacific, is a railroad integral to the U.S. economy, with a storied 200-year legacy of serving customers across 22 states in the eastern half of the nation,” Norfolk Southern CEO Mark George

said. “Our safety, network, and financial performance are among the best we’ve had as a company, as is our customer satisfaction. And it is from this position of strength that we embark on this transformational combination.”

Under the agreement, Union Pacific will acquire Norfolk Southern in a stock-and-cash transaction. The deal will create a combined enterprise worth more than \$250 billion. Executives with both railroads promised a job with the combined company for every union employee who wants one.

Originally based in Norfolk, Va., Norfolk Southern moved its headquarters to Atlanta in 2021. While the combined company will be headquartered in Omaha, Neb. -- Union Pacific’s home base -- Atlanta will remain a core location focusing on technology, operations, and innovation, among other priorities, according to a news release.

The companies expect to apply for the merger with the STB within six months. The two companies’ boards already have approved the agreement.

The companies are targeting closing the transaction by early 2027.



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LONGING FOR A COOL DIP



Visitors to Radium Springs look longingly at the frigid, spring-fed water that used to be a favorite southwest Georgia swimming hole during hot summer days. Alas, visitors these days can only dream of those bygone days.

ACA premiums expected to

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MIAMI — Josefina Muralles works a part-time overnight shift as a receptionist at a Miami Beach condominium so that during the day she can care for her three kids, her aging mother, and her brother, who is paralyzed.

She helps her mother feed, bathe, and give medicine to her adult brother, Rodrigo Muralles, who has epilepsy and became disabled after contracting COVID-19 in 2020.

“He lives because we feed him and take care of his personal needs,” Josefina Muralles, 41, said. “He doesn’t say, ‘I need this or that.’ He has forgotten everything.”

Though her husband works full-time, the arrangement means their household income is just above the federal poverty line — too high to qualify for Florida’s Medicaid program but low enough to make Muralles and her husband eligible for subsidized health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

Next year, Muralles said, she and her husband may not be able to afford that health insurance coverage, which has paid for her prescription blood thinners, cholesterol medication, and two surgeries, including one to treat a genetic disorder.

Extra subsidies put in place during the pandemic — which reduced the premiums Muralles and her husband paid by more than half, to \$30 a month — are in place only through Dec. 31. Without enhanced subsidies, Affordable Care Act insurance premiums would rise by more than 75% on average, with bills for

people in some states more than doubling, according to estimates from KFF, a health information nonprofit that includes KFF Health News.

Florida and Texas would be hit especially hard, as they have more people enrolled in the marketplace than other states. Some of their congressional districts alone, especially in South Florida, have more people signed up for ACA coverage than entire states.

Like many of the more than 24 million Americans enrolled in the insurance marketplace this year, Muralles was unaware that the enhanced subsidies are slated to expire. She said she cannot afford a premium hike because inflation has already eaten into her household’s budget.

“The rent is going up,” she said. “The water bill is going up.”

Low-income enrollees like the Muralles couple would see the biggest percentage increases in premiums if enhanced subsidies expire.

Middle-income enrollees who earn more than four times the federal poverty line would no longer be eligible for subsidies at all. Those middle-income enrollees (who earn at least \$62,600 for a single person in 2025) are disproportionately older, self-employed, and living in rural areas.

Julio Fuentes, president of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said many of his organization’s members are small business owners who rely on the ACA marketplace for health coverage.

“It’s either this or nothing,” he said.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated that letting

the enhanced subsidies expire would, by 2034, increase the number of people without health insurance by 4.2 million. In tandem with changes to Medicaid in the House of Representatives’ reconciliation bill and the Trump administration’s proposed rules for the marketplace, including toughening income verification and shortening enrollment periods, it would increase the number of uninsured people by 16 million over that time period.

A study by the Urban Institute, a nonprofit think tank, found that Hispanic and black people would see greater coverage losses than other groups if the extra subsidies lapse.

Fuentes noted that about 5 million Hispanics are enrolled in the ACA marketplace, and that Trump won the Hispanic vote in Florida in 2024. He said he hopes the president and congressional Republicans see extending the enhanced subsidies as a way to hold on to those voters.

“This is probably a good way, or a good start, to possibly grow that base even more,” he said.

Enrollment in the marketplace has grown faster since 2020 in the states won by Trump in 2024. A recent KFF survey found that 45% of Americans who buy their own health insurance identify as or lean Republican. Smaller shares identify as Democrats or Democratic-leaning independents (35%) or do not lean toward either party (20%).

Kush Desai, a White House spokesperson, said the rules proposed by the Trump administration, combined with the provisions in the House-passed budget bill, would

Ellianos Coffee breaks ground in Albany

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ALBANY — Ellianos Coffee, a Southeast-based drive-thru specialty coffee brand, has announced the beginning of construction on a brand-new location at 2303 Village Green Court in Albany. This development marks the continued growth of the drive-thru coffee brand across the Southeast and introduces a new option for premium coffee, convenience, and community connection in the Albany area.

The franchise is being led by Bobby Underwood, a well-known figure in the Albany community. With a deep-rooted dedication to public service, Underwood served the State of Georgia as a Georgia State Trooper for 25 years and has spent the last 11 years as a State Farm Agent. His commitment to enhancing daily life for residents through community development made Ellianos a natural next step.

“I was attracted to the Ellianos brand because of its strong family values and the incredible products it offers,” Underwood said. “There’s truly nothing better, hands down. We’re excited to become part of the Ellianos family and bring something special to the people of Albany.”

The coffee shop is designed with convenience and speed in mind, offering a double-sided drive-thru for maximum efficiency. With growing enthusiasm from local residents already evident, the project is expected to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.



Special Photo

Ellianos Coffee, a Southeast-based drive-thru specialty coffee brand, has announced the beginning of construction on a brand-new location at 2303 Village Green Court in Albany.

“We felt Ellianos would be a perfect fit for this area,” Underwood said. “Since breaking ground, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, which only confirms that we made the right choice.”

Known for its hand-crafted espresso drinks and crave-worthy breakfast items, Ellianos Coffee has earned a loyal following across the Southeast. Popular menu favorites include the smooth and bold signature creations, refreshing freezers, and the savory breakfast grit bowls, featuring creamy grits topped with eggs, cheese, and proteins like bacon or sausage. With a reputation for fast, friendly service and high-quality ingredients, Ellianos delivers a drive-thru coffee experience that keeps guests coming back.

Over the past year, Ellianos has seen significant growth,

expanding its footprint in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and North Carolina, and offering territories in other states across the Southeast. The brand continues to seek franchisees for territories in Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Ellianos Coffee, established in 2002 by entrepreneurs Scott and Pam Stewart, is committed to delivering Italian quality at America’s Pace. Throughout its 20-year history, Ellianos has expanded to 69 stores, with more than 200 more in various stages of development. Ellianos was celebrated as a Top 10 Coffee Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine in 2024 and was featured in QSR Magazine’s 16 Best Restaurant Franchising Deals for 2024. To explore franchising opportunities with Ellianos Coffee, visit www.ellianos.com/franchising/.

rise if Congress doesn’t act

“strengthen the ACA marketplace.” He noted that the CBO projects the legislation would reduce premiums for some plans about 12% on average by 2034 — but out-of-pocket costs would rise or remain the same for most subsidized ACA consumers. “Democrats know Americans broadly support ending waste, fraud, and abuse, which is why they are desperately trying to change the conversation,” Desai said.

But Lauren Aronson, executive director of Keep Americans Covered, a group in Washington, D.C., representing health insurers, hospitals, physicians, and patient advocates, said it is critical to raise awareness about the likely impact of losing the enhanced subsidies, which are also known as advanced premium tax credits. She is encouraged that Democrats have proposed legislation to extend the enhanced tax credits, and that some Republican senators have voiced support.

What worries Aronson most is that the Republican-controlled Congress is more focused on extending tax cuts than enhanced subsidies, she said. The current bill extending the 2017 tax cuts would increase the federal deficit by about \$2.4 trillion over the next decade, according to the CBO, while making the enhanced subsidies permanent would increase the deficit by \$358 billion over roughly the same period.

“Congress is moving forward on a tax reconciliation package that purports to benefit working families,” Aronson said. “But if you don’t take care of the tax credits, working families will be left holding the bag.”

Brian Blase, president of Paragon Health Institute, a conservative health policy think tank, said the enhanced subsidies were supposed to be a temporary measure during the COVID-19 pandemic to help people at risk of losing coverage. Instead, he said, the enhanced subsidies facilitated fraud because enrollees did not need to verify their income eligibility to receive zero-premium plans if they reported incomes at or near the federal poverty level.

The enhanced subsidies also worsen health inflation, discourage employers from offering health insurance benefits, and crowd out alternative models, such as short-term insurance and Farm Bureau plans, Blase said.

New rules for the marketplace proposed by the Trump administration in March are already designed to address fraud, said Anna Howard, a policy expert with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, which advocates for increased health insurance coverage. Howard said extending the enhanced tax credits would help ensure that people who are legitimately eligible for coverage can get it.

“We don’t want to see over 5 million people be kicked off their health insurance coverage out of fears of fraud when the policies being proposed don’t necessarily address fraud,” she said.

Without affordable premiums, many consumers will turn to short-term health plans, health care cost-sharing ministries, and other forms of coverage that do not have the benefits or protections of the health law, she said. “These are plans that don’t

provide coverage for prescription drugs, or they have lifetime and annual limits,” she said. “For a cancer patient, those plans don’t work.”

Though the enhanced subsidies do not expire until the end of the year, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association would prefer Congress to act by fall to avoid confusion during open enrollment, David Merritt, a senior vice president, said. Insurers are preparing rates to meet state deadlines. By October, consumers will receive 60-day plan renewal notices with their 2026 premiums.

Without enhanced subsidies, Merritt said, competition in the marketplace will wither, leading to fewer coverage options and higher prices, especially in states that have not expanded Medicaid eligibility and where ACA enrollment spiked during the past four years, like Florida and Texas.

“Voters and patients are really going to see the impact,” he said.

Republican and Democratic representatives for some of the Florida congressional districts with the highest numbers of people in the marketplace did not respond to repeated interview requests.

Muralles said she wants her representatives to work in the interest of constituents like herself, who need health insurance coverage to care for their families.

“Now is the time to prove to us that they are with us,” Muralles said. “When everybody’s healthy, everybody goes to work, everybody can pay taxes, everybody can have a better life.”

Royals use nine pitchers to shut out Braves in 10-inning win



Special Photo: : Jay Biggerstaff-Imagn Images
Kansas City’s Salvador Perez celebrates with teammates after delivering the game-winning hit in the 10th inning of the Royals’ 1-0 victory over the Braves. Nine Royals pitchers combined for the shutout.

Field Level Media

Salvador Perez lashed a walk-off single in the 10th inning, and nine Kansas City pitchers combined on a five-hit shutout as the Kansas City Royals blanked the visiting Atlanta Braves 1-0 on Wednesday afternoon.

Scoreless after 9 1/2 innings in a day of very little baserunning and lots of light contact, pinch runner MJ Melendez was placed on second base to start the bottom of the 10th — the first time a Royals baserunner reached scoring position.

Perez then lined an 0-1 slider to right center off Daysbel Hernandez (4-2), just the Royals’ third hit, for his 10th career walk-off winner to lift them to

their third straight series win.

Reliever Sam Long (1-2) escaped a first-and-third, no-out jam in the 10th with two strikeouts and a lineout.

In a bullpen game, reliever Angel Zerpa served as the opener and tossed one-plus inning, allowing just a single.

The bullpen finished with 10 strikeouts and a walk in the club’s ninth shutout.

Making his third straight start since being inserted into the Atlanta rotation this month, Kansas City area native Joey Wentz was outstanding over 6 2/3 innings.

The left-hander allowed only a lead-off single to Maikel Garcia and three walks as the Royals never put a runner in scoring position against him.

He posted season highs with seven strikeouts and 95 pitches.

The Braves’ Drake Baldwin produced a pinch-hit single and extended his on-base streak to 11 games as Atlanta fell to 2-9 in the past 11 games.

With All-Star outfielder Ronald Acuna Jr. (right Achilles inflammation) sent to the 10-day injured list after Tuesday’s 9-6 loss to the Royals, Eli White replaced the 2023 National League MVP and went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts, including one in the 10th.

After combining for 32 runs in the first two matchups, the teams’ bats were quiet as both Wentz and the home team’s bullpen were impressive in the

See **SHUT OUT**, 10A



Special Photo: : Jay Biggerstaff-Imagn Images
A frustrated Ronald Acuña, Jr. takes off his jersey as he leaves the field during Tuesday night’s game in Kansas City. The All-Star outfielder landed on the 10-day injured list with achilles inflammation.

Acuña hits injured list with Achilles inflammation

By Mark Bowman
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KANSAS CITY — Ronald Acuña Jr. could only shake his head and fight back tears as he hobbled across the Braves’ clubhouse in a walking boot Tuesday night, the result of what the team later called “right Achilles tendon inflammation.”

The reigning National League MVP was placed on the 10-day injured list Wednesday, a move that came less than 24 hours after Acuña left Atlanta’s 9-6 loss to the Royals in the sixth inning. He will undergo an MRI to determine the severity of the injury, but early indications suggest the Achilles is not torn. There is cautious optimism he could return in two to three weeks, depending on how he responds to treatment.

“I think [the Achilles] definitely got worse today,” Acuña said through an interpreter. “I told them yesterday and everybody said take today off. But I’ve just missed so much time with injuries, and I didn’t want to miss any more time.”

Acuña initially experienced discomfort in the area after scoring from first base on an Austin Riley double during Monday night’s win. That same game, he launched a towering 468-foot home run — a reminder of his electric talent and impact on a team that has struggled in 2025.

The 26-year-old outfielder lobbied to stay in the lineup Tuesday. But as manager Brian Snitker put it, “He’s going to end up hurting it worse,” referencing a pair of plays in the sixth inning where Acuña winced while fielding a foul ball down the right-field line, then failed to track down a ball in the right-center gap.

Still, Acuña returned to his position, hoping to continue. But when he stood bent over with his hands on his knees, Snitker made the call. Eli White jogged out to replace him, and Acuña exited under his own power — though his emotional postgame interview suggested deeper concern.

The Braves, who are well out of playoff contention, recalled outfielder Jarred Kelenic from Triple-A Gwinnett to fill the roster spot. Kelenic batted just .167 in 23 games earlier this season and hit .217 at Gwinnett, but he’ll provide outfield depth behind White.

Acuña’s injury history is no secret — he tore his right ACL in 2021 and his left ACL last season — but his 2025 performance had been stellar: a .306 average, 14 home runs, and a 1.006 OPS in 55 games since debuting May 23.

While the Braves wait for MRI results, they’ll also wait on hope — that the injury isn’t serious and that one of baseball’s most dynamic players will be back before the season ends. For now, though, Acuña is sidelined once again.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Southwest Georgia’s Charlee Davis slides into home as Terrell Academy catcher Emma Lane waits with the ball during Wednesday’s season opener. A sharp play by third baseman Lainey Griffin led to the inning-ending out. Additional game photos are on AlbanyHerald.com.

Southwest Georgia scores eight times in fifth to win big

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

DAWSON — For four innings, the defending state champs were held in check. Then Southwest Georgia Academy did what championship teams tend to do — they made one inning feel like a landslide.

The Lady Warriors broke open a 1-1 game with an eight-run fifth inning Wednesday, turning a tight season opener into a 9-1 win over host Terrell Academy. It was a reminder of why SGA wears the crown, and why mistakes — even brief ones — rarely go unpunished.

“They got a couple of hits early, and we

just never found our footing defensively,” said Terrell Academy head coach Ashley Walker. “They took advantage of our mistakes — and they made them count.”

Seven hits, two walks, and a sacrifice fly later, the Lady Warriors had turned a deadlock into a rout. The biggest blow came from senior Aubrey Hollaman, who laced a bases-clearing double to right to drive in three.

That single frame accounted for all but one of SGA’s nine hits — and all but one of its runs.

“To be honest, we played really well outside of that 20-minute stretch,” Walker said. “But that stretch was the game.”

Hadley Webb and Kacy Sheffield recorded the only hits for Terrell Academy, which now shifts focus to the Baconton Charter season-opening tournament this weekend. The Lady Eagles will face Baconton and Dougherty on Saturday.

“We’ve got to hit better, yes, but it’s also about mindset,” Walker said. “When adversity hits, we’ve got to respond better. Learn to transition from one moment to the next.”

Then he added the thing every coach hopes to say — even after a loss.

“But I was certainly proud of our effort.”

Auburn’s Hugh Freeze keeps cancer on periphery as fall camp kicks off

Field Level Media

Hugh Freeze hit the ground running as Auburn opens fall camp, even as the Tigers’ coach takes the field knowing he will likely need surgery for prostate cancer.

Freeze, 55, said he hasn’t felt this good physically to start a season in years.

“I don’t think anything about the health right now,” said Freeze. “Whether that’s right, wrong or indifferent. I talk to docs. I had three of them text me yesterday. They’re awesome. I’ve got a great team around me, but I just don’t have any ... I mean, I don’t feel sick.”

Freeze made similar comments in March, when he decided he could postpone any medical procedure until January.

Auburn went 5-7 last season and Freeze said earlier this month at SEC Media Days he’s confident his third year will bring a breakthrough. He has 14 losses — nine

against conference teams — in two seasons.

An avid golfer, Freeze has gotten some attention for the amount of time he’s spending around the greens as the Tigers look to close the gap in the SEC. This isn’t the first health concern for Freeze. He had a staph infection in his back while coaching at Liberty in 2019, and said he still experiences some pain. Freeze worked through that serious medical issue, coaching from the press box on game day.

Auburn originally disclosed the diagnosis in February and doctors told Freeze the form of cancer he’s fighting is “treatable and curable.”

“My wife’s got me taking all kinds of natural things that — supposedly — may cure prostate cancer,” Freeze said. “We hope it does. We’ll recheck it in January and see where things are. But other than an old back, I feel great. Sometimes it gets a little tight. But I had that deal at Lib-



Special Photo: : Jay Biggerstaff-Imagn Images
Hugh Freeze hit the ground running as Auburn opens fall camp, even as the Tigers’ coach takes the field knowing he will likely need surgery for prostate cancer.

erty where I had the infection get in, and I’m always going to have some arthritis there. But my energy is good. I feel great and excited about camp.”

No Comfort Zone: FSU opens camp with urgency and purpose

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

TALLAHASSEE — Mike Norvell isn't after comfort this season. He's not interested in cruise control or playing it safe. What the Florida State head coach wants — needs — is desperation.

The good kind. "I want guys that are desperate to be better," Norvell said Monday as the Seminoles reported to fall camp. "Not comfortable. Not content. Desperate. And I don't mean that in a negative way. I want guys that wake up and go to bed and they want to be better in all things." That's the tone Norvell is setting for a program that fell just short of the College

Football Playoff last year. Despite a 13-1 record and an ACC championship, the Seminoles were left out — and that still stings. But rather than dwell on what can't be changed, Norvell is focused on what must be.

"We have a talented team," he said. "But talent alone doesn't win games. We've got to come in and earn it. Every day."

There's urgency in his voice. The same urgency he wants in his locker room.

This fall, Norvell isn't starting from scratch. Quarterback DJ Uiagalelei is in from Oregon State. Tailbacks Roydell Williams and Jaylin Lucas bring SEC and Big Ten experience. Safety Greedy Vance returns to anchor the secondary. The pieces are there. But it's the

mindset he's watching.

"You've got to rise up and overcome," Norvell said. "It's not always going to be easy, and if you're comfortable, you won't do it. Comfort doesn't produce your best."

There are also new voices on the coaching staff. Most notably, former Mississippi State head coach Zach Arnett joins as linebackers coach. Norvell called him "an unbelievable teacher" and said he's brought "great value already."

As for the camp itself, Norvell said the goal is to push players to their limits — physically, mentally, emotionally. And not just for the sake of being tough, but because they'll need that edge in every fourth quarter this fall.

"It's about what you're will-

ing to give," he said. "Can you give every bit of it? Because that's what it's going to take."

The Seminoles open the season August 24 in Ireland against Georgia Tech. It's an early test, a long trip, and a stage that doesn't allow much room for slow starts. Norvell, though, isn't fazed.

"Our guys have had a really good summer," he said. "Now it's time to stack the days."

There are expectations, of course. But for Norvell, this season isn't about rankings or revenge. It's about eliminating comfort and choosing urgency.

"Desperation," he repeated, "isn't a bad thing. It's the edge you need."



Special Photo: Florida State University
Florida State head coach Mike Norvell sets the tone during fall camp with a clear message: comfort is the enemy. The Seminoles will open the season against Alabama on Aug. 30.

Playoff push, desperation underscore drama of Wyndham Championship

Field Level Media

The Wyndham Championship has a funny way of setting the table for the FedEx Cup playoffs.

In 2023, Lucas Glover won the regular-season finale to jump from outside the top 110 in the points race into the playoffs. He capitalized by winning the very next week in the playoff opener in Memphis.

The year prior, Tom Kim of South Korea announced himself by winning the Wyndham at 21 years old to qualify for the playoffs.

Some big-name players would like to join that list at the 2025 Wyndham Championship beginning Thursday at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C.

The top 70 players in the FedEx Cup standings after this week will qualify for the FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis. The current No. 70 is Matti Schmid of Germany; some notable names right behind him include Danish youngster Nicolai Hojgaard, Keith Mitchell, Chris Kirk and Gary Woodland.

Australian veteran Adam Scott finds himself 85th in the standings and needing a very high finish to leap into the top 70.

"I feel like my game's been pretty good since May so I need to be on the front foot a little bit, I can't be sitting back waiting for it to happen," Scott said. "I've got a

couple of days to put myself in contention for the weekend. Yeah, I feel confident with my game that I can do that. It's about executing."

Scott called Sedgefield "one of the great tracks on tour." The course has hosted this event since 2008. A par-70, it will play 7,131 yards long this week and test the field with its small greens.

Scott was in a six-man playoff here in 2021, won by Kevin Kisner. It was tied for the largest playoff in PGA Tour history.

"It would be fun to be in the mix this weekend, and also I still have some open wounds from a few years ago in that playoff so it would be fun to change that," Scott said.

Tony Finau (No. 60) and Rickie Fowler (No. 61) are not guaranteed to make the playoffs, so they're playing this week in order to maximize their distance from the cutoff line.

Finau and Fowler are also Ryder Cup veterans, and there are only a few opportunities left to impress U.S. captain Keegan Bradley, who has six captain's picks to make this fall.

There's a plethora of fresh faces Bradley could consider who have had better seasons than Finau and Fowler. Take Ben Griffin, currently ninth in the U.S. team qualifying standings. Griffin picked up his first two PGA Tour victories this spring and sits seventh in the FedEx Cup race, the highest of anyone in the



Special Photo: David Yeazel-Hmagn Images
Australian veteran Adam Scott watches his tee shot during a practice round ahead of the 2025 Wyndham Championship at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C. Scott, currently 85th in the FedEx Cup standings, needs a strong finish to qualify for the playoffs.

Wyndham field.

"I feel like (the Ryder Cup) mentioned every single day, so like, it's always on my mind whether I want it to be or not," said Griffin, a native of nearby Chapel Hill, N.C. "... If I just do the right things each week, and this week in particular if I play really well and just focus on winning, the byproduct of that's going to be making the Ryder Cup team, and same with each week in the playoffs. The more I kind of look at

rankings or whatever, it's not going to help me."

Another Ryder Cup veteran hopeful his game is rounding into form at the right time, Jordan Spieth is a big fan of the August calendar ahead, starting this week.

"It's one of the better tracks that we play all year," said Spieth. "Also, as we look ahead to next week, first playoff event, there are a lot of similarities in this grainy Bermuda and stuff like that."

Jackson State tops 2025 preseason HBCU FCS coaches poll

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

Jackson State is once again the team to beat in Black college football.

The Tigers claimed the top spot in the 2025 BOXTOROW HBCU FCS Preseason Coaches Poll, receiving 16 of 18 first-place votes. It marks the third time in the poll's 17-year history that Jackson State opens at No. 1, joining the 2009 and 2022 teams.

Led by preseason SWAC Offensive Player of the Year JaCobian Morgan at quarterback, the Tigers are coming off a 12-2 campaign and finished last season ranked No. 1.

Defending MEAC ormer champion South Carolina State checks in at No. 2 and received one first-place vote. The Bulldogs are expected to be a serious challenger in the national conversation after a 9-3 finish in 2024.

Rounding out the top three is North Carolina Central, which won the HBCU national championship in 2022 and went 8-3 last season. Southern and Tennessee State complete the top five.

Texas Southern, which finished outside the top 10, also garnered one first-place vote in the poll. Former Dougherty star Jaquavus Hallman signed with Texas Southern last spring.

The BOXTOROW HBCU FCS Coaches Poll is voted on by HBCU head coaches competing in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision. This year marks its 17th season.

2025 Preseason HBCU FCS Coaches Poll

(First-place votes in parentheses)

1. **Jackson State (16)** – 12-2, 176 points (2024 Final Rank: 1)

2. **South Carolina State (1)** – 9-3, 156 (2)

3. **North Carolina Central** – 8-3, 130 (4)

4. **Southern** – 8-5, 101 (5)

5. **Tennessee State** – 9-4, 93 (3)

6. **Florida A&M** – 7-5, 90 (7)

7. **Alabama State** – 7-5, 83 (6)

8. **Alabama A&M** – 6-3, 50 (8)

9. **Alcorn State** – 6-6, 41 (9)

10. **Morgan State** – 6-6, 28 (10)

Others receiving votes:
Prairie View A&M (5-7) 18, Hampton (5-7) 13, Howard (4-8) 13, Texas Southern (5-6, 1 vote) 10, Norfolk State (4-8) 2.

TONY'S TAKE: Saban, the NCAA, and Trump

By Tony Duckworth
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Nick Saban met President Trump in 2018 following the Crimson Tide's national championship over Georgia. Yes, this is the overtime loss Bulldog fans want to forget given UGA led 13 - 0 at halftime. Trump hosted Saban's Alabama team in April at the White House to celebrate the victory.

Since the GOAT met Trump in 2018 much has happened to these two. Trump lost the 2020 Presidential election, but he overcame enormous personal and political odds to reclaim the seat in 2024. Saban won his seventh and final national title in 2020, retired from coaching following the 2023 CFB season, and became a fixture on ESPN's College Gameday.

Saban and Trump met again in person around the University of Alabama's 2025 Com-

mencement. Saban warmed up the crowd, and he introduced Trump to the stage.

While the President was in Tuscaloosa in May, Trump met with Saban and Senator Tommy Tuberville. Tuberville coached on the Plains and once had a six-game Iron Bowl winning streak over Bama.

Considering Trump's executive order a few weeks ago, Saban outlined his issues with the current state of Power 4 intercollegiate athletics during the meeting with POTUS. Tuberville wants to be the face of college sports in Washington, D.C., due to his background in coaching. Tommy also uses his pulpit to politicize the current sport-related issues to rally his party's base against the other.

Saban, like several other high-profile CFB and CBB coaches, retired in large part

due to the rapid changing landscape of college athletics. The transfer portal, Name Image and Likeness (NIL), and the fight over whether college athletes should be classified as employees took their toll on the coaching legend.

Saban has been outspoken about the current state of college sports in his analyst role, and he believes the new version of the Power 4 NCAA deteriorates competitive balance. While it can be argued that it is less balanced, there have only been a dozen or so teams with the resources to win a P4 college football or basketball national championship in any given year over the past several decades.

Once Trump's college athletics executive order to clarify whether college athletes are employees was announced several weeks ago, Saban stated the order was a "huge step" in the right direction. I am

confident the final version presented to the NCAA will have Saban's fingerprints all over it.

While I have strong opinions regarding U.S. politics, I will limit my comments in this article. I am a liberty-minded contrarian who rejects binary thinking when it comes to the real world. Knowing the complexities of our world, I generally oppose the government inserting itself into sports. While there can be exceptions, the new NCAA model is one that needs to be settled by its membership, knowing there will be bumps along the way. Market corrections can find solutions to these new challenges.

Saban was the most powerful employee in the state of Alabama for nearly two decades, and his seven CFB



Tony Duckworth

national titles have him on the football coaching Mt. Rushmore. Saban's status allows him to speak freely to the most powerful man in the world. Rumor suggests Saban will be named co-chair of a Trump-appointed commission on sports.

It will be interesting if Saban's new role as influencer and advisor adds to or creates an unpredictable legacy for the coaching giant. One thing is for certain: what comes out of D.C. regarding intercol.

From 9A

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getaway game.

Wentz went about his business working ahead of Kansas City batters and retired eight straight after Garcia's hit.

In the sixth, the visitors generated the rubber game's first offensive threat when Nick Allen and Jurickson Profar opened with singles, but reliever Hunter Harvey buckled down and put away Matt Olson, Austin Riley and Michael Harris II. Royals use nine pitchers to shut out Braves in 10-inning win.

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Polluted Memories

Long-term exposure to air pollution significantly raises the risk of developing dementia, according to a study by Cambridge scientists who reviewed data from more than 29 million people.

The analysis found that fine particulate matter (PM2.5), nitrogen dioxide and soot are most harmful.

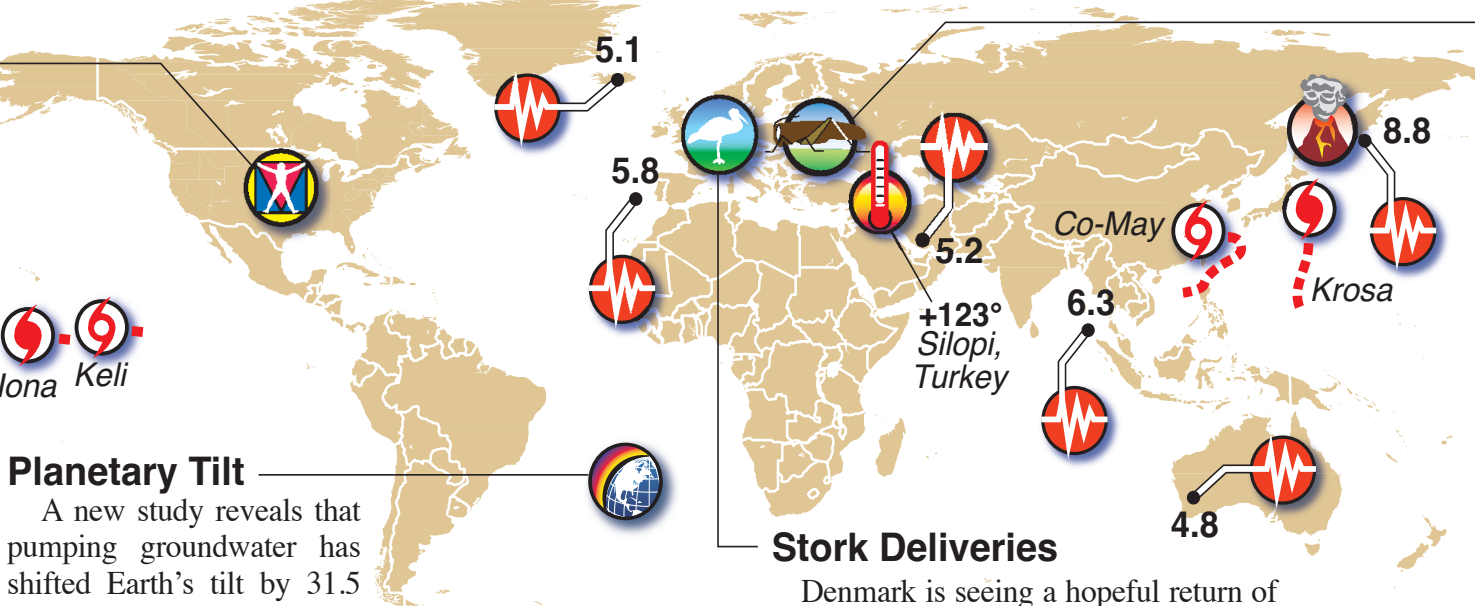
Every 10 micrograms per cubic meter of long-term PM2.5 exposure increases dementia risk by 17%, the study found.

The pollutants may trigger brain inflammation and oxidative stress, though exact mechanisms are still under investigation.

Earthquakes

The sixth-strongest temblor ever detected globally caused damage on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula. Subsequent tsunamis ravaged parts of the region's coast, with some reaching as far away as California, Hawaii and Easter Island.

• Earth movements were also felt in India's Andaman Islands, southwestern Australia, southern Iran, central Iceland and from mainland Portugal to Madeira.



Planetary Tilt

A new study reveals that pumping groundwater has shifted Earth's tilt by 31.5 inches over less than two decades, intensifying concerns about its contribution to climate change and sea-level rise.

The study, published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, found that extracting 2,150 gigatons of water between 1993 and 2010 redistributed enough mass to alter the planet's rotational pole.

Researchers say that water removed for irrigation and human consumption eventually entered the oceans, raising sea levels by an estimated 0.24 inch.

The effect is most pronounced in heavily pumped regions such as western North America and northwestern India.

After-Eruption

Far East Russia's Klyuchevskoy volcano, located on the Kamchatka Peninsula, began erupting shortly after the region's destructive magnitude 8.8 temblor struck just south of the peninsula.

Ash soared more than 25,000 feet into the atmosphere, prompting concerns for air traffic across the northern Pacific Ocean.

Klyuchevskoy, the tallest active volcano in Eurasia at over 15,500 feet in height, has erupted frequently in recent years.

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Stork Deliveries

Denmark is seeing a hopeful return of the white stork, once extinct there, with 13 nesting pairs and 33 chicks this year.

Conservationists link the rebound to changing migration routes, with warmer European winters allowing storks to winter in Spain instead of Africa.

Reuters reports that the volunteer group Storks Denmark supplements the birds' food supply during shortages to improve survival.

Researchers are also tagging nestlings with GPS devices to track migration data.



Warmer winters and conservation efforts are being credited for Denmark's largest number of stork chicks since the 1980s. Photo: Birds of Denmark

Ukraine Locusts

A surge of locusts is devastating crops in southern Ukraine as Russia's war on the country disrupts pest control efforts.

Officials say extreme heat, abandoned farmland near the front and the destruction of the Kakhovka dam, which created a vast soggy area, have resulted in perfect breeding conditions.

Swarms have overtaken roads and fields in Zaporizhzhia, where farmers report losing up to 33% of sunflower crops.

Ukraine, the world's leading sunflower oil exporter, depends on these southern regions for grain and oilseed production.

Tropical Cyclones

After lashing the far northern Philippines as a Category-1 cyclone, Tropical Storm Co-May drenched Okinawa before bringing heavy rain and gales to the Chinese coast around Shanghai.

• Typhoon Krosa skirted the Japanese coast near Tokyo as a tropical storm.

• Hurricane Iona and Tropical Storm Keli churned the open Pacific Ocean, well to the south of Hawaii.



By Harriette Cole

DEAR HARRIETTE: My best friend and I are roommates. No one told me this might be a risky decision, but I guess I'm learning the hard way. Sometimes she can be moody, and when she gets that way, everyone is sub-

ROOMMATE'S MOOD IMPACTS EVERYONE AROUND HER

SENSE & SENSITIVITY

ject to her heavy, somber, icy energy. It can be draining. If she has a bad day, she can't conceal it. Maybe she thinks she is hiding it because she doesn't exactly share or burden anyone with details, but her responses become short in a frustrated kind of way and she huffs, slams doors and sulks about. I don't want her to suppress her emotions when something is wrong, but I wish she didn't feel the need to wear them so proudly -- and I especially wish she wouldn't punish everyone around her when she's in a mood. What can I say to her about this?

-- Moody Roomie

DEAR MOODY ROOMIE: Although your roommate's moods are difficult for you, at least you can see that her behavior is not personal. She is dealing with something separate from you. If possible, be compassionate. Tell her you love her and hope she can find peace.

You can also acknowledge that it is hard for you to be around her when she is in a dark place. You don't have a sense of when these moods are going to hit her, and her behavior does impact you and everyone else around

her. Ask her if she has the awareness to tell you that she's having a hard day. If she could do that, it would help you to know how to be with her.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have fallen in love with a guy at work. I love the way he solves problems and how he pays attention to me, even when others do not. He is so kind, and I find myself deeply attracted to him. I recently learned that he is gay. He hadn't told me before. It came up when I asked him out. I was bold enough to say that I thought there

might be something special between us, and I asked if he would like to go out with me. He thanked me for the invitation and then informed that he is gay. I am so disappointed. How can I dial back my feelings since they are not reciprocated?

-- Just a Friend

DEAR JUST A FRIEND: Treat this situation as you would any time you are interested in someone who isn't interested in you in the same way. It's not that this man doesn't like you. It is that he is not romantically attracted to you. Sure, it can be hard

to accept, but you can do it. Be willing to see the truth for what it is. If you can allow yourself to release your heart from your feelings of attraction and learn to be just friends, who knows what kind of delightful bond you two can form?

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From 1A EMERGENCY

to provide additional emergency care in the county.

In a couple of years, there could be more than 150 additional EMTs available in Dougherty County to provide initial care to patients dealing with medical conditions ranging from accident injuries to gunshots.

The Albany Fire Department has been training department volunteers to be emergency medical technicians, with the idea being to have all of the more than 180 or so firefighters certified eventually.

So far about 40 of the current firefighting contingent have received EMT training, and an additional 10 are currently taking the 14-week course at the department's training center on Honey-suckle Road. In addition, several of the AFD staff serve as full-time firefighters and serve as part-time EMTs in Dougherty and Lee counties.

"We are training to become medical first responders," Albany Fire Chief Cedric Scott

said. "We will, as first responders, be responding to a set of calls. This is an opportunity for us to help people."

The idea is not for fire personnel to compete with Dougherty County Emergency Medical Services, but instead to complement that agency as well as act as a force multiplier.

Since there are more fire stations in the city -- 11 -- than the five EMS stations located throughout the county, firefighters will in many instances be closer to the location of a call. They also already respond to accidents to provide fire protection and extrication of victims trapped inside vehicles.

At the scene, the firefighter/EMTs will be able to begin basic medical assessment and give initial medical care such as stanching the bleeding for patients who have injuries. Once EMS personnel arrive, they will take over and transport patients to the hospital.

"It's important to mention what we're doing ... this is not a replacement for Dougherty County EMS," the chief said. "We are in a partnership with them to serve citizens at a higher level."

Once the number of trained firefighters reaches 56, the fire department will be able to make an application to the state to begin answering medical calls. The medical conditions to which fire personnel will be able to give assistance will be decided in consultation with a Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital physician, who is acting as the medical director.

"Now we'll be able to provide that service at a first-responder level," Scott said. "You've got more hands on the scene that are trained. Then you have EMS that provides advanced life support, and then you have the hospital to provide services up to trauma level."

In addition to often being first on the scene, the extra hands would be helpful in the event of an incident with multiple patients, such as a mass shooting or industrial accident, the fire chief said.

Scott, who also serves as the county's emergency management director, said the additional trained personnel will make an impact responding to natural disasters like tornadoes and damage from tropical storms, which are a

frequent occurrences in the region.

Being on the scene quickly and providing timely treatment is also critical for patients having a heart attack.

"The key to surviving is early 911, early defibrillation, early CPR," Scott said. "Those things are critical to surviving a cardiac arrest. We're located throughout the city and the county. We can respond quickly to it and start going into action while the ambulance is on the way. We're trying to sustain them until the more advanced life support arrives in the form of Dougherty County EMS."

The cost for training is \$1,700 per firefighter, a cost that the department absorbed through some grant money but mostly through the department's budget.

"This is something I think has been a long time coming," Scott said. "It feeds into everything we do from a first responder standpoint. Having these people trained in this is helpful in so many ways. This is a real big deal for our community."

The protocol for the EMS will remain the same once the fire department begins pro-

viding the service, Dougherty County EMS Director James Gibney said, and the agency will continue to be dispatched to all medical calls and will provide all transportation. Dougherty County is designated as the EMS's zone for ambulance service by the state's Regional EMS Advisory Council.

In Georgia, EMTs can provide basic services including checking vital signs, patient assessment, address bleeding and administer a few medications. Advanced EMTs, who have more training, can administer several additional medications, the director said.

Paramedics have much more training and are certified to provide additional care, including electrocardiograms, and have the ability to administer a much greater number of medications on scene.

Most shifts for the service are made up of 10 crews, with about seven of those usually being staffed with two paramedics and the remainder having one paramedic and an EMT or advanced EMT, Gibney said.

Firefighter EMTs, when they are first on a scene, will be able to begin life-saving

measures. In auto accidents, that can be critical, as well as in cases of cardiac arrest, he said. Beginning chest compressions as soon as possible can make a big difference for patients suffering a heart attack.

"They're pumping oxygen into the heart, so when the paramedic gets there to provide advanced treatment, that makes the treatment more effective," Gibney said. "You get the heart as oxygenated as much as possible, and it increases the chance of us bringing you back. We're at a much better place."

Like Scott, Gibney said that having the number of firefighters located in so many locations will bring medical care to patients quicker in many cases. In some cases, a patient whose condition is not severe can benefit from just the presence of trained medical personnel.

"Somebody's there, and that's all I care about," Gibney said. "Sometimes they just need somebody there. I think it's going to be a benefit."

"The reality is they have 11 stations, so they're usually closer. Having more people trained is going to help out."

Secure your deck for safe summer gatherings

Family Features

One of the most popular places to relax and enjoy the great outdoors during the warmer months, the deck is the focal point of many backyard retreats. If your home features one of the estimated 50 million residential decks in the United States, according to the North American Deck & Railing Association, it's im-

portant to ensure your outdoor living space is up to the task whether you plan to host cookouts or spend your weekend evenings relaxing with loved ones under the stars. Ensure your summer gath-

erings are fun and safe with these deck safety tips.

Inspect Your Deck's Structure

Before hosting any summer gatherings, inspect your deck

for any signs of wear and tear. Look for loose boards, nails that have popped out and any signs of rot or decay.

Stabilize and Secure Railings

Over time, railings can become loose or unstable, posing a significant hazard. Especially if your deck is elevated, ensure railings are firmly attached and do not wobble when pressure is applied. Tighten any loose screws and replace any old or damaged sections immediately with new, sturdier materials.

Check the Surface for Hazards

Ensuring your deck features a smooth and even surface can help limit trips and falls. Inspect the surface for any splinters, cracks or uneven boards. Sand down rough spots, replace any damaged boards and apply a non-slip

coating to create a safe walking area.

Illuminate Your Space

Evenings spent on the deck are a summer favorite for many families, but inadequate lighting can lead to accidents. Strategically place string lights, solar-powered deck lights or wall-mounted lights (with working bulbs) to illuminate the space effectively and create a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Keep It Clean and Clutter-Free

A cluttered deck can detract from the enjoyment of your gathering. Regularly sweep away debris, wash away dirt and remove unnecessary items. Organize your furniture and decor to ensure there is ample space for guests to move around comfortably.

Visit eLivingtoday.com for more outdoor entertaining tips.



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Tips to control summer pests

Family Features

Whether you're hosting a summer barbecue or simply relaxing in your backyard, reducing outdoor pests can help ensure a more pleasant experience. Summer pests like mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance; they can carry dangerous diseases like West Nile virus, Zika virus and dengue fever.

Enjoy a bite-free summer with these tips to enjoy mosquito-free outdoor spaces.

Identify Common Breeding Grounds

Understanding where mosquitoes breed is the first step in controlling them. Common breeding grounds include stagnant water sources such as bird baths, clogged gutters, poorly maintained pools and more. Even small amounts of standing water in planters or yard toys can create a breeding area. Regularly inspect your yard for potential breeding sites and take action to eliminate or treat them.

Keep Pests from Entering Your Home

Long-term mosquito control requires ongoing effort and strategic planning. Installing screens on windows and doors can prevent pests from entering your home, and putting up mosquito traps or an automatic misting system can provide continuous protection by reducing mosquito populations over time.

Naturally Repel Mosquitoes in Outdoor Areas

From using outdoor fans - mosquitoes are weak fliers and can be thrown off by airflow - to strategically placing torches, candles or diffusers including essential oils like citronella, there are plenty of ways to naturally reduce your chances of being bitten. In addition to citronella, eucalyptus and lavender can be used to repel mosquitoes and planting marigolds, basil and lemon balm around your entertaining space can also help.

Hire Pest Control Professionals

When natural methods are insufficient, chemical solutions can offer more robust mosquito control.



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quito control. Insecticides like permethrin and DEET can be applied to clothing and outdoor areas to kill mosquitoes on contact and repel them for extended periods. If DIY solutions aren't cutting it either, many professional pest control services offer mosquito fogging or misting systems, which cover large areas (like your yard) and provide long-lasting protection. Visit eLivingtoday.com for more summer lawn and garden tips and tricks.

Did you know?

Metro Creative Connection

Outdoor living spaces are a good investment for homeowners seeking to enjoy their home exteriors to the fullest, and that investment continues to pay dividends when homes are put on the market. According to Remodeling magazine's Cost vs. Value report, a number of outdoor living upgrades provide a sizable return on investment (ROI) when homeowners put their properties up for sale. According to the

report, a wood deck could recoup up to 82 percent of the original cost at resale, meaning a job that comes in around the national average price of \$17,000 could net \$14,000 at resale. An outdoor kitchen could prove an even better investment in terms of ROI, as Remodeling magazine indicates such a feature nets a return between 55 percent and 200 percent at resale depending on the location of the home and the materials used for the project



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Today a shooter's ability to shoot accurately and consistently is enhanced by the wide variety of optics that can be mounted on rifles.

Optics once considered 'fancy' are now necessities

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ALBANY – Today a shooter's ability to shoot accurately and consistently is enhanced by the wide variety of optics that can be mounted on rifles. These optics have become so popular for all shooting sports that many rifles are now manufactured without open or iron sights even being an option. Optics that were once considered fancy accessories are now considered necessities.

For those who grew up in the era when they had to learn how to shoot with open sights before "graduating to a scope," this seems like blasphemy. There is no denying that the right optics on a rifle, when attached and sighted in properly, are virtually guaranteed to improve accuracy and consistency. Ironically, those who spent hours practicing with open sights are now dependent on optics to continue the shooting sports as age takes a toll on vision.

The first rifle scopes were developed almost 200 years ago, and although technology has improved, the goal is still the same: increase the shooter's accuracy by magnifying the target. The enhanced target allows the shooter a more specific point of aim. In the words of Benjamin Martin to his sons in the movie "The Patriot," "Aim small, miss small." Originally designed to aid in long-range shooting, today scopes are designed for a wide range of shooting applications:

High-powered scopes are available in fixed or variable powers of magnification of 25x or greater for long-range shooting at targets or game. However, too much of a good thing can become a disadvantage. The increased powers of magnification that allow for excellence at distances beyond 100 yards are a handicap at shorter ranges more suited for lower-powered optics. Low-power scopes are great for short- to mid-range and have powers of magnification ranging between 1x to 8x, although 1x to 4x is a common range for these distances in heavy cover. Both low- and high-power scopes come in fixed or variable power versions. A variable powered scope allows the shooter to "zoom" from a low power of magnification to

a higher power of magnification, making it more versatile.

Red Dot or Prism scopes are low-powered optics that excel in low light applications and where quick target acquisition is important. They are generally fixed power ranging between 1x and 3x in their magnification. All rifle scopes are basically similar in design consisting of seven essential components:

-- The scope tube is the body of the scope where the rings or other mount which attach the scope to the firearm are mounted. The tube directs the image from the objective lens toward the shooter's eye. Scope tubes come in a variety of standard sizes, and the mounting rings must match.

-- A scope has two lenses. The objective lens is on the end of the scope tube facing the target. It gathers light being reflected off a target. Generally speaking, the larger the objective lens, the brighter the image viewed through the scope. Lens quality also has an impact on the quality of the image being viewed. The Ocular Lens is the lens that the shooter looks through when aiming the rifle.

-- When looking through a modern scope, a reticle may be the stereotypical crosshairs or other visual sighting images that may help compensate for bullet drop and windage. Whether a crosshair or other image indicates the point of aim for the shooter, the purpose is the same. On some scopes these indicators may be illuminated, making them more visible in low-light situations. Variable power scopes will have a power ring to increase or decrease their power of magnification as needed.

-- A turret will contain a windage adjustment, allowing the shooter to change the point of aim from left to right. Another turret will allow for the shooter to adjust the point of aim up or down as needed to compensate for the projectile's "drop" along its path to the target.

Like so many things associated with shooting, the devil is often in the detail. The best optics in the world mounted incorrectly will do more harm than good when it comes to accuracy and consistency, accuracy being the ability to hit a given target with precision.

Consistency is the ability to do it repeatedly.

There are two primary methods of mounting optics to rifles. Most Red Dot and Prism optics are mounted using sight-specific mounting plates or Picatinny rails. These were developed as a NATO standard for mounting optics and other accessories on military rifles. The rail is securely mounted to the firearm, and scope mounts that attach to the scope tube or body are attached to the rail, offering greater flexibility in positioning the scope than standard mounts.

Standard or more classical scope mounts rely on a pair of mounting rings that are in turn attached either directly to the action of the rifle or to a mounting plate that attaches to the action. Scope rings come in standard sizes designed to match the size of the scope's tube.

The mounting of optics to a rifle is a very personal matter, and one size does not fit all. Prior to sighting the scope or shooting the rifle, a number of factors need to be addressed for the most efficient positioning of the optics. Red Dots and Prisms can be more forgiving in some regards.

Eye relief is the term referring to the distance between the shooter's eye and the ocular lens. Eye relief is critical to a number of factors and may be adjusted by moving the scope forward or backwards in the rings. The clarity of view through the scope relates directly to eye relief.

The scope must be mounted level to the bore of the barrel. This can actually be checked with a common level. Some ring sets have rings of different heights for the front and back rings. If they are positioned incorrectly, the scope may be canted.

Any time you are working on a firearm, be sure that it is unloaded before beginning the task. Mount the rifle in a vise or firearms cleaning stand. At this time, the lower scope rings can be mounted to the action, Picatinny rail, or ring base.

The instructions provided with the scope mounts offer the appropriate torque in inch/pounds, not foot/pounds, which need to be tightened. Too loose, and the scope will not hold zero. A torque wrench is rela-



Special Photo: Ben Baker

Optics that were once considered fancy accessories on rifles are now considered necessities.

tively inexpensive and may be purchased from a variety of online firearms specialty sites. Too tight, and you just broke a screw and created a problem that will require a gunsmith's efforts to correct. So the torque wrench is money well-spent.

Once the lower rings are properly attached, tightened and checked for level, the scope itself can be placed into the lower-half rings. The ring caps can then be placed and lightly tightened. At this point, the scope can be moved forward or backward to adjust for the best position for optimal eye relief. Some put a strip of painter's tape in front of the front ring to ensure that the scope does not move forward or backwards while other final adjustments are made. Prior to the final tightening of the upper rings, it is critical to ensure that the scope's reticle is level. This can once again be done with a small carpenter's level or a specialized scope ring level.

Now comes the actual process of sighting the rifle in. The first order of business is to get the optics in focus using the eyepiece focus ring to ensure that the reticles are crisply displayed and there is a clear view.

The first step in the actual sight-in process involves "bore sighting." As the name implies, the practice involves removing the bolt or opening the breech of the rifle so the shooter can be certain the rifle is secured and the reticles of the scope are adjusted to line up with the same point of im-

pact. Today, laser bore sighting tools aid in this task and are particularly helpful with semiautomatic firearms. The tools allow a miniature laser to align with the bore and project an aiming point down range. The reticles are adjusted to this highly visible point.

Following the bore sighting procedure, it's finally time to actually fire the rifle at a target and fine tune things. It is best to initially shoot at a target set up at a mere 25-yard distance. Skip this step and you can spend a lot of time and expensive ammunition trying to get on target if you are not even hitting paper at the longer range. No holes in paper, no clues on where the bullets are going.

Most rifle optics are set up to be adjusted in increments known as minute of angle (MOA). This is measuring the change in the angle of aim at 1 inch at 100 yards. If a rifle is shooting one inch low at 100 yards, it should be adjusted up 1 MOA. Another trick to aid in sighting a rifle in is to purchase sight-in targets that have 1-inch grids marked on them to aid in quickly knowing what adjustment needs to be made to hit the X.

When firing at the 25-yard target, the thing that confuses most people is that the target is actually 1/4 the distance for 1 MOA to move the point of impact 1 inch on the target. At 25 yards, 1 MOA will move the point of impact 4 inches. Therefore, to move the point of impact an inch at 25 yards

takes only 1/4 MOA. Most optics are set to move 1 MOA at 100 yards using 4 clicks. Once this concept is mastered, the concept of adjustment is easy.

When sighting-in, fire 3 to 5 shots as a group. Circle the group and mark the center of the circle as the group point of impact and adjust accordingly. In reality, shooters will not only be adjusting for high or low shots, their initial groups will impact the target left or right of center. The same process is used to adjust for this. If an initial group at 25 yards is 3 inches high and 2 inches left of center, the shooter will move the adjusting dial or knob 12 clicks down and 8 clicks right.

The knob or dial should have a directional arrow to aid in this process. Once adjustments have the group hitting the X ring at 25-yards, repeat the process at 100 yards. Remember 1 MOA will now move the point of impact 1 inch on the target. The value of MOA increases with distance, so adjustments should be made based on distance. At 300 yards, 1 MOA equals 3 inches; at 400 yards, 1 MOA equals 4 inches, etc..

Some optics will have additional markings on the reticle to aid in bullet drop and windage. However, shooters who plan on hunting at longer ranges should sight the rifle in specifically for that range. Put in the effort sighting-in, and enjoy the fruits of your labor at the range or in the stand.

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JOBS

Full-Time

Employer: Phoebe Putney Memorial
Hospital, Inc.
Position: Medical Technologist
Location: Albany, Georgia
Duties: Provide laboratory
information based on the
performance of analytical tests on
human body substances; correlate
and interpret test data to detect
evi-dence of or prevent disease or
impairment and to promote and
monitor good health; monitor quality
assurance and maintain laboratory
instrumentation including all
documentation; follow established
guidelines and protocols to provide
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physicians, nurses, and other
rele-vant health care personnel; and
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Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's
degree in medical technology (or
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experience in clinical laboratory in
similar discipline. Clinical laboratory
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Resume to: Bruce Mattos at
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Employer: Phoebe Sumter Medical
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and interpret test data to detect
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Albany Legals

Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF JAMES
LEWIS WILLS, JR.

FOR THE ADOPTION OF:
AVERY LANDYN GREER and
SKYLAR RHEA GREER

CASE NO.: 24A18

AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION

The petitioner's Petition for Adoption
having been filed and read and
considered, a hearing was held
before this Court on June 18, 2025,
at 3:00 p.m., before the Honorable
Joseph W. Dent, at the Dougherty
County Courthouse in Courtroom
226. The petitioner appeared along
with Cassidy Rhea Reynolds, the
mother of Avery Landyn Greer and
Skylar Rhea Greer. After hearing
evidence, the Court finds, by clear
and convincing evidence, as follows:

1. The biological father of Avery
Landyn Greer and Skylar Rhea
Greer is Stephen Patrick Greer.
2. The biological father has failed,
without justifiable cause, to
communicate or to make a bona fide
attempt to communicate with the
children in a meaningful, supportive
manner for more than one year.
3. The biological father has failed,
with justifiable cause, to provide for
the care and support of the children
as required by law.
4. The petitioner and Cassidy Rhea
Reynolds have provided for the
needs of the children and provided a
stable home since they married on
October 13, 2020.

Based on the foregoing, the Court is
of the opinion that, by clear and
convincing evidence, adoption is in
the best interests of the children,
after considering their physical,
mental, emotional, and moral
conditions and needs, including the
need for a secure and stable home.
Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §
19-8-10, a surrender of the parental
rights by Stephen Patrick Greer shall
not be a prerequisite to the granting
of the adoption. It is hereby,

ORDERED that the petitioner may
serve Stephen Patrick Greer by
publication, once a week for three
weeks in the official organ of
Dougherty County as provided in
O.C.G.A. §§ 19-8-10 and 19-8-14. It
is hereby further,

ORDERED that the petitioner shall
make a diligent effort to serve this
adoption proceeding upon Stephen
Patrick Greer, along with this order
and the notice being published, at his
last known address by certified mail
or registered mail, return receipt
requested, or statutory overnight
delivery. It is hereby further,

ORDERED that the parties shall
appear before this Court on the 16th
day of September, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
before the Honorable Joseph W.
Dent at the Dougherty County
Courthouse in Courtroom 226,
located at 225 Pine Ave., Albany,
Georgia, for a final hearing in this
matter.

SO ORDERED, this 14th day of July,
2025, nunc pro tunc to July 11, 2025

/s/
Joseph W. Dent, Judge
Dougherty County Superior Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

In Re: Adoption of Petition of
PEARLIE DAWSON and CALVIN
DAWSON, JR., for the adoption of
NYLAH ATARAH DAWSON by and
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

To: STEVEN PARKS WILLIAMS, the
Putative Father, of a NYLAH
ATARAH WILLIAMS, born in 2016.
You are hereby notified that an
Adoption Petition for NYLAH
ATARAH WILLIAMS has been filed
in the above-styled Court by
PEARLIE DAWSON and CARL
DAWSON, JR., through their
attorney, Christopher A. Flowers
of Smith & Flowers Law, P.C. Civil
Action File No. 25-A10-3. The
mother of the child has consented to
the adoption. Pursuant to Official
Code of Georgia Annotated Section
19-8-10 and 19-8-11 and other
pertinent laws, you are advised that
a hearing has been scheduled for
August 21, 2025, at 03:00 p.m.,
before the Honorable Victoria
Johnson. Further, you are advised
that you have the right to appear at
said hearing. You should contact the
attorney for Petitioner, Christopher A.
Flowers, Smith & Flowers Law, P.C.
P.O. Box 70879, Albany, Georgia
31708/ 504 N. Jefferson Street,
Albany, Georgia 31701, telephone
229-434-1070 for further information.
All notices to or correspondence with
the Petitioner and copies of all
pleadings or proceedings you may
file in any court in regard to the
above-referenced Child should be

Adoptions

served upon him. Dated this 9th day
of July, 2025.

Construction/
Service Bids

Koinonia Farm, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit
organization, is requesting proposals
for Grant & Project Management
related to the planning and
restoration of the historic Koinonia
Farm in Americus, GA. The project
is being funded by a grant from the
National Park Service. All restoration
work must be done in compliance
with the Secretary of Interior
Standards. Proven expertise and
experience with National Park
Service restoration project is
necessary. The deadline for
submitting proposals is Friday,
August 1, 2025.
For a full RFP package, send an
email to elizabeth@koinoniafarm.org

Corporations

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF
CORPORATE NAME

Notice is given that Articles of
Amendment which will change the
name of J.R. COLE &
ASSOCIATES, INC. to CFS INSCO,
INC. have been delivered to the
Secretary of State for filing in
accordance with the Georgia
Business Corporation Code. The
registered office of the corporation is
located at 1930 Dawson Road,
Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia
31707
Victor K. Lang
Fortson, Bentley and Griffin, P.A.
2500 Daniell's Bridge Road
Building 200, Suite 3A
Athens, Georgia 30606

Debtors &
Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Michael
S. Edwards late of Dougherty
County, Georgia, 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 29th day of July, 2025.
Sherman Willis, Attorney for
Dunla Edwards, Executor of the
Estate of
Michael S. Edwards
GARDNER WILLIS PLAIRE &
WILSON, LLP
P.O. Drawer 71788
Albany, Georgia 31708-1788
229-883-2441

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all
debtors and creditors of the Estate of
Stephen C. Parker 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 2nd day of July, 2025.
Kenneth Parker, Executor of the
Estate of Stephen C. Parker
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Reba W.
Stewart late of Dougherty County,
Georgia, 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 17th day of July, 2025.
Sherman Willis, Attorney for
Leslie Stewart Sullivan, Executor of
the Estate of
Reba W. Stewart
GARDNER WILLIS PLAIRE &
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P.O. Drawer 71788
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS &CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Theresa
Lynn Robine Gavin, 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 10th day of July 2025.
MARK A. GAVIN
Administrator of the Estate of
Theresa Lynn Robine Gavin
% DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE
GEORGIA
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Notice is hereby given to all creditors
of the Estate of Vickie Selema
Johnson Jenkins, 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.
Jocelyn J. Moment
Executrix of the Estate of
Vickie Selema Johnson Jenkins
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
Dates: July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2025

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
DEBTORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF CURTIS
SHOOP INMAN, DECEASED

All creditors of the estate of Curtis
Shoop Inman, deceased, late of
Dougherty County, Georgia, are
hereby notified to render their
demands to the undersigned
according to law, and all persons
indebted to said estate are required
to make immediate payment to the
undersigned Executor of the Estate
of Curtis Shoop Inman.
This 8th day of July, 2025.
Carol C. Inman, Executor of the
Estate of Curtis Shoop Inman,
deceased
2000 Murray Hill Lane
Albany, Georgia 31707
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL &
RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS &
CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of Lillie Mae
Bryant, 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 21st day of July 2025.
CARL A. BRYANT
Administrator of the Estate of Lillie
Mae Bryant
% 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 ELAINE
M. OLIN, 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 22nd day of July, 2025.
Steven L. Norris, as Executor of the
Estate of Elaine M. Olin, deceased
c/o Perry & Walters, LLP Post Office
Box 71209 Albany, Georgia 31708

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all
debtors and creditors of the Estate of
Katie L. Wilson of said county,
deceased, to render an account of
their demands to the undersigned
within the time prescribed by law. All
persons indebted to the estate are
hereby requested to make immediate
payment to the undersigned.
This 7th day of July 2025.
Robert A. Wilson, Administrator of
the Estate of Katie L. Wilson
c/o John M. Moorhead, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

Debtors &
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Michael
S. Edwards late of Dougherty
County, Georgia, 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 29th day of July, 2025.
Sherman Willis, Attorney for
Dunla Edwards, Executor of the
Estate of
Michael S. Edwards
GARDNER WILLIS PLAIRE &
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P.O. Drawer 71788
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all
debtors and creditors of the Estate of
Stephen C. Parker 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 2nd day of July, 2025.
Kenneth Parker, Executor of the
Estate of Stephen C. Parker
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of EVA
GAIL GILES WILSON, 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 25th day of July, 2025.

William Wayne Wilson
Administrator of the Estate of
Eva Gail Giles Wilson, deceased
c/o David W. Orlovski
1604 W. Third Avenue
Albany, GA 31707

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all
debtors and creditors of the Estate of
Elsie McClain Parker 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 25th day of July, 2025.
Debbie Lynette Parker, Executor of
the
Estate of Elsie McClain Parker
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of EVA
GAIL GILES WILSON, 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 25th day of July, 2025.

William Wayne Wilson
Administrator of the Estate of
Eva Gail Giles Wilson, deceased
c/o David W. Orlovski
1604 W. Third Avenue
Albany, GA 31707

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all
debtors and creditors of the Estate of
Helen Ruth Washington 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 July, 2025.
Ja'Keyiah Monique Fair,
Administrator
of the Estate of Helen Ruth
Washington c/o William D. Moorhead
III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Larry
Berry, late of Dougherty County,
deceased, are hereby notified to
render in their demands to the
undersigned according to law, and all
persons indebted Estate are
required to make immediate
payment.
This 30th day of June 2025.

LARRY LATAE BERRY
Administrator of the Estate of Larry
Berry
% DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
July 12, 19, 26, and August 2, 2025

NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all creditors
of the Estate of John Herman Metz,
deceased, to present an account of
their demands to the undersigned
within the time prescribed by law,

Debtors &
Creditors

and all persons indebted to the said
estate are hereby requested to make
immediate payment to the
undersigned.
Bonnie L. Metz, Executrix of the
Estate of John Herman Metz
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
Dates: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

All creditors of the Estate of JANICE
RUE SMITH, 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 15 th day of July 2025.

James West,
Administrator of the
Estate of Janice Rue Smith
804 Colley Ave.
Albany, GA 31705

Divorces

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Andrew Whitney

vs.

Respondent: Millisent Fowler

Civil Action Case Number:
24CV-1100-1

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Millisent Fowler, 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 December 3, 2024. The
court issued an order for service of
summons by publication on June 26,
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 1710 11th Ave., Albany,
GA 31707. You must file your
Answer within sixty (60) days of the
date of the order for service by
publication. If you fail to file an
Answer, then a judgment by default
will be taken against you, and the
Petitioner will get everything she
asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 26th day of June, 2025..

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

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Carmen Moreno

vs.

Respondent: Joan Moreno

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV-507-1

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Joan Moreno, 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 June 27, 2025. The court
issued an order for service of
summons by publication on June 27,
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 63 Dobbs Dr., 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 she asked for in the
Petition for Divorce.

This the 27th day of June, 2025..

Candee M. Nix, Deputy Clerk
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA LESLIE BRIEGER,
Plaintiff, vs. HENRY ARTHUR
NICHOLS BRIEGER JR., Defendant.
Civil Action No. SUCV2023001150
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY
PUBLICATION To: HENRY
ARTHUR NICHOLS BRIEGER JR.,
By order of the Court for Service by
Publication dated the June 6, 2025,
you are hereby notified that on the
10th day of November, 2023,
LESLIE BRIEGER, filed suit against
you for Divorce. You are required to
file with the Clerk of the Superior
Court of Dougherty County, Georgia,
and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney,
Christopher A. Flowers, at P.O. Box
70875, Albany, GA. 31708 an
Answer in writing within sixty (60)
days of the 25th day of July, 2025.
This the 25th day of July, 2025.

Juvenile Court

PUBLICATION

DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE
COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:
H.R.B., White Male, DOB:
06/01/2014;
M.P.B., White Female, DOB:
11/21/2017; and
S.J.H., White Female, DOB:
04/15/2021.

TO: Martha Harris, Deceased
mother of the above referenced
Male child born 06/01/2014,
Female child born 11/21/2017 and
Female child born 04/15/2021.

TO: Joshua Ray Barker, putative
father of the above referenced
Male child born to Martha Harris
on 06/01/2014, Female child born
to Martha Harris on 11/21/2017
and Female child born to Martha

Juvenile Court

Harris on 04/15/2021.

TO: “Unknown John Doe” or any
other individual who might be the
biological father of a Male child
born to Martha Harris on
06/01/2014, Female child born to
Martha Harris on 11/21/2017 and
Female child born to Martha
Harris on 04/15/2021.

A petition was filed in this Court by
Social Services Case Manager
Yucca Simpson June 25, 2025. The
Petition alleges the above-
referenced Children to be dependent
according to Georgia law and **seeks
to transfer permanent guardian-
ship.** 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 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 (10) days of this Publication
and on August 19, 2025 at 11:45
am to then and there make defense
to allegations of the Petition, and to
show cause why the prayers of the
Petition should not be granted, and
why the said Children and all parties
named herein should not be dealt
with according to the provisions of
the law. **The hearing is for the
purpose of transferring
permanent guardianship.**

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.

Witness the Honorable Herbie L.
Solomon, Judge of said Court this
25th day of July, 2025.

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 PROBATE COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF

STEPHEN C. PARKER,
DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2025-ES-200

PETITION BY PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER
OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF
CERTAIN POWERS

NOTICE

KENNETH PARKER has petitioned
for waiver of bond, waiver of reports,
waiver of statements, and/or for the
grant of certain powers contained in
O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to
the above estate. 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
August 18, 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.

Leisa G. Blount
Judge of the Probate Court
225 Pine Ave, Suite 123,
PO Box 1827, Albany, GA 31702
229-431-2102

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:

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

Make: Honda
Year: 2009
Model: Civic
Vin ID: 2HGFG12869H534279
License: P6652347
State: GA
Case #: 2025-199AV

Make: Toyota
Year: 2007
Model: Camry
Vin ID: 4T1BE46K07U058361
License: PYX2128
State: GA
Case #: 2025-200AV

Make: Mercedes-Benz
Year: 2005
Model: E-Class
Vin #: WDBUF65J95A628305
License: TCV3513
State: GA
Case: 2025-205AV

Make: Hyundai
Year: 2024
Model: Sonata
Vin ID: KMHLE64JA1RA416412
License: DBM8014
State: GA
Case #: 2025-206AV

Make: Nissan
Year: 2018

Model: Sentra
Vin ID: 3N1AB7AP2JY296099
License: XND394
State: GA
Case #: 2025-203AV

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2004
Model: Trailblazer
Vin ID: 1GNES16SX46231948
License: RSS8388
State: GA
Case #: 2025-201AV

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2005
Model: Impala
Vin ID: 2G1WF52EX59121621
License: PPU2771
State: GA
Case #: 2025-202AV

Make: Cadillac
Year: 2007
Model: CTS
Vin ID: 1G6DM57TX70110926
License: RTY1779
State: GA
Case #: 2025-198AV

7/21/25

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
(REPAIR FACILITY)

Vehicle Make: VOLVO
Year: 2018
Model: 730
Vehicle ID #: 4V4NC9EH3JN992546
Vehicle License #:
State GA

Person who left vehicle at facility:
Lorry Trucking LLC

Any information relating to owner:
LORRY TRUCKING LLC

You are hereby notified, in
accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (b)
(2), that the above-referenced
vehicles issubject to a lien and a
petition may be filed in court to
foreclose a lien 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
1040 Clark Ave., Albany, GA 31705

Anyone with an ownership interest in
any of this vehicle should contact the
following business immediately:

Business Name:
Jones & Sons Repair
Address: 1040 Clark Ave.
Albany, GA 31705
Telephone #: 1-850-274-2376
July 2, 2025

We are writing to inform you that,
effective July 31, 2025, Dr. Talley
and Dr. Smurda will no longer be
practicing together as Women's
Health Professionals, LLC.

Beginning August 1, 2025:

Dr. Talley will remain at the current
office at 414 5th Avenue in Albany
and will continue caring for his
patients.
Dr. Dr. Smurda will continue his
practice with Southwell Medical at
1010 W. Franklin St. in Sylvester,
where he will be happy to care for
his patients.

Your medical records will remain
available to you. At any time, we are
happy to provide a copy of your
records—either to you directly or to
another healthcare provider of your
choice—at no cost, upon your
request. You may request your
records by phone, in person, or in
writing until July 31, 2025, through
our current office.

After that date, your original records
will be archived by Phoebe Health
System. To request records after
July 31, please contact:

Phoebe Health Information
Management
417 W. Third Avenue
Medical Tower I, 7th Floor
Albany, GA 31701
(229) 312-6000

Please be assured that all record
transfer requests will be processed
promptly and will not affect your
ongoing care or future
appointments.

When transferring your care with Dr.
Smurda in Sylvester, his new office
will gladly assist in ensuring your
records are transferred accordingly.

We sincerely thank you for allowing
us to serve your healthcare needs at
Women's Health Professionals. We
remain committed to providing you
with high-quality, compassionate
care.

If you have any questions about this
transition or your medical records,
please don't hesitate to contact our
office at 229.883.4555—we are here
to help.

Dr. Thomas Talley
Dr. Paul Smurda

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Angela P. Battle-Blue

Civil Action File No. 25CV770-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Angela P.
Battle-Blue, the undersigned, filed
petition to the Superior Court of
Dougherty County, Georgia on the
30th day of July, 2025, praying for a
change to the name of petitioner
from Angela P. Battle-Blue to Angela
P. Battle. Notice is hereby given
pursuant to law to any affected party
to appear in said Court and to file
objections to such name change.
Objections must be filed with said
Court within 30 days of the filing of
said petition.

This 30th day of July, 2025.

Angela Battle-Blue
Petitioner

Forfeiture/Seizure

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. **25CY0159-2**

STATE OF GEORGIA

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

vs.

**U.S. CURRENCY (\$2,768.00);
U.S. CURRENCY (\$698.00);
U.S. CURRENCY (\$164)
ONE GLOCK 22 .40 CAL.
HANDGUN, SERIAL#TFE040;
ONE GLOCK 19 9MM CAL.
HANDGUN, SERIAL#CASU682;
ONE GLOCK 27 .40 CAL.,
SERIAL#BPM541;
2,024 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA;
3 DIGITAL SAGGES; AND
PLASTIC BAGGIES.**

**DEFENDANT IN REM
RE PROPERTY OF MALEEK
MITCHELL, TECIO FOWLER, JR.
AND ZANQUIOUS WRIGHT
CLAIMANTS**

**NOTICE OF ASSET FORFEITURE
BY PUBLICATION**

TO: MALEEK MITCHELL, TECIO
FOWLER, JR. and All Persons with a
Possible Interest in the Above-
described Property.

You are hereby notified that the
above-styled action seeking the
forfeiture of said property was filed in
this Court on the 13th day of
February, 2025 pursuant to the
provisions of O.C.G.B §16-13-19 and
O.C.G.A. § 9-16-12 because it was
allegedly used to facilitate the
violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-13-30 or to
proceed derived from the violation of
said Statute involving marijuana.
Said action alleges that you may
have interest in said property. You
are further notified that, by reason of
an Order of publication by Notice of
Proceedings entered by the Court on
the 10th of April, 2025 you are
hereby commanded and required to
file with the Clerk of said Court and
serve upon Gregory Edwards,
District Attorney, 225 Pine Avenue,
Albany, GA 31702, an Answer to the
Complaint within 30 days of the date
of the second publication of this
Notice. If you fail to do so, judgement
will be taken for relief demanded in
the Complaint pursuant to O.C.G.A.
§ 9-16-12(e).

Witness the Honorable Chief Judge
of said Court

Phyllis Johnson
Clerk of Superior Court
Dougherty County, Georgia
Dougherty Circuit

Probate Court Administration

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: REBECCA
MURPHY FLANIGAN
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-236

Frank Lee Flanigan has petitioned to
be appointed administrator of the
estate REBECCA MURPHY
FLANIGAN, Deceased, of said
County. (The Petitioner has also
applied for certain powers contained
in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver
of bond/reports/statements.) All
interested parties are hereby notified
to show cause why said petition
should not be granted. All objections
to the petition must be in writing,
setting forth the grounds for any
such objections, and must be filed
with the court on or before August 4,
2025.

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

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

Citation dates: July 12, 19, and 26,
2025

August 2, 2025

**GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

IN RE: ESTATE OF:
EMMA JEWEL OWENS LEE
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-178

Veronica Elisa Lee has petitioned to
be appointed administrator of the
estate EMMA JEWEL OWENS LEE,
Deceased, of said County. (The
Petitioner has also applied for certain
powers contained in O.C.G.A.
53-12-261, and waiver of bond/
reports/statements.) All interested
parties are hereby notified to show
cause why said petition should not
be granted. All objections to the
petition must be in writing, setting
forth the grounds for any such
objections, and must be filed with
the court on or before **August 18, 2025.**

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

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
Citation dates: July 26, 2025
August 2, 9, and 16, 2025

**GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

IN RE: ESTATE OF:
MARIE ANNETTE COLLINS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-248

Natalie Lash has petitioned to be
appointed administrator of the
estate MARIE ANNETTE COLLINS,
Deceased, of said County. (The

Probate Court Administration

Petitioner has also applied for certain
powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-
12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/
statements.) All interested parties
are hereby notified to show cause
why said petition should not be
granted. All objections to the petition
must be in writing, setting forth the
grounds for any such objections, and
must be filed with the court on or
before **August 18, 2025.**

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

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

Citation dates: July 26, 2025
August 2, 9, and 16, 2025

Probate Court 12 mth Support

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE
ALBERT
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-233

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE
FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of Estella Albert for a
year's support from the estate of
GEORGE ALBERT, Deceased, for
Decedent's surviving spouse having
been duly filed, all interested persons
are hereby notified to show cause, if
any, on or before August 4, 2025,
why said petition should not be
granted.

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

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

Citation dates: July 12, 19, and 26,
2025

August 2, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAMELA
JOHNSON
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-124

NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE
FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of Kenneth Johnson
for a year's support from the estate
of PAMELA JOHNSON, Deceased,
for Decedent's surviving spouse
having been duly filed, all interested
persons are hereby notified to show
cause, if any, on or before August 4,
2025, why said petition should not
be granted.

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

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

Citation dates: July 12, 19, and 26,
2025

August 2, 2025

Public Sales/ Auctions

Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Bids are due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Monday, August 18, 2025
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Unit 407 Kim Ball: Furniture
Unit 658 Kristi Simmons: Furniture,
microwave, cooler,
misc items
Unit 703 Bridget Wombles: Misc
items
Unit 739 Bridget Wombles: Misc
items
Unit 811 Xavier Morris: Window Ac,
outside storage
box, misc kitchen items

You are hereby notified, in
accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a)
(2), that each of the
below-referenced vehicles are
subject to a lien and a petition may
be filed in court to foreclose a lien for
all amounts owed. If the lien is
foreclosed, a court shall order the
sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
The vehicles are currently located at
Hook Em Towing and Wrecker
Service – 204 Poplar Street Albany,
GA 31707

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

Vehicle Make: TOYOTA
Year: 2012 Model: CAMRY
Vehicle ID #: 4T1BF1FKXC056735
Vehicle License #: TFJ4777 State: GA

Vehicle Make: HONDA Year:
2018 Model: HR-V LX Vehicle

Public Sales/ Auctions

ID #: 3CZR2U5H31JM722478
Vehicle License #: CMU2638 State: GA

Vehicle Make: HONDA
Year: 1997 Model: ODYSSEY VN
Vehicle ID #: JHMRA1863VC004759
Vehicle License #: DBA6310 State: GA

Vehicle Make: MERCEDES-BENZ
Year: 2001 Model: C240
Vehicle ID #: WDBRF61J51F090047
Vehicle License #: UNKNOWNV
State: GA

Vehicle Make: ISUZU Year: 2004
Model: ASCENDER MP
Vehicle ID #: 4NUES16S546701249
Vehicle License #: RZM9863
State: GA

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

**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
PETITION ADVERTISEMENT**

You are hereby notified, in
accordance with O.C.G.A. Section
40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed
in the Magistrate Court of County to
foreclose liens against the vehicles
listed below for all amounts owed. If
a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall
order the sale of the vehicle to
satisfy the debt. The present location
of the vehicles is: Hook Em Towing
and Wrecker Service – 204 Poplar
Street Albany, GA 31707. Anyone
with an ownership interest in a
vehicle listed herein may file an
answer to the petition on or before:
August 19, 2025 Answer forms may
be found in the Magistrate Court
Clerk's office located at: 225 Pine
Ave – Albany, GA 31701
Forms may also be obtained online at
www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

Vehicle Make: TOYOTA
Year: 2015 Model: COROLLA
Vehicle ID #: 2T1BURHE4FC295930
Vehicle License #: SHD0142
State: GA

Vehicle Make: HYUNDAI
Year: 2018 Model: ELANTRA
Vehicle ID #: 5NPD84LF3J269051
Vehicle License #: CPY5379
State: GA

Vehicle Make: HONDA
Year: 2004 Model: CR-V
Vehicle ID #: SHSRD78834U219985
Vehicle License #: SIK1527
State: GA

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

PUBLIC SALE:
FIVE POINTS MINI WAREHOUSES
WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC SALE
OF THE CONTENTS OF THE
STORAGE UNITS LISTED BELOW
AT THE TIME AND DATE SHOWN
BELOW TO SATISFY A
LANDLORD'S LIEN. ALL SALES
ARE TO BE PAID FOR BY CASH
ONLY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL
REMOVE ALL CONTENTS OF THE
UNIT IMMEDIATELY AND SWEEP
THE UNIT. THIS COMPANY
RESERVES THE RIGHT TO
REJECT ANY BID AND WITHDRAW
ANY ITEM FROM THE SALE.
PLACE: FIVE POINTS MINI
WAREHOUSES
ADDRESS: 2309 E BROAD
AVENUE SUITE B ALBANY, GA
31705
PHONE: (229)888-2519
DATE: AUGUST 13, 2025
TIME: 9:00 A.M

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

NAME: KENYA BANKS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: A-3

NAME: CECILIA JENKINS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: A-26

NAME: MICHAEL THOMAS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: B-22

NAME: NICOLE FARRIOR
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: B-30

NAME: ROBERT MACK
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: C-17

NAME: CAROLYN WILLIAMS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: D-5

NAME: ROBERTA BROWN
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: D-28

NAME: BARRY PIERCY
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-1

NAME: RAWSHAWN JOHNSON
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-10

NAME: CANDACE PHILLIPS
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-16

NAME: TRELIS JOHNSON
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: E-21

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

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

NAME: GENE WEBB
CONTENTS: MISC
UNIT: H-6

Notice of Public Sale Ledo Self
Storage 1661 Ledo Rd. Albany, GA
31707 (229) 490-4960. Property of
the following tenant(s) will be sold to
satisfy rental liens in accordance
with the Georgia Code 10-4 -213 et
seq for Georgia Lien Statutes. All
items will be sold or otherwise
disposed of. Sales will be conducted
online at storageauctions.com
August 21, 2025 at 10AM EST. All
goods will be sold AS IS condition.
All items or spaces may not be
available at time of sale. All sales are

Public Sales/ Auctions

final, and a \$100 refundable cleaning
deposit is required for all sales. The
following units will be auctioned. Unit
A62 Ilene Farley-HH Goods. Unit
A77 Starasia Sims-Clothes. Unit A85
Lakeshia Rackley-Furniture,
HHGoods. Unit B18 Keondria
Gardner-Boxes. Unit B29 Christian
Knights-Furniture, HH Goods. Unit
B63 Crystal Brown-Furniture, HH
Goods. Unit B91 Michael
Johns-Clothes. Unit C82 Wanda
Brown-Furniture, HH Goods. Unit D4
Antonio Johnson-Chair. Unit D47
Subrena Marshall-Furniture, HH
Goods. Unit E31 Michael
Woodham-Tools, HH Goods.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Public sale to the highest bidder of
the contents of the following storage
units at Air Safe Self Storage, 2711
Gillenville Rd Albany, GA 31721

Auction is to be held at 10:00am,
Friday, August 8th. Please have
Advertisements run on Thursday
July 24th, and Thursday July 31st.

Unit #

346
Jennifer Washington
Miscellaneous

209
Shamela Mills
Miscellaneous

165
Danielle Mills
Miscellaneous

173
Dominique Anderson
Miscellaneous

194
Inacensha Hooks
Miscellaneous

Auction is 10:00 am Friday,
August 8th

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT OF REDEMPTION STATE
OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF
DOUGHERTY TO: ALL PERSONS
HAVING ANY RIGHT TITLE OR
INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE
BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
KNOWN AS 513 ROBINSON
AVENUE ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
GEORGIA.

TAKE NOTICE THAT: The right to
redeem the following described
property, to wit: **513 Robinson
Avenue Albany, Dougherty
County, Georgia 31701** (Tax Parcel
00001/00031/005), and more
particularly described as: All that
tract or parcel of land situate, lying
and being in the City of Albany,
Dougherty County, Georgia, and
being all of lot 62 in Coachman Park
Subdivision, according to a map or
plat of said subdivision, as the same
is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 34
(Plat Cabinet "A", Slide A-41), in the
Office of the Clerk of Superior Court,
Dougherty County, Georgia. Subject
to all easements and restrictions of
record; will expire and be forever
foreclosed and barred on and after
the 1st day of September 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 the Superior
Court of Dougherty County, Georgia,
in Deed Book 5122, Page 179. The
property may be redeemed at any
time before the 1st day of
September, 2025, by payment of the
redemption price as fixed and
provided by law to the undersigned
at the following address: Gardner
Willis Plaire & Wilson, LLP, c/o
Donald ("Bo") E. Strickland, Jr., 1115
W. Third Avenue, Albany, Georgia
31707. Please be governed
accordingly.
Please publish July 26, August 2, 9,
and 16, 2025.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms
of the Security Deed executed by
John Marshall Lassen III to Mortgage
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
as nominee for Ameris Bank dated
April 2, 2021, and recorded in Deed
Book 4824, Page 76, 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
\$115,862.00, 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,
August 5, 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 Dougherty
County, Georgia, and being part
of Tract 26 of United Pecan
Company Subdivision "A", also
known as Kreg Pecan Company
Subdivision "A", as per map or
plat of said subdivision as
recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, in
the office of the Clerk of Superior
Court of Dougherty County,
Georgia.**

**Commence at the intersection of
the north right of way of Empire
Avenue, formerly 4th Avenue, and
the east right of way of Avenue
"J", and from this point of
beginning go east along the north
right of way of Empire Avenue for
a distance of 280.8 feet to the
POINT OF BEGINNING. From this
point of beginning go east along
the north right of way of Empire
Avenue for a distance of 90.8 feet
to a point; go thence north for a
distance of 466.6 feet to the north
line of said Lot 26; go thence west
along the north line of said Lot 26
for a distance of 90.8 feet to a
point; go thence south for a
distance of 466.6 feet to the point
of beginning.**

Said property is known as **1023
James Cross Avenue, Albany, GA
31721**, together with all fixtures and
personal property attached to and
constituting a part of said property, if
any.

Said property will be sold subject to
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, any matters
which might be disclosed by an

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accurate survey and inspection of
the property, any assessments,
liens, encumbrances, zoning
ordinances, restrictions, covenants,
and matters of record superior to the
Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be
applied to the payment of said
indebtedness and all expenses of
said sale as provided in said Deed,
and the balance, if any, will be
distributed as provided by law.

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 secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the
possession of John Marshall Lassen,
III, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Planet Home Lending, LLC as
Attorney-in-Fact for John Marshall
Lassen III

File no. 25-082823
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E.,
Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535
<https://www.logs.com/>
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INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Power of Sale
contained in a Security Deed given
by Jim W. Kegler, Jr. to Wachovia
Bank, National Association dated
9/26/2007 and recorded in Deed
Book 3407 Page 69 Dougherty
County, Georgia records; as last
transferred to or acquired by Wells
Fargo Bank, N.A., s/b/m to Wachovia
Bank, National Association,
conveying the after-described
property to secure a Note in the
original principal amount of
\$70,093.00, 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 August 5,
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:
THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF
LAND LYING AND BEING IN
LOT(S) 1, ANTIOCH SUBDIVISION,
AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
RECORDS.
BEING AND INTENDING TO
DESCRIBE THE SAME PREMISES
CONVEYED IN A DEED
RECORDED 12/16/1994, IN BOOK
1451, PAGE 58.
SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS,
RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS,
COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR
MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF
ANY.
KNOWN AS: 1201 ANTIOCH ROAD
PARCEL: 00176/00002/001
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
**1201 Antioch Road, 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): Estate
and/or Heirs of Jim W. Kegler, Jr. or
tenant or tenants.
Wells Fargo Bank, NA is the entity or
individual designated, who shall have
full authority to negotiate, amend and
modify all terms of the mortgage.
Wells Fargo Bank, NA Loss
Mitigation
3476 Stateview Boulevard Fort Mill,
SC 29715 1-800-678-7986
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.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., s/b/m to
Wachovia Bank, National
Association as agent and Attorney in
Fact for Jim W. Kegler, Jr.
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont
Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E.,
Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305,
(404) 994-7400.
1000-20773A
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AS A DEBT COLLECTOR
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A
DEBT. ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE. 1000-20773A

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
WHEREAS, David Mitchell Jr, as
borrower(s), executed a SECURITY
DEED to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., as
grantee, as nominee for Carrington
Mortgage Services, LLC , Lender**

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which was dated 1/27/2014, and
recorded on 2/6/2014, in Instrument
No.: , Deed Book 4099, Page
176-184, securing the payment of a
Note in the amount of \$39,784.00 in
Dougherty County, Georgia Register
of Deeds. NOW, THEREFORE,
notice is hereby given that the entire
indebtedness has been declared due
and payable as provided in said
Security Deed by the Holder, and by
virtue of

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COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID LOT HEREBY CONVEYED FRONTING 100 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAID HIGHWAY. LESS AND EXCEPT THAT 0.018 ACRES CONVEYED AS RIGHT OF WAY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 955, PAGE 23, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT GRANTED TO SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 962, PAGE 227, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5618 NEWTON ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31701 PARCEL 10: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA AND CITY OF ALBANY AND BEING ALL OF LOT 141 OF AVONDALE 'B' SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 123 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. PROPERTY KNOWN AS 100 N. INGLESIDE DRIVE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING STREETS IN ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 100 N. INGLESIDE DRIVE, ALBANY, GA 31707 PARCEL 11: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 404 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF LOT 8 AND THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK D OF AVONDALE ACRES, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 172, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1807 SAMFORD AVENUE, ALBANY, GA 31707 PARCEL 12: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 375 IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 1 OF GORDON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 224 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-65), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1408 W GORDON AVENUE, ALBANY, GA 31705 PARCEL 13: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 198 OF THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT BY REFERENCE THERETO BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY. (1901 S FLINTLOCK DRIVE, ALBANY, GA 31705) The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments as required by said 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) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. 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 or easements, liens, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any security deeds, mortgages or deeds of trust or any matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. 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. 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. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: ALLIANZ LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, 1601 LBJ Freeway, Suite 150, Farmers Branch, TX 75234; 800-495-7166. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, said property is also known as 1926 W OGLETHORPE AVE ALBANY GA, 31707, and the party in possession of the property is/are FORTUNE ALBANY INVESTMENTS, LLC HMN HOLDINGS, LLC or a tenant or tenants of said property. By: /s/ Keith Labell Keith Labell, De Cubas & Lewis, P.A. P.O. Box 5026 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310 A-4846899 07/12/2025, 07/19/2025, 07/26/2025, 08/02/2025

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FORTHAT PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Donald H. Daniel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation dated August 5, 2002 and recorded on August 6, 2002 in Deed Book 2437, Page 136,

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Dougherty County, Georgia Records, modified by Loan Modification recorded on April 30, 2025 in Deed Book 5292, Page 211, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IVTrust by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on November 20, 2020 in Deed Book 4772, Page 4, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Ninety-Two Thousand And 00/100Dollars (\$92,000.00), 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 August 5, 2025 the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 37 in the Second Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 20 of Club Gardens Subdivision, Section One, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide C-80A, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Tax ID #: 00372/00021/020

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).

Your mortgage servicer, SN Servicing Corporation, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust, can be contacted at 800-603-0836 or by writing to 323 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA95501, 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 parties in possession of the property are Donald H. Daniel or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **3647 Club Drive, Albany, GA 31721**. 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.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Chalet Series IV Trust as Attorney in Fact for Donald H. Daniel

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC

3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260

Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

404-474-7149

MTG File No.: GA2025-00250-1

July 7, 12, 19, 26, August 2-2025

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Mary S Durden to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Regions Bank d/b/a/ Regions Mortgage, its successors and assigns dated 5/18/2009 and recorded in Deed Book 3605 Page 119 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Regions Bank d/b/a/ Regions Mortgage, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$72,000.00, 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 August 5, 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 Land Lot 370 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 5 of Gailshar Gardens Subdivision C, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 15, (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-76), 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 **1608 Sharon Ave, 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): Estate and/or Heirs of Mary S Durden or tenant or tenants.

Regions Mortgage, Inc. is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Regions Mortgage, Inc. Regions Mortgage 6200 Poplar Avenue Memphis, TN 38119 1-800-748-9498

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,

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(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.

Regions Bank d/b/a/ Regions Mortgage as agent and Attorney in Fact for Mary S Durden

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.

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THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2155-194A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Commercial Deed to Secure Debt, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing and Assignment of Leases and Rents from WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantor"), to and in favor of Pacific Private Money, Inc., a California corporation, dated May 11, 2022, and recorded May 16, 2022 in Deed Book 4976, Page 210, Dougherty County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), securing that certain Commercial Promissory Note dated May 11, 2022 in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 (the "Note"); as assigned to Saluda Grade Mortgage Funding LLC, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Commercial Mortgage, Security Agreement, Fixture Filing and Assignment of Leases and Rents, dated as of May 24, 2022, recorded November 22, 2023, in Deed Book 5145, Page 278, aforesaid records; and as assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1 ("Lender") pursuant to that certain Assignment of Security Deed/Mortgage, recorded January 16, 2024, in Deed Book 5157, Page 1, aforesaid records (the "Last Assignment"); which Last Assignment as affected by that certain Scrivener's Error Affidavit, indicating the assignee originally and incorrectly identified in the Last Assignment, Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2021-RLT1, should have instead been Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1, recorded February 8, 2024, in Deed Book 5163, Page 161, aforesaid records; there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in August 2025, the following described property (the "Premises") to wit:

ALL OF LOTS 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63 AND 65 OF WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 23 IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING IMPROVED PROPERTY HAVING LOCATED THEREON A MULTIPLE APARTMENT COMPLEX KNOWN AS WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS; TOGETHER WITH ALL GAS AND ELECTRIC FIXTURES, HEATING, PLUMBING AND MR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT, STATIONARY EQUIPMENT, TREES AND SHRUBBERY, SWIMMING POOL AND SWIMMING POOL EQUIPMENT.

Property commonly known as: **1401 WHISPERING PINES ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31707**

The indebtedness evidenced by the Note is due and payable and remains unpaid. The Security Deed therefore has become and is now foreclosable according to its terms. Accordingly, the Premises will be sold at public outcry pursuant to the terms of the power of sale provided in the Security Deed.

The Premises will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Lender with respect thereto.

The proceeds of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of the sale and all proceedings in connection therewith, including attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given), then to the payment of all sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, will be paid to the person or persons legally entitled thereto, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed. The Premises shall be sold as the property of Grantor, subject to all restrictions, easements and other matters of record that are prior to the Security Deed and to which the Security Deed is subject and to any unpaid city, county and state ad valorem taxes or assessments relating to the Premises.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2021-RTL1, as agent for Lender, 8180 E. Keiser Boulevard, Anaheim, California 92808; (914) 261-1349. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Premises is Grantor, WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC, or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 1401 WHISPERING PINES ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31707. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,

not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1 as

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Attorney-in-Fact for WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC William. O Tate

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

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Roswell, Georgia 30076

(678) 281-6473

william.tate@mccalla.com

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt executed and delivered by JOHN MILLIGAN, EUGENE MURPHY, JAMMIE MARSHALL, CASSANDRA MURPHY, EDIRNA MURPHY and EDWARD MARSHALL to PEOPLESSOUTH BANK, said Deed to Secure Debt being dated December 28, 2021, being an open ended Deed to Secure Debt and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 4924, at Pages 299-307, due to default in payment of the note, secured by the Deed to Secure Debt there will be sold before the Courthouse door in said County at public outcry by the undersigned during the legal hours of sale on the 5th day of August, 2025, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-13-161, being the first Tuesday of the month of August, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 18 of Pine Bluff Estates, Section III, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 141, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Included are all improvements located thereon, including a 1983 24x52 Destiny Peachtree mobile home, Serial No. KBGASNBA323167.

Said property is designated as Map/Parcel No. 00138/00008/012 by the Tax Assessor's Office of Dougherty County, Georgia and is known as **3020 War Eagle Drive, Albany Georgia 31705**.

The debt secured by the Deed to Secure Debt being in default, and the holder having declared the balance of said indebtedness due, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said deed, and the proceeds of the sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness, with interest thereon, and all expenses, including attorney's fees, in connection with this foreclosure as provided in said deed, and the balance applied to any other indebtedness of JOHN MILLIGAN to the undersigned and the balance, if any, will be applied as provided by law. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the Note, as modified, and Deed to Secure Debt with the Debtor is PEOPLESSOUTH BANK, P. O. Box 70999, 701 N Westover Blvd., Albany, Georgia 31707. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Note, as modified, and Deed to Secure Debt.

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) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and c) all matters of records superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessment liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances or governmental regulations governing the use of said property, easement restrictions, covenants and other such matters.

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.

Notice of the initiation of proceedings to exercise the power of sale contained in the aforesaid Deed to Secure Debt has been provided to Borrower in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, said property is currently in possession of JOHN MILLIGAN'S ESTATE or his heirs at laws and EUGENE MURPHY, JAMMIE MARSHALL, CASSANDRA MURPHY, EDIRNA MURPHY, and EDWARD MURPHY. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-13-172.1, which allows procedures for the rescission of a foreclosure sale by the seller within thirty (30) days after the sale and before a deed is delivered to the purchaser for both judicial and non-judicial sales, a deed may not be provided until confirmation and an audit of the sale and status of the loan.

This 16th day of June, 2025.

PeoplesSouth Bank, as attorney in fact for

JOHN MILLIGAN, EUGENE MURPHY, JAMMIE MARSHALL, CASSANDRA MURPHY, EDIRNA MURPHY and EDWARD MARSHALL

BY: RONALD H. RENTZ

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Johnny Covin Sr. to Suntrust Bank, A Georgia Corporation dated October 22, 2001, recorded in Deed Book 2294, Page 175, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Georgia Housing and Finance Authority by assignment recorded in Deed Book 5232, Page 134, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$41,818.00), 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, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2025, the following described property:

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, 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 including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Georgia Housing and Finance Authority is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Trust Bank, 1001 Semmes Avenue, Richmond, VA 23224, 800-827-3722.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Johnny Covin, Sr., Estate of Johnny Covin Sr and Essie Mae Covin a/k/a Essie M Covin a/k/a Essie Colvin or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **1418 Avalon Ave, Albany, GA 31707**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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.

Georgia Housing and Finance Authority as Attorney in Fact for Johnny Covin Sr.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

1544 Old Alabama Rd

Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany and being all of Lot 10, Block "P" of Avalon Subdivision according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 94 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-12) in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

MR / MA August 5, 2025

Our file no. 25-17873GA-F17

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Lashondra D Harris to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Citizens Fidelity Mortgage Corp, its successors and assigns dated November 14, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 3419, Page 262, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Selene Finance LP by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4182, Page 163, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$51,558.00), 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, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2025, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness 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 pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, 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 including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Selene Finance LP is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the

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debtor is: Selene Finance LP, 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75019, 8777683759.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lashondra D Harris or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **101 Morningside Drive, Albany, GA 31705**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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.

Selene Finance LP as Attorney in Fact for Lashondra D Harris

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

1544 Old Alabama Rd

Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 241 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 92 in the Extension of Kalmon & Malone Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 197 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-62), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia. The described property is known as 101 Morningside Drive according to the present system of numbering of streets in the City of Albany, Georgia.

MR / MA August 5, 2025

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

“ ONMAZWT LMJXO ... JVKBPJ BSNMZ

WKBR RXYK BAE BSNMZ ZWMZF BAE

XZ ZKRRJ ZFXAUJ FNG ZFKT WKBRR

BWK . ” — YBXZF FXRR

Previous Solution: “The kind of beauty I want most is the hard-to-get kind that comes from within — strength, courage, dignity.” — Ruby Dee

TODAY'S CLUE: d sjenba A

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.

A



B



Answers:
1. Cat is now a dog 2. Missing plant on bookshelf
3. Missing lamp in background 4. Potted plant on bookshelf

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to eye health.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = S)

A.

14 17 1 17 10 13

Clue: Sight

B.

1 18 13 25 3 5 1 1 8 1

Clue: Tinted lenses

C.

8 6 5 11

Clue: Test

D.

21 4 10 22 8 15 22

Clue: Care for

Answers: A. vision B. sunglasses C. exam D. protect

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to eyes.

RIIS

Answer: Iris

GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in Malaysia on August 6, 1962. At age 21, I won the Miss Malaysia pageant and represented the country in the 1983 Miss World Competition. I often play an action heroine in movies, and in 2023 I won an Oscar for Best Actress for a role opposite a “Goonies” star.

Answer: Michelle Yeoh

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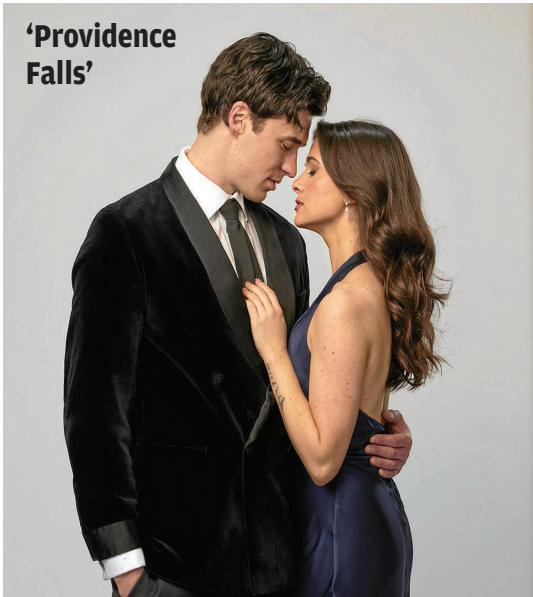
ESPN & NFL Network, 1 p.m. Live

Four new enshrinees enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in a ceremony airing on ESPN and NFL Network. Gold jackets are presented to cornerback Eric Allen, defensive end Jared Allen, tight end Antonio Gates and wide receiver Sterling Sharpe, who joins brother Shannon (Class of 2011) to become the first siblings to enter the Hall.

Providence Falls

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

The epic trilogy of films based on the time-traveling romance book series by Jude Deveraux and Tara Sheets begins in 1844 Ireland, when Liam O’Conner (Lachlan Quarmby), a downtrodden thief, falls in love with aris-



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tocratic Cora McLeod (Katie Stevens), who is already promised in marriage to a man she barely knows. When their plan to make a new life together in America is thwarted, the consequences of their unlikely love ripple through time, causing Liam to be transported to modern-day Oregon and forced to help Cora fall in love with another man.

Terri Blackstock’s If I Run

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Lifetime adapts Terri Blackstock’s bestselling Christian suspense book *If I Run*, with Kat Graham (Tyler Perry’s *Duplicity*, *The Vampire Diaries*) set to executive produce and star as Casey Cox, a woman on the run after discovering her best friend was murdered – and she is being framed for it. She must turn to her faith to guide her through the obstacles before her.

Svengoolie Classic Horror & Sci-Fi Movie

MeTV, 8 p.m.

Sven introduces the 1957 creature feature *The Black Scorpion*, about gigantic prehistoric scorpions that threaten Mexico City after being released by volcanic activity. The monsters were brought to life through the stop-motion wizardry of Willis O’Brien (who also created the effects for the original *King Kong*). Richard Denning and Mara Corday lead the (human) cast.

Heart & Hustle: Houston

OWN, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

An incredible sisterhood of Black women thrives in the heart of Houston, Texas. These women are redefining what it means to be a boss, a wife and a mother while navigating entrepreneurial life plus a labyrinth of unique daily challenges. Through it all, their unbreakable bond of sisterhood and support inspires them to rise above the chaos, reminding them it’s OK to be perfectly imperfect.

Naming the Dead

Nat Geo, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

Across the United States, more than 50,000 bodies remain unidentified – unmourned and unnamed, but not forgotten. This six-part investigative series brings these untold stories to light by following the groundbreaking work of the DNA Doe Project, a nonprofit that uses genetic genealogy to help law enforcement crack the country’s most confounding cold cases.

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The Wedding Planner (2001, Romance-comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey **E!, 6 p.m.**

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight **SYFY, 7 p.m.**

Ted (2012, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis **Comedy Central, 7:30 p.m.**

Barbie (2023, Comedy) Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **FX, 8 p.m.**

Terri Blackstock’s If I Run (2025, Suspense) Kat Graham, Evan Roderrick **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

Fast & Furious 6 (2013, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker **TNT, 8:30 p.m.**

Top Gun (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis **CMT, 8:30 p.m.**

The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates **Bravo, 9 p.m.**

Prayers for Bobby (2009, Docu-drama) Sigourney Weaver, Henry Czerny **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Blue Beetle (2023, Action) Xolo Maridueña, Bruna Marquezine **TNT, 11 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Christopher Plummer (First-Timer)

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

The acclaimed Academy Award winner is such an obvious choice for inclusion in Summer Under the Stars it’s hard to believe this is his inaugural season! Christopher Plummer will make his premiere with 11 quality titles, including three network pre-

mieres: the classic 1965 musical **The Sound of Music (pictured)**, the 1976 war film **Aces High** and 2009’s **The Last Station**, which garnered Plummer one of his three Oscar noms, for playing Russian author Leo Tolstoy. Among other highlights today are the first two movies in which Plummer appeared as he began his film career after a decade in stage and television dramas: **Stage Struck** and **Wind Across the Everglades**, both from 1958, and three Plummer favorites from 1975: **The Spiral Staircase**, **The Return of the Pink Panther** and **The Man Who Would Be King**.



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What to watch SUNDAY

August 3, 2025

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1,000 Ways to Dine

A&E, 8 a.m. ■ New Series
Finally, a Sunday morning series not focused on news! Here the question lurks on how far would you go, how high would you climb, how deep would you dig and how weird would you get to experience a one-of-a-kind meal? Hosted by actor and comedian Michael Yo, the series goes off the beaten path and showcases the most exciting, unique and outrageously delicious restaurants in the world. Yo takes viewers on a tour of some of the most unusual eating establishments on Earth – where the food is just *one* part of the experience. From a Colorado speakeasy 21 stories below ground to high tea on top of a high tree in Thailand, these one-of-a-kind hot spots won't just tickle your taste buds – they'll leave all your senses buzzing.

NASCAR Cup Series: Iowa Corn 350

USA Network, 3:30 p.m. Live
Kyle Larson, Chase Elliott, Tyler Reddick,



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Denny Hamlin and other top Cup Series contenders race for 350 laps around Iowa Speedway's 0.875-mile oval.

Live Aid: When Rock 'n' Roll Took on the World

CNN, 9 p.m. ■ Series Finale
The final episode of this four-part docuseries looks at how Live Aid cofounder Bob Geldof joined forces with Bono to stage Live 8 – a global concert aimed at pressuring the rich to tackle poverty in Africa.

Grantchester

PBS, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale
In the final episode of Season 10, Alphy (Rishi Nair) and Geordie (Robson Green) keep an eye on rising tensions as a controversial figure is invited to speak at the university; when a murder is committed, however, they disagree on how to approach the case.

Hazardous History With Henry Winkler

History, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale
Season 1 finishes with “Occupational Hazards,” which uncovers the downright dangerous gigs of the past – from mercury-poisoned hat makers to kids crawling through chimneys to projectionists fleeing fiery blazes – and explores the shocking risks behind everyday jobs that were once accepted without question.

The Chi

Showtime, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale
The drama series following a tightly bound group of friends and neighbors on Chicago's South Side wraps up Season 7 with “Rebirth.” *The Chi* will return for Season 8. Jacob Latimore, Lynn Whitfield and Yolonda Ross star.

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Audrey Hepburn

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.
Audrey Kathleen Ruston, eventually better known to movie fans worldwide as Audrey Hepburn, remains one of the most iconic female stars of the silver screen, thanks to her talent, charisma, elegant beauty and trendsetting fashion sense. So it's no surprise that she returns to Turner Classic Movies' annual Summer Under the Stars programming event. Throughout today's lineup of 11 Hepburn films, you'll see her range in everything

from dramas to romantic comedies to musicals and even a thriller that remains one of her most famous movies: 1967's suspenseful **Wait Until Dark**, which earned the star her fifth and final Best Actress Oscar nomination for her portrayal of a blind woman terrorized by criminals who believe a cache of heroin is hidden somewhere in her apartment. You'll also see Hepburn deliver Best Actress-nominated performances in two famed romantic comedies: as the title character of Best Director nominee Billy Wilder's 1954 romantic comedy/drama **Sabrina (pictured)**, alongside Humphrey Bogart and William Holden, and as Holly Golightly, one of Hepburn's most iconic roles, in **Breakfast at Tiffany's** (1961). Among today's other highlights are **My Fair Lady** (1964), the beloved, Best Picture-win-



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ning musical featuring Hepburn in another iconic role, as Eliza Doolittle alongside Best Actor winner Rex Harrison as Professor Henry Higgins; **Green Mansions** (1959), a romantic adventure film directed by Hepburn's then-husband, Mel Ferrer; John Huston's 1960 Western **The Unforgiven**, which kicks off the lineup; **Two for the Road**, a 1967 romantic comedy costarring Albert Finney; and more.

What to watch MONDAY

August 4, 2025

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Britain's Most Scenic Counties

Acorn TV ■ Season Premiere
Season 2 of this series, narrated by Bill Nighy, celebrates the beauty of Kent, the “Garden of England.” From the White Cliffs of Dover north to the marshlands of the Thames Estuary, spend a day with those who live, work and play in this beautiful county. All five episodes drop today.

American Ninja Warrior

NBC, 8 p.m.
The finals begin in Las Vegas, where elite ninjas go head-to-head in high-stakes, side-by-side races, with the fastest advancing in the competition. Athletes will face six obstacles, including shrinking steps, swinging frames and salmon ladder.

A Killer Among Friends

Investigation Discovery, 10 p.m.
In “She's No Runaway,” when middle schooler Maryann Measles vanishes without a trace, suspicion quickly falls on the new circle of older friends she's been spending time with. As family and friends dig deeper, secrets unravel and the line between loyalty and betrayal starts to blur.

Survival Mode

NBC, 10 p.m.
In the new episode “Montecito Mudslide, in the dark of night, residents of Montecito, California, must outrun a deadly wall of mud triggered by torrential rains after a major wildfire, as homes vanish and lives hang in the balance.

Atomic People

PBS, 10 p.m.
This special documentary explores the human fallout from the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and features voices from some of the only people who survived.



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MOVIES!, 3:25 p.m.
This funny, touching and sweet 1986 film was a cut above most other teen comedies of its decade when it debuted, and it remains one of the more realistic cinematic depictions of high schoolers in any era. Led by a fantastic young cast, including Corey Haim as the title character, Kerri Green (*The Goonies*), Charlie Sheen, Courtney Thorne-Smith and Winona Ryder in her feature film debut, writer/director David Seltzer's film treats all of its various characters – whether nerd, jock, cheerleader or otherwise – as real and complex people, with inner lives and motivations, who



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usually don't respond in the stereotypical ways seen in similar movies. The romantic comedy/drama is enhanced by composer Dave Grusin's lovely musical score.

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HOPPER STONE

Jaws (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw **AMC, 6 p.m.**

Terri Blackstock's If I Run (2025, Suspense) Kat Graham, Evan Roderick **Lifetime, 6 p.m.**

The Fugitive (1993, Action) Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones **CMT, 6 p.m.**

Zoolander (2001, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson **VH1, 6 p.m.**

Bad Boys II (2003, Action) Martin Lawrence, Will Smith **CW, 7 p.m.**

Breaking In (2018, Suspense) Gabrielle Union, Billy Burke **BET, 8 p.m.**

Color of Love (2021, Drama) Deborah Joy Winans, Michael Brown **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985, Science fiction) Mel Gibson, Tina Turner **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Maid in Manhattan (2002, Romance-comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Ralph Fiennes **E!, 8 p.m.**

The Lincoln Lawyer (2011, Crime drama) Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei **CMT, 9 p.m.**

Marry Me (2022, Romance-comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Owen Wilson **E!, 10:30 p.m.**

Misery (1990, Horror) James Caan, Kathy Bates **BBC America, 10:30 p.m.**

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (2011, Suspense) Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara **VH1, 10:30 p.m.**

Vacation (2015, Comedy) Ed Helms, Christina Applegate **TBS, 11 p.m.**

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Where Your Heart Belongs (2022, Romance) Jen Lilley, Christopher Russell **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

Who's Stalking My Family (2024, Suspense) Kate Watson, Kennedy Martin **LMN, 6 p.m.**

The Little Mermaid (1989, Children) Jodi Benson, Pat Carroll **Freeform, 7 p.m.**

A Country Wedding (2015, Romance) Jesse Metcalfe, Autumn Reeser **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

I, Robot (2004, Science fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

Moneyball (2011, Drama) Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill **BBC America, 8 p.m.**

The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **AMC, 8 p.m.**

13 Going on 30 (2004, Romance-comedy) Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo **E!, 9 p.m.**

The Princess and the Frog (2009, Children) Anika Noni Rose, Bruno Campos **Freeform, 9 p.m.**

The Wedding Ringer (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Josh Gad **VH1, 10 p.m.**

Independence Day (1996, Science fiction) Bill Smith, Bill Pullman **Paramount, 10:30 p.m.**

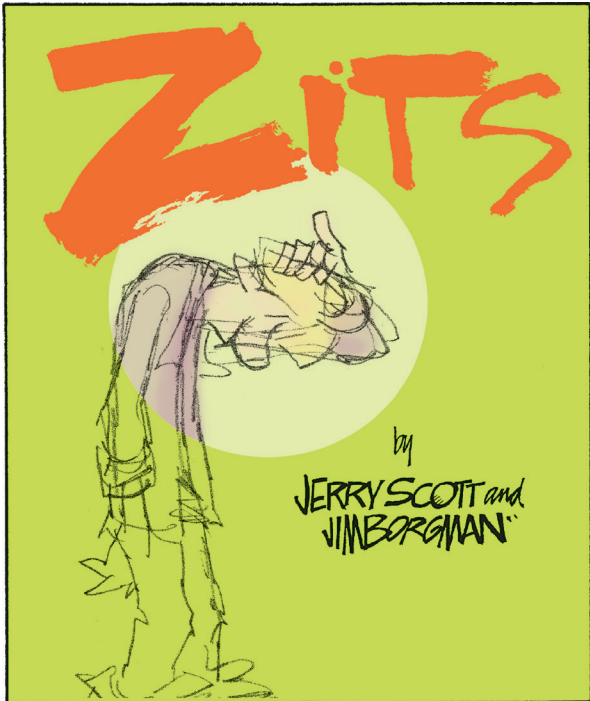
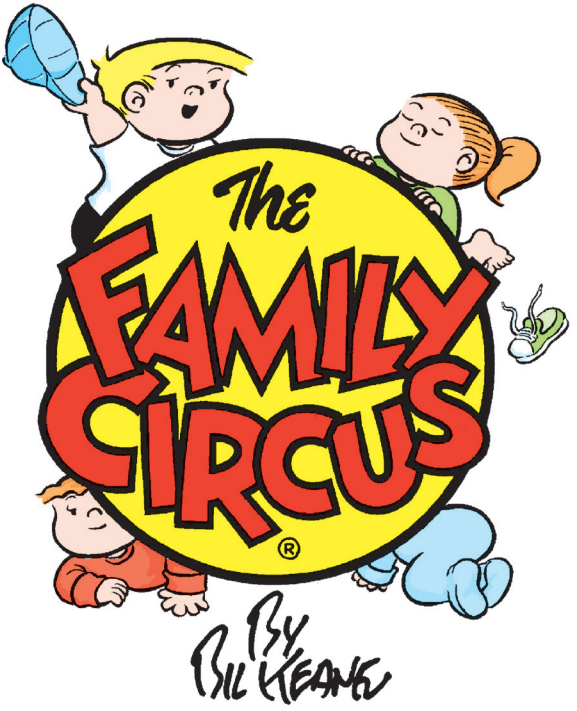
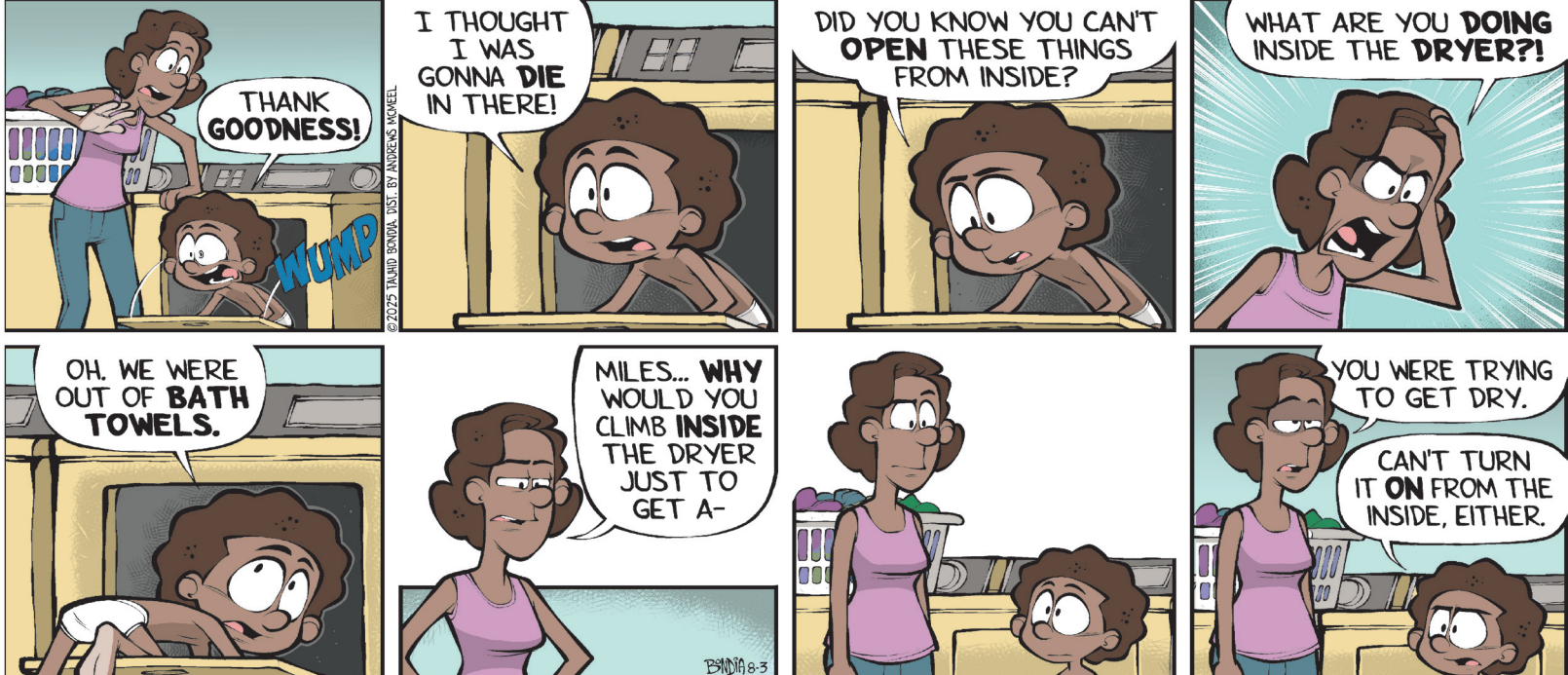
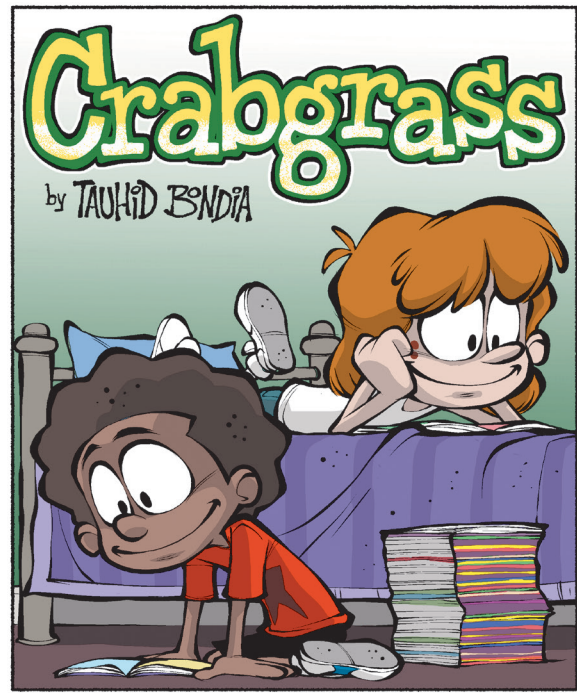
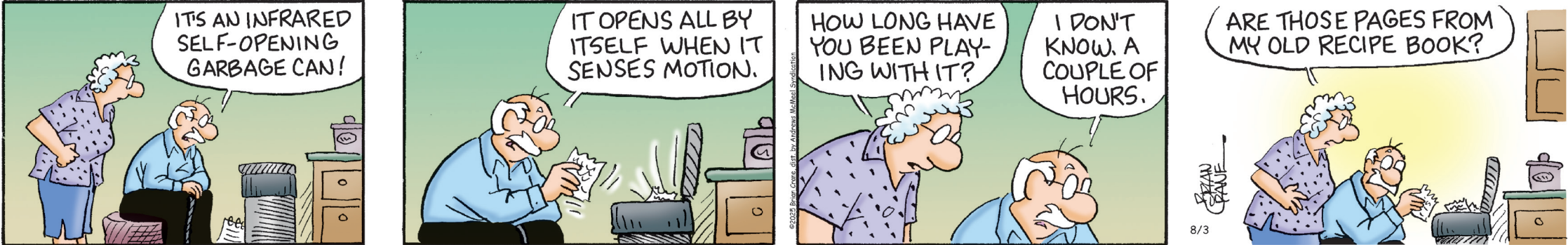
The Perfect Storm (2000, Suspense) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg **AMC, 10:30 p.m.**

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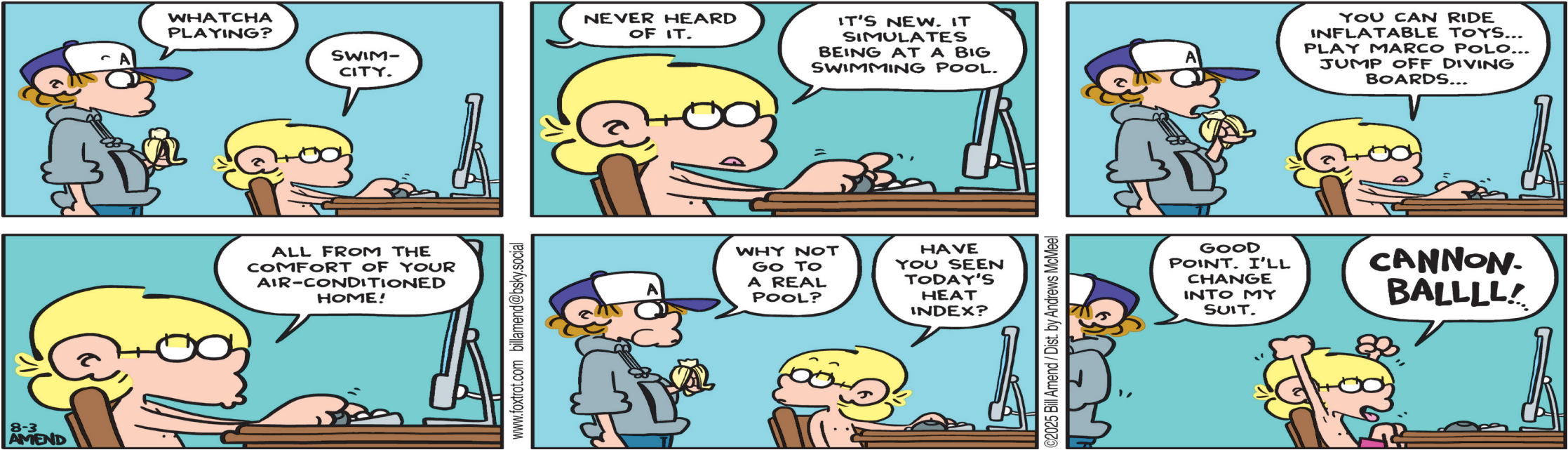
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by Bill Amend



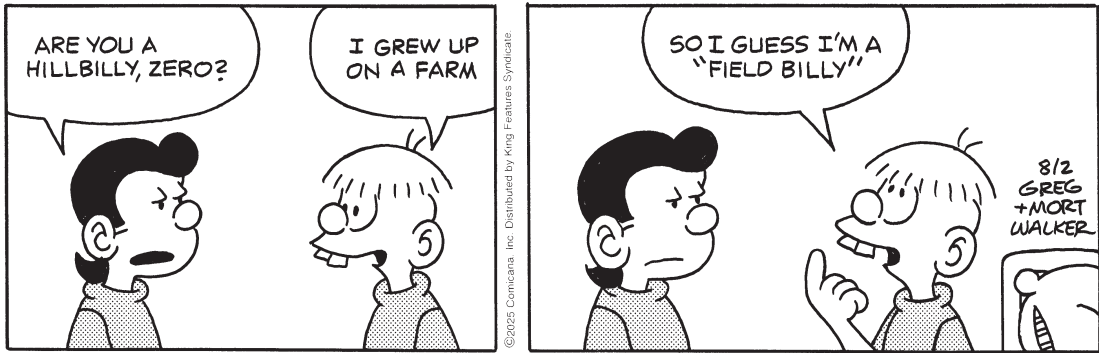
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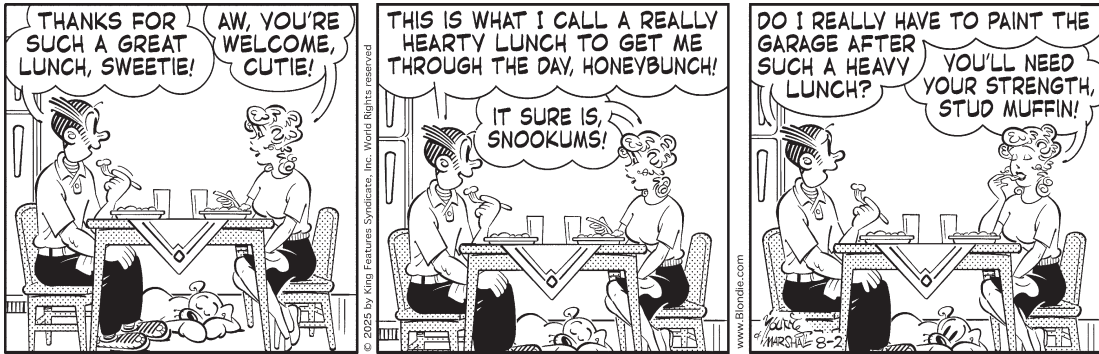
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THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



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PICKLES Brian Crane



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WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

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TODAY'S SOLUTION:

ACROSS

1 Ice cream holder
5 Bonds
9 Car that can be hailed
12 Top
13 Singer — Guthrie
14 "Four score and seven years — ..."
15 Gasp for air
16 Hardware item
17 Spring month
18 "The Legend of — Hollow"
20 Modifies
22 Teachers' org.
23 English river
24 Cheese from the Netherlands
27 Avoid
29 Sharp tool
30 Driver's problem (2 wds.)
34 Succeed (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 Block letters
2 Milky gem
3 Hawaiian goose
4 Stretch out
5 Country singer — Tucker

37 California's Big —
38 Small horse
39 Springfield's — Simpson
41 Genesis name
43 Rent
44 Disinclined
46 Wild doings
50 Spoil
51 Catch
53 "I smell —!"
54 Superlative suffix
55 Sponsorship
56 Sported
57 — degree
58 The Eternal City
59 Freshly

6 Novelist — Levin
7 "Essays of —"
8 Abandoned one's principles (2 wds.)
9 Bivouacs

10 Playing marble
11 Sons
19 Legume
21 Mom's sister
24 Joke
25 Have bills to pay
26 Final (Abbr.)
27 Murder
28 Used to possess
30 Swamp
31 Suffix denoting ideology
32 Regret
33 Get things wrong
35 Mimic
36 Gun case
39 Farm denizen
40 City in Ontario
41 "Stop!" at sea
42 Ship's bunk
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44 Prayer ending
45 "Cogito — sum"
47 Steel component
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49 Agitated state
52 Intend

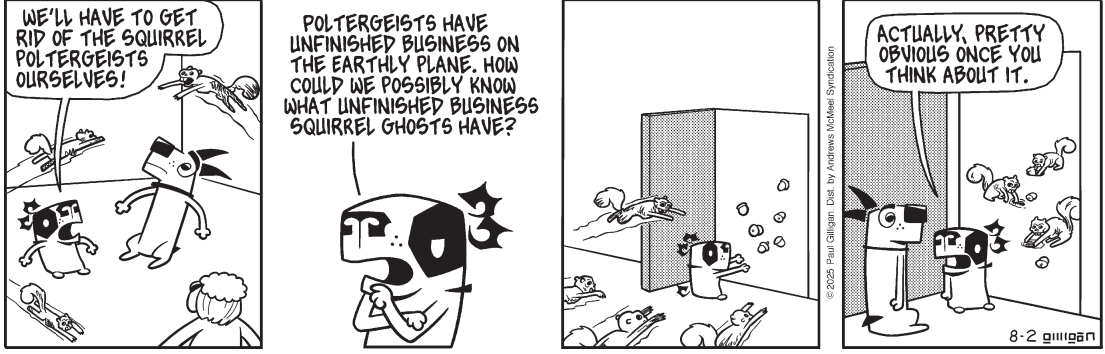
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POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



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.

ICON OF THE SEAS (CRUISE SHIP) Solution: 6 letters

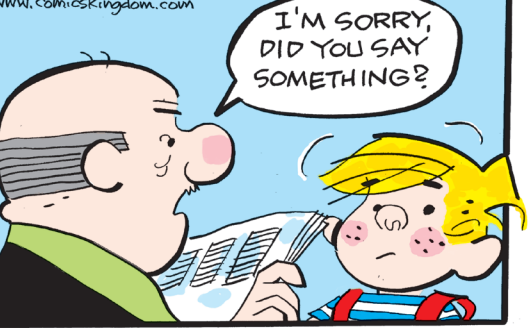
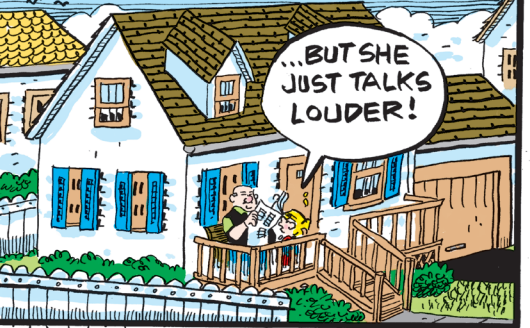
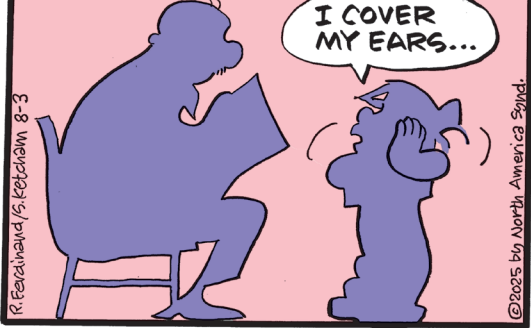
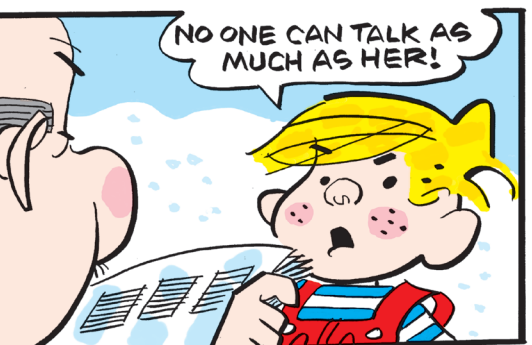
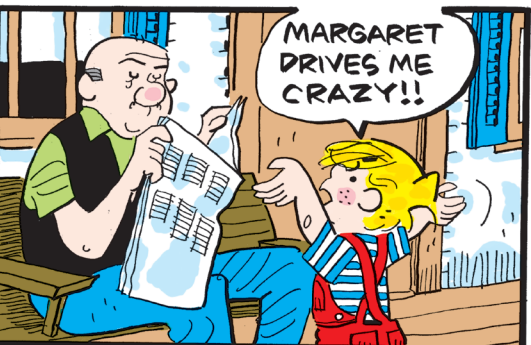
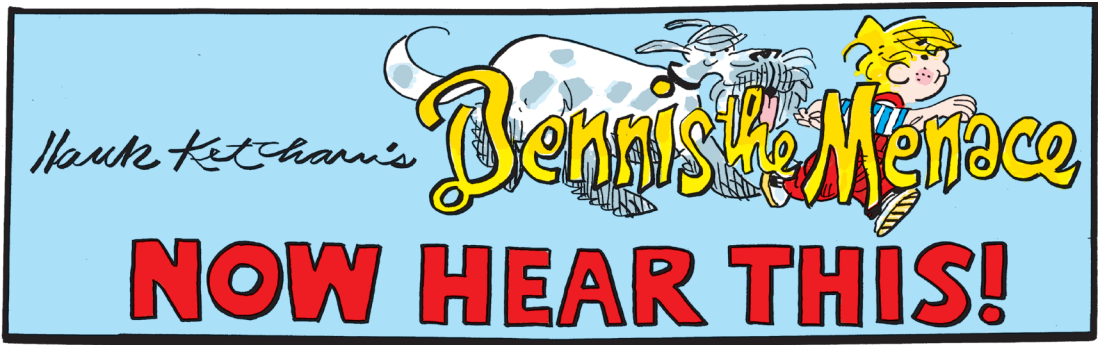
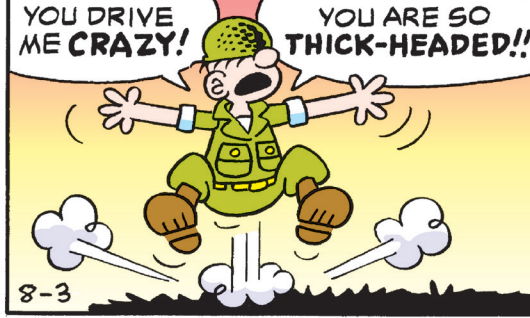
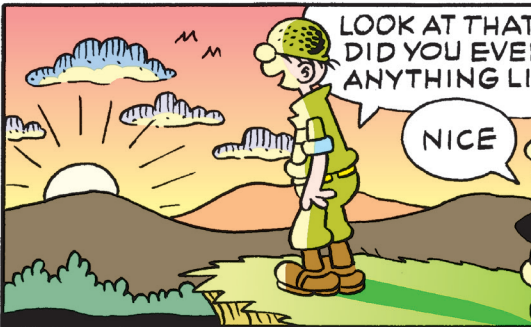
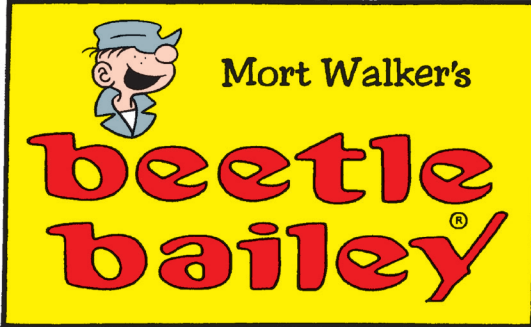
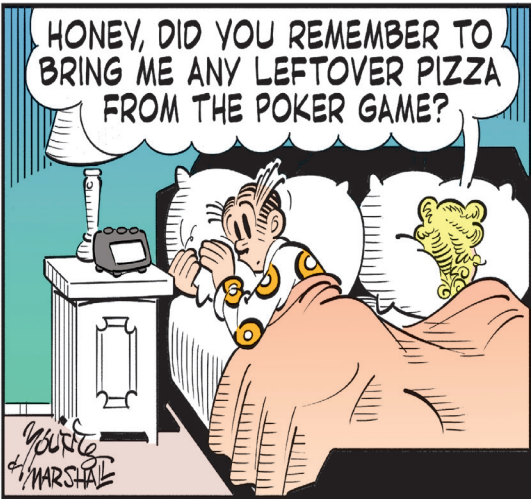
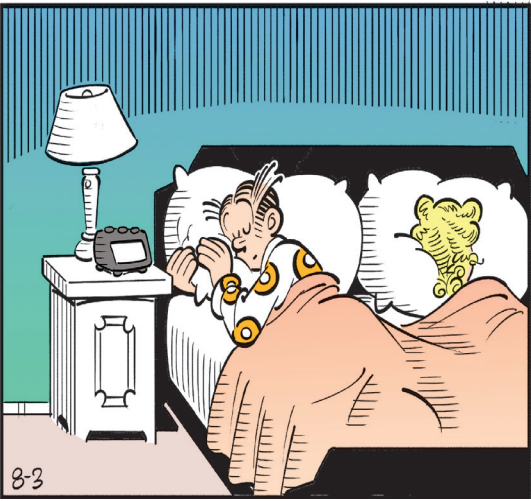
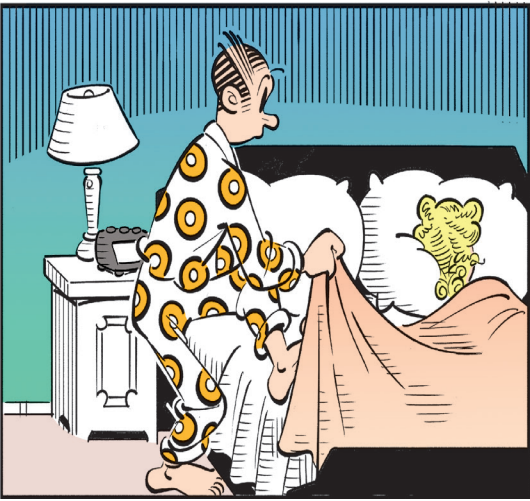
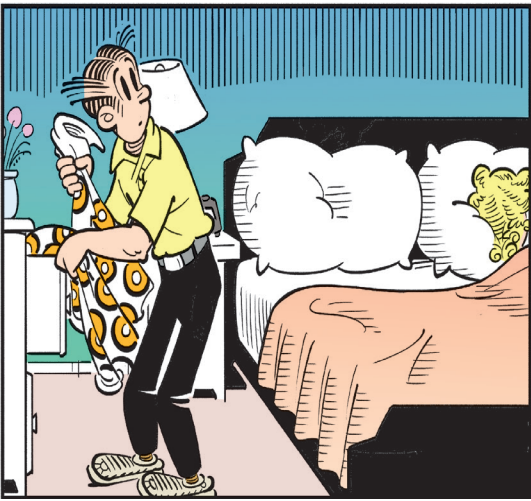
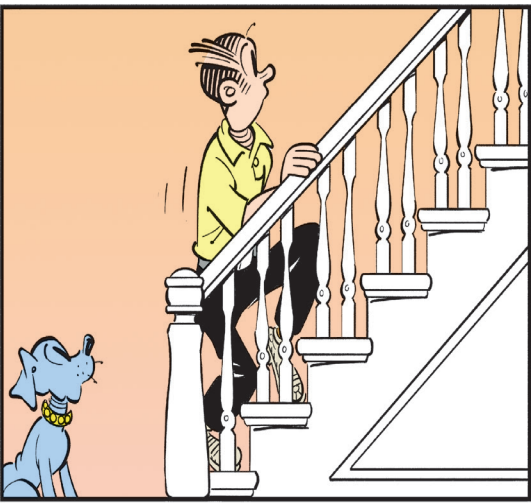
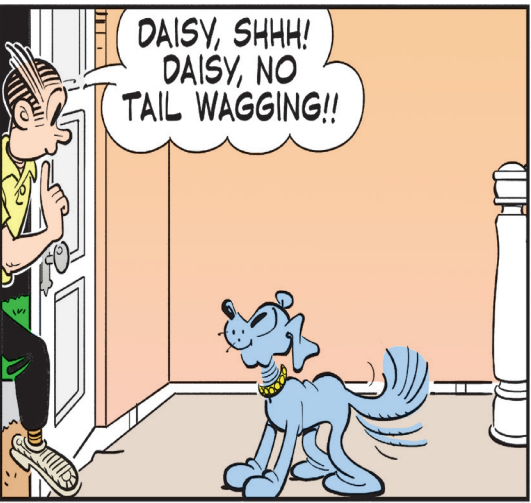
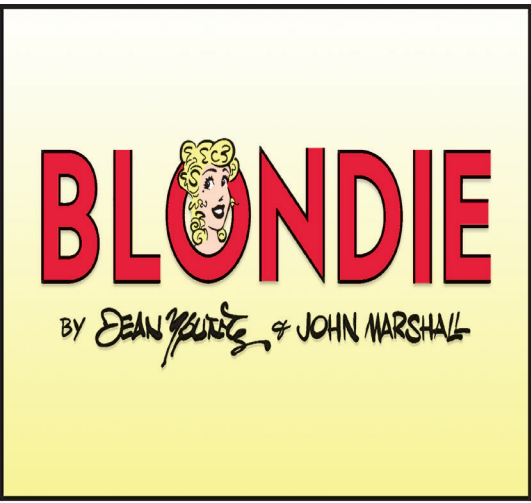
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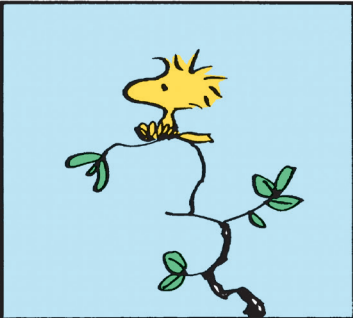
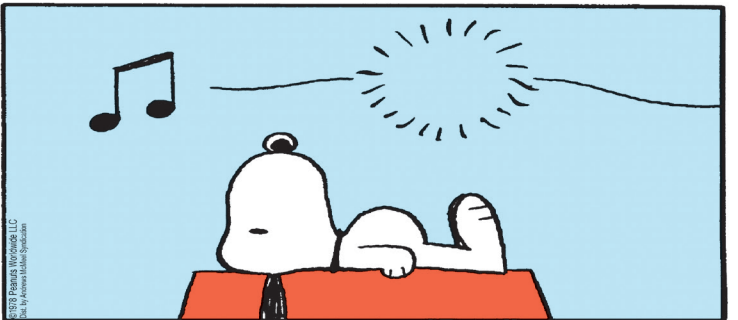
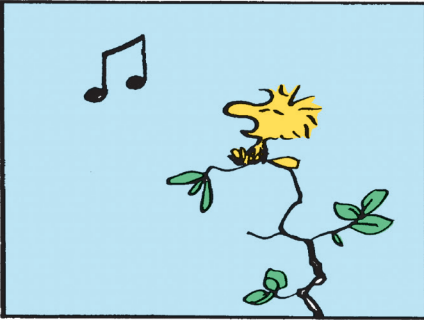
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Voyage



CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

