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'Data-driven' ASU President Robert Scott: We're at the edge of greatness



ASU PRESIDENT
ROBERT SCOTT

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ALBANY -- The Albany State University stakeholders -- students, alumni, supporters, faculty, staff -- who want a president to walk in the door and tell them exactly what he plans to do to make their university a great institution might have some issues with new head man Robert Scott.

Scott, who's approaching the end of his first 100 days at the university, having moved into the president's office on May 1, makes it clear that he has some settling-in and some data research to complete before he starts making promises, many of which might not be feasible.

"I'm a very pragmatic person," Scott, who came to Albany

State from the Kraft Heinz Co. after an impressive career in education and industry, said during a conversation at his office on the university's West Campus. "I believe before you can start making any concrete plans, you have to have the data. I spent my first 30-40 days here conducting listen-

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ASU's total 2025 summer enrollment reached 3,604 students, a 5.34% increase from 3,421 students in summer 2024.

Albany State sees strong summer enrollment growth

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ALBANY – Albany State University announced an increase in enrollment for summer 2025, reflecting continued progress in student access and success, university officials said.

ASU's total summer enrollment reached 3,604 students, a 5.34% increase from 3,421 students in summer 2024. This growth includes notable gains in both undergraduate and graduate populations and highlights the university's ongoing commitment to serving a diverse and growing student body.

Graduate enrollment saw the most significant growth, increasing 12.44% from 386 students in summer 2024 to 434 in summer 2025. Enrollment by gender also reflected a positive trend, with female enrollment increasing by 6.16% (from 2,614 to 2,775), and male enrollment growing by 2.73% (from 807 to 829).

"These numbers demonstrate the effectiveness of our summer initiatives and the strength of our academic programs," ASU President Robert Scott said. "We're especially encouraged by the growth in graduate enrollment and the continued participation of our returning and new students during the summer term."

As part of its summer programming, ASU welcomed 75 incoming freshmen into the Summer Success Academy, a six-week residential experience that allows students to earn college credit, connect with peers, and prepare for a strong first year. Academy participants take 6–7 credit hours and receive personalized academic support from faculty, advisors and peer mentors.

Additionally, ASU hosted New Student Orientation for 1,109 first-time freshmen, preparing students for academic life and connecting them with key campus resources.

See ASU, 2A



Staff Photo:
Lucille Lannigan
Kim Chapman, left, and Kay Lamb help to organize the Nerd Store during one of its final days. Lamb's children and husband participate in games at the store.

Nerd Store in Albany faces closure, seeks support to re-open in Leesburg

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ALBANY – The Nerd Store gave Albany residents a safe haven. Now, they're rallying to save it.

Periodical — Mail Label

Daniel Vanoteghem, a Leesburg native, opened the store in August 2024 to create a space where "nerds" could gather and game. In its first year, he built an inclusive and dedicated community, but high overhead costs and unresolved repairs are forcing Vanoteghem to shut down the Albany location and search for a new space in Leesburg.

"This has become more of a community that just hap-

pens to have a shop attached to it," he said. "We welcome everyone."

Through the doors of the Nerd Store, located at 2610 Dawson Road, Suite 14, in Albany, is a space brimming with fantasy, imagination and love. The store had a robust weekly event schedule where people, ages 7 to 70, met to play group games like Warhammer, Chess or design elaborate game boards

and figures.

How the nerd store built an inclusive space

For 12-year-old Grayson Lamb, the Nerd Store was a space he could come to after homeschooling to make friends and learn more about his favorite game, Pokemon. He visits nearly every day with his parents and siblings. He entered his first Pokemon tournament at the Nerd Store —

See CLOSURE, 2A

Renovating Dougherty County's 31-year-old jail will be costly proposition

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ALBANY – The potential price tag for improvements at the Dougherty County Jail are in, with a maximum cost projection of more than \$50 million. Now, the question will become how to pay for it.

The final report of an engineering assessment of the jail facility that was opened in 1994 and has had no major renovations since will be presented during a Public Works Com-

mittee meeting scheduled for 8 a.m. Monday.

The maximum figure of \$56 million is thought to be significantly more than the actual cost will be and includes a contingency for moving inmates out while some of the work is ongoing, Commissioner Ed Newsome, who chairs the Public Works Committee, said. There is little likelihood that inmates will need to be moved and costs likely will be trimmed in

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Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

The Dougherty County Commission is looking at renovations at the county jail, which has been in operation since 1994.

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From 1A

SCOTT

ing sessions with the stakeholders, the community, local businesses, alumni, faculty, staff, and, especially, students. “Before we move into a building phase, we have to learn as much as we can about the university, get at the foundation. You can’t put some big thing on top of a poor foundation and expect it to thrive. Everyone has a role to play, and we’ve got to determine what those roles are. We’ve got to fix the foundation first.” While Scott, whose joint educational and business background that includes stints at Georgia Tech, Boston College, Spelman College, Abbott

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Nutrition and the Coca-Cola Company, gives him a leg up on deciding the future direction of ASU, is not ready to roll out some pie-in-the-sky plan before he’s had time to consider what that plan might be, there are things he says will be essential to building a “new Albany State University.” “I believe Albany State is at the edge of greatness,” he said. “The infrastructure is in place for this university to become a major builder in southwest Georgia. It’s an integral part of the fabric of this region, but even as good as we may feel about ASU, I believe we’re just scratching the surface of what a true, integrative university can feel like. “We have to seek even greater student success, commit ourselves to providing our students great educational opportunities. We have to build an environment conducive not only to education but to broader growth. We’ll seek a higher degree of

customer service, pathways and revenue streams that will define our standing in this community. I believe there is no greater driver of economic growth than higher education.” Although he’s worked at and lived in some of America’s great cities, among them Boston, Chicago and Atlanta, the new Albany State president says he’s right at home in smaller-town Albany. “I grew up on a pig farm,” Scott, who was born in New Jersey but grew up in Suffolk, Va., said. “I grew up in lower economic circumstances, where going to college was not an option because our family couldn’t afford the books. But a university very much like Albany State (Norfolk State University) opened the door for me. “So I’ve experienced firsthand how a university like Albany State can change individuals’ lives. That’s the reason I’m so passionate about the roles our university can play in the lives of all our

students.” Scott said he’s experienced close “town-to-gown” relationships in other cities, but he’s not ready to hammer out an outline of what that could like like in Albany. “First, you have to define what that even means,” he said. “Albany State is a big part of Albany, but in order to build more of a ‘university town-type’ relationship, you have to look at it from both sides. It has to be a win-win, for the university and for the city. We have our role to play, but so does local leadership. We have to work together -- probably in phases -- to determine how we can partner. I do know, though, that Albany State is committed to seeing what a close collaboration between town and gown could look like.” Like other institutions in the University System of Georgia, Albany State gets a great deal of its operational funding from the system. But Scott knows from his business background that bringing in additional

monies and grants is the lifeblood of any university. “We bring in revenue in four ways: From our students -- and recruitment is vital because every year there is turnover and the need to bring in new students -- from state appropriations, from philanthropic giving and from corporate giving,” he said. “And, rest assured, no corporation wants to give to an institution that’s not winning. That’s why it’s vital that we tell our story.” Asked about concerns over campus safety in the wake of a fatal on-campus shooting during last year’s homecoming celebration, Scott said he and his staff will provide transparency when it comes to events that impact the HBCU. “Safety on campus is a concern of every college president,” he said. “I plan to look at the data, find ways to make our campus even safer. We want to put into place assurances that we are addressing any issue that arises on our campus, and we will always be transparent. I am -- and

we will be -- an open book. If we have to bring in more police officers or reduce access to campus, we’re going to do what works on our campus.” As he moves into the building phase of his master plan for Albany State, Robert Scott is building excitement among university shareholders eager to see Albany State take its place among the state’s great institutions. “The university is a brand, and the idea behind the brand is to create a great educational product,” he said. “I’ve been a professor, a dean, the leader of large corporations ... I’m a hybrid kind of unicorn who understands education and education as business. “My life was changed by a university that gave me an opportunity, and now I want to help build a place that does that for young people in southwest Georgia. I have a passion for this; it’s the only reason I’m here. I’m going to run my leg of the race as hard as I can and then pass the baton on to the next person in line.”

From 1A

CLOSURE

competing as the only youth — and placed fourth. “It was thanks to all the amazing people here that have taught me such great things about the game,” Grayson said. One of those people is 39-year-old Simon Tippet who started coming to the Nerd Store when it first opened and has returned every weekend since. Tippet plays Magic the Gathering at the store, a fantasy and strategy game he’s played since high school. “The game of Magic, at its purest form, is a game to be enjoyed with people in per-

son,” Tippet said. “I’d only get to have those in-person interactions maybe once or twice a month. So going from that to playing every week, sometimes multiple times a week at the Nerd Store, was great.” Tippet said the Nerd Store helped him form friendships that got him through challenging times. “I recently went through a divorce and having the community support here helped me during some of the tough times,” he said. “It’s a breath of fresh air and a real anchor in my life.” Tippet said the Nerd Store established an inclusive space early on. Beyond just a gaming community, Vanoteghem

said the Nerd Store became a safe space for marginalized communities and others who “fall through the cracks” in Albany. “I know we have a lot of people who are part of the LGBTQ community ... people with disabilities ... and people on the spectrum,” Tippet said. “That’s definitely something that’s not in the norm in Albany. So with it closing, I know a lot of people are taking it very hard. They see this place as a home that’s being taken away from them.” Kim Chapman had just moved to Albany with his husband and son when the Nerd Store Opened. He quickly began working as a crew leader. Chapman is transgender and uses he/they pronouns. He said the Nerd Store has provided a much-needed safe haven in Albany where he feels free to be himself. Chapman said he feels like he has to hide his identity while living in Albany. He dresses differently in stores, removing his binder and avoiding “tomboy” clothes. As he fills out job applications, he said he feels safer using she/her pronouns. “Nowhere in Albany feels safe,” Chapman said. “But people walk into this store ... they’re telling me ‘I can breathe here. I feel like I can sit, and I don’t have to look over my shoulder.’ The mask that we all put on in public, we can take it off.” Flags representing the LG-BTQ communities hang in the front windows. Chapman said they initially worried the flags might provoke backlash. “In the year we’ve been open, there have been only two people who showed their butt, which is surprising,” he said. Beyond the welcoming environment, Chapman said the Nerd Store is a place where adults can cater to their inner child. “Especially millennials; our whole upbringing has been disaster after disaster,” he said. “Just let me play my games for five seconds. Let me be a kid. We’re all just big kids. If playing games brings you joy, you should be allowed to do that and to have a place that doesn’t make you feel nickel-or-dimed to do that.” The Nerd Store is also a space for families. Youths visit with their parents, either to play games themselves or hang out with friends while their parents play. Kay Lamb, Grayson’s mom, said Albany has limited family friendly spaces.

From 1A

ASU

The university also extended its impact to younger learners through more than 10 free summer camps for middle and high school students, serving more than 1,000 participants. These camps introduced students to col-

lege life and helped build academic and leadership skills in a fun and supportive environment. From early engagement to graduate education, Albany State University continues to expand access to transformative learning experiences that prepare students to thrive university officials said.

From 1A

RENOVATE

other ways. Some of the pricier items on the list will include replacing the chiller units that keep the facility cool during the summer, a new generator, completely redoing the kitchen and new locks and security system for the facility. The cost for replacing the locks is estimated at \$2 million, with the renovation of the kitchen and purchasing replacement equipment at \$1.2 million, Newsome said. The estimate for replacing the locking control system and security system is \$750,000 of the estimated cost. “This is kind of just Step 1,” Newsome said of the estimate coming out of the engineering assessment. “Once we present this, it’ll be out of our hands at that point. Then it will go to the Finance Committee and go through that process. The commission will make the final decision on everything. There are a lot of pieces to this puzzle.” The 391,000-square-foot facility can house up to about 1,200 inmates, but the current population averages about 700. “It’s not a lot of paint and prettying up,” Newsome said of the project. “It’s pretty much all mechanical work. In my 49 years of working in this field, I have not seen a facility as clean and well-maintained as this one. That’s probably when we’ve been able to operate for so long.” The massive chillers, for example, have been kept operating long beyond the typical 20-year-or-so life span for those systems. “It’s our constitutional duty as a commission that we have to furnish a jail,” Newsome

said. “We’ll plow through it and get it finished one way or another.” There are several different options being explored of paying for the needed project, Commissioner Clinton Johnson, who heads the Finance Committee, said. Those include a bond issue or funding through a future special-purpose local-option sales tax referendum. The first step is finding out how much money the county could expect to raise through a bond referendum. “We need to find out how much we can really afford,” Johnson said. “We’ve got to find out what our bond rating is. We haven’t done that in a while. That’s going to be our next step. Then we will see where we can go from there.” There is also the chance that the commission will look at some enhancements, such as enhancing mental health treatment at the facility as well as boosting the GED program, the commissioner said. “We need to figure out the best, most cost-effective way to move forward,” Johnson said. “I don’t know what that number is where we’re ultimately going. I think that just 30 years ago, it (construction) cost \$35 million. Can you imagine the cost now? It’s going to be tough, but we’ll get there. “You have everything 35 years old. Can you imagine a house where everything is 1995? We’ve got to stop patching it up and bite the bullet.” Another top consideration is security. “You’ve got to keep the inmates safe, the employees safe,” Johnson said. “We want to have the best work environment for our employees.”

Vanoteghem said he’s proud of the community built by the store. “If supporting my fellow human beings makes me a radical, I’ll take it,” he said. “Everybody is welcome here

because everybody matters, and everybody needs a place.” The Nerd Store is hosting a final send-off at its first location, Saturday. Vanoteghem said it’s a “relocation celebra-

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- It's what you do to help others that will draw attention. Be the do-gooder that you are, and you'll make a difference. Expand your relationships with those who share your passion for reform and fairness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- The clocks are ticking, and your options are open for investigation. Trust your instincts, speak up on your own behalf and take the initiative to make things happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Do your research, expand your mind and consider how you can fulfill the promises you made to yourself. Don't hesitate to share your feelings with someone you love and find out where you stand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Strut your stuff and enjoy being part of the entertainment. Engage in memorable events and tell others how you think and feel about them. Make someone's day, and it will bring you joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't expect everyone to have your best

interests at heart. Look for opportunities that bring you closer to someone who has your back. Avoid indulging in irresponsible behavior, scams and abuse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take the changes happening around you seriously and consider your options carefully. Refuse to let your emotions interfere with your ability to see what's best for you and your circle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Listen, communicate and embark on projects or pastimes that interest you. Make common-sense choices rather than relying on your emotions. Don't get bogged down in time-consuming undertakings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Keep your emotions hidden and be observant. Your strength will come from your ability to decipher what others want or expect from you before you negotiate your position.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Pay attention; some of the changes others try to implement will not suit your needs. If you make a fuss, it will cause setbacks. Make the necessary adjustments and continue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Carry out personal obligations first, and you'll feel more relaxed when moving on to what brings you joy. Put your energy where it counts, and you'll come out on top.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Look inward and consider your needs before taking on other people's drama. Love is on the rise, and putting your best foot forward will help you strengthen your friendships.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To punish me for my contempt for authority, fate made me an authority myself."

Albert Einstein,
scientist (1879-1955)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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Why, when Jesus talks about feeding the poor, it's Christianity, but when a politician does it, it's Socialism? My answer: Because the people who call it Socialism aren't really Christians. They love everything about their version of Christianity except the teachings of Jesus. Their so-called Christianity has another name: hypocrisy. That Man Without a Family

Instead of deporting hard-working immigrants, why not empty the prisons of convicted felons and deport them to the Sudan and other war zones. The felons are takers; the immigrants are givers.

A shout-out to Miss Edna at the Dougherty County Tag Office. I know many folks dread the thought of having to deal with the tag office. Miss Edna was a delightful engagement while assisting my requests. Thank you again.

Dougherty County creates an "office of crime prevention" to give money to nonprofits that are working to fight crime? Other than locking their doors at night, how are nonprofits fighting crime? This is another opportunity for the four crooked members of the commission to give taxpayer money to their friends, churches and relatives.

Every day another Trump or Republican atrocity and attack on the norms of this country. Is this really what we want or voted for? I can only imagine this to be like a bad marriage in which every day you wake to the same problems and stress. At least in that case, you can get quick relief by just leaving. How do we get relief from this constant barrage of lunacy?

Is a vapid actress doing a jeans commercial a big enough deal for the president of this country and other top officials to weigh in on? If it is, we might as well pack up and head for the hills.

Thank you, Joe Whitfield, for giving us stories leading up to the football season. It's good to see our local paper focusing on local sports and recognizing our students again.

Lots of work needs to be done at our RiverQuarium. I was there recently and was very disappointed: Activities for kids are not working, letter missing above exhibit, aviary has only four birds, butterfly garden contained mostly weeds,. It definitely could use some sprucing/cleaning up.

When did it become the schools' task to feed the children? The family should be responsible for feeding them. Aren't EBT amounts based on feeding the children?

Who is it that is re-segregating Dougherty County Schools? It's the descendants of the people who had condoned and enforced segregation prior. Using the same old tropes to justify what they are doing and having it supported by the state and federal funding. But some kids, if they are good enough ball players, can go to "those" other schools with their newly acquired vouchers and NIL money.

New OCP: There's nothing like an "office," a title, a board and a TV shot to prevent crime. Oh, notwithstanding a consultant, a government grant, a politician and a preacher. There's a country song in there somewhere; Ray Stevens would be perfect. I'm humming the tune and sleeping better just thinking about it

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BRIDGE ■ PHILLIP ALDER

WHICH SUIT SHOULD SOUTH ATTACK FIRST?



Denis Healey, a British politician, said, "Follow the first rule of holes: If you are in one, stop digging." If he were a golfer, presumably he would have said, "If you are in a hole, take the ball out and move to the next tee."

In today's deal, though, South's problem is which suit to dig at first. He is in three no-trump, and West leads the spade queen.

After West opens three spades, North has a textbook takeout double, and South plunges into the logical game contract.

South starts with five top tricks: two spades, one heart and two diamonds. He can gain three more winners from clubs and at least two from hearts. And there is a natural

instinct immediately to play a club, but that is fatal. East wins with his ace and returns his remaining spade, which establishes West's suit while West still has the heart king as an entry.

Declarer needs to realize two things. First, that if West has the heart king and club ace, the contract is unmakeable. Second, that it cannot cost to take the heart finesse before touching clubs.

So South plays a diamond to dummy's king, then runs the heart queen. If the finesse wins, declarer can switch to clubs to establish nine winners. Here, though, the finesse loses and West probably perseveres in spades. South wins and knocks out the club ace, knowing that East is now out

of spades.

If instead West returns his second diamond at trick four, declarer takes the trick and plays a club, aware that he cannot lose more than one heart, one club and two diamonds.

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ADVICE COLUMNIST ■ ERIC THOMAS

Aunt, uncle hear nothing after sending checks for college expenses



Dear Eric: Last August, my husband and I told his niece that we would help with her daughter's college expenses. We sent \$2,000 to the college for the first semester. We received a thank-you text from his niece but nothing from the student. We eventually told the grandmother, my husband's sister, that we expected something from the student recognizing that we had sent some money. Finally, a thank-you note came in the spring.

After receiving the thank-you note, we sent another \$2,000 to the university. Now it is July, and we have received nothing from the girl. What do we do? Ask again for a thank-you note from the student, stay quiet and give more money, or stay quiet and quit giving money? Are we expecting too much? I think we should just cut her off. There are three younger children that we also want to help with their college but now we question doing anything.

— Aunt and Uncle

Dear Aunt and Uncle: Let's get the basics out of the way up top. The student should absolutely be sending you thank-you notes, unprompted. She's old enough to know that and should be mature enough to do it. Thank-you notes are not a dying art, though they've long been a source of cultural consternation. In 1999, a reader wrote to Ann Landers about not receiving a thank-you note after a wedding and asked if it was a new trend. We've been having this conversation for decades. (Ann's response: "No, it's not a new trend. It's an attempt to escape the tedious job of writing thank-you notes and, in my

book, inexcusable.")

I think you should go to the source, i.e., the student herself. And this aspect of my advice prompts a question. You write that you've been in communication with your niece and your sister-in-law, but I'm curious what relationship you have with the student.

If you don't have a close relationship with her, there's a world where one could imagine she thinks a thank-you text is sufficient. This is not a world of which I approve. Speaking to her directly and resetting the relationship might help. You can tell her, "We're happy to give this money, but it's important that when people do nice things for you, you acknowledge them."

You can also — let's be clear — stop sending the checks and move on. But this life lesson will be valuable.

Dear Eric: My daughter is getting married next year at a location that is about a six-hour drive from here and accessible only by ferry. It will be an outdoor wedding so there may be a lot of walking and uneven terrain. I don't know whether or not to invite my oldest friend. I don't want to offend her by not inviting her, but I also don't want her to feel obligated to travel that distance and that terrain with her mobility issues or to buy a wedding present. I want her to know that she is a valued friend without burdening her. What is the best approach?

— Torn Friend

Dear Friend: Honesty can be so kind. It allows you to be clear in your intent and also offers your friend the chance to make an informed decision. So

give her the full picture, just as you laid it out here. "Of course you're invited to the wedding, but I want to sincerely take the pressure off. I've been worried about how strenuous an experience it will be." Here you can talk about travel and terrain details. Then use the phrase that you used in your letter. "You're a valued friend, but I don't want to burden you. So think about it, but know you're welcome to stay home or to come and join us."

Dear Eric: I am writing in response to the letter from "Burial Conflict," about the couple who wanted to be buried together but were concerned about the response from their children from their first marriages, who wanted their individual parents to be buried together. Once the couple discusses plans, they could contact a funeral director, who would help them to finalize their plans, in detail and in writing, and pre-pay the funeral costs. They could also purchase burial sites. If their children ever inquire about burial plans, they can simply say that their funeral is planned and paid for. I write as a member of the clergy with 55 years of experience in ministry. I have known many people who have pre-planned and pre-paid their funerals. This always makes it easier for survivors, whether the family is in harmony or in discord.

— Burial Plans

Dear Plans: Thank you for this great suggestion. Others also suggested that, in addition to a funeral director, the letter writer should also talk with their attorney to make sure their wishes were clearly recorded.

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DO JUST ONE THING

by Danny Seo

If you have annoying houseflies and fruit flies zipping around your kitchen, avoid the temptation to grab a chemical spray, hang glue traps or even swat them with your hands. One of the easiest ways to capture them is to simply use apple cider vinegar. The insects are attracted to the pungent smell and will fly directly to it. To capture the flies, add a few drops of liquid soap on top. The resulting slick surface is enough to create something called "surface tension," so the flies will sink and drown on contact.

Today in History

Today is the 221st day of 2025 and the 51st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1842, the Webster-Ashburton Treaty was signed by the United States and Great Britain, delineating the eastern section of the United States and the region that became Canada.

In 1945, the United States dropped the "Fat Man" nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.

In 1969, followers of Charles Manson murdered actress Sharon Tate and four others at Tate's Los Angeles home.

In 1974, Gerald Ford was sworn in as the 38th U.S. president following Richard Nixon's resignation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Dryden (1631-1700), poet/dramatist/critic; Bob Cousy (1928-), basketball player; Rod Laver (1938-), tennis player; Sam Elliott (1944-), actor; Whitney Houston (1963-2012), singer; Brett Hull (1964-), hockey player; Hoda Kotb (1964-), news anchor; Deion Sanders (1967-), football and baseball player; Gillian Anderson (1968-), actress; Eric Bana (1968-), actor; Chris Cuomo (1970-), journalist;

Chamique Holdsclaw (1977-), basketball player; Dan Levy (1983-), actor; Anna Kendrick (1985-), actress; Bill Skarsgard (1990-), actor.

TODAY'S FACT: U.S. Secretary of War Henry Stimson persuaded the Target Committee to take Kyoto, Japan, off the short list of possible nuclear targets during World War II because of its cultural and religious significance to the people of Japan.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1988, 27-year-old Wayne Gretzky, already considered among the greatest players in the history of hockey, was traded from the Edmonton Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Better shun the bait, than struggle in the snare." -- John Dryden

TODAY'S NUMBER: 4 -- gold medals claimed by Jesse Owens at the Berlin Olympics. He won the fourth in the 4x100 meter relay on this day in 1936, becoming the first American to win four track-and-field gold medals in one Olympiad.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (Aug. 9).

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The Albany Theater building, which dates back to 1927, is one of two downtown theater buildings the city is seeking to preserve. The building was heavily damaged during a 2018 fire.

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Albany Commission hears reports on Chehaw Trail, downtown theaters

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ALBANY — The Albany City Commission is looking to complete the final piece in its trail system linking downtown Albany to Chehaw Park. The “Chehaw Connector” portion of the trail would link Cox Landing to Chehaw Park & Zoo. A consultant was hired in September 2024 to evaluate the project. On Tuesday, Jamil Fatti, senior landscape architect for the consultant, Atlanta-based Robert and Company, gave an update on the project.

The conceptual plans offer improvements or additions, including exercise stations, signage, observation decks, a 2-mile nature trail and trash receptacles, the architect said.

“We’re about one-quarter through the project,” he said.

“We’ve done the trail assessment and (are) into the analysis before design.”

Commissioners also got updates on several other projects, including the Albany Theater, located on North Jackson Street near the downtown library building, and the Ritz Theater in the Harlem District.

The current thinking, City Manager Terrell Jacobs said, is to use the Ritz building as a venue for community theater projects, with management by the same Oak View Group that manages other venues including the Albany Civic Center and the Albany Municipal Auditorium.

“The plan is to renovate and maintain the historic look,” he said.

The Ritz, located in the business district on South

Jackson Street, was opened in 1930 as a 500-seat theater serving black moviegoers. The facility once was the site of after-school activities focusing on the arts, but was closed around 2011 as part of cost-cutting measures the city took to deal with the impact of the 2008 recession.

In addition to local theater performances, the Ritz building could be used as a community center, Jacobs said.

For the Albany Theater building, the city’s approach could be an offer of a “construction-at-risk approach,” the city manager said. Under that scenario, the city would set a maximum amount of investment, for example \$2 million, with a developer assuming any costs that raise above that level.

The city embarked on an

initial preservation effort for the theater, which opened in 1927, years ago, but a 2018 fire that claimed one life left the rear portion of the building a shell.

Viewing the building from above, it is obvious that the roof is in severe disrepair. Broken windows also are visible on North Jackson Street.

“The concern we have is there are some components of that building that once they get in there, there’s going to be some challenges we haven’t anticipated,” Jacobs said.

At a minimum, the city would like to stabilize the building and repair the roof, the city manager said.

Potential uses that have been considered a restaurant on the first floor with residential space on the second floor.

Albany Chorale’s new president talks about 2025-26 season

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ALBANY — As the Albany Chorale prepares for its first rehearsal of the 2025-26 season, new president Melody Sheffield is hard at work both center stage and behind the scenes.

The chorale will come together on Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. for its first rehearsal at Covenant Presbyterian Church to prepare for its opening concert of the year on Oct. 23. The group is opening up with a show that features songs of Americana. Artistic Director Dakota Cone and Accompanist Meri Beth Hillard will continue in their leadership roles for the chorale, and Sheffield will take the reins as the chorale’s president.

Sheffield first joined the Albany Chorale in the 1980s for a brief stint. She returned to the group two years ago. She said she’s a lifelong lover of music and the arts, growing up listening to her mother play piano at church, taking piano and voice lessons herself, and eventually joining musical groups at church and with Theatre Albany. She was nominated and voted in as president by fellow chorale members this year.

“I’m excited and happy to take on a leadership role,” Sheffield said. “We are promoting the arts in rural south Georgia, and I think that’s an important thing.”

She said her favorite part about being in the Albany Chorale is the learning aspect.

“I look forward to learning some new music, and I also learn so much from the members, the people around me,” Sheffield said. “A lot of singing chorale music is listening

to the people around you. We all learn something. You hear about different works of music.”

Sheffield takes those lessons home with her, practicing particularly challenging pieces with her piano at home. She said she doesn’t have a favorite piece to sing.

“I enjoy variety,” she said. “I like to mix it up — classical pieces ... contemporary things.”

Sheffield said her goal as president is to keep the chorale focused and organized. She wants to ramp up publicity.

“I want to just keep everybody ... moving forward so we get the word out, so that we have our members return for the fall and inviting members to join us,” she said. “I don’t think you can have too many members.”

Sheffield said all skill levels are welcome to join the Albany Chorale. The group of about 50 is made up of junior high and high school students, current and retired music educators and lifelong lovers of music.

“Everyone should put the upcoming concerts on your calendar so you can join in the fun,” she said. “Singers with or without special musical training are welcome to become chorale members.”

All concerts will be held at 7 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian. The Oct. 23 season opener will feature songs of Americana. Donations collected at this concert will go toward the Albany Chorale Scholarship Fund. The Albany Chorale will award up to \$1,000 each season for a rising college freshman pursuing a music scholarship. Details on the scholarship and application information may be found at albanychorale.org.



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I see DOGE’s “big balls” got car-jacked and beaten up by a pair of 15-year-olds. Maybe he needs a new nickname, like “big bruise.”

What drives a person like Trump? He has an ideology that most people are taught not to embrace. He pushes self above others, winning at all cost, and revenge on those that are counter to his low standards. His real revenge is against self. His actions are those of someone seeking revenge for being born.

Soon Trump’s tariffs will force farmers into bankruptcy.

All hail the True President. He’s making America great again, and his approval rating has jumped to 77%. There’s never been an American president who has been so beloved by his people. We definitely need him to serve for the rest of his life.

Right. Lets put Heard, Gaines, Johnson and Edwards in charge of handing out taxpayer money to nonprofits that are “fighting crime.” Geez, why don’t you people just write a blank check and send it to all your special interest groups, churches and political allies?

Our colonial ancestors seceded from Great Britain and fought a long and bloody war to assert their right to self-govern. If America was right in 1776, then the South could not have been wrong in 1861.

Tracy Taylor would be a fantastic candidate for a nonpartisan position like city commissioner or mayor.

The governor’s office needs to take a deeper look into Section 8 and affordable housing scams in Albany. Almost every complex in town has been converted to government subsidies with low occupancy, and local politicians and unknown pastors keep asking for even more to be built. Something doesn’t smell right. It feels like these crooks are profiting off the poor.

I can only assume Dooly would run his political office like he did his football teams. If that’s the case, we’re all in for a very long and sad ride.

Just when you thought the Atlanta Braves could not be a bigger embarrassment, they prove you wrong. Clean house ... top to bottom. Keep Chris Sale, let the rest go.

The True President is “flooding the swamp” with big money donations from special interests.

Here are some real numbers on the “big beautiful bill:” Millionaires will be the real winners and you will be paying for it. A person earning \$1 million a year will get a tax cut of \$81,000 a year, that’s \$273 a day. A person earning \$50,000 a year will get a tax of \$268 for the whole year, or 73 cents a day. What will you be able to buy with that 73 cents per day?

It didn’t take Barbara Holmes long to jump right in with the self-proclaimed elites in Atlanta. What has she done as Labor commissioner that would warrant anyone voting for her? What’s that Republican complaint about quota hires?

“Whatever the reason, there was a citizenry that once saw fit to fight and die, and I come from all that. And I look at those people as brave and gallant and a frightful force until their hearts and their land were burnt away. I will never turn my back on that heritage.” – Lewis Grizzard.

COLUMNIST ■ KYLE DOMINY

School day horror show: It came from the lunch box

This story begins on the last day of the previous school year. For lunch, my son had chicken strips. Ask me why I know and why that matters.

Because when this school year began, the remnants of that meal were still in his lunch container.

The day started pleasant enough for the first day of school. We were the picture of the perfect family, children getting ready for their big day, parents working in harmony to prepare a hearty breakfast and pack lunches. Little did we know our utopian morning would be interrupted when my wife, my poor, poor spouse who carried and bore my offspring, was subjected to a horror most objectionable.

She unzipped the lid of the otherwise unassuming insulated bag, which had sat undisturbed in the kitchen pantry for the better part of two months, and unleashed an odor that can only be described as hellish. The slimy chunk, collected in a plastic bag, surely was alive, mutated into some half-decomposed ooze creature. The beast had been waiting for its day of liberation for some time, planning a devious scheme to offend the human senses.

And offend it did.

The odor made its way around the room, causing the women folk to shriek, my son to flee and me, the pinnacle of modern manhood, to second-guess every decision I had ever made that would lead to this stink bomb being unleashed in my living quarters.

The fiery depths of Mount Doom in the desolate land of



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Mordor couldn’t destroy that lunch box, but a Hefty bag would have to do. To cut a long story short, the whole thing was tossed out. I wouldn’t ask my worst enemy to attempt to clean that roadkill lunch pail. Thankfully, there was a spare lunchbox, mine, but being a parent comes with sacrifices, so my only son didn’t have to resort to carrying a can of beans to school in a bindle like a hobo. But don’t think I wasn’t tempted.

The whole thing would have been a great prank had it been done on purpose.

After the pungent bouquet subsided and order was restored, the morning resumed, still pleasant, though more hurried because our distraction had wasted precious

minutes, and everyone knows that time is not on your side when trying to get two kids out the door and to work.

The moral of this story is: Don’t put off cleaning out your lunch box.

First days of school come and go and, in the big scheme of things, run out quickly. Parents do all that they can to hold on to those memories. Special outfits are purchased, pictures are taken and even special props and signs are made to mark the occasion. All posted to social media, of course.

But a rotten chunk of chicken meat in a forgotten lunchbox? I won’t soon forget that first day of school.

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COLUMNIST ■ YONATAN HAMBOURGER

The things that take God’s place

We don’t bow to golden statues anymore. But that doesn’t mean we’re free from idolatry.

Most of us would never think of ourselves as idol worshippers. But take an honest look at what holds your attention: what keeps you up at night, what gets your blood pressure up, what you’re afraid to lose. For some of us, it’s our job title. For others, our health stats, our investment portfolio, our children’s achievements, or how many hearts or likes we get on a post.

None of these is evil. But if we’re not careful, they stop being tools and start becoming masters.

You might not even realize it’s happening. Maybe you tell yourself you’re just being responsible — providing for your family, staying informed, doing your best. But beneath the surface, there’s a current pulling us. We start to measure our worth by metrics that shift daily. We hunger for validation that doesn’t satisfy. We lose sight of the quiet, sacred things right in front of us, the child asking for attention while we scroll, the spouse waiting for eye contact over dinner, the neighbor who waves but goes unnoticed.

Sometimes I think the real test of faith isn’t in how we handle tragedy, but in how we handle distraction.

This is not a new problem. It just wears new clothes.

In the Hebrew Bible, when the Israelites were preparing to enter the land promised to them, they were warned again and again to clear away the idols of the people who came before. Not just the towering statues but every hidden symbol, every cultural remnant that might pull their hearts in the wrong direction.

That command wasn’t just about archaeology. It was about attention.

Our sages explain that idolatry isn’t just kneeling before a false god. It’s elevating anything — even something good — to the level of the ultimate. It’s letting something created displace the Creator. That can be a career, a cause, or even the belief that our own cleverness is what carries us through. When we place our trust in something other than God, even subtly, we give that thing power it was never meant to hold.



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So how do we avoid that trap? It’s like walking through a cluttered house in the dark; if we don’t know where the furniture is, we’ll keep stubbing our toes. The tradition gives us a kind of flashlight, a way to see clearly and move intentionally. It helps us know what belongs in the center and what doesn’t.

Jewish tradition teaches that everything in life falls into three categories: the sacred, the forbidden and the in-between. And the real spiritual work happens in that vast middle ground. Not in the dramatic moments, but in the daily ones: the dinner table, the inbox, the morning commute.

That’s why idol worship isn’t always about bowing. It can be as subtle as believing our cleverness or hard work is what guarantees our success. When we assign ultimate power to anything but God, even unintentionally, we shift our focus away from what truly matters.

The invitation isn’t to withdraw from life, but to bring God into it. When we pause to say grace

before a meal, when we use our strength to lift others, when we choose patience over pride, we’re taking something ordinary and turning it into an offering. Even a mundane task like returning a shopping cart or offering a kind word can become holy when done with intention and awareness. We’re reclaiming space from the idols that want to dominate our minds and hearts.

And the reward is priceless: freedom. Peace. A life that feels less like a chase and more like a walk with God.

Whatever our traditions, we share this challenge, and this hope. To live not for the applause of the world, but for the quiet joy of doing what’s right. To be fully present. To serve with open hands. To let our lives reflect the One who gave them to us.

Because maybe the promised land isn’t a place we reach. Maybe it’s a way we live.

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COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

Following doctor’s orders ... for eight weeks

Note: I took a lot of liberties in what you are about to read. That being said, it may not be completely truthful. But it’s pretty darn close. And, believe it or not, I’m really not complaining. After all, without it I couldn’t possibly have written this.

My wife just had surgery on her left foot. She can’t put any weight on it for eight weeks. Doctor’s orders.

It’s going to require a lot of patience. I don’t mean for Cindy. The patient is going to be just fine. I’m talking about me. I’m the one who is going to have to be patient.

Unfortunately, patience has never been one of my strong suits. I have the mindset that an elevator arrives quicker if you push the button more than once, bumper-to-bumper traffic moves faster if you scream a lot, and people who have a cart of groceries in the express checkout should be charged with a felony.

Meanwhile, for the foreseeable future, I’ll be living with an immobilized partner who seems to have a never-ending list of honey-do’s.

“I need an ice pack.” ... “Can you get my water bottle?” ... “I could use an extra pillow for my foot.” ... “While I’m taking a nap, would you mind painting the house?”

OK, so I may have exaggerated just a bit. But not by much.

I keep reminding myself how much Cindy has done for me for

— well, for most of my life, actually. So I grab an ice pack, water bottle, and extra pillow for her and head over to Sherwin-Williams to pick up 32 gallons of sea-foam green.

As for how Cindy broke her foot, I have to go back a couple of years to September of 2023, when she and her friend Jan drove to North Carolina for a girls’ weekend. Shortly after arriving at their cabin, Cindy called to tell me she fell on the stairs and had broken her foot. I couldn’t stop laughing. Hate me if you must, but first you need to know the reason why. Cindy’s broken foot wasn’t the first time their girls’ weekend had been interrupted by a medical emergency.

In July of 2016, they drove to Florida to spend a weekend at the beach. Only it was interrupted because I had the audacity to have a heart attack on the same day. (Cindy and Jan wouldn’t have even known about it had my future daughter-in-law not called them.) They got the news shortly after they got to their destination.

They immediately got in the car and drove right back to make sure I was OK. Or maybe they came right back to give me a piece of their minds for not getting to the hospital when I first noticed that morning that something was



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wrong, which was well before they got in their car and headed south.

That being said, I guess I’m not really sure why they came back. My guess is that it was for one of those two reasons, maybe both.

So just seven years after my heart attack messed up their plans, Cindy’s broken foot struck me as funny because she had messed them up even more. Now Jan would have to spend her down time pushing Cindy around in a wheelchair, up and down the mountains of North Carolina.

But in my defense, at the time I had no idea how painful the injury would prove to be, nor how difficult it would be to recover from.

But I certainly do now.

The surgeon gave Cindy two specific instructions to follow: (1) keep her splint and cast dry, and (2) do not put any weight on her left foot. It only took a few hours — on her first post-surgery trip to the bathroom — to break the first one.

In a scene that I could have sworn I’d seen on an old episode of “I Love Lucy,” Cindy somehow ended up with her foot in the toilet bowl. Cindy blamed it on her left leg still being numb from the nerve block used for the proce-

dure. Anyway, the gauze around her toes got wet, and we ended up using her hair dryer to blow everything dry. We made sure the blower wasn’t set on “high” because that probably would have burned the skin off her numb toes. Then again, she probably wouldn’t have even noticed.

Nerve block, remember?

As for not putting any weight on her foot, Cindy held out until Day 4 to blow that one. What happened was she lost her balance while standing up to get on her scooter and reflexively used her left foot to prevent herself from falling.

She called Jan, who is a retired nurse, to ask if she thought there was any damage. I overheard Cindy say, “No, it doesn’t have a brake” which I thought odd since she’d been using the scooter off and on for almost two years and it clearly had a brake, which I pointed out to her while she was still on the phone.

To my knowledge, the only thing Cindy had ever driven in her life without any brakes was the ’64 Chevy Impala she had in high school when we first started dating. That was over 50 years ago, which has been how long she’s been putting up with me.

So when I look at things from that perspective -- putting up with me for as long as she has -- I guess eight weeks isn’t too much to ask.

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COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

John Culbreath ... Heaven's gain is Albany's loss

It's the fire in the eyes, the lines on the hand, It's the things you understand. That's the measure of a man.

— Elton John

Like a very large portion of Albany and southwest Georgia, I am mourning today the loss of former Dougherty County School System Superintendent John Culbreath.

Doctor Culbreath passed away Tuesday at age 77. And while most would agree that almost eight decades of living constitutes a good and well-lived life, I can't help but feel that Dr. Culbreath is among those few people who actually left us way too soon, even at 77. He was that kind of person.

Certainly there are people more qualified to eulogize Dr. Culbreath. His family, close friends, co-workers, fellow members of the various boards he served, his Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brothers and the many students and teachers he influenced along the way are more deserving.

You hear people say "No one ever said a bad thing about him or her" when they're talking about a dearly departed one. That's usually an exaggeration, but it could be said of Dr. Culbreath with small chance of argument.

A big man with a big voice, the late school superintendent might easily have been an intimidating presence. But it's hard to be intimidated by someone whose smile is so inviting and genuine.

A lot was made about Dr. Culbreath being the first black schools superintendent in Dougherty County. And, yes, those kinds of things matter in places like this, places with a history of racial intolerance. But those who knew him, those who worked with him and for him, knew that while he accepted the mantle with a measure of pride, he was too busy trying to take care of every student, every teacher, every administrator, every staff member in the system to focus too long on such accolades.

While he was a lauded leader of the local school system -- praised by those who worked for him and those on the outside looking in -- Dr. Culbreath may have had even more of an impact on this region after he stepped down from his superintendent's post. There was not a

more charitable giver or a more involved person in the community.

Dr. Culbreath served on the Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Board, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, the Albany State University (his alma mater) Foundation and other significant agencies and organizations in the community. And he didn't just take part in these organizations to get attention, to feed his ego. When he was on board, he worked, did all he could to make these organizations better.

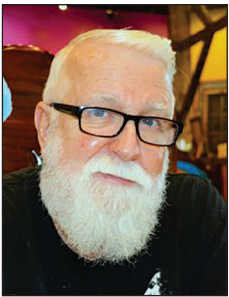
Maybe Dr. Culbreath's greatest work, though, was with the Alphas, whose local alumni chapter is one of the most active and one of the most beneficial to the region. When that organization's leading men took a group of middle school boys off for a weekend to teach them the reality of their budding sexuality, rather than having these kids hear such things on the playground, leading to an alarming rate of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases, Dr. Culbreath was always on board, eager to educate youngsters about matters many parents often avoided.

Plus, Dr. Culbreath often supplied his significant influence and monetary donations to keep young students involved in the Go to High School, Go to College initiative, a national Alpha program aimed at keeping kids hanging in the balance between continuing their education and dropping out for the street life that is a plague in the region, helping keep many such students on a path to a productive life.

It was hard to be around Dr. Culbreath and not laugh. He always had a joke to tell and was fond of telling country comedian Jerry Clower's stories, which he'd share with the same inflections and enthusiasm as the original joke-teller.

Yes, people much more qualified and erudite will talk about the life of John Culbreath over the next several days. They'll talk about the many wonderful things he accomplished in his life, and they'll note that we are a lesser community without him.

Me, I'll remember the personal conversations we had, about serious topics and about things that made us laugh. And what I'll miss most about him is that electric smile that lit up any room he entered.



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"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble."

—Psalms 9:9



COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Straighten up and fly right

Let's explore the origin of some common sayings. After writing two columns about sayings like, "Until the cows come home" and "Straight from the horse's mouth," many readers suggested a few others. I have learned that without these sayings and clichés, I wouldn't have much to say, because I use them frequently.

Some of them contradict themselves. If you ask me if I will ever run a marathon, I might reply, "Fat chance." Or I could say, "There's a very slim chance of that ever happening." So which is it, fat or slim? Somehow, in this context, they both mean the same thing.

A slim chance means exactly what it says. Tonight's game is likely to begin at 8 o'clock, but there's a slim chance of rain. But if it starts pouring at 7:45, and you ask me if the game will start on time, I might sarcastically answer, "Fat chance!"

If you have ever been called a "smart cookie" or you have been described as being "smart as a whip," you know it's a good thing. But what is so smart about cookies and whips?

During much of 20th-century America, women were often referred to as chicks, skirts, dames, dishes and other words, some less flattering than others. During the British music invasion of the 1960s, we heard the Beatles and other Brits call their female fans "birds." For a while in the 1920s, the term "cookie" was sometimes used to describe a girl. "She's quite a cookie." was not uncommon in early films. Evidently, that caught on, and by the 1950s we had lots of smart cookies.

"Smart as a whip" goes back to the 19th century, as well as the description of an intelligent person as being "whip-smart." Most sources say this saying originated from the era of the horse-driven vehicle period, and a whip's sharp crack, which implied quickness and sharpness. I should note here that I've been described in many ways but never "smart as a whip."

A fellow baseball fan asked me about the origin of a common farewell term: "So long." My late father-in-law, a Pennsylvania native who was born in 1926, would

depart our house using those two words. And to this day, many a sports announcer will end a broadcast with a cheerful, "So long, everybody." Where did that come from? No one seems to know for sure.

Some point its origins to the German phrase "adieu so lange," loosely translated to "farewell until we meet again." Others think it came from the Hebrew greeting (and goodbye) "Shalom." Credit is also given to the American poet Walt Whitman, who used "so long" in his 1860 poem of the same name. Whoever coined it first would be proud that is has endured into the 2020s, at least when sportscasters are signing off.

When I was a kid, my dad would tell me to "straighten up and fly right," and I had no idea that was the title of a popular song. He was in the Coast Guard during World War II, and perhaps he heard the song performed by the Cole Trio, and written by Nat King Cole. It had become a call to arms for the men popularly known as the Tuskegee Airmen. As they went into battle, one airman would say "Straighten up," and another would add "and fly right." And so they did.

Another reader quizzed me about the term "happy as a clam." That's a real puzzler. As the reader pointed out, "Who knew clams had emotions? Certainly not me." My first reaction would be that open clams do indeed look like they are smiling.

But the phrase was once a bit longer -- "as happy as a clam at high water." During high tide, clams are submerged and safe from being dug up by humans, so they are surely happy to be undisturbed. This goes back almost 200 years. The first literary reference was in 1833, and it was said to be a favorite expression of General Robert E. Lee.

I enjoy researching these sayings, and it has definitely influenced my writing. As you may have noticed, I avoid using clichés like the plague.

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COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

Fond memories of the American newspaper

I miss the newspaper. Before the internet. I'm talking physical newspapers. The kind you unfold.

I miss the morning routine of it all. Walk to the end of the driveway, barefoot, pre-sunrise. Messy hair. Morning breath. Unsheathe the newspaper from its plastic. Soy-based ink on your fingers. That low-grade, wood-pulpy newsprint smell.

Also, I miss the design of a newspaper. A newspaper is a work of organizational art. The broadsheet layout, headlines, dropheads, bylines, datelines, section numbers, and ... (Continued on A3).

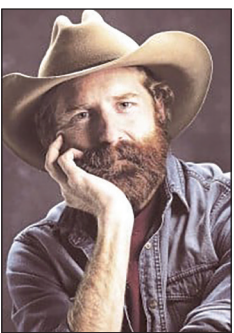
I miss shaking open the paper with a grand gesture, organizing each section on my table, reading pages in a specific order: Funnies first. Sports next. Then, senseless acts of politics.

I miss the corny car-dealership ads. And the ultra-serious advice columns, with headlines like: "Help, my daughter says I wear 'granny panties,' what should I do?"

I miss the Far Side.

I miss low-quality photography, op-ed columns written by the extremely self-righteous, crossword puzzles, the classified section, and the "errata" section -- I doubt people even know what that is anymore.

I used to deliver newspapers with my mother. Our lives revolved around newspapers. We have hurled -- seriously



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-- tens of thousands of papers in our lifetimes.

We serviced the majority of the continental United States in Mama's little Nissan Altima with a heater that smelled like recently produced cat poop. At 2 in the morning, sitting in her front seat, we rolled each copy into a giant enchilada, shoving each paper into a plastic wrapper, while drinking enough coffee to concern a cardiologist.

We delivered to expansive neighborhoods, subdivisions, business districts, apartment complexes, 2,000-story beach condos, newspaper machines, hotels, you name it.

But do you know what my favorite part was? My favorite part of the delivery process came toward the end of our shift. It would be sunrise. Old folks would be standing in driveways, awaiting delivery. The newspaper was that important to them.

Mister Oleson stood at his mailbox while his Shih Tzu, Buddha, sniffed each blade of grass before ceremoniously peeing on it.

Mrs. Reynolds, my old Sunday school teacher, waited at the end of her driveway, wearing a mumu, hair in rollers, arms crossed, angrily tapping her foot, scowling, and just generally scaring the crap out of anyone within eyeshot.

And there was this deep feeling, even at my young age, that what we were doing mattered. Delivering the paper mattered. Because the newspaper was essential to my

people. It sort of made us a community. It kept us all on the same page, so to speak.

After all, everyone read the paper. And I think that's what I liked about it most. People weren't as divided as they are today.

It didn't matter if you were Catholic or Protestant. Democrat or Republican. black, white, brown, or otherwise. University of Alabama fan, or the other kind. Truck-stop waitress or corporate CEO. Steelworker or financial advisor. Gated community resident or trailer trash, like me. Male or female. Old or young. Everyone read the paper. It was our newspaper. We all owned a piece of it. Because, hey, we were all in this together.

Sure, we disagreed about what was in our paper. Absolutely, we didn't always feel warm and fuzzy toward each other. We were vicious opponents sometimes. But you know what? We all did the same crossword puzzles. We all read the same TV-guide schedules. We all clipped the same coupons.

The internet can never replace that for me.

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Field for state gubernatorial race continues to grow

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ATLANTA -- Another Democrat has entered the contest to succeed term-limited Gov. Brian Kemp in Georgia's highest elected office, a candidate with a history of winning statewide, albeit a while ago.

Michael Thurmond, who has held a wide variety of local and state elected positions, announced his bid for the governor's office on Wednesday.

He said he will be running

on "a record of competence and service to the people in the state."

Several Democrats are running for governor, but the biggest names are former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and current state Sen. Jason Esteves, who is also from Atlanta and was previously an elected school board member there.

Unlike them, Thurmond, 72, has appeared on ballots across the state.

His political fortunes rose from a foundation as a state representative decades ago

when Democrats led the General Assembly. Then-Gov. Zell Miller, a Democrat who would later become a Republican, appointed him to lead the state Division of Family and Children Services.

Thurmond would parlay that into statewide electoral wins as a Democrat for Labor commissioner in 1998, 2002 and 2006, leading the office during the Great Recession. He was a lonely successful statewide Democrat when Republicans, including then-Gov. Sonny Perdue, were sweeping the ballot.

Once out of statewide politics, Thurmond shifted to local office. The DeKalb County School Board hired him as superintendent in 2013 to handle a governance and financial crisis. He would later win two terms as CEO of DeKalb County, leaving office this year after term limits prohibited another run.

Whoever emerges from the Democratic primary will face a statewide electorate that has continued to skew Republican, although the state's two U.S. senators have won as Democrats.

Two leading Republican gubernatorial candidates are state Attorney General Chris Carr, who entered the race last year, and Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, who joined it last month.

Both are campaigning on issues such as immigration that appeal to President Trump's base of voters.

Thurmond said he hopes to get beyond "hyper-partisan" politics and sees an opening on issues such as education and medical care, noting that Georgia has among the worst records for infant and maternal mortality in the country.

Georgia consistently ranks as a top state for business but has room for quality-of-life improvements, Thurmond said, adding that he thinks his relationships with lawmakers in the GOP-led General Assembly would help him as a Democratic governor who wants to do things like expand Medicaid.

"I believe Georgia is underachieving," he said. "We can do better, but we can't do better when we are basically imprisoned in this world of hyper-partisan politics."



Special Photo: Georgia DOT

The Georgia Department of Transportation has been named a southern regional winner in the 2025 America's Transportation Awards during the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' annual conference in Lexington, Ky.

Georgia DOT roundabout project wins regional award

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ATLANTA -- The Georgia Department of Transportation has been named a southern regional winner in the 2025 America's Transportation Awards during the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' annual conference in Lexington, Ky.

Georgia DOT's winning submission, "I-20 Eastbound Exit Ramp Roundabout at Maynard Terrace," won in the "Operations Excellence, Small Project" category, which recognizes projects that have significantly benefited the communities in which they exist, with a focus on economic growth and well-being of citizens.

"The mission of the Georgia DOT is to deliver a transportation network focused on innovation, safety, sustainability, and mobility for the people and businesses of Georgia," DOT Commis-

sioner Russell R. McMurry, said. "This roundabout project embodies those ideals and will provide lasting benefits for residents in the area and motorists using the ramp for years to come."

The I-20 Eastbound Exit Ramp at Maynard Terrace, an interstate exit ramp and intersection near a business district, residential properties and a school, was experiencing significant travel delays and numerous crashes. The intersection did not address the needs of pedestrians in the area; there were no crosswalks, sidewalks or other pedestrian facilities. After analyzing the crash data, Georgia DOT determined that a roundabout with pedestrian accommodations would be beneficial for handling the high motor vehicle traffic volumes, allowing for a more efficient flow and dramatically reducing severe crashes while also addressing the needs of pedestrians in the area.

Georgia DOT prioritized

customer and community involvement and engaged with stakeholders, including hosting public meetings early in the process. The department also conducted outreach programs and collaborated with the Battle of Atlanta Greenway Trail project, a two-mile multi-use trail connecting historic monuments to neighborhoods, businesses, and schools, to integrate pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Opened to traffic in December 2024 and completed in April 2025, the I-20 Eastbound Exit Ramp at Maynard Terrace features a multi-lane roundabout with 5-foot sidewalks and a 10-foot shared-use path. It also eliminates left-turn conflicts, improving motorist visibility, lowering vehicle speeds, and reducing the overall severity of any crashes. Overall, Georgia DOT has seen a significant decrease in traffic congestion, backups and crashes. The new pedestrian accommodations encourage multi-

modal access to businesses and the nearby Alonzo Crim High School.

The America's Transportation Awards, sponsored by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, highlight transportation projects that deliver meaningful community benefits. As a regional winner, Georgia DOT's I-20 Eastbound Exit Ramp project will advance to contend for a spot on AASHTO's "Top 12" of nationwide finalists, which will be announced in early September. The chosen "Top 12" will then compete for a grand prize, selected by an independent panel of judges, and a People's Choice Award, chosen by public vote. Winners will be announced in November at the AASHTO annual meeting in Salt Lake City. Each winner in national competition will receive \$10,000 to donate to a charity or scholarship of their choice.

Federal loan to help finance Georgia 400 toll lanes

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA -- A plan to add toll lanes along Georgia 400 in Fulton and Forsyth counties is getting a big boost from the federal government.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced a loan of up to \$3.89 billion to help build the project. The money is being awarded through the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Congress passed in 1998, the largest loan to a single borrower in the program's history.

The State Transportation Board approved the project

last August as a public-private partnership between the Georgia Department of Transportation, the State Road and Tollway Authority, and a consortium of several road-building and engineering companies. SR400 Peach Partners submitted the winning bid at \$4.6 billion.

The project will add two new toll lanes in both directions along a 16-mile stretch of Georgia 400 from the North Springs MARTA station in Fulton County to one mile north of McFarland Parkway in Forsyth County. When opened to traffic in 2031, the new lanes are expected to reduce delays by more than 19,000 hours each day, or about 15 minutes per traveler, while reducing

crashes by an estimated 8%.

"We are excited to celebrate Georgia being home to the largest public-private partnership in USDOT history," Gov. Brian Kemp said. "Georgia's logistics and transportation network is a major selling point to job creators, and this approved financing will make it easier for hard-working Georgians to commute."

As with other toll-lane projects the state DOT has built, the new lanes will be optional for drivers willing to pay a toll to speed up their trip. Tolls will vary according to the level of traffic.

Under the public-private partnership model, Peach Partners will recover its investment in fi-

nancing and building the project from toll revenue.

"Securing TIFIA federal credit assistance is an essential milestone for the SR400 Express Lanes project," Javier Gutierrez, CEO of SR400 Peach Partners, said. "Thanks to this loan, this critical project will become a reality, improving safety and mobility in the greater Atlanta metro area for generations to come."

The project also features a transit component. Peach Partners will contribute \$75 million toward improvements needed to serve about 12 miles of the Georgia 400 corridor with a bus rapid transit system to be run by MARTA.

National First Ladies Commission to honor Carter

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PLAINS -- The National Frist Ladies Day Commission, in partnership with The Society of Presidential Descendants, will honor and remember former First Lady Rosalynn Carter's birthday with a wreath-laying ceremony. The public event will be held at the Carter Gardens, part of Jimmy Carter National Historical Park on Aug. 18 at 10 a.m.

A short ceremony will have descendants of other presidential families in attendance and will be the inaugural event for remembering former first ladies in this manner.

Those wishing to attend the ceremony should be aware there

is limited parking available along Woodland Drive for passenger vehicles only (no parking is permitted for oversized vehicles, RVs, or buses). One-way traffic is in effect on the property with entrance from



Rosalynn Carter

U.S. 280 (Church Street). Please note, there are no public restroom facilities currently available. Restrooms and additional/oversized parking are located at Plains High School (0.7 mile) or

downtown Plains (0.4 mile).

Pets on leashes are permitted on walkways and the south lawn (adjacent to U.S. 280). The Carter Home remains closed to the public.

For updates on park operating hours, check social media channels and park website, www.nps.gov/jimmycarter.

Draffin Tucker welcomes new team members

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ALBANY -- Draffin Tucker, a full-service CPA and advisory firm, welcomed several new professionals to its growing team recently. These new team members reflect the firm's continued commitment to providing industry-leading expertise across health care, outsourced accounting, audit and advisory services. Recent additions to the Draffin Tucker team include:

- Kristi Beamon has joined the Albany office in the Outsourced Accounting department, bringing more than 26 years of experience. She specializes in payroll services, bank and credit card reconciliations, and accounts payable for multiple employers across various industries.

- Nina P. Smith, based in the Atlanta office, joins as an Associate I in the Audit and Accounting service group. A recent graduate of Georgia College & State University, Smith supports engagements within the health care industry.

- Leander Thomas comes to the Albany office as an Associate I with more than two years of audit experience. Originally from Bangalore, India, Thomas completed his master's degree in accounting at Clark University in May and brings a global perspective and energy to health care audit services.

- Chuck Kays joins the firm as a Principal with more than 20 years of experience focusing on business process optimization through emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence to drive data-informed decision-making and reduce costs in organizations.

- Troy McLouth has joined the team as a 340B & Phar-

macy Operations Specialist. A licensed pharmacist with a doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) degree, McLouth brings deep experience in pharmacy operations, regulatory compliance, and 340B program optimization.

- Zack Holt joins the firm as a 340B Operations Specialist. He assists health care clients with 340B compliance and optimization, supporting them in achieving program efficiency and regulatory adherence. Holt will be based remotely from Union City, Ind..

- Amanda T. Epstein joins the Mt. Pleasant office as an Associate II with three years of accounting experience in professional services. Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Epstein brings strong client service skills and a passion for supporting the firm's growing practice.

- Melissa Petersen has joined the Mt. Pleasant office as a Staff Accountant with 20 years of experience specializing in construction and not-for-profit clients. She manages monthly and quarterly bookkeeping and payroll tax preparation. Peterson is a Notary Public for the state of South Carolina.

- Sharon Brooks, with 29 years of accounting experience, has joined the health care audit department. Working remotely from Chattanooga, Tenn., Brooks is a licensed CPA. She holds a bachelor of science degree in Accounting from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and is a member of the AICPA and the Tennessee Society of CPAs.

For more information about Draffin Tucker and career opportunities, visit www.draffin-tucker.com.

Mass shooting wounds five soldiers at Fort Stewart

By Dave Williams
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA -- Five soldiers were shot Wednesday morning at the U.S. Army's Fort Stewart southwest of Savannah. Law enforcement officers were dispatched to the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team area at the base shortly before 11 a.m., the Army posted in a news release on X. The alleged shooter, apprehended at 11:35 a.m., was later identified as Sgt. Quornelius Radford, 28, who was assigned to the combat team. The five soldiers were treated at the scene initially, then transported to Winn Army Community Hospital for further treatment. Later, two were taken by ambulance 45 minutes to Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, the only Level 1



File Photo

Five soldiers were shot and injured at Fort Stewart near Savannah.

trauma center in the region. All five were listed in stable condition and were expected to recover, Brig. Gen. John Lubas, the commander at Fort Stewart, told reporters during a mid-afternoon news

conference. "We are keeping the victims, their families, and all those who answer the call to serve in our hearts and prayers, and we ask that Georgians everywhere do the same,"

Gov. Brian Kemp wrote on his Facebook site. Georgia's two U.S. senators expressed similar sentiments. "Today's shooting at Ft. Stewart in Georgia is a horrific act of violence," Sen. Jon

Ossoff said. "My office is in contact with leadership at Ft. Stewart to deliver all support it is within our power to provide." "I join all Georgians in praying for the five injured soldiers, their families, and the entire Fort Stewart community after this tragic shooting," Sen. Raphael Warnock added. "I am grateful to the local and federal law enforcement and first responders who acted to save lives." The entire base was placed on lockdown within minutes of the shooting. The lockdown was lifted about an hour later in all areas of the base except the combat team complex. Lubas praised the quick work of nearby soldiers who tackled Radford when the shooting started and subdued him until law enforcement personnel could take

him into custody. Lubas said the suspect used a personal handgun to make the attacks, not a military weapon. He said investigators are working to determine how he got the gun onto the base. Radford has no history of serving in combat, Radford said. The suspect does have a recent drunk driving arrest on his record, the commander said. Authorities are not releasing the names of the victims pending notification of next of kin. Lubas declined to speculate on a motive for the shootings at this early stage of the investigation. Fort Stewart is the headquarters of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division and is the largest Army base in the eastern United States.

Court to former DeKalb official: That ain't no way to treat a lady

By Ty Tagami
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — In Georgia, people can be held responsible for false imprisonment if they get police to arrest someone who did nothing wrong. A former DeKalb County commissioner learned that costly lesson Monday in federal appeals court when judges sided with two women who are seeking \$100,000 in damages and legal costs. The story almost writes itself. "This appeal is about a man who lost his wallet and, shortly after, his solvency. We begin with the wallet. We then turn to his bankruptcy," starts the opinion of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. It continues: "On July 12, 2012, Stanley Watson, a DeKalb County commissioner, entered the Tanqueray Lounge in Decatur and saw Shenekka Bradsher sitting at the bar." Things went downhill quickly. He bought her drinks and asked her to go home with him. She felt insulted and called him "big" and "greasy." When Watson couldn't find his wallet, he accused her and her friend, Zarinah Ali, of stealing it. He then got an off-duty police sergeant who was providing security to arrest Bradsher, the opinion says. Watson, whom the opinion says was "intoxicated," "belligerent," and "irate," then briefly drove away despite the officer's concerns about his condition. Watson returned, then a lieutenant arrived and called a

major who told the lieutenant to tell the sergeant to let someone take Watson home. Watson wanted them to arrest Ali, and they told her to remain on the scene. The sergeant wrote in his incident report that "circumstances beyond his control" prevented his arresting Watson, adding that he did not "feel right" arresting Bradsher, whom he released with a warning. A video of the incident shows Watson threatening to call the police chief and threatening the bar with the loss of its food certification. The next day, Watson found his wallet in his car. The women sued; Watson filed for bankruptcy, the case got hearings in bankruptcy court and district court, then made its way to the appeals court. The appeals court concluded that the bankruptcy court did not err in finding Watson had "willfully and maliciously" caused the confinement of the women. The women also received a judgment against Watson for slander, but the bankruptcy court determined that Watson didn't have to pay that \$50,000. However, he remains liable for the \$100,000 stemming from false imprisonment. The moral of this story: It's safe to relay facts to an officer and share an opinion that a person should be arrested. But one may be held liable for false imprisonment if one "actively instigates or procures" an arrest.

Dougherty ordinance establishes Office of Crime Prevention

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ALBANY — The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners has approved an ordinance establishing the Office of Crime Prevention, which will allow the county to provide funding to local organizations focused on preventing crime. The new ordinance outlines how nonprofit and community-based groups can apply for county support. A Crime Prevention Board will oversee the process, using clear guidelines to evaluate programs, select qualified service providers, and ensure public funds are used responsibly and legally. "The purpose of this ordinance was to bring a legal framework to the process in which the county supports local nonprofits," Dougherty County District 3 Commissioner Clinton John-

son said. "We needed to create a way to give back to community organizations and also not violate the gratuity clause of the Constitution of Georgia." This initiative strengthens Dougherty County's ability to invest in crime prevention through partnerships with trusted community organizations. Interested nonprofits will be able to apply through service agreements, based on established criteria set by the office and its governing board. The new ordinance creates a clear and legal process for nonprofit organizations to apply for county funding. It also sets up a board to oversee the process, evaluate applications, and ensure accountability. This effort allows the county to invest in community-based programs while staying in compliance with state law.



File Photo: Carlton Fletcher

Officials who took part in a dedication of land set to become Putney Park several months ago will be back next week for a ground-breaking of a new community center at the park.

Dougherty County Commission to host groundbreaking for Putney Park center

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ALBANY — The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners will host a groundbreaking ceremony for The Community Center at Putney Park building project, a significant milestone in District 6.

The event will take place at 2 p.m. Monday at 1108 Antioch Road in Putney. "This project represents a major investment in our community," District 6 Commissioner Anthony Jones, who championed the park, said. "We're proud to begin building a facility that will provide last-

ing benefits for families, neighbors and future generations." Congressman Sanford Bishop is expected to deliver remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony, underscoring the importance of federal and local partnerships in supporting community development

initiatives. The groundbreaking marks the official start of construction on a modern community building designed to support recreation, educational programming and neighborhood engagement for residents of Putney and the surrounding area.

WorkSource Georgia receives \$1.8 million grant to help impacted Georgia-Pacific workers

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ATLANTA — When Georgia-Pacific announced in May that it would be closing its containerboard manufacturing mill in Cedar Springs, the news was a major blow for more than 500 employees. Now, thanks to a newly awarded \$1.8 million federal grant, WorkSource Georgia and its partners will have more resources to help affected Georgia workers find new jobs and opportunities. The funding comes through a U.S. Department of Labor Employment Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant. This three-year grant, awarded to the Technical College System of Georgia's Office of Workforce Development, is designed to help local economies recover from large layoffs and closures by focusing on re-employment. Funds will be distributed specifically through WorkSource Southwest Georgia, which administers federal work force development programs for the region and has local access points to serve affected workers. "Having nearly \$2 million explicitly earmarked to help retrain and

re-employ the affected workers can be life-changing for them and the surrounding community," Brandon Ona, the executive director of Business Engagement at TCSG, said. "Job loss at this size would be felt for generations if these resources were not there. With the support of our federal partners, we will be better equipped to offer a wide range of personalized education and training services provided by WorkSource, the Technical College System and other partnering agencies — all designed to get these folks back to work as soon as possible." The bulk of the grant funding will go toward program costs, like those associated with services for retraining and personalized career counseling. These offerings help those affected transition into high-demand industries. Participants also may qualify to enter work-based learning opportunities — like apprenticeships — that allow them to collect a paycheck while gaining new skills and work experience. Individuals who have been directly or indirectly laid off because of the closure are eligible to receive ser-

vices provided through the Georgia-Pacific DWG grant. Participants must also live in one of the following southwest Georgia counties: Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas or Worth. Those interested in applying may contact one of the following WorkSource Georgia offices: Cheryl Myers, Director of Communications TCSG's Office of Workforce Development & WorkSource Georgia at cmyers@tcsgeu or call (770) 312-0813. Albany WorkSource Southwest Georgia (One-Stop Comprehensive Center) LOCATED in Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) -- Albany 1608 South Slappey Blvd. Albany 31706, (229) 430-5042 1-800-255-0056 (toll-free TTY for the hearing/speech impaired) swga_wioaworks@equusworks.com Monday-Friday, One-Stop Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. WorkSource Southwest Georgia Customer Hours: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. * 3:30-4:30 p.m. by appointment only

Majors-best Brewers sweep Braves, complete 6-0 trip

Field Level Media

Andrew Vaughn and Blake Perkins hit home runs to support the solid effort of starter Jose Quintana and help the visiting Milwaukee Brewers beat the Atlanta Braves 5-4 on Wednesday, completing a three-game sweep.

The Brewers, who own the best record in the major leagues (70-44), have won six in a row overall and has won 12 of their past 13 road games. They capped a 6-0 road trip by sweeping a set in Atlanta for the second straight season.

The Braves have lost 11 of its past 14 and dropped to a season-worst 19 games below .500.

The Brewers recorded 14 hits as Vaughn went 2-for-4 with a solo homer while Perkins finished 3-for-5 with a two-run

shot. Isaac Collins went 3-for-4 and hit .500 (10-for-20) on the road trip.

Quintana (9-4) pitched six innings and allowed three runs on seven hits and no walks. He registered a season-high seven strikeouts.

Jared Koenig and Abner Uribe each followed with a scoreless inning. Milwaukee closer Trevor Megill surrendered a two-out homer to Michael Harris II in the ninth before fanning pinch hitter Drake Baldwin to earn his 26th save.

Atlanta starter Spencer Strider (5-9) worked only 4 2/3 innings — his shortest start since May 27 — and allowed five runs on 11 hits with one walk and six strikeouts.

The Braves strung together three consecutive hits in the first inning, includ-

ing an RBI single from Sean Murphy.

The Brewers tied the game in the second with back-to-back two-out doubles by Perkins and Brice Turang. Milwaukee took the lead in the fourth on Vaughn’s solo homer, his 12th, which extended his hitting streak to 12 games — the longest active run in the majors.

Milwaukee upped the lead to 5-1 in the fifth on Vaughn’s RBI grounder and a two-run homer from Perkins, his third, that knocked Strider out of the game.

The Braves got a run back in the fifth on Eli White’s RBI grounder, and Atlanta’s Jurickson Profar socked a solo homer in the sixth, his fifth.



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Milwaukee’s Blake Perkins connects on a two-run homer during Wednesday’s game in Atlanta, helping the Brewers complete a three-game sweep of the Braves with a 5-4 victory at Truist Park.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Linebacker Edition

By Joe Whitfield

Sports Editor

Linebackers have always been the tone-setters on a defense — equal parts intelligence, grit, and fury. Southwest Georgia is no stranger to hard-nosed, sideline-to-sideline linebackers, and this year’s crop is stacked with talent. From state-title hopefuls to under-the-radar workhorses, these are the linebackers to watch in 2025:



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Greg Batson

Lee County, Jr., 6’1”, 185

Batson doesn’t just hit — he hunts. The Lee County junior shined as a freshman and led the Trojans in tackles as a sophomore, anchoring a defense that head coach Dean Fabrizio says could be one of the best since the program’s state title runs in 2016 and 2017. Fast, physical, and relentless, Batson has his sights set on region and state honors. If the Trojans make it to Mercedes-Benz Stadium in December, No. 6 will likely be one of the biggest reasons why.

Lee County junior linebacker Greg Batson is back to lead the Trojans’ defense after topping the team in tackles as a sophomore. Fast, physical, and relentless, Batson is one of southwest Georgia’s top defenders to watch in 2025.

Dylan Harden

Terrell Academy, Sr., 5’9”, 210

There’s nothing fancy about Harden’s game — just a consistent stream of powerful tackles and bruising hits. A true enforcer in the middle of the Eagles’ defense, Harden is the kind of linebacker who doesn’t miss many assignments and is usually the first to arrive at the scene. Opposing ball carriers should expect to get up slowly after meeting him.

Christian Nix

Westover, Sr., 6’0”, 200

Nix is more than just a productive linebacker — he’s the emotional engine behind the Patriots. A returning leader who notched 76 tackles, eight for loss, in 2024, Nix combines sideline-to-sideline effort with vocal leadership and unmatched work ethic. Head coach Corey Joyner calls him one of the team’s heartbeats, and with Nix leading the way, Westover’s defense could be one of the best in Class AAA.

Jordan Lassiter

Westover, Sr., 5’10”, 210

If Nix is the voice, Lassiter is the hammer. The senior linebacker led Westover with 103 tackles a season ago and has a nose for the football. Tough, disciplined, and instinctive, Lassiter plays with controlled aggression and forms a punishing linebacker duo with Nix that will give opposing offenses fits this fall.

Dallas Williams

Sherwood Christian, Sr., 6’1”, 200

In eight-man football, there’s nowhere to hide — and Dallas Williams doesn’t want to. The senior linebacker led Sherwood Christian with 65 tackles last season and continues to work on his strength and speed. With more space to cover, Williams’ versatility and closing speed make him one of the most important pieces on the Eagles’ defense.

Mangham Pippin

Deerfield-Windsor, Jr., 5’11”, 180

Coach Jake McCrae describes Pippin as “a machine,” and there’s no better word for the junior linebacker. Whether it’s film study, sprints, or weight training, Pippin just keeps going — smart, quick, and always physical. He’ll be a cornerstone of a Knights’ defense expected to compete for another GIAA title.



File Photo

Braves first baseman Matt Olson connects during Tuesday night’s game at Truist Park. Olson, who leads the team in hits, home runs, and RBIs, was named Atlanta’s 2025 Heart and Hustle Award winner, recognizing his passion, work ethic, and leadership on and off the field.

‘Ultimate pro’ Olson named Braves’ 2025 Heart and Hustle Award winner

By Rick Farlow

Braves.com

ATLANTA — Braves first baseman Matt Olson knows a thing or two about hard work, dedication and perfecting his craft.

As a result, Olson was awarded the Braves’ Heart and Hustle Award for 2025. The award, which is now in its 20th year, is given to a player from each of MLB’s 30 teams. The award is presented to the active players who “exemplify a true passion for the game and who best embody the values, spirit, and tradition of the game.”

It’s also the only award voted on by former players, as each team’s winner is chosen by a committee of alumni. The overall winner will be chosen from the pool of team winners by a combination of alumni and fan votes and announced in mid-November on MLB Network.

It’s the second time Olson earned the award after winning it in 2021 with the Athletics. Olson went 1-for-4 with a single in Tuesday’s 7-2 loss

to Milwaukee at Truist Park after earning the award.

“It’s special to get awards like that,” Olson said. “I try to play the game the right way and come out here and compete the right way.”

Olson, who has started all 112 games for the Braves this year, has played in 732 (730 starts) consecutive regular-season games dating back to May 2, 2021. It is the longest active streak in baseball and the second-longest streak since 2007, following Miguel Tejada’s streak of 1,152 games from 2000 to 2007.

Since Olson joined the Braves ahead of the 2022 season, Olson has played in each of Atlanta’s 597 regular-season games (596 starts), which is the second-longest streak in the Braves’ modern era. The longest streak is Dale Murphy’s 740 consecutive games from 1981 to 1986.

“[My work ethic] probably starts with my dad and my brother as far as the athletic side,” Olson said. “I kind of had a couple of people along the way such as my [Parkview High

School coach] Chan Brown. I kind of credit Marcus Semien a lot. He was the [veteran] in Oakland when I was coming up. He kind of expected everybody to be on the field. I felt like I had that in me already. When you come up to the big leagues for the first time, you kind of have to learn the ways of it. For him to set the tone there, I think it just kind of carried [over] for me.”

Matt Chapman, who was also a rookie teammate of Olson’s with the A’s in 2017, won the Giants’ 2025 Heart and Hustle award, as did Semien with the Rangers.

“[Chapman] and I were in the same boat [as] rookies with [Semien],” Olson said. “I’m happy they both got [the award] too.”

Olson said that he could sense a good fit with the Braves’ culture when he signed an eight-year extension with Atlanta in 2022 after coming over in a trade with the A’s.

“I think they’ve had a good thing here even before I got here, as far

See **OLSON**, 10A

Rory McIlroy’s absence has Tour considering FedEx Cup rule change

Field Level Media



Special Photo: Aaron Doster-Imagn Images

Rory McIlroy is skipping this week’s St. Jude Championship despite ranking second in the FedEx Cup standings — a move that has prompted the PGA Tour to consider changes to its playoff participation rules.

Rory McIlroy’s decision to skip the first round of the FedEx playoffs this week has the PGA Tour considering a rule change when it comes to the three-event season-ending dash to the Tour Championship.

With his spot near the top of the FedEx Cup points standings secure, McIlroy elected to skip this week’s St. Jude Championship at Memphis knowing that he has enough points to advance to the BMW

Championship at Owings Mills, Md., next week.

The top 70 players in the points standings earn a spot in the playoffs with 20 eliminated before the BMW. The top 30 in the standings after the first two weeks of the playoffs advance to the Tour Championship at Atlanta from Aug. 21-24.

McIlroy is the only tour player in the top 70 of the points standings who is not at Memphis this week.

See **TOUR**, 10A

Albany State adds Glenn Davis as cornerbacks coach

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ALBANY — Albany State head coach Quinn Gray Sr. isn’t just preparing for a bounce-back season in 2025 — he’s building a coaching staff that looks ready to compete at a championship level.

That process took another strong step forward this week with the addition of veteran assistant Glenn Davis, who joins the Golden Rams as the new cornerbacks coach.

“He has a proven track record of building top-notch defensive backfields and is going to make a quick impact,” Gray said. “Our players are going to thrive with him leading the way.”

Davis arrives in Albany with more than two decades of coaching experience across college, professional, and high school levels. Most recently, he served as linebackers coach at Wayne State University, where he helped mold multiple

All-GLIAC performers and mentored standout Carl Ware, who ranked among the top three in several defensive categories.

Before his time at Wayne State, Davis helped engineer one of the biggest turnarounds in Robert Morris University history. As the Defensive Pass Game Coordinator and Cornerbacks Coach in 2019, he helped RMU achieve a top-10 national ranking in FCS passing efficiency defense.

His coaching stops also include Savannah State, Northern Michigan, IMG Academy, Youngstown State, and South Florida. In several of those roles, Davis’ units consistently ranked among the nation’s best in pass defense and total defense.

More than just a technician, Davis is also regarded as a strong recruiter with deep ties throughout Florida and the Southeast. Over his career, he’s helped develop a long list of All-Conference players, All-Americans, and future professionals.

As a player, Davis was a four-year starter at cornerback for the University of South Florida, where he became a foundational member of the Bulls’ inaugural football program. He also made history by recording USF’s first-ever interception. Following college, he enjoyed stints in the CFL, Arena Football League, and AF2, bringing valuable first-hand experience to the Golden Rams’ secondary room.

Davis holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from USF and now steps into a program looking to build on its rich football tradition.

“We’re excited to have Coach Davis join the RAMily,” Gray said.

With fall camp just around the corner, Albany State continues assembling a staff built for both recruiting success and on-field results. And with Davis now guiding the cornerbacks, the Golden Rams’ secondary could become a position of strength as the team chases another SIAC title.



Glenn Davis

SEC announces men’s basketball schedule for Georgia Bulldogs

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ATHENS, Ga. — The Georgia Bulldogs will open their Southeastern Conference slate by hosting Auburn on Saturday, Jan. 3, the first of six games against 2025 “Sweet 16” teams to visit Stegeman Coliseum this winter.

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Ole Miss and Tennessee, which all reached the second week of March Madness, are also on the Bulldogs’ home slate, as well as additional NCAA Tournament participants Texas and Texas A&M. All told, 15 of Georgia’s 18 SEC contests this season will be against teams that participated in the NCAA tourney last spring.

Five of the Bulldogs’ nine home SEC contests will be on Saturdays. In addition to Auburn on Jan. 3, Georgia will also host Arkansas on Jan. 17, Texas A&M on Jan. 31, Texas on Feb. 21 and South Carolina on Feb. 28.

The league office announced the majority of weeknight games with a “Tuesday/Wednesday” designation

to be finalized later, along with game times and TV designations.

The Bulldogs’ weeknight home dates are versus Ole Miss on Jan. 13/14, Tennessee on Jan. 27/28, Florida on Feb. 10/11 and Alabama on March 3/4.

Georgia is coming off its most successful season in a decade, which culminated with the Bulldogs’ first NCAA Tournament bid since 2015. That continued the upward trending UGA has enjoyed since head coach Mike White arrived in 2023. During White’s three campaigns in Athens, Georgia has ascended an average of 181.2 positions from the season prior to his arrival among college basketball’s six most utilized metrics.

The Bulldogs’ 2025-26 home slate will feature 18 games at Stegeman Coliseum, including a date with arch rival Georgia Tech on Friday, Nov. 14. Georgia will open the season on Monday, Nov. 3 by hosting Bellarmine in the second half of a doubleheader with Georgia’s Lady Bulldogs.

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as doing the right work and playing as often as we can,” Olson said. “I kind of just seamlessly fit in with that. It’s such a storied franchise. The tradition here precedes me.”

Growing up an Atlanta baseball fan, Olson had a chance to watch and look up to Braves legends.

“There was a good bit,” Olson said. “Chipper [Jones] and Andruw [Jones] were two of the big ones. I was a pitcher growing up too, so [John] Smoltz, [Greg] Maddux and [Tom] Glavine were pretty easy guys to watch and try to be like.”

Olson tries to be a role model himself when younger players get the call to the big leagues.

“We haven’t had a ton of young guys the last few years, but I think when young guys do come up, they see guys that are playing every day and working the right way,” Olson said. “It’s kind of a thing where I need to fall in line and do what veteran guys are doing. It’s kind of similar to how it was for me when I was a rookie. The tone gets set and guys figure out how to be big leaguers.”

“He just comes every day prepared to play,” Snitker said. “He’s very consistent

in his work and in his attitude. He expects to play every day and he epitomizes what that’s all about. He’s a pleasure for me to manage. You know he’s [going to] show up. You put him in the lineup, you don’t have to call him or ask him how he feels. He’s been a really great player since he’s been here.”

Olson leads the Braves with 111 hits, 18 homers and 68 RBIs, while his .809 OPS is also tops on the club.

From 9A PLAYERS

Ramarian Thomas

Terrell County, Sr., 5’10”, 155

Don’t let the frame fool you — Thomas plays with a chip on his shoulder and the heart of a giant. A relentless tackler with quick instincts and a fearless mindset, Thomas sets the tone for the Greenwave defense. Whether it’s plugging a gap or dropping back into coverage, he brings toughness and energy to every snap.

These linebackers are fast, physical, and prepared to lead their teams into battle each Friday night. Expect highlight hits, clutch stops, and plenty of sideline celebrations from this group all season long.

Tony’s Take | Big D Drama

By Tony Duckworth

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“Nothing is certain except death and taxes”, famously stated by Benjamin Franklin. In the football world, a certainty is off-season drama surrounding franchise talent in the Dallas Cowboys organization under owner and General Manager Jerry Jones.

I was introduced to America’s Team by a childhood lifelong friend, now POTUS appointed Federal Judge, in the late 1970’s. This was pre-Jerry Jones and the era when the organization was known largely for its head coach Tom Landry and superstars. Landry was known for wearing a dress hat on the sideline during game-days. When I toured Texas Stadium in the late 1990’s, the tour guide said that Landry was once asked why there was large hole in the stadium roof. The coach responded that his mama taught him to not wear a hat indoors. Of course, the hole was designed to provide weather elements for the players while protecting the fans. Landry’s Cowboys appeared in 5 championships between 1971 - 1979. Dallas won the Lombardi Trophy in 1972 (Dallas 24 | Miami 3) and in 1978 (Dallas 27 | Denver 10). Cowboys

legendary QB Roger Staubach awarded Landry with a 2 - 2 record in the Super Bowl.

The Cowboys star studied rosters in the decade of the 1970’s included Staubach, RB Tony Dorsett, DT Randy White, WR Drew Pearson, and DT Bob Lilly among others. Stars from this era are littered on the Ring of Honor in AT&T Stadium which is the current home of the Cowboys. AT&T Stadium is famously known as Jerry’s World.

When you think of the Dallas Cowboys, it’s hard not to think of all the Hall of Famers who wore the star. However, in my opinion, the most underrated player in Dallas history is QB/Punter Danny White. Falcons fans may remember the Punter/QB leading a playoff game comeback against Atlanta in 1980. The Falcons led 24 - 10 heading into the fourth quarter when White led the comeback as the Cowboys won the contest 30 - 27. For those keeping score, Dallas outscored Atlanta 20 - 3 in the final and decisive quarter.

A remarkable stat regarding Danny White surrounds his first 50 starts as a QB. White is the first NFL QB to win 38 of his first 50 starts, and play in the NFC championship game in his first three seasons as a

starter. Remarkable!

Fast forward to 1989 when Jerry Jones fired head coach Tom Landry on his first day as owner. The firing was controversial as Landry had roamed the sidelines in Dallas since the 1960’s.

Jones quickly won three Super Bowls (1993, 1994, and 1996). Much of the talent on the rosters of those three teams was a result of the Vikings trading multiple assets to acquire UGA great Herschel Walker in 1989. While the 1990’s Cowboys are best known for the Triplets (QB Troy Aikman | RB Emmitt Smith | Michael Irving), the Herschel trade landed Dallas 5 players and six future draft picks. Those future picks were key to the rise of the 90’s version of the Cowboys.

Jerry Jones certainly deserves criticism, but the majority of NFL fans would love their owner to bring their team three world championships.

Jones always seeks the spotlight and honestly doesn’t mind if it is good or bad headlines. Currently, he is dealing with a holdout of Micah Parsons. Parsons is considered by many as the best, or one of the best, disrupting pass rushers in the NFL. Parsons is not currently practicing, but he is at camp to



Tony Duckworth

avoid the holdout fines. Parsons recently fueled the flames with the organization by demanding a trade. Jones will not trade Parsons.

Jerry Jones is no stranger to star players demanding a payday. While the Parsons drama creates 24/7 media attention, Jones always finds a way to sign the stars to long-term deals. While Parsons may miss the beginning of the season, Micah will return to work and wreck opposing offenses because that is what he does.

As a Cowboys fan, I long for an organization that focuses on football rather than constant media and social media attention. Of course, while Jerry is in control that will never change.

Are you ready for some football?

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

Another sex toy lands on court during WNBA game

Field Level Media

A sex toy was tossed onto the floor of a WNBA game on Tuesday, continuing an unwanted trend around the league.

The latest incident occurred in the second quarter of the Indiana Fever’s road game against the Los Angeles Sparks. It followed similar incidents on July 29 when the Golden State Valkyries

played against the host Atlanta Dream and on Friday when the Valkyries opposed the host Chicago Sky.

On Tuesday, Sparks guard Kelsey Plum was shooting a free throw with 2:05 left in the first half when the sex toy landed in the key in front of the foul line.

Plum kicked the object into the stands.

An arrest was made Saturday in connection with the

incident at the Dream game in College Park, Ga. Delbert Carver, 23, was charged with disorderly conduct, public indecency/indecent exposure, and criminal trespass.

No arrests were made following the Chicago occurrence, as Chicago police told ESPN on Monday, “We don’t see a call of service for that incident.”

The WNBA said in a statement last week, “The safety and well-being of everyone in

our arenas is a top priority for our league. Objects of any kind thrown onto the court or in the seating area can pose a safety risk for players, game officials, and fans. In line with WNBA Arena Security Standards, any fan who intentionally throws an object onto the court will be immediately ejected and face a minimum one-year ban in addition to being subject to arrest and prosecution by local authorities.”

Back to Basics: Bobo, Schumann focus on run game, defensive consistency

By Joe Whitfield

Sports Editor

ATHENS — If there’s a common thread running through Georgia’s fall camp, it’s a commitment to getting back to basics — running the ball, stopping the run, and setting the tone early.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday, offensive coordinator Mike Bobo and defensive coordinator Glenn Schumann laid out a clear vision for the 2025 Bulldogs: physical, efficient, and more consistent than last year’s team.

“We’ve got to start fast,” Bobo said. “That doesn’t mean scoring on every drive, but we can’t go three-and-out. We’ve made that a big point of emphasis.”

Bobo also made it clear that Georgia’s offensive identity must be rooted in the run game — not for stats, but for control.

“Everything starts with the run game,” he said. “It helps your quarterback, it helps your defense, it helps your team. And we’ve got to be more efficient there.”

That includes young backs like Nate Frazier, who Bobo praised for his growth in pass protection and willingness to fight for tough yards.

“Every play’s not going to be a home run,” Bobo said. “Nate’s learning to get those dirty yards. That’s how you win in this league.”

Quarterback Gunner Stockton, now working more regularly with the first team, has also shown progress in both decision-making and leadership. But Bobo noted Stockton’s physical style will require better in-game judgment. “He’s got the mentality to go get everything,”

Bobo said. “But he’s not 235 pounds. We’re constantly talking about when to slide, when to protect himself.”

On defense, Schumann was equally direct: Georgia must tackle better, play with more consistency, and reestablish its physical edge. “We didn’t meet the standard last year,” Schumann said. “You can’t dominate in some games and give up 28-plus in others. That’s not elite.”

He pointed to tackling and block destruction as key areas of improvement.

“We have to strike and separate,” Schumann said. “If you’re blocked and don’t affect the play, the offense won.”

Still, Schumann is encouraged by the early energy in camp and the development of rising leaders like linebackers CJ Allen and Raylen Wilson.

“They’re not just reacting anymore — they’re anticipating,” he said. “Their communication and confidence are growing every day.”

Both coordinators stressed that the foundation of Georgia football hasn’t changed, even as college football evolves.

“It still comes down to running the ball and stopping the run,” Bobo said. “That’s where it starts, and we’re working every day to be elite in those areas.”

With young players pushing for roles and key returners like Stockton, Allen, and Wilson taking the next step, the Bulldogs believe they’re trending in the right direction.

As Schumann put it: “Everybody’s fired up the first week of camp. What separates you is what happens next.”

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Earth's spin is accelerating, and scientists say July 9, 2025, marked the shortest day ever recorded, with 1.3 to 1.6 milliseconds off the standard 24-hour cycle.

Researchers link this speed-up to the moon's current position, which subtly alters Earth's rotation, alongside other factors like seasonal changes, seismic activity and melting glaciers.

Scientists say there will be other shorter-than-usual days this summer.

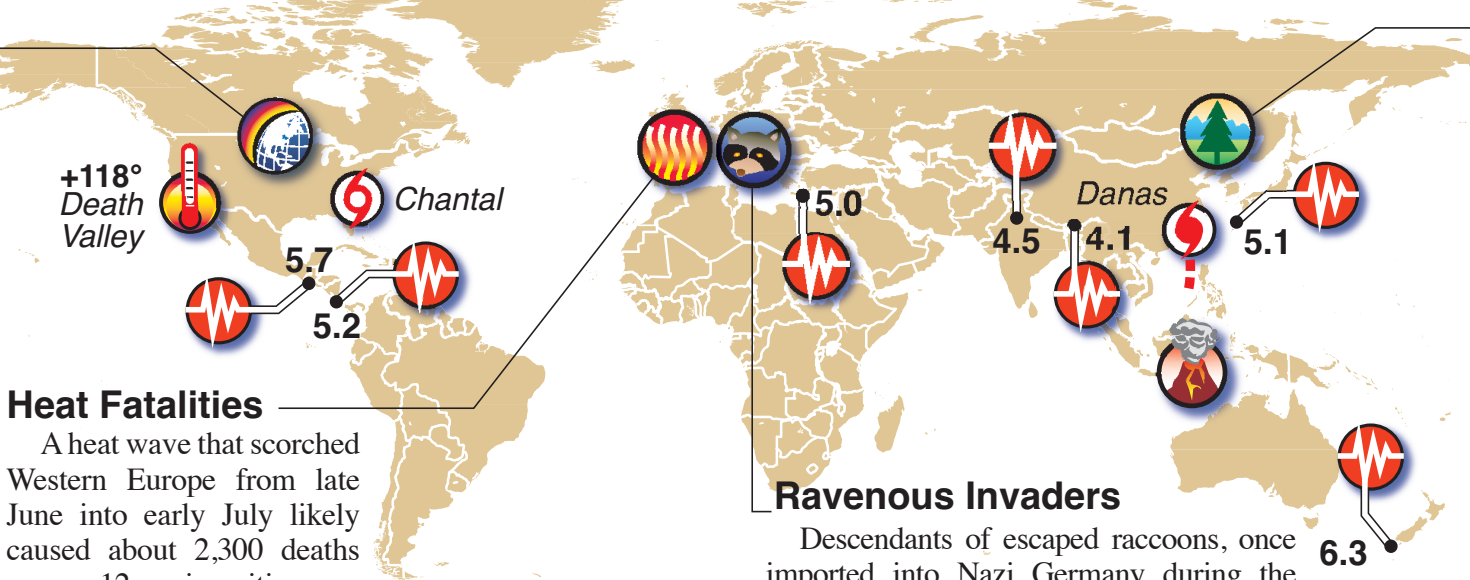
Though imperceptible to humans, the change could prompt the world's first-ever negative leap second during 2029 to keep highly accurate atomic clocks in sync with the Earth's rotation.

Earthquakes

A temblor and aftershocks near Guatemala City damaged buildings and led to landslides that killed three people.

- Dozens of residents fled remote islands in far southern Japan after swarms of nearly 1,600 tremors.

- Tremors were also felt in far eastern India, New Delhi, far southern New Zealand, Crete and Costa Rica.



Heat Fatalities

A heat wave that scorched Western Europe from late June into early July likely caused about 2,300 deaths across 12 major cities, according to a new study.

Scientists from Imperial College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine estimate that roughly 1,500 of those deaths were due to human-caused climate change, which drove temperatures up to 7 degrees Fahrenheit higher than they would have been otherwise.

Cities like Barcelona, Madrid, London and Milan saw temperatures up to 104 degrees as wildfires erupted in France and Spain. Health alerts were issued across the continent and the U.K.

Europe's Copernicus Climate Change Service confirmed June was Western Europe's hottest on record.

Volcanic Blasts

Yet more powerful eruptions of Indonesia's restive Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki halted flights in and out of Bali again while blanketing nearby villages and farms with ash on the island of Flores.

Columns of the ash soared as high as 11 miles into the atmosphere. Residents were forced to wear masks due to the density of the debris.

The latest explosions occurred just weeks after previous powerful eruptions caused dozens of other flight cancellations for Bali.

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Ravenous Invaders

Descendants of escaped raccoons, once imported into Nazi Germany during the 1930s for fur farming, have exploded into a wild population estimated at up to 2 million, creating both urban charm and ecological headaches as they spread across Europe.

From Germany to Spain, residents share tales of raccoons raiding their picnics and sneaking onto rooftops.

Despite their popularity among some amused Europeans and even some culinary experimentation — one German butcher sells raccoon meatballs — scientists warn the raccoons threaten native species by preying on birds, amphibians and endangered mussels.



Special Photo: European Wilderness Society
Non-native raccoons have charmed some urban Europeans as they spread across the continent.

Arboreal Warming

Forests are falling dangerously out of sync with Earth's rapidly warming climate, with new research revealing they need 100 to 200 years to shift tree populations in response to such accelerated climate change.

Writing in the journal *Science*, researchers from Syracuse University say ancient pollen records and modern data show that while climate can change in mere decades, forests require centuries to adapt.

This mismatch threatens the survival of forests, which evolved to migrate slowly during past ice ages but now face unprecedented rates of warming.

The report says that without human help, such as planting warm-climate trees in cooler regions, many forests could be wiped out.

Tropical Cyclones

Two people were killed, and more than 300 were injured on Taiwan by the fury of Typhoon Danas.

- Two deaths are being blamed on the flooding unleashed over the Carolinas by weakening Tropical Storm Chantal.

SENSE & SENSITIVITY



By Harriette Cole

READER FORGETS BFF'S BIRTHDAY

-- Missed Birthday

DEAR HARRIETTE: I'm feeling really terrible because I forgot my best friend's birthday, and now she's not speaking to me. We've been best friends for over 10 years, and I've never missed her birthday before. This year, I ended up working a double shift the day before her birthday, and I was so exhausted that I slept basically the entire next day. By the time I realized what day it was, it was already late, and I had completely missed the window to call or even send a text. I tried reaching out the day after with a sincere apology and even sent her a small gift and a message explaining what happened, but she hasn't responded. I get that birthdays are important, and I genuinely feel awful for forgetting, but I also wish she could see it for what it was: a one-time mistake, not a reflection of how much I care about her.

Now I'm stuck wondering if this one slipup is going to ruin our entire friendship. Should I give her space and hope she comes around, or should I try harder to make it up to her? I don't want to seem pushy, but I also don't want to let our friendship fade over something that wasn't intentional.

DEAR MISSED BIRTHDAY: If this one slipup ruins your friendship, there is something deeper going on. Sure, it's hurtful that you missed your friend's big day, but it is not the end of the world. Think about the situation. Is there anything else that could be fueling your friend's pain? Are you an attentive friend? Have you forgotten important engagements with her in the past? If you have behavior that needs to improve, commit to doing that. For now, you have to wait for her to come back around.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a neighbor who, while I know he means well, is nosy and doesn't seem to understand boundaries. He's retired and spends a lot of time outside, so he notices everything that happens on our street and especially around my house, since I live across from him. For instance, if I leave my garage door open for too long, he'll call or text me to let me know, even if I'm just in the middle of cleaning or unloading groceries. If someone stops by my house like a friend or even a delivery person who lingers a bit, he'll make a point to call and ask who it was, especially

if it's someone he doesn't recognize as my husband or kids. He's not aggressive or rude, just overly involved in things that aren't his concern. He once even mentioned that he keeps an eye on our property "just in case anything ever looks suspicious." While I understand the intention might be protective, it honestly feels more invasive than helpful.

I don't want to be unkind or start any neighborhood drama, but it's getting to the point where I feel like I'm being watched every time I pull into my driveway or have someone over. Should I tell him to stop?

-- Nosy Neighbor

DEAR NOSY NEIGHBOR: You are being watched, and you cannot control that. You do not have to respond to his every overture. Let the phone go to voicemail when you are busy. Don't tell him who your guests are. Stop being so responsive. This may help him to back off a bit.

Harriette Cole is a lifestyle and founder of DREAM-LEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

OBITUARIES

Wynette Hayes Carver

Wynette (Hayes) Carver, age 89, of Belmont, NC and formerly of Albany, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, August 3, 2025. The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at the Peace Chapel at Crown Hill Cemetery at 10:00. Pastor Mark Walker of First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany will officiate.

Wynette professed her faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and was an active member of Skyland First Baptist Church in Arden, NC. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who will be greatly missed.

Wynette was born at home, in Cedar Springs, Georgia, the daughter of the late Horace Frank Hayes and the late Ludie Estelle Mercer. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Leo F. Carver, two brothers, Edwin Hayes and Tony Hayes, two sisters, Mary Frances Hayes and Beth Hayes, and her granddaughter, Morgan Carver.

Wynette was a 1954 graduate of Early County High School, where she was Salutatorian and excelled academically as well as in administrative skills. All of this led to her many years with Walden & Kirkland until her retirement in 2008 and relocating to the Asheville, NC area. Prior to moving to NC, she was an active member of First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, GA.

Wynette is survived by her son, Randall Carver (Anita) of Port St. Joe, FL; her daughter, Sandra Powers (John) of Belmont, NC; one brother, Thomas Hayes of Dothan, AL; one sister, Orita Tedder (Mac) of Jakin, GA; seven grandchildren, Lauren Burrow (Robert) of Charlotte, NC; Katie Horgen (Doug) of Suwanee, GA; Jason Carver (Evie) of Albany, GA; Seth Carver of Albany, GA; Bethany Glass (Wade) of Okinawa; David Hendrickson (Shawn) of Newton, GA; Kara Dunn of Warner Robins, GA; eight great-grandchildren,

Olivia Carver, Brad Dunn, Tyler Hendrickson, Emma Hendrickson, James Burrow, Henry Burrow, Kate Burrow, Hayle Brown, and several nieces and nephews.

We especially appreciate and acknowledge everyone who cared for her at Atrium Health Steele Creek and at Atrium Health Pineville in North Carolina. Their compassionate and professional care allowed her to peacefully transition from this life to her Heavenly home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Skyland First Baptist Church in Arden, NC or the American Heart Association.



Mr. Lloyd "Ed" Edward Hughes

Lloyd Edward (Ed) Hughes, 96, of Albany, GA passed away peacefully in his sleep at Wilson Hospice House.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 9th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Sherwood Baptist Church. Rev. Tom Pollock and Mr. Ross Powell will officiate. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Ed was born in Hawkinsville, GA on April 27, 1929 to Jesse C. and Georgia Shackleford Hughes. He was married to Donnie Duke from July 4, 1947 until her death January 1, 2008. He married Geraldene Stephens Brinson on November 19, 2009.

He was an accomplished commercial and residential builder and draftsman (Hughes Construction Company). Ed was a longtime avid golfer. He was a loyal member of Sherwood Baptist Church since 1966, serving as a Sunday school teacher, a deacon, a treasurer, and the building and finance committee. He was a

builder of Seasons Christian Care Center.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldene Hughes and five daughters, Linda Carr (Frank), Janice Rouse (Charlie-deceased), Cindy Bailiff (Charles), Diana Swails, and Pam Shealy (Matthew), two step children, Steve Brinson (Joy), Teresa Mathis (Reid), seven grandchildren, Frank Carr, Jr. (Christy), Toni Hatfield (Travis), Jill Rouse, Jason Rouse, Christie Swails Nantze (Chase), Stephen Swails (Kenzie), Holly Swails, five step grandchildren, Robert Brinson (Carolyn), Daniel Brinson (Theresa), Caroline Galiano (Holmes), Connor Mathis, Colton Mathis, four great-grandchildren, Nick Carr, Ashlyn Carr, Taylor Hatfield, and Tristan Hatfield and one step-grandchild, Grantham Brinson.

Family headquarters are at 2113 Cameron Drive, Albany, GA 31721.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral hour in the atrium of Sherwood Baptist Church.

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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The benefits and basics of lawn irrigation



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The only thing better than a healthy lawn and garden? A healthy lawn and garden that’s given just the right amount of water at just the right time, all without having to lift a finger. Enter: smart lawn irrigation systems.

In a recent episode of Done-In-A-Weekend Projects from Exmark, irrigation expert Tom Tootle from Toro Irrigation shared these insights, so you can keep your lawn green, and garden pristine, all season long.

Why Lawn Irrigation Matters

Forgetting a few days of watering or experiencing a drought can put the hours and dollars you’ve spent perfecting your outdoor spaces at risk. An irrigation system however is like insurance for your landscape.

“You protect every room in your home with an insurance policy. So why not protect the biggest ‘room’ of your home: your yard?” says Tootle.

Irrigation System Breakdown

When people think “irrigation system,” they tend to

think of underground pipes and sprinkler heads—which is half the truth. In fact, it all starts with a controller that uses low voltage wiring to direct a series of electrical valves and zones throughout your yard. This enables you to tailor your watering schedules based on the specific needs of different areas, such as wide-open patches of lawn or garden beds in ample shade.

Patches of lawn are typically kept watered by rotors that rotate to cover large areas, allowing you to cover your lawn with a minimal number of heads. Then, for smaller areas (like your gardens), sprinklers are used. You can adjust them to spray from 1-8 feet—meaning you never waste water.

For gardens that need a gentler touch, drip irrigation (or similar low-volume systems) delivers slow, steady water at the base of plants, reducing evaporation and keeping foliage dry—a must for disease prevention.

Saving Nature and Money

Irrigation systems aren’t all about convenience, they’re

also eco- and wallet-friendly. Some of today’s smart systems feature high-efficiency nozzles that can save up to 30% of your water over a conventional system. They also utilize sensors that detect rainfall, optimizing schedules and water usage for each zone.

“If Mother Nature does the work, your irrigation system takes the day off,” says Tootle. “A smart system waters only when it needs to, saving water, slashing utility bills, and helping your lawn and garden thrive.”

Upgrades and Maintenance

Already have an older irrigation system? Many systems can be upgraded without having to rip everything out and start over. Tootle advises having a professional service your system at least annually to check for leaks, re-calibrate rotors, and in colder climates, winterize it to avoid frozen pipes and cracked valves.

It’s also important to consider growth. If your system hasn’t been updated in a few years, plants and trees may have grown to the point where zones need to be reprogrammed

for optimal coverage.

Installation

When it comes to a brand-new installation, professionals can help ensure the process won’t make a big mess of your lawn. Just be sure to schedule your install during your lawn’s peak growing phase. For warm-season grasses, that’s May through August. For cool-season grasses, that’s early spring or fall.

For more insights, watch “Lawn Irrigation 101,” a new episode of “Done-In-A-Weekend Projects,” an original series from lawn care equipment manufacturer, Exmark. To watch the video, visit Exmark’s Backyard Life, a unique multimedia destination focused on helping homeowners improve their outdoor living spaces. There you can also download additional tips and view other Exmark Original Series videos.

“A modern irrigation system is one of the best ways protect the time and energy you’ve poured into your landscape, and promote a healthy, beautiful lawn,” says Tootle.

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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tion” – an all-day event with a final big game tournament and cookout. The store plans to discount and sell some of its inventory.

“We’re trying to get some folks in from all over this part of the country – southwest Georgia, north Florida, east Alabama,” he said. “Just spread the word. Get the community out here to help support.”

Vanoteghem is committed to finding a new home for The Nerd Store. His plan is to buy a downtown property in Leesburg for the store’s new home.

“This is about the community,” he said. “If it was just about the store, I might not be re-opening. But I have to do this for the community. This is how I’m going to do

some good in the world.”

He said he plans to develop a youth and teen advocacy program at the new store to utilize gaming and community to give area youths a place to go if they have nowhere else.

“The kids are our future,” Vanoteghem said. “If we can help some people, if we can bring people together to find their communities and to find new passions and new hobbies, it’s beautiful to watch. I’ve seen so many people who have come into this place shy and not knowing anybody, and by the time they leave, they’re smiling and laughing with good friends.”

Vanoteghem launched a GoFundMe campaign with a goal of \$8,000 to help secure a new property.

“This is not goodbye,” he said. “This is we’ll see you soon in Leesburg.”

ASK THE DOCTORS

VEGAN DIET CAUSES INCREASED INTESTINAL GAS

By Eve Glazier, M.D., and Elizabeth Ko, M.D.

Dear Doctors: I am a vegan, and after a meal, I have uncomfortable and smelly intestinal gas. It has only ever eased when I took an antibiotic and after colonoscopy prep. I assume that’s because these killed my gut bacteria. Is there a fast way to reset the gut? Is this problem a health risk?

Dear Reader: The gut microbiome refers to the remarkable and complex ecosystem of trillions of bacteria, fungi, viruses and other microorgan-

isms that make their home in our gut. While some are found in the small intestine, the vast majority live in the large intestine. Research continues to uncover new ways that the composition, diversity and health of these colonies of microorganisms affect our health. The microbes we host have a direct influence on diverse processes such as digestion, nutrient absorption, cardiovascular and neural health, immune response and even brain health and function.

You are correct that a primary cause of intestinal gas is the metabolic activity of bacteria

in the gut. It has to do with dietary fiber, which is a complex carbohydrate. Unlike simple carbs, which get absorbed into the bloodstream in the small intestine, fiber passes undigested into the colon, or large intestine. There, the cellulose, pectin, lignin, hemicellulose, mucilage and other cell remnants that survived the digestive process become food for the resident bacteria.

First, enzymes produced by the bacteria dismantle the complex carbs. Then, through fermentation, the resulting simple sugars get processed into short-chain fatty acids

the bacteria can absorb. One of the byproducts of that fermentation is -- you guessed it -- intestinal gas.

In your case, several considerations come to mind. As a plant-forward vegan, your diet contains a significant amount of plant-based fiber. Cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower; foods that contain sulfur such as garlic and onions; and beans and legumes are associated with robust and sometimes smelly gas production. Some vegans who experience excessive gas find it useful to subtract, then gradually reintroduce, specific

foods to help identify any that may be problematic. Some people then choose to limit or eliminate those foods.

It’s true that antibiotics and colonoscopy prep can significantly alter the balance of intestinal flora. Research shows that, when used only occasionally, antibiotics don’t cause lasting damage. Gut recovery can take anywhere from several weeks to a few months, so be patient. You can boost your gut recovery by eating dietary fiber from a wide range of sources. This can also temporarily increase intestinal gas.

Excessive gas production is

not a health risk. It can sometimes be a symptom of an underlying disease or condition such as Crohn’s disease, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), ulcerative colitis or small intestinal bowel overgrowth (SIBO). If changes to your diet don’t have a beneficial effect on gas production, check in with your health care provider for guidance.

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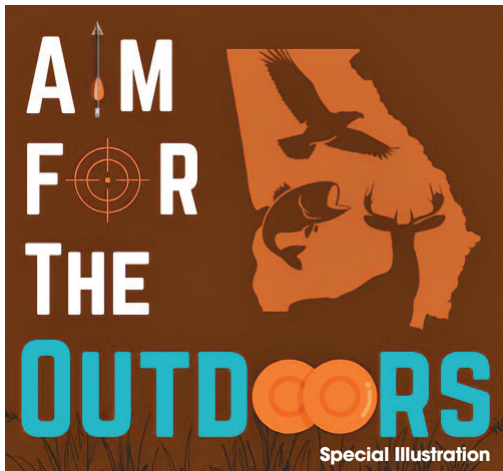
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There are some significant changes in hunting/fishing regulations for 2025-26, the state Department of Natural Resources announced.

New hunting, fishing regulations bring significant changes

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ALBANY – The 2025-2026 Georgia Hunting & Fishing Regulations and seasons are now available online or in hard copy with a number of significant changes worth noting. Significant changes include: -- Updated bowfishing regulations for catfish now have a note that any catfish species, even those that are game fish, may be taken by bow and arrow in the waters of Georgia during the day or at night by the use of a light. -- Public Fishing Area regulations now state that Evans County PFA and Paradise PFA have new bass limits. At Evans, bass between 12 and 16 inches must be released immediately. Bass up to 12 inches and over 16 inches can be kept. There is a limit of five per person with only one over 16 inches. At Paradise the daily largemouth bass limit is five daily per person with only one being over 24 inches. Hybrid striped bass limit is five fish daily. -- The definition of “youth” is now persons less than 16 years of age. -- To support venison donation in areas with deer-related crop damage, a two-day early October antlerless only firearms season was added for private lands in select counties. -- Inedible parts of deer carcasses must be disposed of on-site or, if moved, in accordance with Department of Agriculture laws. -- HB 167 authorizes wearing either fluorescent pink or florescent orange.



Lucky lottery winners hunt one of Georgia's oldest species ... gators

By Tom Seegmueller
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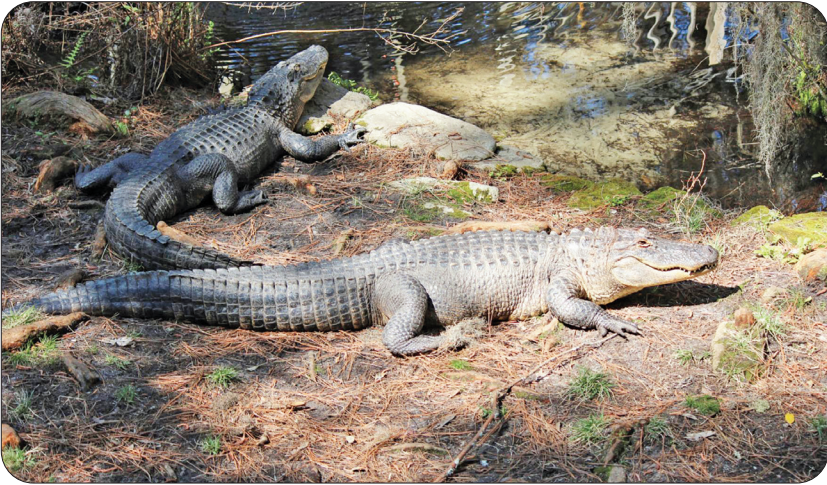
ALBANY – After the sun sets on Aug. 15, a hunting tradition that predates European contact in the region will continue. At approximately 8:45 p.m. the 2025 Georgia Alligator season opens for those who were the lucky winners in this year's permit lottery. Fossil evidence in the region indicates that ancestors of today's alligator population date back more than 180 million years. Early European explorers discovered a large reptile they christened El Lagarto, “The Lizard.” Their early chronicles contain the written accounts and drawings of the native inhabitants capturing and slaying the massive reptiles. Today, alligators still haunt the waters of southwest Georgia. The largest alligator officially recorded being captured in the state came from Lake Eufaula in 2019. It took Derrick Snelson and his 14-year-old daughter more than 6 hours to boat the 705-pound gator that measured 14 feet and 1.75 inches in length. Biologists inspecting the gator determined that it was approximately 70 years old at the time of capture. Another half-dozen gators exceeding 13 feet in length have been captured in Georgia in the past two decades. The top seven gators came from Lake Eufaula, Lake Blackshear and Lake Seminole. The alligator is unique in that it will continue to grow as long as it lives. One area gator that was not officially recorded weighed 860 pounds. The largest recorded alligator in the U.S. was captured by the Stokes family in 2014 and weighed 1,011.5 pounds. It measured 15 feet 9 inches.

Stories indicate an alligator killed on the Mississippi River in the mid-1900s was discovered to have been wounded by mini balls dating back to the War Between the States. The miracle of this gator's longevity comes from the fact that it survived the period when the species was almost hunted to extinction in the United States. During the first half of the 20th century, demand for the high-quality leather found on the belly skin section of the American alligator led to intense levels of market hunting. The conservation measures enacted in the 1960s led to a dramatic recovery for the species. By 1989, gator populations in Georgia had risen to the point that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources initiated a nuisance gator trapping program. In Dougherty County J.K. Jones was hired as one of the first licensed agents to capture and harvest specific nuisance gators. Jones was a



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Lucky lottery winners will get the opportunity later this month to hunt alligators in Georgia.



logical choice, as he was the fourth generation of the Jones family to have a heritage associated with gators. He learned his art at the side of his father in the primordial swamps southwest of Albany. Over the years Jones has shared his tales of those swamps and his time in them. “Back when my dad did it, times were hard,” he once recalled. “He could make more hunting gators at night than he could working in the store and being a barber. I remember following him when I was a kid, just barely big enough to keep up with him. In late summer, those flat ponds dried up and there wouldn't be any water except in the gator caves.” These caves, which are hollowed out of the banks and floor of the

swamp, serve two important purposes critical to the survival of not only alligators but other swamp-dwelling species. They provide a site for the cold-blooded reptiles to hibernate during the coldest days of winter. In times of drought, these “gator holes” are often the sole source of water for the gator and other symbiotic swamp dwellers to hold out until rain falls in sufficient quantities to refill the swamps. To get the gators from their aquatic lairs, Jones explained that his father and fellow hunters had a few tricks. They attached hooks with lines to long slender cypress saplings they cut in the swamp to pull the gators from their holes. “Later they found out that a good grape vine would work better than the poles 'cause it would bend and

follow the curves into the hole,” Jones explained. “The fun was when they'd hook him. He'd grab on to something and they'd pull him out and invariably when he cleared that hole at the mouth of the cave he'd rear up. As soon as he hit back down on the water my daddy's partner, Mr. Jim Horne -- he was my hero -- he would be right there with the shotgun and pop his head. He'd jump in there and mug them gators.” Jones also recalled that there might have been a good bit of black-market gator hunting taking place in the swamps around Albany while gator hunting was banned. When Jones started hunting gators for the state, he continued the family connection with his son Danny at his side. Danny would go on to become a nuisance alligator agent-trapper. “You see, regardless of the size or attitude a gator has, licensed agents must live-capture it before they are allowed to remove them to be dispatched,” Jones said. “When it started, and rightfully so, I think they didn't want people seeing agents shooting the gators.” Today, those who draw an alligator permit are also required to catch their prey before they can shoot them. Hunters are required to use handheld ropes or snares, snatch hooks, harpoons gigs or arrows with lines attached to catch their gator. Only then can the gator be shot using a handgun or bang stick. The spinal cord may also be severed with a sharp implement. The DNR has divided the state into 11 zones, and the number of permits issued per zone is based on biological surveys. Potential hunters should check all regulations before going on a hunt and also check their gear. There's an added element of preparation required when hunters' quarry can fight back. First time gator hunters might also want to consider contacting a guide service on their first attempt. “We had some kinda hairy situations,” Jones said. “I remember one over there at Ft. Gaines, an 11-footer, I think. We brought it to the boat too quick, and he went to shaking that boat like a bulldog shaking a coon, biting holes all in it. We had to give him all the line we had and get away from him. The we had to get out of the boat and drag it up a hill and cut sticks to drive in all the holes to plug 'em up. “We got him subdued and loaded him in the boat, getting back to the landing. But that knocked the gator hunting off for the rest of the evening.” For more information on gator hunting in Georgia, visit GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com.

Georgia DNR's 45 shooting ranges ready for Shooting Sports Month

By Tom Seegmueller
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ATLANTA -- Gov. Brian Kemp has officially proclaimed August as Shooting Sports Month, in recognition of Georgia's traditions and the positive impact of the shooting sports industry on Georgia's economy. The proclamation honors the role that hunting and shooting sports have played in the history, culture and heritage of Georgia. Each year, millions of Georgia residents participate in a wide range of shooting-related sports, from hunting to recreational and competitive shooting. In 2024, shooting sports and the hunting industry contributed an estimated \$12.7 billion into the state economy while supporting nearly 11,000 jobs. During the same year, the state received more than \$19.2 million in conservation funding through the Pittman-Robinson

Act of 1937. These funds are generated by a federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition sales, with the revenue directed back to the states for wildlife management and habitat protection. Georgia has more than 45 public archery and firearms shooting ranges scattered across the state. The Mike Commander Shooting Range located on the Chickasawhatchee Wildlife Management Area is one of these ranges and was recently renovated into a state-of-the-art facility. The range now includes covered shooting pavilions for pistol and rifle ranges as well as an archery range. The ranges are anchored by a 40-seat classroom, which is available for group activities including meetings, training, competition and more. “We're trying to get the word out to the public that we have a great facility,” Shooting Range Manager Ashley Ricketson said. “We would love for more clubs

and organizations to hold competitive and fundraising shoots here.” The Pistol Range includes a static range for standard 25-yard target shooting as well as a variety of 3D and steel plate targets. The Rifle Range has static and a variety of steel plate targets at distances ranging to 200 yards. The static targets on the range are sonic targets with dedicated TV monitors at each concrete shooting bench. No more walking back and forth to change paper target or having the range shut down during the process. The system also allows shooters to download the images of their targets onto their cellphone for future reference. Each shot shows up on the target as a green dot with the final shot being marked as orange. Ricketson said that the range has equipment available for shooters who are coming to the range to zero a rifle, including a bore sighting tool,

lead sled and rests to get the job done right. All facilities, including the first three targets on the field archery range, are disability accessible. The archery range includes a seven-position static range with targets ranging from 10-50 yards. A four-position tower provides archers with targets ranging from 20-50 yards. A 3D archery trail provides archers 20 different target positions, shooting at everything from varmints to elk and even a T-Rex. DNR ranges are open to anyone 16 years and older possessing a valid hunting or fishing license. On a first visit to the site, visitors will be required to watch a brief safety video. Following that, they will be issued a color-coded range card valid for one year. The range is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. The range is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving,



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Gov. Brian Kemp has officially proclaimed August as Shooting Sports Month, in recognition of Georgia's traditions and the positive impact of the shooting sports industry on Georgia's economy. and suppressors are allowed, but owners must have all appropriate paperwork on hand. Fully automatic firearms are prohibited. For more information on the Mike Commander Range and its use, contact Ricketson at joseph.ricketson@dnr.ga.gov or call (678) 332-8636. Some restrictions apply on the rifle and pistol ranges. Rapid-fire is limited to not exceeding one round per second. Rimfire and centerfire weapons may be used on either range. However, ammunition, including tracers, steel core, green tip, and .50BMG are restricted. Class III weapons

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF JAMES LEWIS WILLIS, 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,

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

Construction/ Service Bids

The Dougherty County School System Logistical Services Department, located at 601 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, will receive sealed Bids/Proposals for **011-PUR-2026 for Catalog Discounts for Science Supplies on August 21, 2025 @ 11:15 AM.**

Bid documents may be obtained from our website at www.docoschools.org. Minority business enterprises are encouraged to submit bids.

By: Sharonda Thompson, Director of Logistical Services

INVITATION TO BID
Fire Hydrants
BID REF. #26-008

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM, on September 2, 2025. Bid documents can be obtained from the Procurement Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and at www.albanyga.gov. For additional information, contact Takeshia Martin, Buyer I, at tmartin@albanyga.gov.

/s/ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ABY Airport Strategic Business Plan
BID REF. #26-009

Sealed proposals will be received, by the City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 5:00 PM EST, on September 3, 2025. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, August 12, in the Procurement division office. Proposal documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Destin Adams, Buyer I, at dadams@albanyga.gov.

/s/ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

The Dougherty County School System Logistical Services Department, located at 601 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, will receive sealed Bids/Proposals for **010-PUR-2026 for Catalog Discounts for Art, Office, and Instructional Supplies on August 19, 2025 @ 11:00 AM.**

Bid documents may be obtained from our website at www.docoschools.org. Minority business enterprises are encouraged to submit bids.

By: Sharonda Thompson, Director of Logistical Services

Construction/ Service Bids

INVITATION TO BID
Downtown Traffic Signal Upgrades
BID REF. #26-007

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, GA, 31701, until 2:30 PM, September 3, 2025. A Pre-Bid Conference will be 10:00 AM, August 8, through Zoom. Zoom credentials are contained in the bid documents. A 5% Bid Bond is required with bid submittal. Bid documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Ricky Gladney, Buyer I, at rgladney@albanyga.gov.

/s/ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

Alcoholic Beverages

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PACKAGED BEER & WINE LICENSE

Anjaneya 5400 LLC, trading as Grab N Go, 5400 Newton Rd., Albany, Georgia 31701, give notice that I have applied for a transfer of Alcohol License to be considered for approval.

Albany Herald Run Dates, August 9, 16, 23 & 30

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 Daniel's Bridge Road
Building 200, Suite 3A
Athens, Georgia 30606

Debtors & Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Lille 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 Lille Mae Bryant
% DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Joyce Casley, deceased, late of Dougherty County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned executrix.

This 5th day of August, 2025.

Cynthia Breed, Executor
Estate of Joyce Casley
311 Todd Place N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Robert L. Lambert, Jr., Attorney
108 E. North Street
Valdosta, GA 31601-4516
(229) 292-8989
Georgia Bar No. 431810

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 & 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. Orlowski
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 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 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 Latreesa Bryant Perryman, late of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of July, 2025.

LaKisha Bryant Bruce,
Executor of the Estate of Latreesa Bryant Perryman
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Ave.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and 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 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 Latreesa Bryant Perryman, late of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of July, 2025.

LaKisha Bryant Bruce,
Executor of the Estate of Latreesa Bryant Perryman
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Ave.

Debtors & Creditors

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 15th day of July 2025.

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

NOTICE GEORGIA DOUGHERTY COUNTY

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 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 to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Jerald Bernard Hall 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 5th day of August, 2025

Name: Kisha Sequelle Hall
c/o Broel Law, LLC
Title: Administrator
Address: 331 N. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060

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, 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

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 & WILSON, LLP
P.O. Drawer 71788
Albany, Georgia 31708-1788
229-883-2441

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 Dunia 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

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 Latreesa Bryant Perryman, late of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of July, 2025.

LaKisha Bryant Bruce,
Executor of the Estate of Latreesa Bryant Perryman
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Ave.

Debtors & Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Rita Fackler late of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 4th day of August, 2025.

David Bruce Fackler, Executor of the Estate of Rita Fackler
c/o Moorhead Law Firm, LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of 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

Divorces

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Yolanda Turner-Lard

vs.

Respondent: Wayne Lard

Civil Action Case Number: 25CV-767-1

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Wayne Lard,
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 July 30, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on August 4, 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 404 Childers Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31088. 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 4th day of August, 2025.

Denise Marshall, Judge
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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.

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

Miscellaneous

NOTICE OF ALBANY WESTOVER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as provided in the City of Albany Community Improvement Districts Act (Ga. L. 2023, p. 3668, et. seq.), that a Caucus of Electors of the Albany Westover Community Improvement District (CID) shall be held at 8:30 a.m. on the 4th day of September, 2025, at Colony Bank, 2900 Old Dawson Road, Albany, Georgia 31721. The purpose of the Caucus is to elect Board members to Posts 3, 4, and 5 on the CID Board.

A map of said District is on file with the Clerk of the City of Albany and the Dougherty County Tax Director for purposes of examination by the public, all as required by law. All Electors as designated under the Act are invited to attend and cast their votes.

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: The Name Change of

SHARILENA HARRIS,
Petitioner.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER:
SUCV2025000709

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

Notice is hereby given that SHARILENA HARRIS, the undersigned, filed her PETITION TO CHANGE NAME in the Dougherty County Superior Court, Georgia on the 18th day of July, 2025, praying for a change in the name of Petitioner from SHARILENA HARRIS to SHARON LENE HARRIS. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change within thirty (30) days of the filing of such Petition.

This the 6th day of August, 2025.

/s/
SHARILENA HARRIS

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

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 SCALES; 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 here 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 is 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

Forfeiture/Seizure

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

Probate Court Administration

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 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: 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

Probate Court Discharge

NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)

PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2024-ES-383
PETITION OF WILLIAM DOUGLAS BRADLEY FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF: BRENDA LAVADA BRADLEY

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before August 20, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

CITATION DATE: August 9, 2025
LEISA G. BLOUNT, PROBATE JUDGE
Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102

NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)

PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2024-ES-201
PETITION OF SUZANNE MICHELE PREVATTE FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF: BETTY CLAIRE PREVATTE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before August 20, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed

Probate Court Discharge

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

CITATION DATE: August 9, 2025
LEISA G. BLOUNT, PROBATE JUDGE
Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102

Public Sales/ Auctions

Notice of Public Sale Ledo Self Storage 1661 Ledo Rd. Albany, GA 31707 (229) 490-4960. Property of the following tenant(s) will be sold to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Georgia Code 10-4 -213 et seq for Georgia Lien 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 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 Keiondria 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 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: TRELLIS 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 SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Georgia Storage Facility Act. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Friday the 15th day of August, 2025 at 10:00 AM on Lockerfox.com. Said property is Store Space Albany - Gillonville, 1512 Gillonville Rd, Albany, GA, 31707 Kayentra M Johnson CC7 Home good misc items, Household Goods, Misc Items. Anthony Reddick AA15 Building Materials, Furniture, Misc Items. Sheena Lofton C07 Home goods , misc items. Peter Jones Jr B07 Home goods ... misc items. Marchello Crapps J11. Dexter Watson A12 Home goods , misc items. Sheena Lofton D14 Home hoods misc items. Larry Shivers CC34 . Fardyl Anthony 1016 Assorted Boxes & Totes, Household Goods, Misc Items, Furniture. Margaret Fillmore KK21 Assorted Boxes & Totes, Household Goods, Misc Items. Alicia Soliberry HH1 Assorted Boxes & Totes, Household Goods, Misc Items. Chandra I Welsey-Carr C20 Home good misc items. Felix F Bush CC6 Assorted Boxes & Totes, Furniture, Household Goods, Misc Items. Melissa Merritt CC9 Home good misc items, Assorted Boxes & Totes, Household Goods, Misc Items. Willie C Cutts DD23 Assorted Boxes & Totes, Household Goods, Misc Items. Tahler A Jones DD12 Home good misc items All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed

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within 48 hours of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

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#: 5NPD84LF3JH269051
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
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#: 4T1BF1FKXCUS56735
Vehicle License #: TFIJ4777 State: GA

Vehicle Make: HONDA Year : 2018 Model: HR-V LX Vehicle ID#: 3CZRUSH31JM722478
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 #: UNKNOWNN
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

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 801 Xavier Morris: Window Ac, outside storage box, misc kitchen items

Service by Publication

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF CURRY
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D-905-CV-2025-00177
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALIYAH LASHAY MONROE;
DONSHA BOYD as Managing Member of One Way Capital LLC, and ONE WAY CAPITAL LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
TO: Defendant(s) Aliyah Lashay Monroe, Donsha Boyd as Managing Member of One Way Capital, LLC and One Way Capital, LLC
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1624 Jonquil Park Dr., in the City of Clovis, New Mexico, more particularly described as: Lot Nineteen (19) in Block Four (4) of the JONQUIL PARK UNIT No. 1, to the City of Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico, as shown by the official recorded plat thereof.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1700 Louisiana Blvd. NE, #300, Albuquerque, NM 87110, (505) 248-2400.

Service by Publication

WITNESS the Honorable DREW D. TATUM, District Judge of the Ninth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Curry County, this 31ST day of July, 2025.

SHELLY BURGER
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Cherry Garza
Deputy

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
SYCAMORE 2022 TD, LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
CLARENCE BLAKELY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 10.0 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING A DRAINAGE AREA IN SOUTHWIND SUBDIVISION Defendants,
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2025000521

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

By Order for Service by Publication dated the 21st day of July 2025, you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of May 2025, Plaintiff filed suit again the Defendants *a Petition for Quia Timet Against all the World to Establish Title to Real Property*. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, TIMOTHY O. DAVIS, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication. WITNESS, the Honorable VICTORIA S. DARRISAW, Judge of this Superior Court. This 29th day of July 2025.

DEPUTY CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT
For: TIMOTHY O. DAVIS, Attorney for Plaintiff
Georgia State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
(229) 883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

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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 Wanika Ivey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF GEORGIA, LLC, its successors and assigns dated April 3, 2023, recorded in Deed Book 5076, Page 194, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 5208, Page 335, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$185,757.00), 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 September, 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.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC 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: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633.

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 Wanika Ivey or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **519n County Line Rd, 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.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Wanika Ivey

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Dougherty County,

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Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 2 of Shamrock Estates Subdivision, Phase 1, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 66 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-55), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia.

Being the same property conveyed to Grantor by instrument recorded on 02/02/2022 at Book 4935, Page 315-316 in the records of Dougherty County, from which instrument the above legal description was directly taken.

MR / KR September 2, 2025
Our file no. 25-18221GA-FT5

25-18221GA

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Raymond L Bradshaw and James B Coast to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Pinnacle Bank, its successors and assigns dated 7/9/2015 and recorded in Deed Book 4241 Page 195 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$101,938.00, 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 September 2, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the county of Dougherty, state of Georgia and being all of Lot 125, Crestwood subdivision being located in land Lot 231, 7th land district, as recorded in plat Book 3 Page 222 and 223 (Plat Cabinet 1, slide B-2) in the office of the clerk of superior court, 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 **6009 Jenkins 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 Raymond L Bradshaw and James B Coast or tenant or tenants.
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper
8950 Cypress Waters Blvd.
Coppell, TX 75019
1-888-480-2432

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

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

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Raymond L Bradshaw and James B Coast

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1006-1180A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1006-1180A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Sophia S Mars to SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. dated 5/22/2007 and recorded in Deed Book 3335 Page 258 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$75,008.00, 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 September 2, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:
ALL that tract or parcel of Land Lying and being in the City of Albany,

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Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot 9 and the East one-half of Lot 8 in Block 5 of Palmyra Heights Subdivision "B" according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 186 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-24), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Said described property having a frontage of 90 feet on the South side of Tift Avenue and extending back an even width of 210 feet, more or less, to an alley. 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 **910 Tift Avenue West, Albany, GA 31701** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Sophia S Mars or tenant or tenants.

Trust Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
Trust Bank Mortgage Loan Servicing P.O. Box 2467 Greenville, SC 29602-2467 1-800-827-3722

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

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

Georgia Housing and Finance Authority as agent and Attorney in Fact for Sophia S Mars

Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1207-1831A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1207-1831A

Notice of Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by MICHAEL WINN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS , dated 07/08/2022, and Recorded on 07/13/2022 as Book No. 4997 and Page No. 37 49, DOUGHERTY County, Georgia records, as last assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$173,910.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the DOUGHERTY County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2025, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS THAT PART OF LOT OF LAND NUMBER THIRTY NINE (39) ON TIFT STREET, IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT NUMBER THIRTY NINE (39) AND RUN EAST ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF TIFT STREET THE DISTANCE OF TEN (10) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN DUE NORTH ALONG THE LINE KNOWN NOW OR FORMERLY AS THE MCINTOSH TUCKER LINE THE DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET TO THE PUBLIC ALLEY; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SAID ALLEY THE DISTANCE OF NINETY FIVE (95) FEET; MORE OR LESS, TO THE LINE KNOWN NOW OR FORMERLY AS THE TARVER TUCKER LINE; THENCE SOUTH THE DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED TEN (210) FEET TO TIFT STREET; AND THENCE WEST ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID TIFT STREET THE DISTANCE OF NINETY FIVE (95) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH IS THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE MCINTOSH LOT AND THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TUCKER LOT AND WHICH IS AS AFORESAID TEN (10) FEET FROM THE SOUTLWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT NUMBER THIRTY NINE (39). THIS TRACT IS KNOWN AS 411 TIFT AVENUE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale,

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as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, 3043 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 200, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361, 866 549 3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **411 W TIFT AVE, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31701** is/are: MICHAEL WINN or tenant/tenants. 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 record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. T h e 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 nonjudicial 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 in the preceding paragraph. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for MICHAEL WINN. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010524254 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from TESSA YVONNE VAN TRECE to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., dated May 6, 2024, recorded May 9, 2024, in Deed Book 5189, Page 158, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$553,250.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BROADWAY AND MULBERRY STREETS; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH BROADWAY, 140 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY, 99 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH, 140 FEET TO A POINT LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET; THENCE WESTERLY, ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF MULBERRY STREET, 99 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY BEING PARTS OF LOTS 32 AND 34 ON MULBERRY STREET, IN EAST ALBANY, GEORGIA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 230 N BROADWAY ST, UNIT 201, ALBANY, GA 31705.

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is TESSA YVONNE VAN TRECE, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Bank of

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America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, Loss Mitigation Dept., 7105 Corporate Drive, Plano, TX 75024, Telephone Number: 800-846-2222. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for TESSA YVONNE VAN TRECE

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

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and TERRILEA D STRAWDER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER, dated August 17, 2001, recorded September 10, 2001, in Deed Book 2276, Page 105, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Seventy-Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$76,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Elizon Master Participation Trust I, U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 124 IN SHERWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 215, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **2307 12TH AVENUE, ALBANY, GA 31707.**

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JOHNNY L STRAWDER, TERRILEA D STRAWDER, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS AT LAW OF TERRILEA D STRAWDER, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 1600 South Douglass Road Suite 200A, Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone Number: 800-561-4567. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

ELIZON MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST I, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS OWNER TRUSTEE as Attorney in Fact for JOHNNY L STRAWDER, TERRILEA D STRAWDER

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

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. CMS-25-02982-1 Ad Run Dates 08/09/2025, 08/16/2025, 08/23/2025, 08/30/2025

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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

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31707. Please be governed accordingly. Please publish July 26, August 2, 9, and 16, 2025.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Clinton Shaw to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Colony Bank, dated September 16, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 5229, Page 333, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to PHH Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on April 4, 2025 in Book 5284 Page 170 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand and 0/100 dollars (\$228,000.00), 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 September 2, 2025, the following described property:

All of Lot No. 88 and the East one half of Lot No. 87 of the Addition to Hedrick Park Subdivision according to a plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 21 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-40), in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and property being known as 1505 Fourth Avenue according to the present system of numbering in the City of Albany.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PHH Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at 1-800-750-2518 for Loss Mitigation Dept. or by writing to 1661 Worthington Rd., Ste. 100, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Clinton Shaw or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 1505 West Fourth Ave, Albany, GA 31707.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

PHH Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Clinton Shaw.

Brock & Scott, PLLC 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Suite 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S file no.: 25-19139

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Donald Spidahl and Patricia Spidahl to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated August 18, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 5117, Page 201, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment recorded on February 10, 2025 in Book 5268 Page 305 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven and 0/100 dollars (\$422,497.00), 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 September 2, 2025, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 6 in the Second Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 30 of McCall Place Subdivision, Section Two, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Cabinet 1D, Slide 18-F, 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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Planet Home Lending, LLC they can be contacted at 866-882-8187 for Loss Mitigation Dept. or by writing to 10 Research

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Parkway, Suite 2, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Donald Spidahl and Patricia Spidahl or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **2700 Mccall Ct, Albany, GA 31721.**

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

Planet Home Lending, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Donald Spidahl and Patricia Spidahl.

Brook & Scott, PLLC 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Suite 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S file no.: 25-19646

NOTICE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE SALE

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on June 3, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 104, Columbia Acres Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000593 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of September, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (September 2, 2025), to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and being a part of Lot 104 of Columbia Acres Subdivision, a plat of said subdivision being recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 254 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-32), in the Dougherty County, Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Office, said property being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of said Lot 104 which corner is the northwest intersection of the Moultrie Highway (State Highway No. 133) and Van Daman Street in said County, and from said point go north in the west margin of Van Daman Street which is the east line of said Lot 104, 95 feet to a point; go thence in a westerly direction parallel to the north line of Lot 104 a distance of 75 feet to a point; go thence north parallel to the west margin of Van Daman Street and the east line of said Lot 104, a distance of 10 feet to a point, go thence west parallel to the north line of Lot 104 a distance of 125 feet to the west line of said Lot 104; go thence south along the west line of said Lot 104, 105 feet to a point on the north margin of said Moultrie Highway (State Highway No. 133); go thence along the north margin of the Moultrie Highway (State Highway No. 133) 200 feet to the point of beginning. Known as **731 Moultrie Road, Albany, GA.** Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: 731 Moultrie Road, Albany, Georgia Tax Parcel ID # 00001/00031/030. Current Owner: Zion Pure Life Church.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2009 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Shonna Colley Josey, Dougherty County Tax Director and Ex Officio Sheriff

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RTL1 ("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-RTL1, 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-RTL1, 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 September 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.

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

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Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RTL1 ("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-RTL1, 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-RTL1, 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 September 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-RTL1 as Attorney-in-Fact for WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC

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NOTICE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE SALE

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on June 3, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 105, Columbia Acres Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000592 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of September, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (September 2, 2025), to wit: All of Lot No. 105 of Columbia Acres Subdivision, as per plat of Columbia Acres recorded in Clerk's Office, Dougherty County, Georgia, in Plat Book 1, Page 254 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-32), EXCEPT portion of said lot located at the southwest corner of said lot sixty (60) feet in width fronting on Georgia Highway 133 (Moultrie Road) and extending back an equal width along the west side of said lot one hundred twenty-five (125) feet, there being located on the excepted portion a dwelling identified as 715 Moultrie Road, Dougherty County, Georgia.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: **719 Moultrie Road,**

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Albany, Georgia Tax Parcel ID # 00001/00031/29A. Current Owner: Zion Pure Life Church. The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2009 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Shonna Colley Josey, Dougherty County Tax Director and Ex Officio Sheriff

NOTICE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE SALE

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on June 3, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 41, Dixie Heights Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000430 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of September, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (September 2, 2025), to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 266 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being part of Lot 41 of Dixie Heights Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 73 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-10), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the most northern corner of said Lot 41 and run thence southeasterly along the northeasterly line of said Lot 41 a distance of 141.4 feet to a point; run thence southwesterly on a line parallel to the northwesterly line of said Lot 41 a distance of 162.3 feet to a point; run thence northwesterly on a line parallel with the northwesterly line of said Lot 41, which line is the southeasterly line of a twenty-six (26) foot alley; run thence northwesterly along the northwesterly line of said Lot 41 and along the southeasterly line of said alley a distance of 162.3 feet to the point of beginning; said property being the same property described in deed from Carl Smith to G. W. Ivey, in Deed Book 154, Page 323, Dougherty County land records.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: **107 Moultrie Road, Albany, Georgia** Tax Parcel ID # 00001/00012/20A. Current Owner: Jack B. Folk. The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2015 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner

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Albany, Georgia Tax Parcel ID # 00001/00012/20A. Current Owner: Jack B. Folk.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2015 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE SALE

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on June 3, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 13, Block 23, Rawson Circle Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000428 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of September, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (September 2, 2025), to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being Lot 13, Block 23 of Rawson Circle Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 242, Dougherty County, Georgia records. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference

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number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: **622 Eighth Avenue, Albany, Georgia** Tax Parcel ID # 00077/00014/017. Current Owner: Cymone Poitier. The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2018 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Shonna Colley Josey, Dougherty County Tax Director and Ex Officio Sheriff

NOTICE OF IN REM FORECLOSURE SALE

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on June 3, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 36, River Road Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000427 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of September, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (September 2, 2025), to wit: All of a certain tract or parcel herein described the same being a part of and contained in Lot 36 of Old River Road Subdivision of Land Lot 338 of the 1st Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia. The tract is located near the southeast corner of said Lot 36 and more particularly is located from the southeast corner of said Lot 36 by going west along south line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 100 feet to a point of beginning then continue west along the south line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 100 feet to a point then go parallel with the east line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 135 feet, then run parallel to the south line of said lot a distance of 100 feet then south parallel with the east line of Lot 36 135 feet to the point of beginning. All of a certain tract or parcel herein described the same being a part of and contained in Lot 36 of the Old River Road Subdivision of Land Lot 338 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia located near the southeast corner of said Lot 36 and particularly located from the southeast corner of said Lot 36 going west along the south line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 100 feet to a point of beginning then continue west along the south line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 100 feet to a point then north parallel with the east line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 135 feet to a point, then west parallel with the south line of said Lot 36 a distance of 100 feet along the south parallel with the east line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 135 feet to a point, then west parallel with the south line of said Lot 36 a distance of 100 feet along the south parallel with the east line of the said Lot 36 a distance of 135 feet to the point of beginning. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: **620 Nelson Avenue, Albany, Georgia** Tax Parcel ID # 00012/00002/025. Current Owner: Louis G. McArthur.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2018 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Shonna Colley Josey, Dougherty County Tax Director and Ex Officio Sheriff</

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County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2025, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in part of Land Lot 230 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a point where the east land lot line of said Land Lot 230 crosses the north right-of-way of Sylvester Road (East Broad Avenue) and run thence west a distance of 210 feet to the west line of what was formerly known as the Wilder land; thence continue west a distance of 105 feet to the Point of Beginning, and from this Point of Beginning go west along the north right-of-way of the Sylvester Road (East Broad Avenue) a distance of 75 feet to a point; go thence north a distance of 225 feet to a point; go thence east parallel to the north right-of-way of the Sylvester Road (East Broad Avenue) 75 feet to a point; go thence south a distance of 225 feet to the Point of Beginning, on which is located a frame dwelling designated as the Dr. C.R. McKemie building at 1507 E. Broad Avenue.

The subject property is commonly known as **1507 E. Broad Avenue, Albany, Georgia.**

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

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

The person or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtors is Lakeshica Harris. 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 parties in possession of the property are Shianna Scruggs and Antwan Scruggs or a tenant or tenants.

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

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on June 3, 2025, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 59, Rolling Acres Subdivision Extension, et al, Case No. SUCV2025000429 Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of September, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (September 2, 2025), to wit: Lot 59 of Rolling Acres Subdivision Extension according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 213 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: **2912 Thrasher Avenue, Albany, Georgia** Tax Parcel ID # 00311/00001/034. Current Owner: Letitia Ann Watson. The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2021 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist. SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, Dougherty County Tax Director, Petitioner
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement dated June 29, 2015, given by Sowega Financial Services,

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LLC (hereinafter, "Grantor") to DOCO Credit Union, as recorded on July 6, 2015 in Deed Book 4233, Page 126, Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia records, as modified by that certain Modification Agreement – Security Deed by and between Sowega Financial Services, LLC and Georgia's Own Credit Union dated June 3, 2021, recorded June 14, 2021, in Deed Book 4846, Page 89, Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia records, and as modified by that certain Modification Agreement – Security Deed by and between Sowega Financial Services, LLC and Georgia's Own Credit Union dated July 19, 2022, recorded July 27, 2022 in Deed Book 5002, Page 110, Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia (hereinafter collectively, the "Security Deed"), with said Security Deed having been given to secure that certain Promissory Note dated August 28, 2019 in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$219,287.25) and to secure that certain Commercial Promissory Note Renewal dated July 19, 2022 in the original principal amount of Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Three and 72/100 Dollars (\$57,993.72) (hereinafter, collectively the "Notes").

There will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Dougherty County, Georgia within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the following described property (hereinafter, the "Property"):

All that tract or parcel of land lying in Land Lot 373 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 21 and the west one-half (1/2) of Lot 20 in Block E of Wildcross (Wilder's Crossing) Subdivision, according to plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page A-25 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-25, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said Property as referred to in the Security Deed and any exhibits thereto.

Being improved property known as **1135 Gillionville Road, Albany, Georgia 31707.**

The debt secured by the above Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of defaults, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due in the manner provided in the Notes and Security Deed. The debt described herein remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said debt and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including reasonable attorney's fees, as provided for therein.

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The above-described Property will be sold subject to outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable), matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the above-referenced Security Deed. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, equitable title to the Property is held by Grantor and Grantor has possession of the Property.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Notes and Security Deed is: Georgia's Own Credit Union, Attn: Marla Anderson Smith, P.O. Box 105205, Atlanta, Georgia 30348, telephone number: (470) 754-7228.

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 by the holder of the Security Deed.

Georgia's Own Credit Union, successor by merger to DOCO Credit Union, as Agent and Attorney in Fact for Sowega Financial Services, LLC

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ACROSS
1 Rank denied to Anakin Skywalker
11 Pollutants phased out by the Montreal Protocol, for short
15 "Count me in!"
16 Baseball dynasty name
17 Game whose object is to get lots of hits
18 Gamer who lacks game
19 1971 cult classic
20 Startles
22 Celeb gossip site
25 Story that may remain unfinished
27 Spine-tingling
28 Treats
30 "What a bore!"
32 "Wanna ___?"
33 "___ Vep?": HBO miniseries
34 Crispy kosher snack
36 Clouds of gas and dust
38 "They'll never catch me!"
40 Debate figure
42 Layered sandwich
43 Actor Chaney
44 Blacksmith garb
45 "Paul Bunyan" librettist
46 ___ coffee
48 Networks, for short
50 Fr. holy title
51 Some adoptees
53 One of the three R's
55 Duck out early
56 Unlikely to show mercy
61 "Balladz" poet Sharon
62 Tale that may be told with a fire in one's eyes
63 On a cruise
64 Easy wins for presidential candidates, often

DOWN
1 Actor Parsons
2 Evian, e.g.
3 Private convos
4 Mother of Horus
5 Drinks made from two kinds of beans
6 Rockie start?
7 Takes a turn
8 Part of a nomad's lifestyle, perhaps
9 Work unit
10 Some classic cars
11 ___ Journey: annual event for Pacific Northwest Indigenous peoples
12 They may be swept under the rug
13 Need for one who's rolling in dough?
14 Part of the whole
21 "The Hunger Games" boy
22 Scarce
23 They're only human
24 Hockey fan's intermission experience, perhaps
26 Sound track?
29 Credit
31 Noise made while curling one's fingers, perhaps
34 Tombstone name

35 Dynasty before the Qin
37 ___ Law: human rights measure named for the third-longest-serving U.S. senator
39 Top-notch
41 Place for kidding around at home?
43 Capital city in Provincia da Estremadura

45 One of 3,234 for Sue Bird
47 Verde or roja topping
49 Boston university
52 [Not this again!]
54 Spanish pronoun
57 Density symbol, in physics
58 Threenager, e.g.
59 Bard's before
60 Start to function?

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

"EXCHANGE" BY AMANDA COOK

ACROSS
1 Times up
7 Brightest star in the constellation
11 Look (like)
15 Bowler or boater
18 Vegetable in some cakes
19 "Pronto!"
20 ___ dish
21 Futbol cheer
22 Student council leader with demanding
25 Accessory that may match a prom date's dress
26 Wistful exhalation
27 Coffee or tea
28 Mauna
29 From days past
31 First name in cosmetics
33 Drama at the salon?
37 Fuming
40 Purple bloom
42 Mailing
44 Skater Harding
46 Desktop feature since Windows 95
49 "Halt all Acela trains immediately!"
54 Nice one
55 Fashion
56 Landmark Obama legislation, initially
57 Kodiak, for one
58 Fruit soda created by Coca-Cola
60 Before, poetically
61 Bonfire remnants
62 Confide in
64 Shimmering threads
65 Wizard at converting spreadsheets to PDF?
69 Selling points?
72 Comes by honestly
73 UFO pilots
74 "Harriet the ___": kid-lit classic
77 Himalayan country
78 Like an underwater plant
79 Stick-back product

80 Item removed at a TSA checkpoint
81 Raw bar bed
82 Spending one's days reading philosophy and meditating?
87 Put into words
90 Spud
91 Cookies that may be crumbled to make cheesecake crust
92 Claims
95 Warble
97 Wetland
98 Shocking article proving the conspiracy theory that birds aren't real?
101 Like sardines
103 Henhouse perch
104 ___ for the course
105 Croft of "Tomb Raider"
106 Marcel Duchamp genre
110 Be in debt
111 Status of an unexpectedly viral research study?
117 Spoil
118 Cherish
119 Connection
120 Warm-up for a headline
121 Walk-___
122 Vent
123 Software issues
124 Cozy eatery

DOWN
1 King toppers
2 Hailed ride
3 Gloat
4 Perfect example
5 Kiddo
6 Period of work
7 Inking
8 "First Take" network
9 Needle-nosed fish
10 Donkey Kong, e.g.
11 Steady and measured
12 Le Tour de France saison
13 Sea eagle
14 Cell division process
15 Ball Park Franks holders
16 Stitch, for one
17 Many first-year students
20 Jetties
23 "The Great British Baking Show" co-host
24 Fielding
24 Hit the slopes
30 "The Legend of Zelda" protagonist
32 Ticket assignment
33 Concerto instrument
34 HP competitor
35 "It's open!"
36 Secrecy docs
37 Words before and after "hi, I'm the problem" in Taylor Swift's "Anti-Hero"
38 Brake disc
39 Battery part
41 Easygoing
45 Premieres
47 Stake
48 Genuine

50 Shed fasteners
51 Cavern effect
52 Casual band practice
53 Puerto Rican rescue mutt
58 Needs no tailoring
59 Whichever
61 Skating jump
62 La Brea attraction
63 Cry in a horror film
64 IMDb search result
65 Pitching stat
66 Bride part
67 Doctoral regalia
68 Utah's Capitol
69 Scissors sound
70 Bay Area industry
71 Donizetti devotees
74 More demure
75 Tops that might have popped collars
76 "I'm embarrassed for you"
78 Mantel

79 The Go-Go's and the Bangles
80 Is on both sides of
82 Hammer end
83 Distillery drums
84 Raison d'___
85 Fragrant neckwear
86 Not all
88 Sudsy pitfalls
89 Tiny track racer
93 Connoisseur
94 Garden shovel
96 Peerage member
98 Film trailer, e.g.
99 Sioux City citizen
100 Sphere
102 Bigwig
105 Pine (for)
107 "It ___ over till it's over"
108 Skittish forest creature
109 Prefix with futurism
112 Wyo. neighbor
113 Freight weight
114 Recede
115 Both Y's in IYKYK
116 Fixing with Pen

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- ADVENTURE
- BARBECUE
- BIRTHDAY
- BOARD GAMES
- CAMPING
- CELEBRATION
- DANCE
- GAME
- HIKING
- LAUGHTER
- LOVE
- MEMORIES
- MOVIE
- PARK
- PICNIC
- PLAY
- PUZZLE
- ROAD TRIP
- SEASIDE
- SWIMMING
- TOGETHER
- VACATION

What to watch SATURDAY

August 9, 2025

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

NFL Preseason Football

NFL Network, beginning at 1 p.m. Live

Three NFL preseason Week 1 matchups air on NFL Network today with the N.Y. Giants at the Buffalo Bills, the Houston Texans at the Minnesota Vikings and the N.Y. Jets at the Green Bay Packers.

Finding Faith

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Struck by the sudden death of her husband, Faith (Paula Patton) spirals out of control and loses her trust in God. But with the unwavering support of her family, pastor and close friends, Faith starts to find her way out of the darkness and into the light, rebuilding her life one step at a time. The film also stars Loretta Devine.



NFL Preseason Football

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Svengoolie Classic Horror & Sci-Fi Movie

MeTV, 8 p.m.

Sven introduces the 1935 Universal monster movie classic *Werewolf of London*, starring Henry Hull as a botanist who travels to Tibet in search of a rare flower. He obtains it, but unfortunately also brings something else back home to London with him after he is attacked and bitten by a werewolf – a curse that causes him to now transform into a beast when the moon is full.

American Prince: JFK Jr.

CNN, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

The remarkable life and legacy of John F.

Kennedy Jr. are explored in this three-part series. It traces his early years, marked by his father’s assassination and the societal and familial pressures to carry the Kennedy torch, through his decision to create *George*, a new kind of political magazine within the rapidly evolving media landscape of the 1990s. It also reveals the love story he shared with Carolyn Bessette, which was relentlessly targeted by media attention.

Naming the Dead

Nat Geo, 10 p.m.

For 38 years, the identity of a Texas murder victim has been a mystery. Now, police are teaming up with the DNA Doe Project to find out who she was in the new episode “A Box of Bones.”

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



‘The Flash’

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To Barcelona, Forever (2025, Romance) Alison Sweeney, Miguel Brocca **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

The Bourne Legacy (2012, Action) Jeremy Renner, Rachel Weisz **SYFY, 7 p.m.**

Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd **E!, 7:30 p.m.**

The Bourne Supremacy (2004, Action) Matt Damon, Franka Potente **AMC, 7:30 p.m.**

Big Daddy (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams **Comedy Central, 8 p.m.**

Mom, Dad and Her (2008, Drama) Melora Hardin, Paul McGillion **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Night School (2018, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish **BET, 8 p.m.**

The Flash (2023, Action) Ezra Miller, Sasha Calle **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Monster-in-Law (2005, Romance-comedy) Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda **Bravo, 9:30 p.m.**

Captain America: Civil War (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. **FX, 10 p.m.**

Stepmom From Hell (2024, Suspense) Lexi Giovagnoli, Lorenzo Lamas **LMN, 10 p.m.**

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Elizabeth Taylor

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

Screen legend Elizabeth Taylor’s big-screen heyday from the mid 1940s through the ’60s is well represented with the mix of 11 titles airing today as part of Turner Classic Movies’ Summer Under the Stars. The lineup starts out with a couple of films Taylor made as a child/teen star: **National Velvet** (1944), also featuring Mickey Rooney and Best Supporting Actress Oscar winner Anne Revere, and **A Date With Judy (pictured)**, a 1948 musical romantic comedy based on the radio series of the same name, also

starring Wallace Beery and Jane Powell. These are followed by some of her earlier “adult” performances, in **The Girl Who Had Everything** (1953), a romantic drama costarring Fernando Lamas and William Powell in one of his final roles; **Father’s Little Dividend** (1951), the sequel to the hit 1950 comedy *Father of the Bride*, with Taylor, Spencer Tracy and Joan Bennett reprising their roles; and the historical adventure epic **Ivanhoe** (1952), also featuring Robert Taylor and Joan Fontaine. The rest of the day features Taylor favorites from the late ’50s through late ’60s when she had become a well-established star. There are the dramas **Raintree County** (1957) and the Best Picture-nominated **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** (1958), which earned Taylor consecutive Best Actress nominations, followed by



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four of her 11 collaborations with on-again, off-again husband Richard Burton – **The Taming of the Shrew** (1967), which saw the power couple earning BAFTA Award acting nominations as Kate and Petruchio in Franco Zeffirelli’s take on the Shakespeare classic; the comedy/drama **The V.I.P.s** (1963); the drama **The Sandpiper** (1965); and the political drama **The Comedians** (1967).



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What to watch SUNDAY

August 10, 2025

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NFL Preseason Football

NFL Network, beginning at 1 p.m. Live

NFL Network's coverage of live NFL preseason games continues today with the Miami Dolphins at the Chicago Bears and the New Orleans Saints at the L.A. Chargers.

NASCAR Cup Series: Go Bowling at The Glen

USA Network, 2 p.m. Live

The 2.45-mile road course at New York's Watkins Glen International has Kyle Larson, Chase Elliott, Tyler Reddick, Denny Hamlin and more of the Cup Series' best drivers in action for 90 laps.

The Chicken Sisters

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Season 2 of the hit drama series following two dueling fried chicken restaurants and their families will begin tonight, with Schuy-



'The Chicken Sisters'

KAILEY SCHWERMANN

ler Fisk, Genevieve Angelson, Lea Thompson and Wendie Malick reprising their roles and David James Elliott joining the cast.

WWE's Greatest Moments

A&E, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The popular wrestling series is back with new episodes offering fans a chance to count down the most iconic events in WWE history. Hosted by legendary play-by-play announcer Michael Cole, each half-hour episode will

feature WWE Superstars and Legends and highlight unforgettable moments from some of the biggest events in WWE history.

The Gilded Age

HBO, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale

The period drama chronicling the conflict between old and new in New York City's Gilded Age concludes its third season with "My Mind Is Made Up." Carrie Coon, Christine Baranski and Cynthia Nixon star.

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Clark Gable

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

William Clark Gable, once known (and probably still known by many) as the King of Hollywood thanks to his dashing good looks and amazing onscreen presence and talent, will be featured in today's Summer Under the Stars lineup with 12 of his memorable films. Among the highlights, of course, is **It Happened One Night (pictured)**, the iconic 1934 screwball comedy that is one of only three movies to have swept the "Big Five" Oscar categories. Along with Gable's Best Actor win, the film

took home Best Picture, Best Director (Frank Capra), Best Actress (Claudette Colbert) and Best Writing, Adaptation (Robert Riskin). Gable also earned a Best Actor nomination — as did his costars, Charles Laughton and Franchot Tone — in another classic airing today: the Best Picture-winning historical adventure/drama **Mutiny on the Bounty** (1935). Also of note today are two of the six films in which Gable appeared with Jean Harlow, the adventure drama **China Seas** (1935) and the romantic comedy **Wife vs. Secretary** (1936), also with Myrna Loy; another romantic adventure drama, John Ford's **Mogambo** (1953), also featuring Best Actress nominee Ava Gardner and Best Supporting Actress nominee Grace Kelly; the Western **Lone Star** (1952), which also stars Gardner; **Teacher's Pet** (1958), also with Doris Day, Best Supporting Actor nom-



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inee Gig Young and Mamie Van Doren; and director John Huston's modern-day Western **The Misfits** (1961), featuring both Gable and Marilyn Monroe in their final completed film roles before their deaths.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



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Finding Faith (2025, Drama) Paula Patton, Nadine Velazquez **Life-time, 6 p.m.**

The 27-Hour Day (2021, Romance) Autumn Reeser, Andrew Walker **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

The Princess Bride (1987, Children) Cary Elwes, Robin Wright **BBC America, 6:30 p.m.**

Twister (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton **AMC, 6:30 p.m.**

Mamma Mia! (2008, Musical comedy) Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan **CW, 7:30 p.m.**

The Goonies (1985, Family) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin **CMT, 7:30 p.m.**

Avengers: Infinity War (2018, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth **FX, 8 p.m.**

John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist **SYFY, 8 p.m.**

The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman **E!, 8:30 p.m.**

Two Tickets to Paradise (2022, Romance-comedy) Ashley Williams, Ryan Paevey **Hallmark, 9 p.m.**

Gremlins (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galigan, Phoebe Cates **CMT, 10 p.m.**

Ghost (1990, Fantasy) Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore **VH1, 11 p.m.**

The Hangover Part II (2011, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms **TBS, 11:30 p.m.**

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What to watch MONDAY

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Irish Blood

Acorn TV ■ New Series

Alicia Silverstone headlines and produces this six-part murder mystery. She stars as an aggressive attorney named Fiona, who is scarred by a father who abandoned her and her mother on her 10th birthday. After years of channeling anger toward him, to the benefit of her litigious clients, she receives a message from him that sends her on a whirlwind investigation in Ireland. There she learns key truths about her father (played by Jason O'Mara), as well as a family she didn't even know existed, but ultimately, that her story of abandonment was all a lie intended to protect her and her mother from her father's shady business dealings. Now she's on a path to uncover the full truth about her father and reconnect with the parent she only thought she knew.



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The Madame Blanc Mysteries

Acorn TV ■ Season Finale

In the Season 4 finale, "Where Eagles Dare," when local man Jovan (Danny Hatchard) is attacked after trying to sell a rare trinket, Jean (Sally Lindsay) looks for the perpetrator while also trying to resolve her failing relationship with Dom (Steve Edge). Meanwhile, Otto (Mat Laroche), a regular at the bar, retaliates against Patrick (Tony Robinson).

Marvel's Iron Man and His Awesome Friends

Disney Jr., 8:30 a.m. ■ New Series

The first animated Iron Man preschool series follows the adventures of best friends and super geniuses as they work together to protect their city. The voice cast features Mason Blomberg as Tony Stark (Iron Man), Kapri Ladd as Riri Williams (Ironheart), Aidyn Ahn as Amadeus Cho (Iron Hulk), Tony Hale as Ultron, Vanessa Bayer as Swarm and Talon Warburton as Absorbing Man.

American Ninja Warrior

NBC, 8 p.m.

The finals continue 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 pole grasper, floating monkey bars and piston plunge.

A Killer Among Friends

Investigation Discovery, 10 p.m.

In "Secrets to Reveal," best friends take a girls' trip before applying to grad school. When one of them doesn't make it home, everyone wonders what happened to Michele Carson in Vegas. As the stakes continue to rise, sharing long-hidden secrets may be the only chance at justice.

Survival Mode

NBC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode "Fort Worth Pileup," a brutal winter freeze turns a Texas highway into a deadly trap, where drivers and first responders fight to survive a massive, fast-moving pileup.

CATCH A CLASSIC

2025 Summer Under the Stars: Glenda Farrell

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

Famed for her portrayal of smart, sassy and wisecracking blondes during the classic Hollywood era, Glenda Farrell will be seen in plenty of those roles during today's 17-film Summer Under the Stars lineup. Several of the titles feature Farrell in her signature role as Torchy Blane, a daring reporter who Superman cocreator Jerry Siegel credited as being the inspiration for Lois Lane. Farrell played the character in seven of the nine *Torchy Blane* mystery movies made between 1937 and 1939, and all of them will be seen today: **Smart Blonde** (1936), **Fly Away Baby** (1937), **The Adventurous Blonde** (1937), **Blondes at Work** (1938), **Torchy Gets Her Man** (1938), 1939's **Torchy Blane in Chinatown** (pictured) and **Torchy Runs for Mayor** (1939). Non-Torchy highlights



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led by Farrell today include **Little Caesar** (1931), the gangster classic starring Edward G. Robinson, which marked Farrell's first credited role; **We're in the Money** (1935), a romantic comedy that was the third of five Warner Bros. films pairing Farrell and Joan Blondell as a blond bombshell comedy duo; **Gold Diggers of 1937** (1936), a musical also featuring Blondell, as well as Dick Powell, with musical numbers by Busby Berkeley; and **I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang** (1932), the Best Picture Oscar-nominated crime drama that paired Farrell with Best Actor nominee Paul Muni.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



20TH CENTURY STUDIOS

Girls Trip (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah **E!, 6 p.m.**

National Lampoon's Vacation (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo **AMC, 6 p.m.**

Stand by Me (1986, Comedy-drama) Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix **BBC America, 6:30 p.m.**

Gladiator (2000, Historical drama) Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix **Paramount, 8 p.m.**

Love & Jane (2024, Romance) Alison Sweeney, Benjamin Ayres **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Prey (2022, Action) Amber Midthunder, Dane DiLiegro **FX, 8 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019, Action) Tom Holland, Samuel L. Jackson **Freeform, 8 p.m.**

Uncle Buck (1989, Comedy) John Candy, Amy Madigan **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Girls Trip (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah **E!, 8:30 p.m.**

WarGames (1983, Suspense) Matthew Broderick, Dabney Coleman **BBC America, 8:30 p.m.**

I Know What You Did Last Summer (1997, Horror) Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sarah Michelle Gellar **VH1, 10 p.m.**

Prey (2022, Action) Amber Midthunder, Dane DiLiegro **FX, 10 p.m.**

Django Unchained (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz **Paramount, 11:30 p.m.**

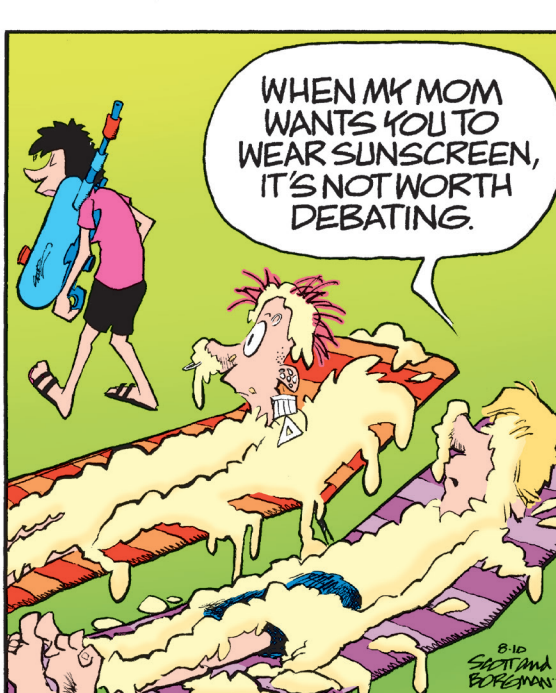
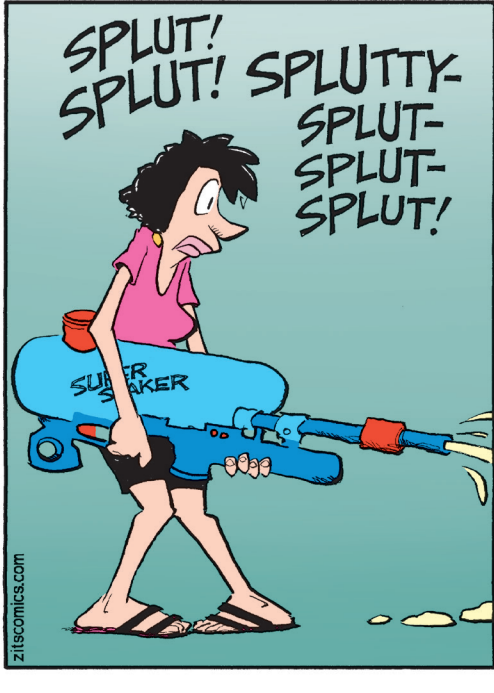
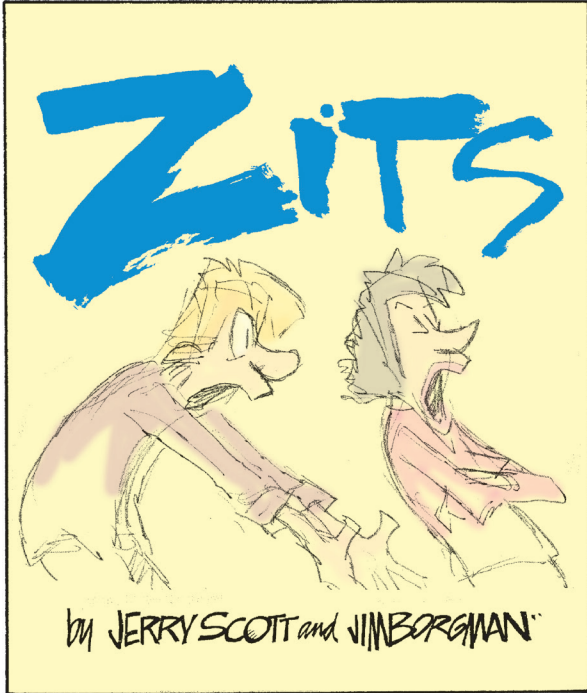
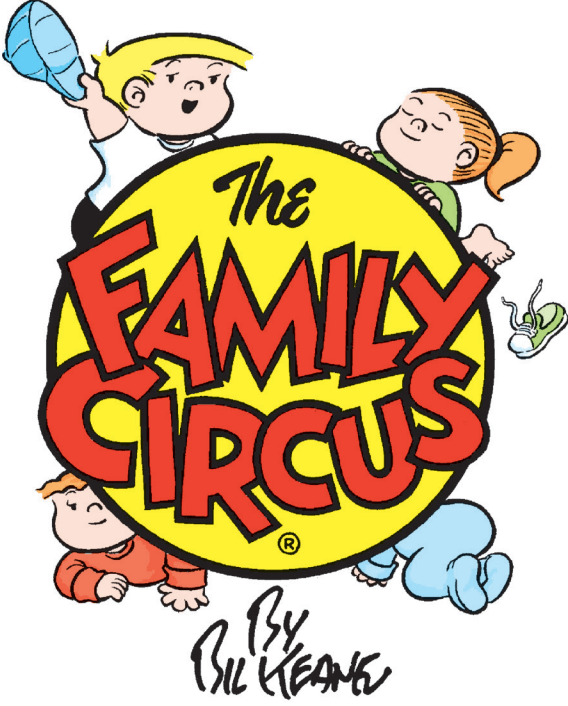
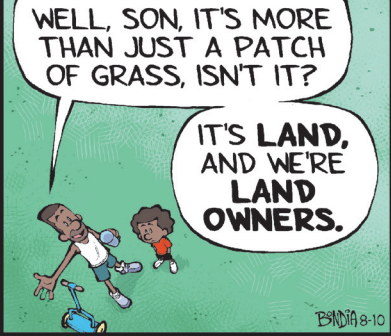
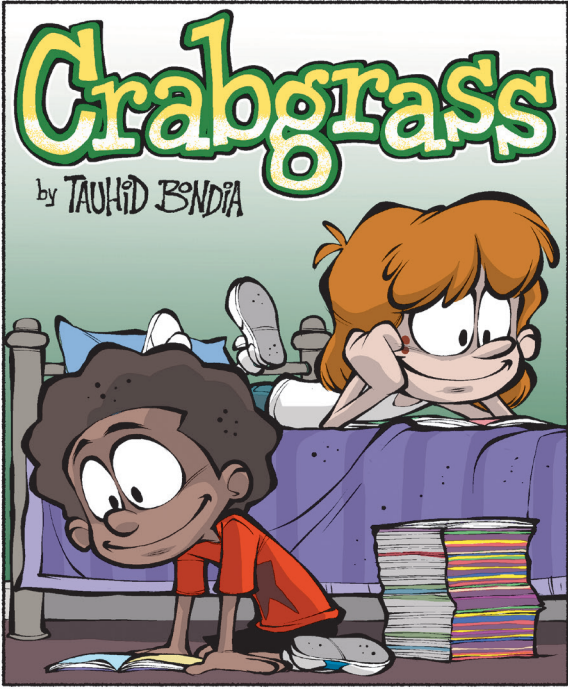
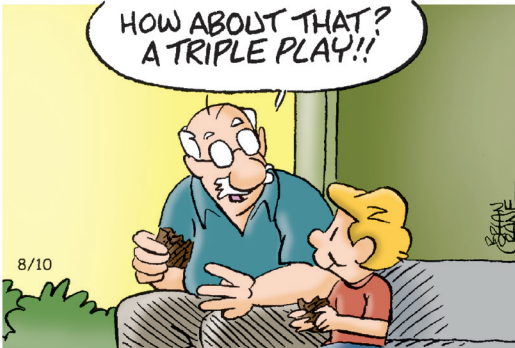
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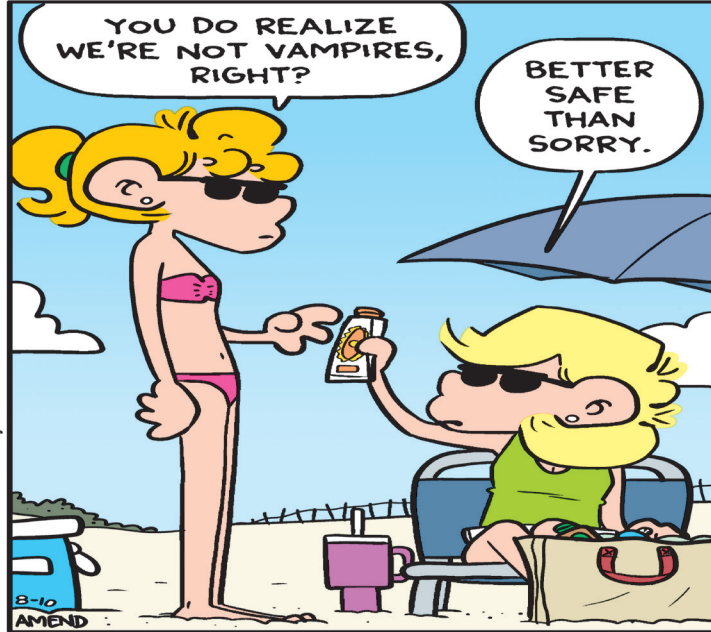
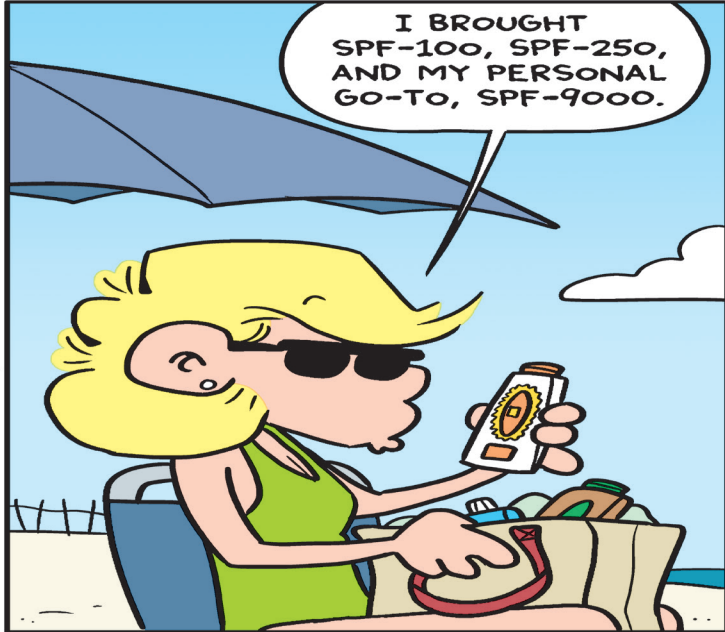
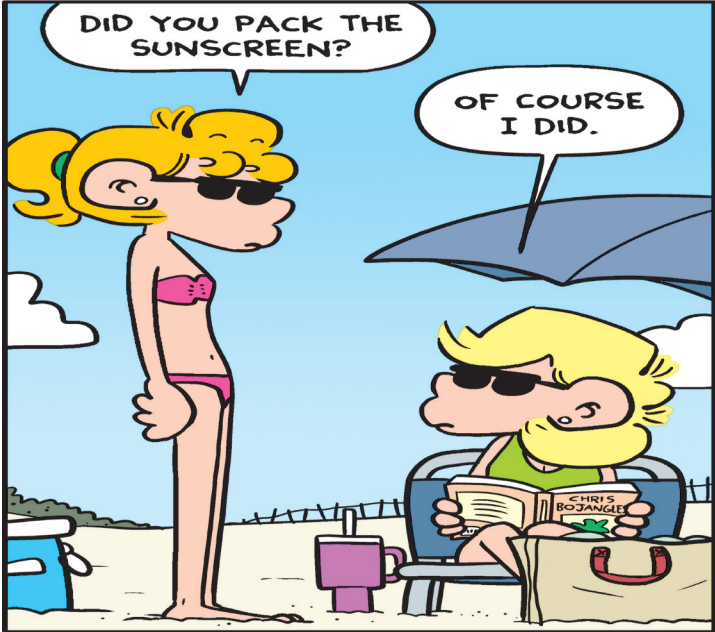
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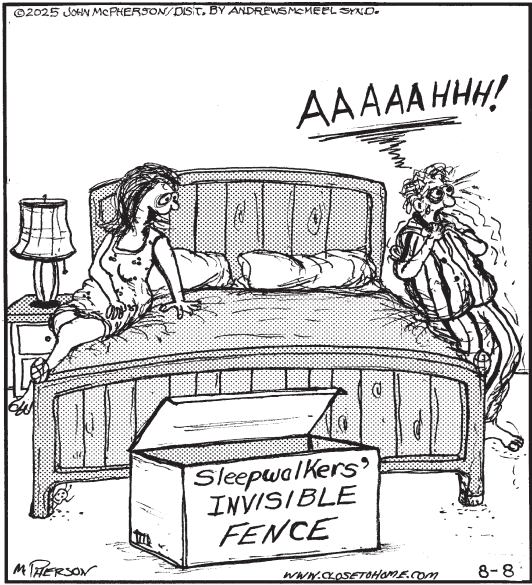


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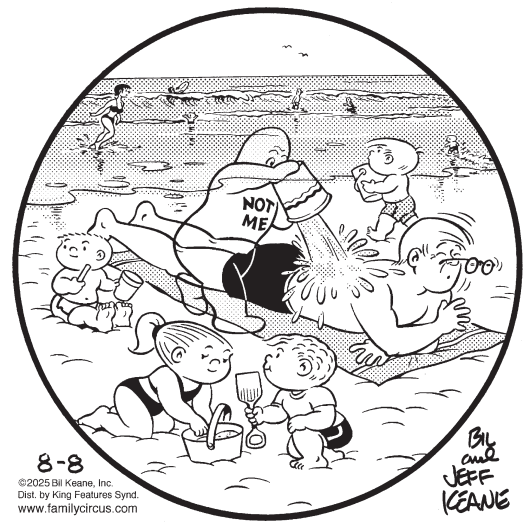


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"Isn't that great? Now if you start to wander in your sleep, the collar will wake you and keep you from hurting yourself!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



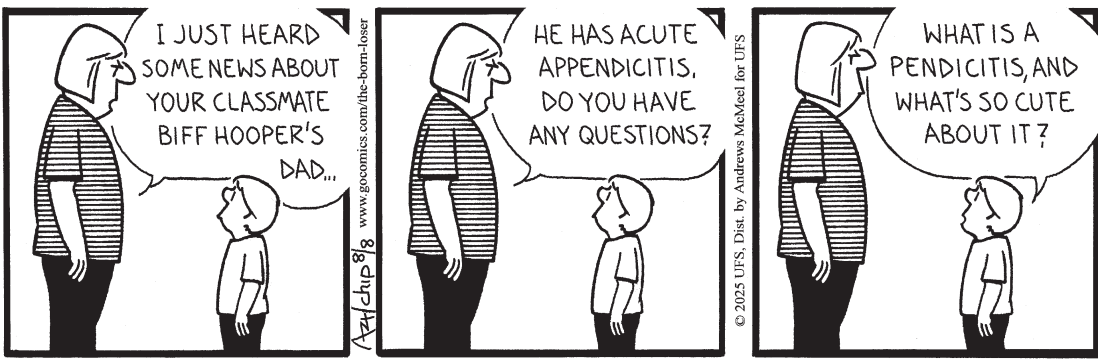
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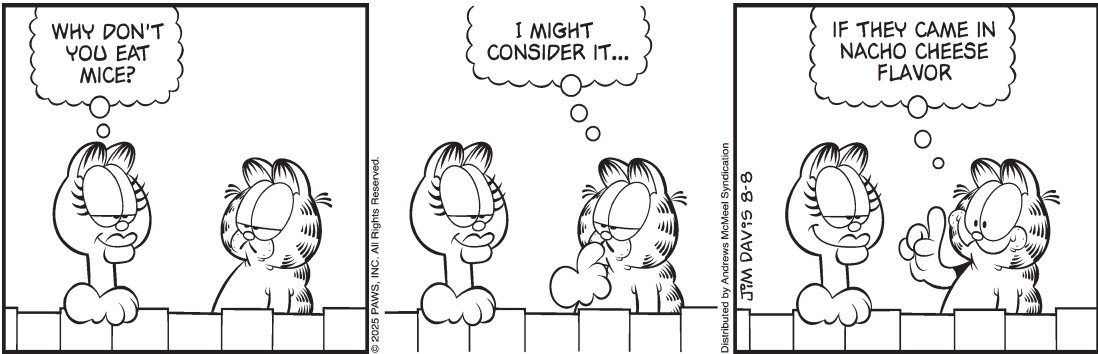
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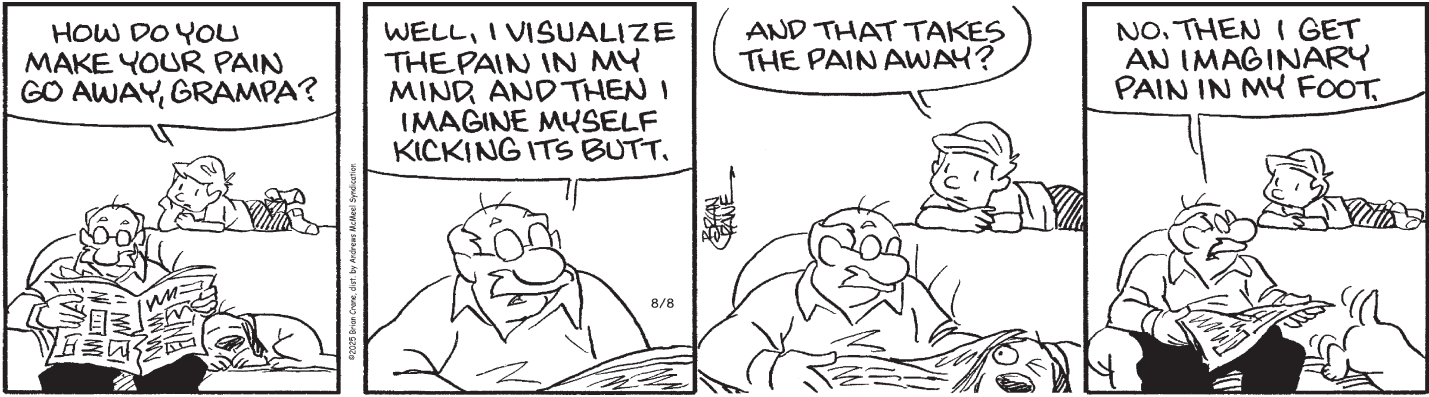
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

Quarterback

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

- ACROSS**
- 1 Blush wine
 - 5 Howling canine
 - 9 [She said what!?!]
 - 13 Loot
 - 14 Geometry calculation
 - 15 Harmonizer, often
 - 16 3D film?
 - 19 Buffoons
 - 20 Some ER pros
 - 21 Soprano's part, usually
 - 22 Hairy Addams cousin
 - 23 Forever and a day
 - 24 Sweet start?
 - 25 3D puzzle?
 - 29 Fragrant latte
 - 33 Drag icon with 14 Emmys
 - 34 Throw on the floor
 - 35 D.C. summer hrs.
 - 36 Globes
 - 37 Hieroglyph beetle
 - 40 __ Pueblo, New Mexico
 - 41 "Seize the Awkward" spot, e.g.
 - 42 Fix, in a bad way
 - 43 Hang out after checking for rain?
 - 45 Basic French verb
 - 47 3D animation?
 - 49 Step on someone's toes, perhaps
 - 51 Alias indicator
 - 52 Cuban ingredient
 - 54 Native Nebraskans
 - 57 Reggae kin
 - 58 "Queen of Country" McEntire
 - 59 3D printing?
 - 63 Corp. bigwig
 - 64 Boo-boo
 - 65 Animal whose name means "eater of bark" in Algonquian
 - 66 Entitled men?
 - 67 Snow day toy
 - 68 Field for Kahlo y Burga
- DOWN**
- 2 "My bl!"
 - 3 Norm: Abbr.
 - 4 "What-ev-er!" expressions
 - 5 Gum balls?
 - 6 Nonprofit domain
 - 7 Nocturnal cat?
 - 8 Seed money investor?
 - 9 Celtic language
 - 10 Potatoes, in Urdu
 - 11 finder
 - 12 Small bouquet
 - 13 Sausage that may be boiled in bier
 - 16 "___ dare?"
 - 17 Karenina of literature
 - 18 Ruby, e.g.
 - 23 Academic domain
 - 24 Creator of Sonic and Knuckles
 - 26 Dorm figs.
 - 27 Sink hole
 - 28 Hindu goddess whose name means "impassable"
 - 30 Dish that resembles a jellied meatloaf
 - 31 Endearingly nerdy
 - 32 Teeny
 - 33 Lasso
 - 38 __ rotation
 - 39 Many unhappy returns?
 - 40 "Ur so right"
 - 44 Investigative journalist __ B. Wells
 - 46 Moral philosophy
 - 47 Spots for hustlers
 - 48 Tahoe, for one
 - 50 "Gnarly!"
 - 53 Fit to be tied
 - 54 Some Keats works
 - 55 Dress choice
 - 56 Assert
 - 57 Ignored the signs, perhaps
 - 58 Real hoot
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 - 61 March 14 dessert
 - 62 Not against

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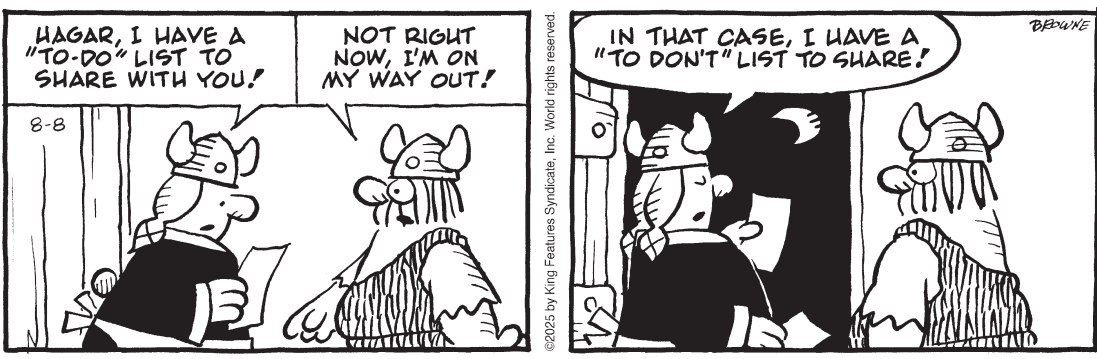
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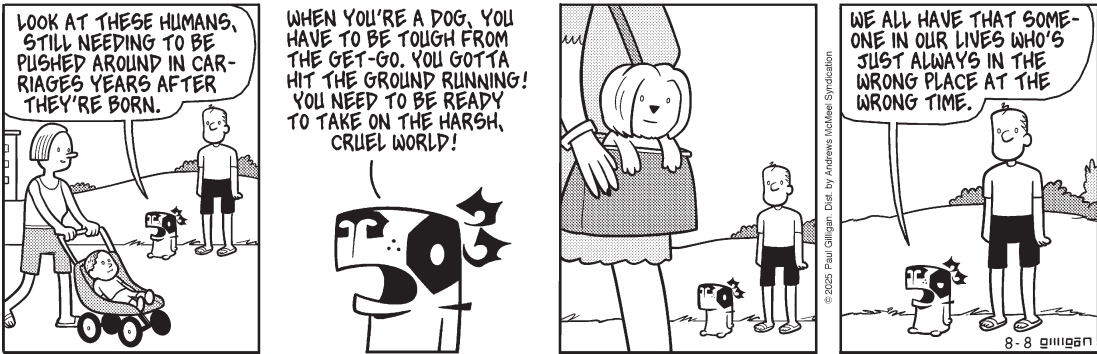
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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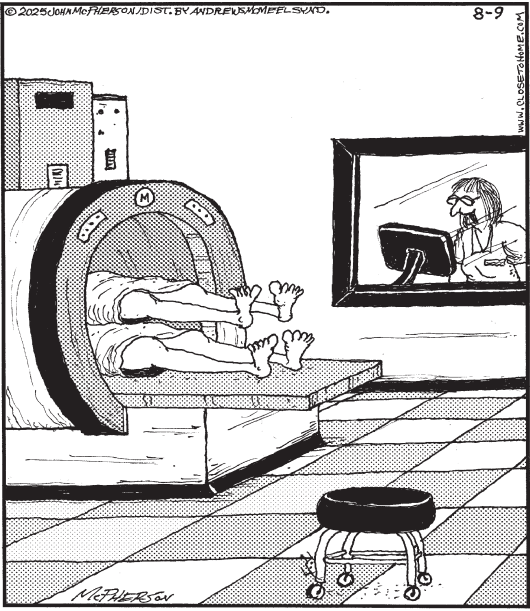
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Clovers

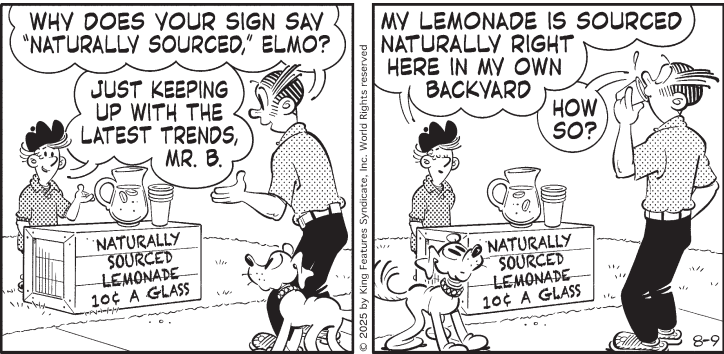
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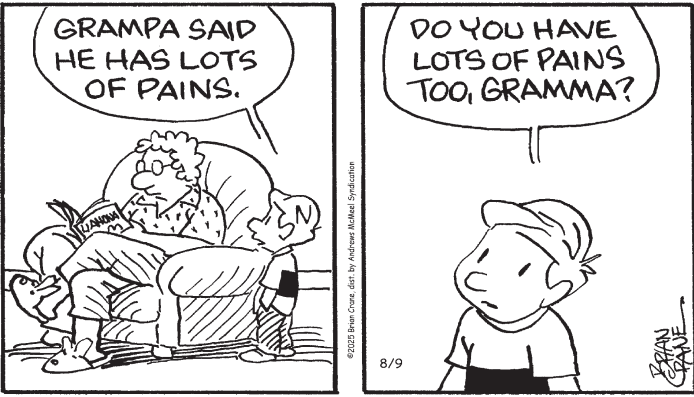
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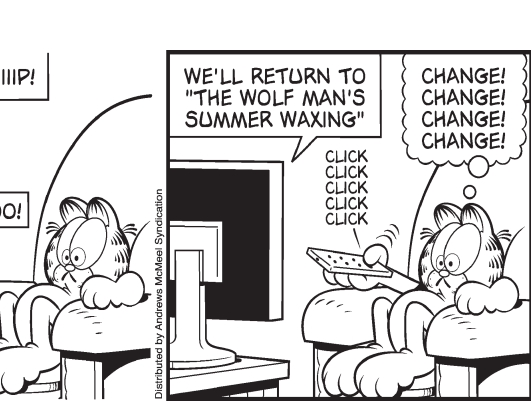
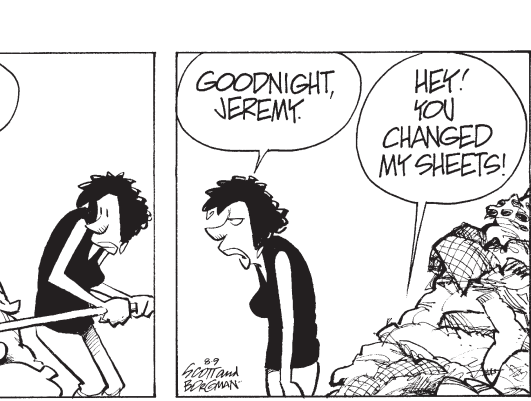
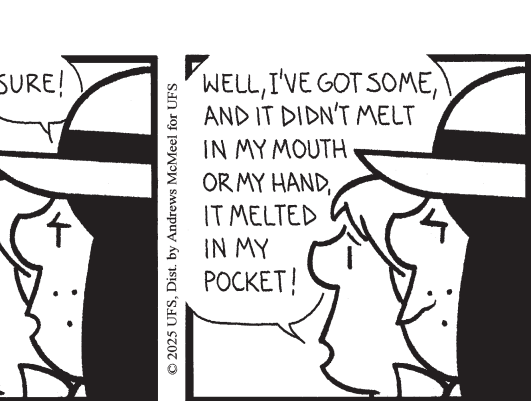
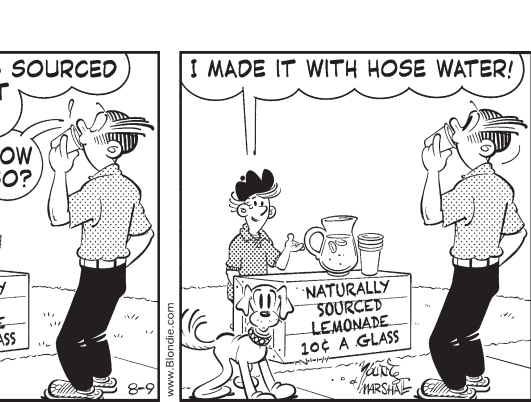
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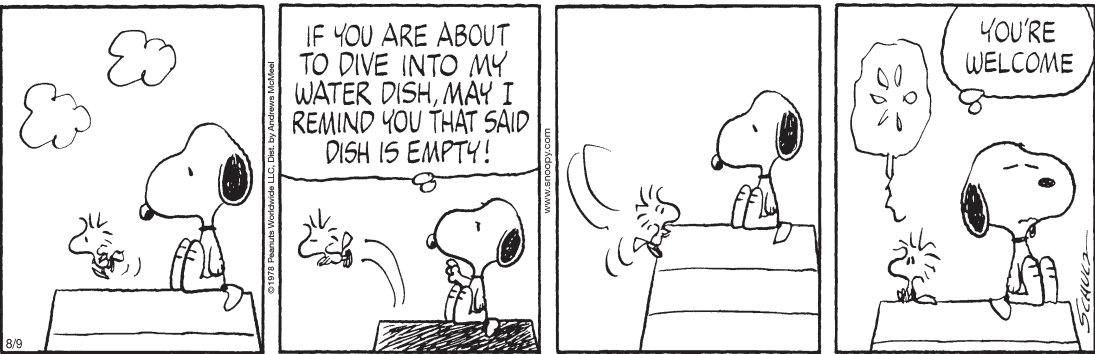
- ACROSS
- 1 "— Dick"
 - 5 Streetcar
 - 9 Chemist's workplace
 - 12 Field
 - 13 "Miss Peregrine's — for Peculiar Children"
 - 14 Every
 - 15 Diagnostic image
 - 16 "American —"
 - 17 Estuary
 - 18 Long (for)
 - 20 Unriddled
 - 22 Finish
 - 23 Designer — von Furstenberg
 - 24 Mild oath
 - 27 Stylish
 - 29 Farm animal
 - 30 Flowed slowly
 - 34 Made stable
 - 37 High card
 - 38 Developed
- DOWN
- 1 Reduce to pulp
 - 2 Killer whale
 - 3 Legume
 - 4 Pulled
 - 5 Fractional part
 - 6 Singer — Stewart
 - 7 Famous — cookies
 - 8 Tuneful
 - 9 Insect stage
 - 10 Not of this world
 - 11 Cutting part
 - 19 Print measures
 - 21 Defeat
 - 24 Curved letter
 - 25 Acquired
 - 26 Solemn fear
 - 27 Rowing team
 - 28 Secreted
 - 30 Stalemate
 - 31 Young person
 - 32 Old coin of France
 - 33 — Moines, Iowa
 - 35 Taj Mahal site
 - 36 Bureau
 - 39 Chess piece
 - 40 Trying experience
 - 41 Boater material
 - 42 Where Santiago is
 - 43 With weapons
 - 44 Nips
 - 46 Round dance
 - 48 Forearm bone
 - 49 Happy as a —
 - 50 Punta del —
 - 53 Fruit with many small seeds

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POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



WONDERWORD

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.

LORETTA SWIT (1937-2025) Solution: 7 letters

D	O	C	T	O	R	S	E	D	A	L	O	C	C	A
I	R	J	A	N	E	G	A	L	F	U	O	M	A	C
R	E	A	D	L	E	N	O	L	O	C	I	S	D	T
E	S	P	M	R	E	C	A	R	G	L	C	T	V	R
C	I	P	E	A	A	N	Y	G	I	R	I	W	O	E
T	L	F	N	T	R	W	S	T	E	W	S	A	C	S
O	I	I	E	A	A	Y	A	E	S	V	E	R	A	S
R	E	N	C	M	T	R	N	E	M	I	N	T	T	T
S	N	A	S	U	Y	A	V	E	R	B	I	E	E	
P	T	L	A	M	H	E	S	T	D	I	L	M	G	R
I	S	E	R	I	N	R	E	M	M	Y	T	E	A	A
L	B	A	L	T	U	N	T	S	I	T	R	A	T	G
T	C	U	I	N	T	E	R	V	I	E	W	S	S	R
O	O	E	Y	C	A	G	E	L	O	R	E	T	T	A
H	S	A	M	E	M	O	R	A	B	I	L	I	A	M

Accolades, Actress, Advocate, Army, Artist, Award, Beauty, Camouflage, CBS, Colonel, Director, Doctors, Drama, Emmy, Ensemble, Finale, Grace, Hot Lips, Houlihan, Interviews, Jane, Legacy, Lines, Loretta, Margaret, MASH, Memorabilia, Military, Nurse, PETA, Resilient, Satire, Scene, Screen, Seventies, Stage, Swit, Tent, Vegan, Wartime

TODAY'S ANSWER: Pyramid

BLONDIE

BY DEAN KUNZ & JOHN MARSHALL

COME ON!!
COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!

RRRR!!

OOF!
OOF!

PANT!
PANT!
PANT!

OKAY!
YOU WIN!!

WOULD YOU LIKE ME
TO GIVE IT
A SHOT?

NO, THANKS,
I'M JUST
TAKIN' A BREAK

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

WATCH OUT!
SARGE IS
COMING!

I'VE GOT IT
COVERED

GOOFING
OFF
AGAIN!?

I'M REALLY GOING
TO GIVE IT TO
YOU!

HOLD
IT.

REMEMBER WHAT YOU
YOU PROMISED
THE CHAPLAIN?

NO MORE HITTING, KICKING,
GRABBING, STOMPING OR
PUMMELING

OH WELL, WE MIGHT
AS WELL GET A
BEER.

IT'S JUST NOT AS REFRESHING
WITHOUT A FIGHT FIRST.

Hank Ketchum's
Dennis the Menace
UPON REFLECTION

MY MOM SPENDS
A LOTTA TIME
IN FRONT OF THE
MIRROR.

NOW THAT YOU
MENTION IT...

...MINE DOES
TOO!

YOU'D THINK THEY KNOW
WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE
BY NOW.

I DON'T
GET IT.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

I'VE DECIDED
THAT YOU SHOULD
DO SOMETHING
TO EARN YOUR
KEEP...

IT'S SORT OF
TRADITIONAL FOR A
DOG TO BRING IN
THE NEWSPAPER
SO THAT'S WHAT I
WANT YOU TO DO...

THIS WILL BE YOUR JOB...YOU WAIT
HERE FOR THE PAPERBOY TO COME BY,
AND THEN YOU BRING IN THE PAPER...

I KNOW ONE THING... I'LL
NEVER TRAIN HIM TO BRING
IN THE GROCERIES!

MY MOM SPENDS
A LOTTA TIME
IN FRONT OF THE
MIRROR.

NOW THAT YOU
MENTION IT...

...MINE DOES
TOO!

YOU'D THINK THEY KNOW
WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE
BY NOW.

I DON'T
GET IT.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

PHASES OF ME BUYING AN
APPLIANCE...

OPEN PACKAGE.
REMOVE ITEM.

IGNORE INSTRUCTIONS.
TOSS IN DRAWER.

TAKE STAB AT HOW IT
WORKS.

LEARN YEARS LATER THAT IT
HAS FUNCTIONS I DIDN'T
KNOW ABOUT.

VOW TO READ INSTRUCTIONS
WITH NEXT PURCHASE.

IGNORE INSTRUCTIONS.
TOSS IN DRAWER.

AT LEAST
YOU'RE
CONSISTENT.

IT HAS A
SPECIAL SETTING
FOR BAGELS??

IT'S AN AIR
FRYER, TOO?

DIDN'T YOU READ
THE INSTRUCTIONS?