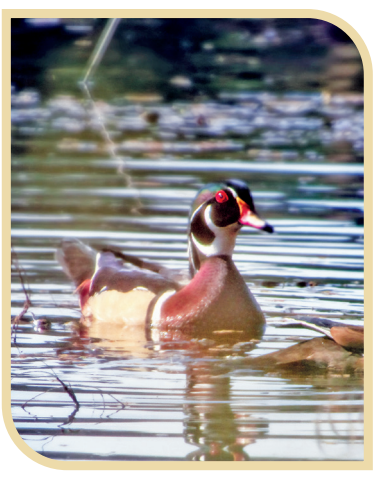
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Twelve arrested in raid targeting sex traffickers, commercial sex buyers

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ALBANY – Twelve people were arrested in an operation targeting sex traffickers and commercial sex buyers in the Dougherty County area.

These arrests came out of an investigation by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit (HEAT), in partnership with the Albany-Dougherty Special Investigations Unit, Albany Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Georgia State Patrol, according to a Nov. 10 release from the GBI. The investigation was dubbed "Operation Raydiant Shadows."

The following people were arrested and charged with pandering:

-- Don Hill, 46, of Dawson

-- Alan Adkins, 28, of Leesburg

-- William Price, 58, of Albany

-- Michael Saxton Evans, 43, of Albany

-- Paige Thomas, 40, of Alexandria, Va. (also charged with obstruction)

-- Daniel Alexander Chilel-Garcia, 17, of Bronwood

-- Malik Yoba Lawrence, 26, of Leesburg

-- Brandon Denard Mitchell, 41, of Arlington (also charged with possession of cocaine)

-- Mason Conley, 32, of Cordele

-- Malcolm Jefferson, 40, of Charlotte, N.C.

-- Patrick Kelly Bushman, 52, of Baconton

-- Kyle Pack, 37, of Albany (charged with possession of drugs and outstanding warrants).

Anita Ivy, the GBI's Human Exploitation & Trafficking special agent in charge, said those arrested held jobs throughout the area, including at Walmart, Pizza Hut, Flint Equipment Inc. and/or self-employed. Jefferson has been confirmed as a surgeon at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

"Dr. Jefferson is a thoracic surgeon who joined Phoebe in September of this year," a Phoebe spokesperson wrote in an email response to The Albany Herald's request for comment. "He has an exemplary professional record and has been a valued member of our clinical team since his arrival. We are aware of a recent

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Skills Challenge attracts more than 250 high school construction students



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin
More than 250 students took part in the eighth AGC South + Southwest Skills Challenge held on Thursday in Moultrie. The competition brought together students from 21 southwest Georgia schools, with winners moving on to compete in the state event in February.

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MOULTRIE – For hundreds of area students, the 2025 AGC South + Southwest Georgia Skills Challenge was a chance to display their talents in construction skills and get a look at what a career in one of those fields could mean for their futures.

The students competed in the areas of carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, welding, cabinet-making and blueprint during the eighth challenge held in Moultrie.

"We're trying to build the work force of tomorrow and the years to come," Lyndy Jones, president of JCI General Contractors, one of the sponsors of the Moultrie event, said.

With about 75% of the industry's work force made up of Baby Boomers who are moving toward retirement, the students who are pursuing work in construction are the future of the industry, Jones said.

"There's becoming a huge gap in our work force," he said. "It's a serious thing with us. It's not about finding the work, it's about finding the people to produce it."

That means there will be plenty of job openings for skilled workers who can use a hammer, trowel, welding torch or other tools.

"If you've got a good work ethic and the skills, you can

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Staff Photo: Lucille Lannigan
Izzie Sadler, the executive director of the Sowega Council on Aging, announced she will be leaving the role in June 2026. The agency is accepting applications for its next Area Agency on Aging director.

Sowega Council on Aging director plans departure; organization launches search for successor

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ALBANY -- After more than a half-decade leading the Sowega Council on Aging through growth and crisis, Executive Director Izzie Sadler is preparing to step away from the organization next year, but not without carefully planning a smooth transition.

Sadler, who has served as SCOA's executive director since 2019, announced she will leave her position on June 30 after helping train her successor. The agency opened applications on Nov. 1 for a new director, a key leadership role that will oversee operations and programs serving older adults across 14 southwest Georgia counties.

"I've loved my work here with the Council on Aging," Sadler said. "I've been so grateful for this position, and I feel like I came to this agency at a time that it really needed my skill sets of being able to handle change. Through COVID, managing those emergency-type situ-

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CITY OF ALBANY PREPARES FOR 35TH *Celebration of Lights*

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ALBANY – The city of Albany is wrapping downtown in twinkling lights and holiday cheer for the 35th Celebration of Lights, taking place Dec. 6. The beloved community tradition returns with what city officials say will be music, magic and memories, as families gather to celebrate the warmth of the season under the glow of the community Christmas Tree and the sparkle of parade lights.

Below is a list of important dates and information the community needs to know about this year's event.

• **This Year's Theme:** Home for the Holidays: Honoring Our Heroes -- This year's theme celebrates the heroes among us — those who have served, inspired,

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Special illustration
The city of Albany is preparing for its 35th Celebration of Lights, taking place Dec. 6 downtown.

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DEPARTURE

ations and staying calm and keeping everyone in order during that time, is sort of my strength."

Sadler's tenure was defined by the pandemic years, when SCOA pivoted quickly to protect and serve vulnerable seniors amid shutdowns. One of her proudest accomplishments, she said, was developing the "Senior Center Without Walls" program — an innovative model that replaced in-person centers with community partnerships and restaurant-based meal programs.

"We were able to triple the number of people we served using restaurants," she said. "I think that made a huge difference to our economy in our region. I've been told by many restaurant owners and even the YMCA that our support during that time really helped them stay in business."

The model also expanded social and health programs beyond traditional facilities. SCOA distributed 150 easy-to-use tablets to help isolated seniors connect with staff and virtual activities like online tai chi classes.

"Because people were a little bit more isolated at home, we brought these tablets in," Sadler said. "They're still being used to this day. So we call it our social isolation program. It's for seniors who are socially isolated. It's a way for them to connect."

As executive director, Sadler had a lot on her plate, essentially taking on multiple director positions at once. She said it was a huge learning curve when she first entered the job, and she wants a smoother transition for the next leader.

Over the past year, SCOA began implementing that transition plan by looking to hire a dedicated AAA director — a role Sadler had previously covered in addition to her executive duties. That position will now serve as a bridge to the next generation of leadership.

"We're ready to hire another person that I would train for the next six months to take on my role," Sadler said. "We'll get somebody in, get them trained, and then I'll be available to consult with them if needed."

The agency's search committee is looking for someone with both operational expertise and a commitment to mission-driven work.

"We're looking for ... somebody who can have their own vision and also align themselves really well with what the state is expecting of us," Sadler said. "My time was to deal with the COVID and all the emergencies. This next person's going to have a whole different vision and direction for the agency."

SCOA operates more than 55 contracts and manages state and federal funding for aging services across southwest Georgia. The next executive will oversee programs such as caregiver support, meal delivery, case management, and wellness initiatives that help seniors live independently at home. Sadler said the agency's next leader also will have to work on how the agency can better engage with its entire 14-county region.

Sadler, who has worked in nonprofit leadership for more than two decades — including with the Albany Area YMCA — said she's seen the sector evolve significantly, especially since the pandemic. The rising costs of fundraising, combined with an increase in local nonprofits competing for limited donations, have made creativity and collaboration essential.

"Really connecting back with the community is going to be key on that," she said. "I think that it really helps if your intention is to help others. You really have to have a heart for the people. You have to want to connect and you have to want to be the leader of that mission."

Though Sadler is leaving the agency, she isn't slowing down. She's already begun laying the groundwork for a new venture: Izzie Sadler Functional Medicine Health Coaching, a business that blends her long-time passion for wellness with her professional experience in community health.

"What I'm helping people do is really dig into ... all components of their life," she said. "It's not just about your physical health. It's about your career, your spiritual health, your social health, your hobbies, your interests, your activities."

Sadler said her years at SCOA, particularly her focus on prevention and wellness programs for seniors, inspired this next step.

"One of our core programs, we do home-delivered meals, and that is for seniors who are frail, homebound, cannot make their own meals," Sadler said. "So somebody's delivering it and checking in on them daily. In a perfect world, we wouldn't need that because people would be able to take prevention methods. So you never know what's going to happen in life where you are going to need services like that. It's great that it's there, but what can we do in our lives to prevent that?"

She's already started to accept clients as well as hosting individual and group counseling. More information on her services can be found at https://www.izziesadler.com/.

As Sadler prepares to close this chapter of her life, she said she remains proud of what SCOA has accomplished and optimistic about its future.

"It's been a challenge for me emotionally ... just letting go of something I've done for so long," she said. "At the same time, I'm excited for what's coming next."

Qualified applicants seeking the position should:

Demonstrate experience in organizational leadership and program management;

Understand state and federal grant administration;

Show a commitment to aging services or disability services or community-based care;

For a complete list of qualifications, visit https://sowegacoa.org/about-us/job-openings/.

Applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to HR@sowegacoa.org. Application deadline is Nov. 24 at 5 p.m.

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LIGHTS

and uplifted the community.

• **Honorees:** This year's tree-lighting ceremony will be held in honor and memory of two community leaders -- The late Commissioner Demetrius Young and Dr. John W. Culbreath, celebrated for his lifetime of leadership, education, and kindness that shaped countless lives.

• **Event Schedule:**

-- **Christmas Village:** 4-8 p.m.

-- **Live Entertainment:** 4:45-5:45 p.m.

-- **Tree-lighting Ceremony:** 5:45 p.m.

-- **Christmas Parade:** 6 p.m.

• **Locations:**

-- **Christmas Village:** North Jackson Street (from Pine Avenue to Broad Avenue).

-- **Opening Performances:** Pine Avenue between the Government Center (222 Pine Ave.) and the Judicial Building (225 Pine Ave.).

-- **Parade Route:** Begins at Wesco (724 Pine Ave.) and continues to the Dougherty County School System Building (200 Pine Ave.).

• **Important Links:**

-- **Vendor Applications:** albanyga.gov/christmas-vendor, deadline, Nov. 30 (spaces are limited)

-- **Parade Participants:** albanyga.gov/paradeparticipant, deadline: Nov. 30

-- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Help spread the holiday cheer. Contact by Nov. 30 at (229) 483-7665 or by email at jmckinney@albanyga.gov.

"The Celebration of Lights is one of Albany's most cherished traditions," Albany Downtown Manager Lequrica Gaskins said. "Each year, this event brings together families, friends and visitors to experience the wonder of the season right in the heart of our city. From the dazzling parade and the lighting of the Christmas tree to the lively Christmas Village filled with local vendors, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

"It's a night where downtown sparkles with joy, unity, and holiday spirit — and we're thrilled to celebrate 35 years of this magical tradition. So bundle up, bring the kids, and make plans to join us downtown for an evening filled with lights, laughter, and memories that will last all season long."

For more information about the 35th Celebration of Lights, visit albanyga.gov/celebrationoflights or contact the downtown manager's office at (229) 483-7665.

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SKILLS

name your price," Jones said. 'The need is there.'

Another benefit of working in one of the construction trades is that, unlike college students, workers will be able to get a job without massive debt, AGC Georgia Executive Vice President Zach Fields said.

Students can get training in school and more training on the job after high school or get free training through a technical college, he said. Most of the students at the skills challenge are either enrolled in a high school career technical and agricultural education program or dual enrolled at a local technical school.

"We're trying to show the future generation what the opportunities are," Jones said. "It's a great career, and more and more students are choosing these trades."

Technical education is even being taught these days in middle schools and even at the elementary-school level, he said, and proceeds from the challenge will go to providing equipment for those programs. Statewide, 500 to 600 elementary school students are taking classes.

Top-three finishers in Thursday's event will move on to the state competition in February 2026. The top competitors at the state level will compete in the national skills challenge in June.



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misdemeanor charge that is unrelated to his employment at Phoebe. Considering this is an active investigation, we are unable to provide additional details at this time.

"We respect the investigative process and will continue to monitor the situation closely. Our priority remains providing high-quality, compassionate care to the patients and communities we serve."

Ivy confirmed Mitchell was a convicted sex offender.

Georgia code defines pandering as something that occurs when a person "solicits a person to perform an act of prostitution in his or her own behalf or in behalf of a third person or when he or she knowingly assembles persons at a fixed place for the purpose of being solicited by others to perform an act of prostitution."

Ivy said no minors were among the victims identified in this operation. She said the GBI is victim-centered.

"Anytime we have an operation like this, we already have victim advocates on site with us to help, as well as medical," she said. "We have nurses, so if there's any type of medical concern or issue that they need addressed, we'll have them there as well."

The GBI also works with non-government agencies to help victims receive the support and resources they need, whether it's housing, food or even a plane ticket to get back home. Those victims who don't accept resources at the time, are given contact information to use when they're ready.

Operation Raydiant Shadows took several months of planning and involved the collaboration of several law enforcement agencies, according to the GBI release. The arrestees, ranging in age from 17 to 58, traveled from areas around Dougherty County with the intent of purchasing sex or selling sex commercially.

Operation Raydiant Shadows' goal was to draw in commercial sex buyers for demand reduction and draw in commercial sex workers to offer services. The GBI reported that the objective was to identify and arrest pimps and human traffickers through this two-fold approach, although none of the 12 arrested was charged with either of those crimes. Instead, most were charged with misdemeanor pandering..

Ivy said the Albany area became a focus because of reports from local agencies highlighting human trafficking as an issue.

"I don't have the data," she said. "I know that we've had some investigations that have brought us to that Dougherty County area. And then, in talking with local law enforcement, they expressed their concern in the amount of trafficking that they were seeing. So we decided to coordinate with them in order to do an operation."

Ivy said human trafficking is the second most profitable criminal activity in the U.S.

"It's prevalent everywhere," she added. "Albany was one of the areas that we went out and tried to target and conduct a demand reduction operation in order to just try to get some people off the street and hopefully get them into a better situation and out of the game, as well as to arrest those that are trafficking them or those that are buyers."

Ivy said the GBI wants to not only make arrests but follow the investigation all the way to prosecution.

Additional charges and arrests may still be made. This investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the GBI's HEAT Unit at (404) 270-8433 or the Albany Dougherty SIU at (229) 430-5150.

Thanksgiving Holiday Publishing Schedule for The Albany Herald

The Albany Herald will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and a combo paper for Thursday, Nov. 27, & Saturday, Nov. 29.

Deadlines for the Thurs-Sat combo paper will be Monday, Nov. 24th at 5 pm



The Albany Herald office **WILL BE CLOSED** Thanksgiving Day and Friday Nov. 28.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Daily Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 - April 19) The focus this month has been on lifestyle upgrades and finding balance. Today's energy encourages you to explore fresh experiences that won't break the bank. You may be feeling a bit of passion, but the logistics, especially financial, may be challenging. Research fun, affordable options for a potential getaway.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) The days between November 15 and November 20 could feel intense, as the desire to break free from certain relationship dynamics is awakened. Honesty about desires and non-negotiables is encouraged. The current planetary setup inspires evaluation of connections and communication of future dreams with a partner.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Mercury is retrograde, nudging mental energy into projects already started. This period in partnership and wellness zones encourages slowing down with someone special and editing shared goals. Recharging as part of a pair, or revisiting a self-care plan, can be healing.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) The transiting Moon in Virgo on this day is a positive influence for an important personal initiation. Energy may be building to make an important work-related decision. If there have been relationship troubles, finding a way to reconcile, or a new romantic interest, may appear.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) Mars in the romance and self-expression sector means more energy can be poured into showing loved ones how much care is felt. This is a great window for a spontaneous or creative weekend activity. Practicing mindfulness and being present in the moment with those close to you is encouraged.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) A slow-burn connection in life may deepen. The current cosmic energy highlights what is truly worth energy, making this a good time to set boundaries, which can lead to more intimacy. Trust instincts regarding relationships and personal growth.

Libra (September 23 - October 22) All eyes are on you, and skills are ready to be shown off. A chance for collaboration might arise, and it's a good time to be clear about worth in financial discussions. This is a stellar day for emotional and spiritual growth as the Moon shifts into the sign.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) With the Sun still in the sign, presence has weight and confidence is not hidden. The stars invite diving deeper into emotions and listening closely to what they reveal. Mercury retrograde is encouraging refining of how you present yourself, perhaps by updating a resume or social media profile.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) This year has tested the ability to negotiate, and now it feels like it is time to take the lead. Be careful not to over-promise due to the ongoing Mercury retrograde. A better time for travel or making bold moves would be this weekend (November 15-16), when the Sun and Jupiter align favorably.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) The relationship can always be improved, and this period offers a chance to evaluate the connection, future plans, and how to communicate dreams with one another. The current aspects support stable growth and moving toward long-term goals with patience and hard work.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) Sometimes, letting go is needed to hold on to what is important. This does not mean sacrificing needs, but rather reassessing what truly matters. Social life is active, but be mindful of unexpected disruptions or arguments that could arise due to intense planetary aspects.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) A soulful connection could lead to real transformation. If love has felt stagnant, today brings fresh waves of emotional vulnerability and deep talks. You may feel divinely guided today, finding creative solutions to old problems and manifesting inspiration into reality.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1939: President Franklin D. Roosevelt lays the cornerstone for the Jefferson Memorial.

1956: Elvis Presley's movie debut in Love Me Tender is released.

1969: A large anti-Vietnam War protest takes place in Washington, D.C., with an estimated 250,000 people participating.

1988: The Palestinian Liberation Organization declares the establishment of the State of Palestine.

1993: Joey Buttafuoco is sentenced to six months in jail for statutory rape in the Amy Fisher case.

2017: Roger Stone, a long-time associate of President Donald Trump, is convicted of all seven felony charges in a federal indictment.

2025: The Government of India is scheduled to recognize Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (Tribal Pride Day) to honor tribal freedom fighters.

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- Belgium: King's Feast
- USA: America Recycles Day
- USA: National Bundt (Pan) Day
- USA: National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day
- USA: National Philanthropy Day
- USA: National Raisin Bran Cereal Day
- USA: National Spicy Hermit Cookie Day

Famous Birthdays

Petula Clark (Singer) - 1932
Sam Waterston (Actor) - 1940
Anni-Frid Lyngstad (Singer) - 1945
Bob Gunton (Actor) - 1945
Beverly D'Angelo (Actress) - 1951
Jonny Lee Miller (Actor) - 1972
Chad Kroeger (Singer) - 1974
Virginie Ledoyen (Actress) - 1976
Sophia Di Martino (Actress) - 1983
Winston Duke (Actor) - 1986
B.o.B (Rapper) - 1988
Shailene Woodley (Actress) - 1991
Emma Dumont (Actress) - 1994

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of."

Ogden Nash,
poet (1902-1971)

CORRECTION

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

Weather Forecast

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
75°	77°	73°	78°	78°	80°	78°
45°	55°	52°	51°	58°	58°	58°



Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

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Opening lead – ♡ 7

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Simple Saturday columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

My friend the English professor says that the rule about "i before e except after c" has been disproved by science. Some bridge "rules," though, remain valid.

In today's deal, West led the seven of hearts against four spades, and declarer played low from dummy. East won with the jack, cashed the ace and, for lack of anything better, led a third heart. South ruffed in his hand and pitched the queen of diamonds from dummy. He drew trumps, lost to the ace of clubs and claimed the rest, making game.

REMAINDER

The "Rule of 11" obtains when partner's lead is known to be fourth-highest. Subtract that card from 11, and the remainder is the number of higher cards in the other three hands.

When West leads the seven of hearts against four spades, East prevails if he applies the rule. He subtracts seven from 11 and learns that dummy, he and South have four higher hearts. Since East can see all four, he can follow with the deuce. West should diagnose the position and shift to a diamond, and South will lose four tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S 8 2 H A J 9 2 D K 10 9 8 4 C A 8. Neither side vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens one spade. You double, and your partner bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: You gambled when you doubled – and lost. You hoped partner would bid a red suit, but the oaf bid clubs. Pass. If you bid again, you will show a strong hand and may make matters worse. Some pairs use "equal-level conversion" and could bid two diamonds without suggesting extra strength. That approach is controversial.

East dealer
N-S vulnerable



ADVICE COLUMNIST ■ ERIC THOMAS

'Friendly' customer service keeps causing conflict

Dear Eric: Many companies are training their employees to "be friendlier." Now, when I go to pay for my groceries or have bloodwork done at a lab, someone invariably asks me, "so what are you doing the rest of your day?" I find that to be very intrusive from someone I don't know and may never see again. I understand they have been trained so it isn't necessarily their fault, but I need a better response than "who wants to know?" or "why are you asking me this?"

– Trying to Keep Boundaries

Dear Boundaries: Something general and meaningless can help divert small talk such as this. "Oh, not sure" or "enjoying it, I hope" or "this and that." These are empty calorie phrases that keep the ball in the air without forcing you to divulge anything you don't want to divulge.

It's also helpful to keep the context of these questions in mind. These people aren't prying. As you said, they're trained to make small talk so that customers feel comfortable. Depersonalizing the ask can help. When someone asks, "what are you doing for the rest of the day?" remind yourself that this is not actually a question designed for you. They're talking to you, but they're not actually talking to you, if that makes sense.

It's also fine to assert your internal boundary in a friendly but direct way. "Thanks for asking, but I'm not much of a chatter. I hope you're having a good day, though."

Dear Eric: My closest friend of many years has recently revealed the sad news that she has terminal cancer. She is one of those rare humans that most people have an instant connection to, and then they become fast friends.

In addition to being close friends, we were colleagues who often worked closely together, traveled together and shared many common friends, work friends, vendors and clients. Several decades worth of projects and likely in the hundreds of people within that group.

There is a very small group (less than five people) of us who she has shared the news with. She has expressed her preference to not share details with our greater community until she can get her bearings with diagnosis and treatment, however, she will eventually want us to tell friends her story and status updates. Our small group is aligned on supporting her in any way and her wishes; she does not have a significant other or family to help her shoulder the burden.

What are the words to inevitably use when I share the information to our work community knowing they're more than just colleagues? How do I grieve with others as they learn her prognosis and safeguard my own emotional state as I share her story? I don't know how to navigate this all without breaking down anytime I think about it or talk about her situation.

– Grieving Best Friend

Dear Best Friend: I'm sorry for what your friend is going through, and what you're facing as well. This is hard. And it's fine if you have the capacity to hold your friend through it but not enough left over to help others process.

With regard to the words, you're going to want to take your cue from your friend in terms of how much she wants shared. When she indicates she's ready for the larger community to know, ask her about her boundaries, her wishes for communication and what places feel too exposed. Sometimes, something brief, compassionate, and direct can give people the information they need and guidance about how to respond. Here's one potential:

"I want to share some very hard news about our colleague and friend. She's received a diagnosis of [diagnosis]. [Here you might add a sentence about her prognosis or how she's doing, depending on your friend's wishes.] As you can imagine, this is an overwhelming time. Instead of calls or emails, our friend is asking that any communication about updates go through [either list a designated updater or a health update site like CaringBridge.org]"

Resist the urge to preemptively memorialize in this message; instead, you can share your grief, your fears and your memories with the small group and with others in your personal circle that you trust.

To protect yourself, I encourage you to look into one of the update sites, rather than directing people to reach out to one of you about what's going on. It's in our nature as people to slide from questions to processing. These sites provide a buffer that will give you the needed space to safeguard your emotions. Others may want to know more or to offer sympathies, but the most important thing right now is that the people closest to your friend, you included, have the capacity to fully show up for your friend.

Send questions to R. Eric Thomas at eric@askingeric.com or P.O. Box 22474, Philadelphia, Pa. 19110. Follow him on Instagram and sign up for his weekly newsletter at rericthomas.com.

SQUAWKBOX

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Georgia's conceal and carry (law) in a degraded society results in many mis-developed minds, emotions, education, culture and conscience to carry and use guns everywhere, at any trivial provocation, now over chicken fingers. How safe does that make you feel?

Nice one on the family feeding their neighbors, Fletcher. It's about time some good people got a little attention in this community.

To the man without a family: Stop worrying about things you have no clue on. Instead fix your own government in Albany. No, you just keep voting in the trash.

It does no good to report illegal dumping when nobody follows up. The retired fire captain on Ashford got a new driveway. His contractors had some concrete left over, so they drove around the corner on Old Dominion and dumped the stuff on top of a city leaf/limb trash pickup spot that several homes use. And the trash pick-up point is on the corner of the lot where a city commissioner lives.

Virginia elected an attorney general, Jay Jones, who wanted to put two bullets in the head of a Virginia house speaker and fantasized about killing his two children. Virginia voters have lost their minds.

Republicans talked about Biden's mental capacity at the end of his presidency. Trump's only in the first year of his, and he makes comments that would embarrass Biden or any other semi-sane person. The man has become nothing but a babbling idiot with an outsized -- and undeserved -- ego.

No, squawker, the hall of shame that Trump is building is not with "public" funds. It is not small MAGA nut donors that are giving to the king's folly. It's corporate money from those that have government contracts worth millions of dollars. This has all the appearance and smell of a kickback. Get your Trump lie straight.

It's about time we got Trump fitted for a straight-jacket.

Squawker, you sound like so many people who voted for Jenkins: You know nothing about her except the color of her skin, so you feel secure that she's going to be an asset ... like Jalen Johnson and Lorenzo Heard and Tommy Postell and Arthur Williams ... The list goes on.

Dozy Don is like the dawg that caught the car. He has no long-term plan for any policy.

When are some of these business owners who've been at it for decades going to fix up their run-down buildings? Y'all are a big part of the reason people are leaving here and shopping elsewhere.

Yeah, I'd like a serving of chicken nuggets to go with a side order of .38 shells. Wow! Only in Albany.

To the gutless eight who caved in and allowed Republican/Trump lies to stand, I know you're leaving the government and don't care, but I hope at some time in the near future you lose your insurance and look for help from an uncaring government that's in the process of trying to start an us-vs.-them rich-vs.-poor civil war. You'll deserve any hardship you get.

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Albany Museum of Art sets tentative spring 2028 completion date for downtown renovation project



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The Albany Museum of Art's move to downtown Albany is a little more than two years away.

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ALBANY – The Albany Museum of Art's move to downtown Albany, a project expected to cost more than $25 million, is a little more than two years away.

The planned completion window for the renovation of a downtown building is tentatively set for the end of March 2028.

Those details were among the information given by AMA Executive Director Andrew Wulf in an update on the multiyear project that will see the museum grow significantly in size as well as its presence in the city. Wulf gave the update during a Monday Dougherty County Commission meeting.

The planned facility in the former Belk facility at 128 and 146 W. Broad Ave. will more than double the space at the existing location at 311 Meadowlark Drive, from about 25,000 square feet to 58,000 square feet.

It also will allow for adding more classroom space, a cafe, museum store and sculpture garden. The museum also has purchased a nearby building for a future project.

The downtown art museum will be a place where people, including Albany State University students, can just hang out, Wulf said.

"(It's a) space where people can come in and have a cup of coffee, get a snack," he said. "We would like to promote Albany as a college town, that energy. I think we can become more of a college town.

"Our museum will be a place for gathering, for belonging, for sparking creativity. We're building not only a museum, but a vibrant Dougherty County."

In response to a question from Commissioner Clinton Johnson, Wulf said the museum has been in contact with Albany State.

Johnson also suggested making the museum part of a tour package for grade-school students that might include other attractions, including the Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Heritage Center and perhaps Chehaw Park & Zoo. The museum also could be an anchor for an arts corridor in an area, he said.

In addition to the expansion of arts programs, the museum also should have a positive impact on the downtown economy overall, Wulf said. Art projects have been a large component of revitalization in several downtowns across the country.

Estimates are that each dollar invested in the arts brings a $5 return, Wulf said.

Some of the funding for the $25.1 million renovation project will come from $10 million in historic tax credits, a $4 million contribution from the city of Albany, $3 million each from Dougherty County and the Bunzi Foundation, and $1 million in individual contributions.

Dougherty County Commissions considers approval of battery storage facility

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ALBANY – One knock on solar panels used to generate electricity is that the massive arrays of solar panels only make power when the sun shines.

Now, battery energy storage systems are cropping up all over the state, and farmland at a solar farm in Dougherty County will likely house one of those facilities in the future.

The Dougherty County Commission is considering an application from Dougherty County Energy Storage for the construction of a facility to be located at the existing solar facility on Moultrie Road, a few miles east of Albany.

The solar production facility provides power to Georgia Power Co. customers and has been in operation for six years on land zoned AG for agricultural use. BESS facilities allow for the storage of electricity in batteries when excess power is being generated for use when demand is high.

The commission earlier this year approved new rules for permitting battery installations.

Where previously battery systems were only allowed as part of a solar energy development, the commission voted in October to allow the development of standalone battery facilities.

The Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission unanimously approved the company's application in June and sent the matter to the commission for a final decision.

Under the rules adopted, the commission must give special approval for energy storage projects.

For Dougherty County Commissioner Anthony Jones, in whose District 6 the facility will be located, seeing is believing.

During Monday's meeting, Jones requested that the planning commission set up a tour at a similar facility.

Many of the complaints from residents in other locales have been about the noise produced by battery systems.

"I'm still concerned about that extra noise," Jones said. "I understand it's an ag district, but there are residences around there. I'm concerned about those neighborhoods. I want to ensure that those residents of District 6 are going to enjoy the same quality of life.

"I want to see what this looks like, what this feels like."

Commissioner Clinton Johnson also expressed an interest in examining a site.

Georgia Power plans to add 765 megawatts of battery storage capacity in the state next year, including sites in Bibb, Floyd, Cherokee and Lowndes counties. Other companies also operate BESS systems in Georgia.



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

An application for a battery energy storage system is up for approval by the Dougherty County Commission. The battery facility is slated to be sited at the solar farm located on Moultrie Road on land zoned for agricultural use.



Chuck Logan

Chuck Logan named Renasant market president for Albany

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ALBANY -- Renasant announced today that Chuck Logan was recently named Albany Market President.

"We are proud to announce Chuck's promotion to Albany Market President," David Durland, president of South Ga. and North Fla. Core Banking. "Chuck's long history of serving his customers and the Albany community has prepared him for his new leadership role. We look forward to Chuck's leadership of our experienced community banking team."

Logan received his bachelor's degree in Finance from Florida State University. He serves several local nonprofit organizations as a board member, including Albany Rotary Club, Darton Health Professions Foundation, and The ARC of Southwest Georgia.



ATC to offer electric vehicle training courses starting this spring

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ALBANY -- Albany Technical College will launch new electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid training courses beginning spring Semester 2026 as part of its Automotive Technology program.

Classes for the spring term begin Jan. 12. Prospective students interested in working with the next generation of automotive technology can visit albanytech.edu to begin the application process online and secure their spot.

The new EV curriculum is designed to prepare students to safely and effectively service hybrid and electric vehicles, focusing on high-voltage systems, diagnostics, battery technology, and emerging industry standards. By offering EV coursework in southwest Georgia, Albany Technical College is aligning its programs with the rapidly changing automotive landscape and the growing demand for highly skilled, EV-ready technicians among dealerships, fleets, and industry partners across the state and region.

"Albany Technical College remains committed to offering programs that match where the industry is going, not where it has been," ATC President Emmett Griswold said in a news release. "By expanding our Automotive Technology program to include hybrid and electric vehicle training, we are equipping students with relevant, advanced skills that support Georgia's role in the transportation and manufacturing economy while creating new opportunities for families right here in southwest Georgia."

Albany Tech Program Chair and Automotive Technology Instructor James Miller emphasized the importance of hands-on, high-tech preparation.

"Today's vehicles are computers on wheels, and electric and hybrid systems are now part of the service work," Miller said. "Our students will train in a modern lab environment using current technology, safety practices, and diagnostic tools so they can walk into any shop, dealership or fleet operation ready to contribute on day one."

Individuals interested in enrolling in the spring 2026 Automotive Technology program with EV and hybrid training should apply early by visiting albanytech.edu and completing the online application process. The month of November offers a waived application fee at the college, so now is the time to start that application process.

Program inquiries may be directed to Miller at (229) 430-3535 or Automotive Technology advisor/Instructor Sterling Burke at (229) 430-6135.

SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX

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What a wonderful story about the Albany family putting up their food pantry to help meet needs in their neighborhood. Our city, state and country would be a lot better if we had more people like these.

The True President has pardoned at least 77 folks in the "stop the steal movement," including our lieutenant.governor. Could it be Constitutional since he used an autopen?

Trump wants to use the billions raised from his tariffs to buy Americans' votes in the midterms. A fiscally responsible Republican would use every cent raised to pay down the debt.

I just found out my uncle voted Democratic this fall. This would have never happened if he were still alive.

Thanks to the True President, poor people and children will go hungry.

Cowardly Democrats proved true to their nature and caved on the government shutdown. Republicans are celebrating because now they get to push through measures that will double and triple our insurance costs. Dumb followers believed the lies about insurance for illegal immigrants ... now we'll all be paying high prices.

79-year-old Dozy Don has been confused about names and dates, and he's mixed up facts. He even appears to drift off during Oval Office meetings. The lights are on, but nobody is home.

Are you sure you want to embrace as a columnist a reappearing politician linked to Biden's EPA appropriation of $2B to the nonprofit "Power Forward," which had no history, no bank funds, no business experience or accomplishments, grilled for incompetence on the Senate floor by John Kenedy?

May Ben and Jordan and their family be rewarded for showing the kind of love we all claim we honor, but we're too lame to do ourselves.

I am not a Dick Cheney fan, but even he deserves the honor of a state funeral. Based on the Republican party's current myopic views, his major downfall is he did not have a strong enough stomach, weak enough morals, and had a value system that prevented him from supporting a felon and insurrectionist to become the leader of this country.

Hey, Squawker, please tell me what it is Joe Biden is doing to destroy our country. Do you even know it's almost 2026, and Biden hasn't been doing anything for quite some time?

Evangelicals are marching with MAGA and the Lord. Bless the True President.

A reminder to the man without a family and the rest of you Trump haters: The government never fed you or your kids. The generosity of hard-working taxpayers did.

America today is no different than Sodom and Gomorrah in the Bible. People who call themselves men of faith and even "Christians" are following a man of sin who is on the verge of destroying the country. Perhaps God is preparing to use the United States to teach those who falsely call His name a lesson.

COLUMNIST ■ STACEY ABRAMS

The assault on rural hospitals is an assault on all



Recently, St. Mary's Sacred Heart Hospital in Lavonia announced it would close its labor and delivery unit.

For families in northeast Georgia, this means the nearest maternity care may now be an hour's drive away. For expectant mothers in labor, that can be the difference between life and death.

Hospital administrators pointed to many factors behind the decision: shrinking rural populations, difficulty recruiting doctors and the outmigration of patients.

But the tipping point was unmistakable: the sweeping Medicaid cuts pushed through Congress in Trump's terrible, tyrannical, no-good budget, which passed earlier this year. For a state where Medicaid covers nearly 60% of rural births, that's a deadly blow.

One doesn't often connect the dots between hospital closures and the end of democracy, but the signs here are unmistakable. In the 10 steps to authoritarianism, breaking the government so it doesn't work is Step 4, and blocking health care access is a clarion call.

The closure of a maternity ward is both a tragedy and a warning. Authoritarianism in the 21st century doesn't often arrive with tanks in the street. As we're seeing play out in America today, it seeps into daily life when governments deliberately weaken the safety nets people rely on to survive.

This is part of the authoritarian playbook. First, gut public services. Then normalize inequality. Finally, convince communities that they are on their own. We've seen this in other countries: dismantling health care systems, stripping social supports and allowing infrastructure to crumble until despair becomes the norm. When people stop believing democracy can deliver the basics — like safe childbirth — they start believing autocracy might be worth a try.

But Georgia is on a fast track, aided by decades of failed health care policies and the refusal to expand Medicaid. As a direct result of this neglect, Georgia has already lost more than a dozen labor and delivery units in the past decade, not to mention our record number of hospital closures and looming shutdowns.

Each time, the loss ripples beyond the maternity ward and beyond the redirected ambulance. Hospitals are often the largest employer in rural towns. These closures hollow out local economies, drive away families and accelerate the decline of our communities. That is not accidental; it is the predictable result of policies that privilege political ideology over the well-being of our neighbors.

What makes authoritarianism possible is the slow, grinding destruction of trust. Every time a pregnant woman is told her nearest hospital cannot help her, every time a community loses its only lifeline, our trust erodes further. Why vote when elected officials ignore your demand for safety and security?

The resilience of a democracy can be measured in its hospitals and classrooms, as much as its courthouses and statehouses. A flourishing society makes care accessible — because dignity is not a luxury and health care is a right. When leaders choose instead to strip away the very systems that sustain life, giving the wealthy tax breaks that bankrupt health care for thousands, they are turning democracy on its head — making it smaller, crueler and more fragile.

If we want to fight against the authoritarian assault seeping into our lives, we must see the regular signs of assault — not military juntas or tanks but closed signs on hospitals in the wealthiest nation on earth and new mothers turned away because our political leaders cared more about donors than new Americans.

We must refuse to accept the scarcity that is being pushed upon us as normal. We must demand a government that sees rural mothers and babies as worthy of care and not as collateral damage.

Democracy lives — or dies — in places like Lavonia.

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COLUMNIST ■ YONATAN HAMBOURGER

When the cloud moves: Trusting the timing of life

Life rarely runs on our schedule. We find ourselves craving change when everything feels stuck, and yearning for rest when life just won't let up. We plan, we hope, we do our best to make things happen, and still, the timing of life refuses to bend to our wishes.

Maybe you've been stuck in a job that feels stagnant, longing for something new to open up. Or perhaps you're racing through a season so busy you can barely catch your breath, but the demands keep piling on. It's a familiar feeling: wanting to steer the ship, only to find the currents aren't ours to command.

This tension shows up in every aspect of life. In families, we watch our children grow up too fast and wish time would slow down, or we endure long stretches of routine and long for something to change. At work, sometimes opportunities appear overnight; other times, we wait and wait for doors to open. Even in our spiritual lives, there are times when our prayers feel answered and everything seems to flow, and other times when we're left waiting, uncertain of what comes next.

No matter how carefully we plan, reality often humbles us. So much of what matters most — love, growth, meaning — arrives on a timetable we don't control. We can prepare, we can pray, but we can't make the right moment come a day sooner or delay it when we're not ready.

Many of us grapple with this universal challenge, trying to find peace amid uncertainty. How do we handle the frustration of waiting or the discomfort of being pushed forward before we feel ready? What does it mean to live well, even when we can't control the pace?


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We see this struggle reflected all around us. Think of a young couple hoping for a child, waiting through months or years of uncertainty. Or the friend who, after years of patient work, suddenly finds herself called to a new place or purpose before she feels ready. Even the rhythms of our communities — times of growth, times of loss, times of renewal — remind us that we are not always the authors of our own timeline.

There's an ancient story in Exodus that speaks to this challenge. When the Israelites were journeying through the wilderness, they didn't decide when to move and when to stay. Instead, their camp was guided by a visible sign of God's presence: a cloud that would settle over their camp or lift to signal it was time to move on. In Jewish tradition, this is known as the Cloud of Glory, a reminder that their journey's rhythm wasn't theirs to command.

Sometimes the cloud would stay for just a day; other times, the people would remain in one place for months or even years. They never knew how long each stop would last. Their task wasn't to control the timing but to trust that each pause and each journey had its own purpose.

This image has always moved me. It's a powerful metaphor for our lives today. There are seasons for movement and seasons for waiting, and often the most incredible wisdom is learning to honor both. The Israelites learned to find meaning in the journey, even when they didn't know the destination or timetable. They lived each day with openness, packing up when it was time to move and settling in when it was time to wait.

We may not see a cloud in our sky telling us when to act or when to rest. But the lesson endures: Both movement and stillness can be sacred. We're not defined by how quickly we reach our goals, but by how we show up — patient, faithful, attentive — no matter where we find ourselves.

Maybe you're in a season of waiting, watching for a sign that it's time to move forward. Or perhaps life is urging you onward before you feel ready. Either way, we can take comfort in knowing that we don't walk this path alone. God's presence is with us in every pause and every step, guiding us in ways we may not always understand.

If we're honest, it's not easy to let go of our need for control. We want certainty and to know what comes next. But perhaps there's a more profound peace to be found in surrendering to the journey itself, trusting that every moment, whether restless or restful, has meaning. We might discover gifts in the waiting we never expected or find strength in moving forward when we least feel ready. In those moments, we join a long tradition of faithful people learning to trust that God's timing is, in its own mysterious way, precisely right.

So whether you're asked to wait or to move, take heart: The same Presence that guided the Israelites still guides us. Our job isn't always to control the timing, but to trust the journey and to find meaning, hope, and blessing in every season along the way.

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

Exceeding the wait limit

According to scientific estimates, a human being will spend 7,000 hours waiting over the course of his or her lifetime. That's nearly 292 days – almost an entire year – that they could otherwise be doing something productive, worthwhile ... or perhaps fun.

And six months of that time waiting is spent sitting at a red light. If I remember correctly, that's about how long it took to reach the end of "The Blair Witch Project." I wonder if that scientific estimate includes the time spent standing in line behind someone at the grocery store checkout line searching for a couple of dozen coupons buried somewhere in their purse or wallet.



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Or waiting in rush hour traffic as drivers slow down to rubberneck because they've never seen someone changing a flat tire on the side of the road before.

Or waiting at the DMV for your number to be called.

Or getting through security screening at the airport during a TSA shift change.

Factoring all of those into the equation, it's probably a safe bet that the average person spends an entire year of their lives waiting for one thing or another. Every once in a while, however, waiting pays off.

Granted, it requires some degree of patience. After all, good things come to ye who waits:

-- I waited in line at Turtles, the local record store, for tickets to Prince and the Revolution on their "Purple Rain" tour years ago. After the first show sold out in record time, a second show was added. When the second show did the same, they added a third.

When the third show did as well, they added a fourth. I stood in line all four times, eventually making it to the front of the line before the final show sold out. If you never saw Prince perform live, you missed something special.

-- The moment tickets went for sale online for Desert Trip, a 2016 three-day event in California featuring six legends of rock and roll, I was in front of my computer with my hands on the keyboard. I still had to wait several hours to actually purchase the tickets, because when I first put my name in the queue, my place in line was in the quadruple digits. Although I didn't make it to Woodstock in 1969, going to Desert Trip was a nice consolation prize.

-- When "The Sting" was released on Christmas Day in 1973, Cindy and I were in line on opening night at the Regency Theaters in Jacksonville, Fla. We waited a good while – the line wrapped entirely around the theater when we got there – but we didn't mind because we were still in our first year of dating. Besides, it was really cold that night, and when two people have nothing else to protect them from the elements, there's only one way to stay warm. And the movie wasn't bad, either.

On the other hand ... A few years ago Cindy and I went to Universal Studios. The company she worked for rented the entire park just for their employees, so it wasn't as crowded as it ordinarily would have been. We were advised to go directly to Hagrid's Motorbike Adventure, allegedly the best ride in the park. We got in what appeared to be a very short line, but didn't realize that the line took a turn to the right once you got to the end of it.

When we took that turn and got to the end of that line, the line turned to the left. This cycle repeated itself several times before we finally made it to the front of the line. So after standing in line for the better part of two hours, we were just 10 seconds into our

three-minute ride, and I literally could not wait for it to end. It was absolutely gut wrenching. And I mean that both literally and figuratively.

The only way it could have been any worse would have been if we had waited in line for three minutes and the ride lasted two hours.

And let's not forget all those little things we wait for that, technically, aren't included in those 7,000 hours mentioned earlier:

-- The sound of the dismissal bell on the last day of school.

-- The nasty pimple in the middle of your forehead to clear up.

-- The Novocain to wear off after a trip to the dentist.

-- Your hair to grow back after a trip to the beauty parlor or barber shop that didn't end well.

-- The end of a really, really uncomfortable date.

-- The arrival of your next Amazon delivery containing one more thing you decided you absolutely could not live without.

By now you're probably waiting for me to wrap this up. I just have one more thing to add, but first I'll need to go and find it. So don't go anywhere.

Wait right there ...

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

2 Timothy 2:19

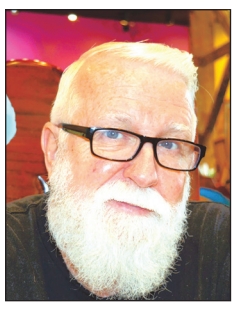
COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Remembering an Albany past that's all but disappeared

Nothing but the dead and the dying back in my little town.

– Paul Simon

I know, everybody says the same thing – "There's nothing to do here" – whether they live in a small community like TyTy or a metropolitan area like Atlanta.



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But that old saw was actually the case growing up in Ocilla. The movie theater shut down before I was even a teenager, and any scheduled dance or musical performance was a rarity. Except for Colonial Village, they really did roll up the sidewalks around 6 p.m.

We sought fun in nearby places like Tifton and Fitzgerald, and on certain occasions we'd make the 60-mile trip to Albany. A few of these trips stand out:

1. Gary Owens and I came over for a day of just goofing off. (Gary was a girl, by the way.) We had lunch, found a specific tennis racket she'd been looking for and I bought the Charlie Daniels "Fire on the Mountain" album that I hadn't been able to find at any of the (few) record outlets in our area. Gary also cut all my (then very long) hair off after I ducked my head in the Alapaha River. Fun day.

2. New movies didn't make it to Fitzgerald and Tifton until they'd enjoyed bigger runs in larger cities, so my two best friends, Dwayne Josie and Mike Shuman (RIP, guys), and I drove over to Albany to see "The Exorcist" when it first came out. Scared the bejesus out of us, but well worth the trip.

3. Coming to Albany to eat at the Red Lobster with Wesley Griffin so he could show off his new Corvette. About the only memory I have of the trip is the earsplitting loudness of his sound system in the closed-in vehicle (I've never seen the appeal) and of the meal was an on-air guy I saw regularly on the only local TV station we could get at our house in Ocilla making out – to the embarrassment of others waiting in line – shamelessly with his date.

I was thinking about those good-ole-days memories in juxtaposition with Albany today, decades later. The starkness of the comparison was like a slap in the face.

The back-then-thriving Good Life City was something of a wonderland paradise for small-town folks like us from Ocilla and surrounding communities like Dawson, Leesburg, Newton, Sylvester, Camilla and other nearby hamlets. It really was a big deal to come here … Albany had things we'd only heard about on that one TV station or read about in our home-delivered Albany Heralds.

Albany today has grown old. Businesses that have been here for decades have grown shabby as owners hold onto their money and refuse to do regular updates. And many of the businesses that made Albany great have shut down, most of the buildings they occupied now sitting vacant and slowly deteriorating.

A litany of businesses that drew workers to the city has closed up shop and moved on: Bobs Candies, Cooper Tire, Merck Chemicals, Firestone, Commercial Shuttle Service, Stonebridge Country Club, Flint River Textile …

Oddly enough, as Albany's population has declined – more than 12,000 people gone in the past decade – its crime rate has risen. Gangs are rampant, and they've taken their deadly infighting away from their neighborhoods into other parts of the city in general. An undermanned police force does everything in its power to combat the growing violent crime rate, but its efforts have been mostly futile.

Once a city that came to diversity gradually but did so eventually, Albany now is as divided racially as the nation is politically. It's rare that race doesn't become a factor in any local event, government action or community activity.

The thing about communities like Albany is that they have to bottom out before they start to get better. The Good Life City has all but reached rock bottom, and – good news – there is a growing number of young professionals who are starting to bring their enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the city, grudgingly, but steadily, chasing out old ideas and attitudes that are primarily responsible for the city's decline.

Here's hoping those who cling to those old ignorances of racism, factionism and fanaticism are unceremoniously sent to oblivion so that new concepts that move the city forward can take root and, eventually, flourish.

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COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

In case you missed it

Most people today can be listed among three distinct categories. A) They keep up with the news, and they're generally satisfied with what they see. B) They keep up with the news, and they're generally disgusted with what they see. Or C) They don't keep up with the news at all.

No matter which group you're in, there's a chance you may have missed some interesting stories. It is my duty as America's slowest-rising columnist to make sure you are aware of these stories. Since everyone else has been writing about the shutdown, the demolition, the ballroom, the gerrymandering, the filibuster and inflation, I will cover the important stories that are being overlooked.



CARROLL

Item 1: SMARTPHONES COULD CAUSE HEMORRHOIDS. Dr. Alek Kanojia says smartphones are leading more people to develop hemorrhoids. This is a major development, because I never thought I would use the words "smartphones" and "hemorrhoids" in the same sentence.

USA Today reports Kanojia stating, "Sitting on the toilet with your phone could give you hemorrhoids." He says if you're on the throne for a longer-than-usual time, scrolling through your news feed, your inbox, and the pics of adorable babies and kittens, you have a 46% increased risk of developing hemorrhoids. How he came up with that exact figure, I do not know, nor do I want to know.

Doctors who once had more important things to worry about now caution us to limit our smartphone usage to under five minutes while on the toilet. I'm no doctor, but I would also recommend buying stock in Preparation H.

Item 2: PUBLISHERS CLEARINGHOUSE WON'T PAY PAST PRIZE WINNERS. Say it isn't so. Ed McMahon promised us we would be set for life if we won the sweepstakes. This proves nothing lasts forever. We bought subscriptions to magazines that have ceased publishing, in hopes of winning prize money that no longer exists.

John Wyllie of Bellingham, Wash., won $5,000 a week for life in 2012. At the age of 47, he retired, intending to live off the weekly winnings he had been promised. But the checks stopped, all of a sudden. No prize van, no balloons, no TV cameras.

The same goes for Matthew Veatch of Oregon, a disabled Army veteran. The New York Times reports that Veatch had used his weekly prize money to cover household bills, rising food costs, and medical bills. In his words, "They have absolutely ruined people's lives. We're in a worse spot now than we were when we won." And if that isn't bad enough:

Item 3: AMAZON PRIME DAYS FACES LAWSUIT OVER "FAKE SALES." According to USA Today, Americans are being misled by fake deals during Amazon's popular Prime Day sales. A proposed class action lawsuit alleges that Amazon makes us believe we are getting a better deal than we actually are. For example, we are told we are getting 50% off a certain product that regularly sells for $99. The suit alleges that the product usually sells for $69, but the price was boosted to $99 for a brief period so they could promote it on Prime Day as "50% off."

Obviously, I should have done more research before I bought that desktop vacuum cleaner and the toilet bowl night light.

Finally, Item 4: CALLERS TO SOCIAL SECURITY MUST WAIT FOR HOURS TO GET HELP. The Washington Post talked to many Social Security recipients about their experiences waiting "on hold" to get answers. 70-year-old Susan Kunkel said, "It's like some kind of torture they do to make people crazy." Kathy Stecher, 72, said, "It's a kick in the butt to people who are disabled and need help."

They are referring to wait times that can stretch into hours, never-ending loops of music, and confusing robot messages that lead to nowhere. The Social Security Administration says, "We are improving our customer service and dramatically reducing the wait times," but the Post says the agency's work force has actually been reduced by thousands this year.

Word to the wise: Don't wait for an answer from Social Security while sitting on the toilet. Your financial problems are bad enough, without having to deal with hemorrhoids.

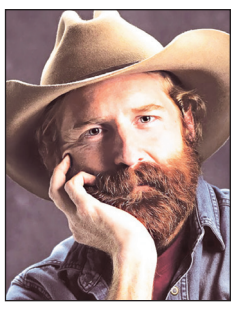
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COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

You can't do that no more

You can't say that word anymore," snapped the female cashier.

She was reprimanding an older man customer in the supermarket. The cashier was very matter-of-fact, glaring at the elderly man from across the cash register like he'd just drop-kicked a kitten.



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Meantime, a teenage girl was bagging his groceries, eyes averted downward.

"Wait," the man replied. "I can't say what anymore? What'd I say?"

The cashier nodded to the teenage employee. "You called her 'sweetheart.' You can't say that. It's disrespectful and inappropriate."

Inappropriate? Nobody in line could believe what we were hearing. For starters, the man in question was old enough to be someone's grandfather. Secondly, this is Alabama. I've had police officers call me "sweetheart" after traffic violations.

The old man seemed genuinely surprised by the rebuke. He looked like he was almost in tears after being scolded publicly by a cashier who was younger than most articles of his current wardrobe.

Someone in line stepped forward to defend the man.

"I don't think he meant any disrespect," offered the unfortunate Samaritan, a middle-aged man who was about to be verbally neutered by the cashier. A middle-aged man who might or might not be writing this column.

"It's called gender respect," the cashier shot back. "He don't know her; she don't know him. It's gender shaming."

"I don't think calling someone 'sweetheart' classifies as shaming," said the castration victim.

Nobody knew how to respond any further. So we didn't.

The old man took his groceries quietly. "I apologize," he said. "I call my grandkids sweetheart all the time. It was an honest mistake."

The teenage girl was still looking at her shoes. She said quietly, "I thought it was nice."

The older man took his groceries and left.

And that's when I got to thinking about the ever-growing list of things you can't do anymore.

And I'm not talking about the big things, such as smoking unfiltered Camels in the maternity-ward waiting room. Actually, it's not a "maternity ward" anymore. It's the "labor and delivery unit." "Maternity ward" is a sexist term implying that only women have babies.

What I'm talking about is the little things you aren't supposed to do anymore. Such as eating dessert after each meal.

When I was a kid, we ate dessert after every meal. Sometimes it was a bowl of ice cream. Other times, your mom went to great pains, preparing a pie from scratch, featuring a crust that was made with genuine, 100% oleo.

But today, only 12% of American households eat dessert. That number is shrinking.

"Dessert is making Americans obese," remarked a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services official. "A healthier after-dinner alternative would be nuts or raisins."

Nuts and raisins after supper. Joy.

But is dessert really what's making America fat? Our grandparents' generation, for example, sometimes ate dessert as a meal. My grandfather often ate a Hershey bar with Marshmallow Fluff and Graham crackers for lunch. My grandfather weighed a buck-fifty, sopping wet.

Couldn't the obesity epidemic have a little something to do with the average American sitting for 8 to 11 hours per day?

Also, you can't discipline children in public. You can't raise your voice. And you definitely can't spank. Currently, it's not illegal to spank your kids in the U.S. But it's already illegal in France, Germany, Sweden, and lots of other countries.

You can't casually touch someone, like a hand on the shoulder. This is harassment.

You can't visit someone's house unannounced, nonchalantly ringing their doorbell. You must call or text first.

You can't use paper maps. You will be pulled over for reckless driving.

Your kids cannot walk to school alone, play on a playground without an adult present, or leave the home unsupervised on a bike like Americans did in the 1970s. This is neglect.

Keep in mind that America's crime rate has fallen by 50% since the 1970s. Fifty. Since 1966, there has been a dramatic reduction in all crimes including police officer fatalities, property crimes, and homicides. We are — in effect — living in one of the safest eras in our national history.

Although if I'm being honest, it doesn't feel very safe, sweetheart.

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University System of Georgia enrollment reaches record high

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ATLANTA – University System of Georgia enrollment climbed this fall to an all-time record of 382,142 students. The 4.8% increase in enrollment over fall 2024 marks a third consecutive year of growth for the system.

Enrollment grew at 23 of USG's 26 public colleges and universities, according to USG's fall 2025 Semester Enrollment Report, with the total number of students at USG institutions across Georgia rising by 17,417 over the previous year. Most of that increase (13,883 students) came from in-state students, with a 4.8% rise in the number of Georgians seeking a USG education.

"Across the state, we're not just enrolling students but we're preparing them for the real-world demands of a fast-changing work force," USG Chancellor Sonny Perdue said. "Thanks to the hard work of our presidents, faculty and staff, we're helping more students enter college, stay on track and get to graduation. Coupled with a record number of degrees awarded this past year, we're contributing to the virtuous cycle of a more educated work force and more prosperous Georgia."

The fall 2025 headcount increased across all four sectors of institutions within the system, with comprehensive universities experiencing the largest increase in the number of students (7,465) and percentage growth (7.5%).

Kennesaw State University led the system in overall headcount growth, adding 3,530 students this fall. The University of West Georgia posted the highest percentage increase at 11.7%. Georgia Highlands College and Fort Valley State University followed closely, with growth rates of 9.5% and 9.4%, respectively. Georgia Tech remains the largest institution in the system, enrolling 56,715 students — a 6.3% increase over last fall.

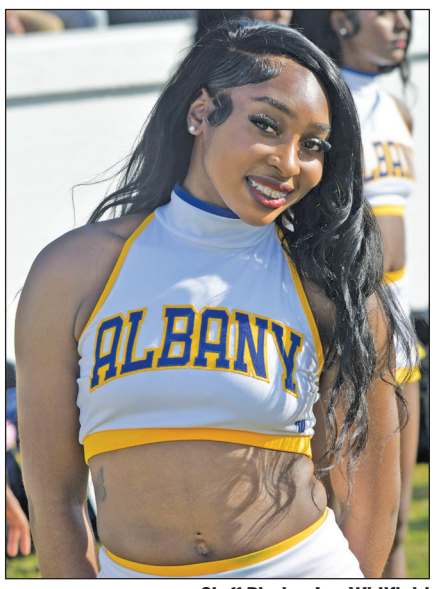
Enrollment rose across both undergraduate and graduate levels at USG institutions this fall. Undergraduate enrollment increased by 11,423 students (4.1%) compared to 2024, while graduate and professional programs added 5,832 students (a 7.2% jump). Of those, 4,823 were master's students — an 8.4% increase — with more than half enrolled at Georgia Tech. The fastest-growing category in terms of percent was education specialists, which saw a 12.4% rise.

Fall 2025 marked the third consecutive year of growth in beginning freshman enrollment across USG institutions, with a 3.6% increase that resulted in 1,968 more students than the previous year. Dual enrollment also hit a new high, reaching 24,280 students — a 15% jump from fall 2024. Since fall 2021, dual enrollment has surged 70.3%, adding 10,022 students. The growth follows a 2023 change in admissions test requirements that expanded eligibility, allowing students to enroll in dual credit courses if they had qualifying scores in specific subject areas. Previously, a low score in any section could block participation entirely.

Demographic numbers continue to show an increasingly varied student population. The number of students identifying as Asian increased by 2,631 students (5.2%), and those identifying as Latino grew by 3,841 students (8.9%). There was an 8.1% increase in black students (7,533), while the number of white students increased by 2,648 students (1.7%).

Much like public higher education institutions across the nation, USG enrollment had fallen in fall 2021 and fall 2022 after seven consecutive years of growth. Previously, between 2013 and 2020, USG saw a steady increase in the number of students attending its institutions, with record-high headcounts each fall between 2015 and 2020.

After dipping -0.2% to 340,638 in Fall 2021, total enrollment for fall 2022 fell again to 334,459 students before fall 2023 enrollment rebounded with a 3% annual gain to 344,392 students.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

University System of Georgia enrollment climbed this fall to an all-time record of 382,142 students.

The enrollment numbers were released in USG's annual fall semester enrollment report, which analyzes enrollment data by institution, age, gender, race and ethnicity, as well as in-state, out-of-state and out-of-country students.



Special Photo: TRMC

TRMC staff recently presented the PHIL Award to Marguerite Merritt's family and friends on her behalf.

Marguerite Merritt receives Tift Regional PHIL award posthumously

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TIFTON – The Tift Regional Medical Center Respiratory Care Department presented its PHIL Award posthumously to long-serving respiratory therapist Marguerite Merritt at a recent ceremony.

A dedicated Respiratory Therapist at TRMC for more than 47 years, Merritt passed away in August 2025. Her family and close friends accepted the award on her behalf.

The PHIL Award is a nationally recognized hospital-based recognition program dedicated to honoring outstanding respiratory therapists who provide exemplary care and treatment for patients with respiratory illnesses, as nominated by patients, family members and other caregivers. The award honors and recognizes the unsung heroes in the respiratory profession who understand that each breath matters.

Speakers at the award ceremony included Respiratory Care Director Sandy Wells and Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care Specialist Dr. Rubal Patel. Members of administration also attended, including Southwell President/CEO Chris Dorman and Chief Nursing Officer Tonia Garrett.

During the tribute, Merritt was remembered as a dedicated clinician who was the picture of selflessness. She was described as skilled, kind, caring, and always willing to help co-workers. Merritt was known for always putting patients first, exemplifying a life of serving others.

Kennesaw State study shows cellphone ban improves teacher well-being

By Christin Senior
Kennesaw State University

KENNESAW -- A new partnership between Kennesaw State University and Marietta City Schools is shedding light on how banning cellphones in classrooms can benefit both students and teachers.

Preliminary findings from a study led by Mei-Lin Chang, professor at KSU's Clarice C. and Leland H. Bagwell College of Education, suggest that restricting cellphone use during the school day has not only boosted student engagement but also improved teacher well-being and job satisfaction.

The research is part of a broader collaboration among Marietta City Schools, Emory University and KSU. While Emory's research team examined how the cellphone ban affected students' mental health and learning, KSU's study focused on how it influenced teachers.

"The district initially set out to improve student focus and mental health," Chang said. "But they quickly noticed another unexpected outcome: Teachers were reporting higher satisfaction and less stress."

Teacher burnout has long been a national concern. According to recent RAND surveys, more than half of U.S. teachers report symptoms of depression or hopelessness, and enthusiasm for teaching has dropped significantly since the pandemic. In Georgia, the situation mirrors national trends, with teacher attrition and shortages on the rise.

"For many teachers, constant cellphone use in class was a daily frustration," Chang said. "Imagine walking into a classroom where every student is looking at their phone instead of paying attention. Teachers feel they can't connect with students the way they used to, and that's incredibly discouraging."

For the study, Chang and her team, Rachel Gaines and Johari Harris, surveyed teachers at two Marietta city schools — a sixth-grade academy and a middle school. At the sixth-grade academy, 100% of teachers agreed that the cellphone ban improved student engagement, classroom management and peer interaction. Ninety percent reported feeling less stressed, more supported, and more fulfilled in their work. At the middle school, 80 to 92% of teachers echoed those positive outcomes.

"It's rare in research to see 100% agreement," Chang said. "That tells us this initiative made a real difference."

The findings have already sparked statewide discussions. In August, Chang was invited to be a facilitator to discuss the issue at a Critical Issues Forum hosted by the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education at Emory University, where educators, policymakers, and students debated the role of cellphones in schools.

The project builds on a long-standing partnership between the Bagwell College of Education and Marietta City Schools, which have collaborated on literacy programs such as the FAST Academy summer reading initiative.

Director of Employee Relations Dayton Hibbs said the district values its partnership with KSU and believes collaborations like this study are crucial as school districts try to address teacher well-being.

"When making policy decisions, it's essential that we measure impact and effectiveness," Hibbs said. "Our partnership with KSU allowed us to apply high-quality research methods to evaluate whether the policy achieved its intended outcomes. The initial findings are promising, showing that informed policy decisions can strengthen learning environments and build trust among students, teachers and families."



Mei-Lin Chang

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Socomec to bring 300 new jobs to Suwanee

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ATLANTA – Electrical component and system manufacturer Socomec will invest nearly $10 million in a new facility in Suwanee, creating 300 new jobs in Gwinnett County.

"We are excited to welcome Socomec to the No. 1 state for business," Gov. Brian Kemp said in announcing the project. "As Georgia continues to lead the way in attracting innovative manufacturers, we look forward to seeing the opportunities this project will bring to the people of Suwannee and the surrounding community."

Socomec specializes in power switching, monitoring, conversion, and energy storage, as well as expert services that support each business area. Socomec launched its U.S. subsidiary in 2009 and has since invested in local manufacturing, resources, and product development, allowing for the group to support

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Albany Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a 2025 millage rate which will require an increase in property tax by .26 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on the tax increase to be held at the Government Center in Room 100, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 8:30 A.M., Room 100
Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 8:30 A.M., Room 100
Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., Room 100

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 10.672 mills, an increase of .028 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 10.644 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of $100,000 is approximately $1.06 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of $125,000 is approximately $1.40.

Fox Theatre awards Thomasville Center for the Arts a $65,000 grant

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THOMASVILLE -- The Thomasville Center for the Arts has been awarded a $65,000 investment through the Fox Theatre's Fox Gives single-year grant program, an initiative dedicated to preserving Georgia's cultural heritage, fostering economic growth and strengthening community spaces.

The Fox Theatre Institute Grant Program will replace outdated auditorium lighting in Thomasville Center for the Arts' historic 1915 building. This project enhances the functionality, safety, and artistic quality of the auditorium while preserving the architectural integrity of this community landmark.

"We are honored to be among this year's Fox Gives recipients," Erin Wolfe Bell, executive director at Thomasville Center for the Arts, said in a news release. "We take great pride in being the caretakers of this historic facility, and we are thrilled to be able to make these improvements to the theater, a place where so many important community events occur."

Bell says the lighting upgrades will improve energy efficiency, expand technical capabilities for performances and events, and enhance the overall experience for both audiences and artists. Bell also said that the Center for the Arts has secured an additional $90,000 of private dollars to fully fund the project.

"At its heart, Fox Gives strengthens the places where communities come together – where stories unfold and creative futures begin," Leigh Burns, the director of community partnerships for Fox Gives, said. "By investing in these beloved venues, we help them thrive as spaces celebrate local identity and inspire connection."

One of the center's long-time resident partners, the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation, also will benefit greatly from the Fox Theatre's support. Rick Ivey, the executive and artistic director of TEF, expressed his appreciation, saying the grant will enhance the experience of performing at the center.

"We are so excited that this grant award from Fox Gives will complete a long-planned effort to transition the center's stage lighting to safer, more efficient, and more user-friendly LED fixtures," Ivey said. "The acclaimed performing artists that we bring to this community always comment on the special aspects of the auditorium — intimate, historic, and acoustic — and this new lighting system will only enhance that experience.

"We appreciate Fox Gives joining in partnership with the center, TEF, and other major contributors to this project, and all that the Fox does to keep Georgia's presenting organizations, theaters, and venues viable and vital."

Now in its 17th year, Fox Gives has awarded more than $4.7 million to historic venues across Georgia and the Southeast. This total includes more than $4.2 million in single-year grants distributed to 64 venues throughout the region. These investments support a wide range of needs, from emergency repairs and historic structure studies to infrastructure upgrades, technical assistance and long-term preservation planning, helping iconic institutions remain pillars of regional civic and cultural life across Georgia. Since its inception in 2008, the Fox Gives single-year grants program has helped revitalize more than 70 community arts venues, sustaining them as vital gathering places and driving economic growth.

For more information, visit foxtheatre.org



Special Photo: TCA

Dancers from South Georgia Ballet perform a Soirée de Ballet preview during Thomasville Center for the Arts' quarterly Art Night Out.



Special Photo: TCA

Inside the Thomasville Center for the Arts' historic 1915 building, the theater hosts performances, exhibitions, and educational programs that bring together students, adults, and visiting artists from across the region.

Board of Regents elects new chair, vice chair

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ATLANTA – The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has elected current Vice Chair David B. Dove to a one-year term as the board's new chair and Regent Deep J. Shah to a one-year term as the board's vice chair.

Dove, who joined the board in 2024 and represents Georgia's 11th congressional district, will serve as chair from Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026. Dove is a partner at Troutman Pepper Locke in Atlanta, where his practice focuses on regulatory and economic investment matters. Originally from Athens, Dove earned B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Georgia, where he was inducted into the Order of Barristers and Blue Key Honor Society.

"I'm honored for the opportunity to serve as chair and help keep USG on track as the best public university system in the country," Dove said. "As a proud UGA graduate, I know first-hand the power of a USG degree, and I'm grateful for the chance to give back to my state. I especially want to thank Chairman T. Dallas Smith for his steady leadership over the past year and his dedication to the university system. I look forward to working with Chancellor Perdue, Regent Shah and my fellow board members to support the success of the more than 382,000 students in our system."

USG Chancellor Sonny Perdue also thanked outgoing Chairman Smith, saying he "has taken on the important work of guiding this system forward, championing the needs of our campuses and helping advance USG's mission. We're grateful for his leadership and service, and I'm excited to continue building on that momentum with incoming Chair Dove and incoming Vice Chair Shah."

Dove previously served as executive counsel for Gov. Brian P. Kemp. As one of two direct reports to the governor, he collaborated with the Attorney General's office to secure significant legal victories, notably in the Tri-State Water Wars. He played a crucial role in Gov. Kemp's judicial appointments, including four Supreme Court justices, six judges on the Georgia Court of Appeals and 86 trial court judges in Georgia.

The UGA Alumni Association recognized Dove with a Young Alumni Award for his outstanding leadership and service to the university, community and legal profession. He remains highly engaged with his alma mater, where he previously served as chairman of the Alumni Board of Directors for UGA's School of Public and International Affairs and remains a member of the SPIA Sustainers group. He also serves as a board member of the Law School Alumni Council and has taught law at UGA as an adjunct professor.

Shah, who joined the board in 2024 as an at-large member, will serve as vice chair from Jan. 1, 2026, to Dec. 31, 2026. He is a practicing primary care physician and the chief operating officer at Gwinnett Clinic, northeast Atlanta's leading independent multi-specialty group, which champions patient-centered, physician-led care.

"It's a privilege to serve on the board and give back to a state that's given me so much," Shah said. "I'm excited to step into this new role alongside Chair-elect Dove and help strengthen Georgia's work force and communities through the power of higher education."

Shah graduated with highest honors from the University of Georgia as a Foundation Fellow and won Truman and Rhodes scholarships to study at Oxford University, where he earned a master's degree in social policy. He earned a medical degree from Harvard University and trained in internal medicine at Emory University before entering private practice.

Shah has been named a Top Doctor by both Georgia Trend and Castle Connolly. He has expertise in health care operations and health finance, and his recent work has focused on contract negotiation for independent medical groups, efficient utilization of health IT and medical real estate.

In addition to Shah's work at Gwinnett Clinic, he advocates for patients and community-based primary care at the state and federal levels. He has won multiple leadership awards, including an Alpha Omega Alpha Fellowship. In 2022, Shah was named a director of Touchmark National Bank, an FDIC-insured Minority Deposit Institution in Alpharetta. He was elected secretary of the bank in 2023.



Special Photo Brandon O'Connor

Jeff Garland, right, gives a tour of Papa G's Organic Hemp Farm in Crawford County, Indiana. Garland and his son started the farm in 2020. At left is Lee Schnell of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Hemp growers, retailers targeted in government shutdown legislation

By Jennifer Shutt
Georgia Recorder

WASHINGTON — Kentucky's two U.S. senators sparred this week over the future of the country's hemp industry — one arguing that a provision attached to the package that will re-open the government will close a problematic loophole and the other contending the language will regulate the industry "to death."

Sen. Mitch McConnell ultimately prevailed and was able to keep the section in the Agriculture appropriations bill cracking down on hemp that Sen. Rand Paul tried to remove during floor debate. Both are Republicans.

The hemp measure has raised alarm in farm states benefiting from a robust hemp growing industry. Hemp plants have 0.3% or less of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, while cannabis or marijuana plants have higher concentrations of that substance, which is what gives users the "high or stoned" feeling.

A summary of the bill put together by Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Susan Collins' staff says the new language would prevent "the unregulated sale of intoxicating hemp-based or hemp-derived products, including Delta-8, from being sold online, in gas stations, and corner stores, while preserving non-intoxicating CBD and industrial hemp products."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has a warning page on its website cautioning "that delta-8 THC products have not been evaluated or approved by the FDA for safe use in any context."

McConnell explained he is targeting hemp because its uses have expanded beyond what was intended.

"I led the effort to legalize industrial hemp through the 2014 pilot program and the 2018 Farm Bill," McConnell said. "Unfortunately, companies have exploited a loophole in the 2018 legislation by taking legal amounts of THC from hemp and turning it into intoxicating substances, and then marketing it to children in candy-like packaging and selling it in easily accessible places, like gas stations and convenience stores all across our country."

McConnell said the new provision, which won't take effect until a year after the bill becomes law, would "keep these dangerous products out of the hands of children while preserving the hemp industry for farmers."

Paul and Oregon Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley urged their colleagues to remove that McConnell provision from the larger spending package, but were unsuccessful.

The new language would change the definition of what makes a hemp plant legal, a move Paul said would mean "every plant in the country will have to be destroyed."

"This bill's per-serving THC content limit would make illegal any hemp product that contains more than point four milligrams," Paul said. "That would be nearly 100% of the existing market. That amounts to an effective ban, because the limit is so low that the products intended to manage pain or anxiety will lose their effect."

The legislation, Paul added, will negatively impact the nearly two dozen states that have set higher limits on hemp production.

Merkley said the new provision in the larger spending package would eliminate the hemp industry, which Congress took steps to establish more than a decade ago.

NOTICE

The **City of Albany Board of Commissioners** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Government Center in **Room 100, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia** on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025** at **6:00 P.M.** and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2025 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

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		Mobile Homes	3,661,395	3,582,823	3,540,652	3,807,522	4,551,897	5,351,780
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		NET DIGEST VALUE	1,456,980,828	1,449,200,308	1,455,510,274	1,487,791,271	1,492,869,744	1,469,098,859
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		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax & Insurance Premium)	7.2480	7.1160	7.5480	7.6440	7.8000	8.2850
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	9.6680	9.6310	9.5970	9.5280	10.6720	10.6720
	TAX	**TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED**	$14,086,091	$13,957,248	$13,968,532	$14,175,675	$15,931,906	$15,678,223
		Net Tax $ Increase	($2,099)	($128,842)	$11,284	$207,143	$1,756,231	($253,683)
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Special Photo: Reginald Christian, Albany State University

Albany State head coach Quinn Gray, left, stands with Fountain City Classic MVP Aydin Henningham, athletic director Kristine Kelly and Albany State President Robert Scott after the Golden Rams beat archrival Fort Valley State, 48-3, last week. The Golden Rams will play for the SIAC championship Saturday at the Albany State Coliseum against Benedict College.

Albany State competes for SIAC title

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY - The numbers say this shouldn't be complicated. The history, the stakes, and the nerves insist it will be.

Albany State and Benedict meet again Saturday afternoon at Albany State University Coliseum, this time with the SIAC championship trophy waiting at midfield. It's No. 2 vs. No. 4, both teams at 9-1, both believing they're built for this moment. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m., though you suspect the Golden Rams have been ready since the final seconds ticked off last year's season.

If you're looking for separation, it came three weeks ago in Columbia, where Albany State thumped Benedict 31-3 in what felt like a message as much as a result. The Golden Rams held the Tigers to just 69 rushing yards that day, an effort that reminded everyone — Benedict included — who owns the SIAC's nastiest defense.

Since the early stumble at FAMU, Albany State has ripped off seven straight victories, the most emphatic a 48-3 dismantling of Fort Valley State in the Fountain City Classic. It was the kind of rivalry win that leaves a glow, but the Golden Rams hardly had time to bask. Championship week arrived quickly and loudly.

The league office added to the buzz Monday by announcing 11 Albany State players earned All-SIAC honors. At the top of the list: quarterback Isaiah Knowles, named Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season. That he did it while missing three games tells you everything about the impact he has when he's upright, locked in and wearing blue and gold.

Knowles steers an offense that leads the SIAC at 36.8 points per game. When he isn't carving up secondaries, the Golden Rams simply hand the ball to Tiant Wyche, whose 684 yards and 116 carries make him one of the league's steadiest backs. Only Benedict's Triston Morgan sits near him statistically, with 654 yards on 126 carries — a reminder that if Benedict wants a different result this time, its run game must be much better than it was in October.

But this matchup will be decided the way Albany State games are usually decided. The Golden Rams allow just 11.5 points per game, the stingiest mark in the conference, and have built a defense that forces opponents into third-and-long and then into mistakes. Benedict counters with the SIAC's second-best scoring defense at 16.4 points per game, but the Tigers come in averaging just 26.8 points on offense — sixth in the league — which is not the profile you want when facing a team that drags you into the deep end and holds you there.

This is where statistics and emotions collide. The numbers tilt Albany State's way. The familiarity, the pressure and the weight of a championship often refuse to follow spreadsheets. Benedict knows precisely what happened three weeks ago, knows how physical that game became, and knows its season will be judged by how it responds.

Albany State, meanwhile, stands on the doorstep of something more. A conference title at home. A chance to finish 10-1 in the SIAC. A chance to prove that what happened in Columbia wasn't a one-off but a sign of who owns the league now.

Saturday will decide it. The best team in the SIAC has looked like Albany State all season. Now the Golden Rams have to prove it one more time.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Dougherty splits with Colquitt County

Dougherty's Marcus Heath Jr. shoots over Colquitt County's Kai Wallace during Tuesday's game at Dougherty High School in Albany. A large Tuesday night crowd was on hand as the Trojans jumped out to a 20-0 lead and then held on for a 50-42 win. The Lady Packers of Colquitt County took control early before the Lady Trojans battled back and got within eight points before eventually falling 55-33. Additional photos are on AlbanyHerald.com.

Merry Acres wins big, 65-18

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY - Merry Acres wasted no time showing its depth and defensive bite Wednesday afternoon, overwhelming visiting Stewart County 65-18 in a game that turned into a showcase for nearly the entire roster. Eleven different Braves found the scoring column as Head Coach Art Anderson began subbing freely midway through the first quarter, confident that any combination he put on the floor would keep the pressure high.

That pressure came early and often. Merry Acres opened in a trapping zone defense that swallowed passing lanes and forced turnover after turnover. Stewart County didn't get on the board until the Braves were already up 8-0, and by then the tone was set. Transition baskets piled up, and so did the minutes for the bench.

Chayse Randle was the spark in the early blitz, pouring in 10 first-quarter points, including a pair of 3-pointers, as the Braves raced to a 21-1 lead by the end of the period. When Anderson turned to his second group — and later a full third wave of fresh legs — the momentum never dipped. Merry Acres pushed the score to 34-6 by halftime and 56-10 after three quarters, a reflection of both the defensive pressure and the willingness of players to share the ball.

Randle finished with a game-high 12 points, while Chandler Williams added nine. But on a night defined more by balance than individual stat lines, Anderson got exactly what he wanted: energy, execution and contributions from every corner of the roster.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Merry Acres' Dryden Green shoots for two during Wednesday's 65-18 win over Stewart County in Albany.



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Georgia Tech quarterback Haynes King and the No. 16 Yellow Jackets will take on Boston College on Saturday in Massachusetts.

No. 16 Georgia Tech takes on Boston College

Field Level Media

No. 16 Georgia Tech wasted no time moving past its first loss of the season.

With their second bye week in the rear view, the Atlantic Coast Conference-leading Yellow Jackets (8-1, 5-1) are ready to bounce back when they visit Boston College (1-9, 0-6) for the first time since 2020 on Saturday afternoon in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"We've got to use those emotions and feelings (of a 48-36 loss to NC State on Nov. 1) to continue to push us forward," coach Brent Key said. "I talked to the team on Sunday about this. I said, you work from January when we first organized workouts and weight training...you do all that in hopes of playing meaningful games in November, and here we are."

The loss came despite quarterback Haynes King racking up a school-record 511 total yards and four touchdowns. The redshirt senior accounted for 408 yards through the air, helping to up his ACC-best total yardage to 330.3 per game.

Conversely, NC State's six touchdowns in 10 possessions and 583 total yards did in the Yellow Jackets. Playing without injured starting nickelback Jy Gilmore and cornerback Ahmari Harvey did not help, but they could be closer to returning to game action after practicing last week.

"(Their possible return) changes some of the coverages you can play, it changes how you look to protect a certain guy," Key said. "At the end of the day, we've got to perform and play good defense. We've got to be able to stop the run and keep the explosives from going over our heads."

Their status will become clearer later in the week, but Key is excited about where the team stands following the bye.

"Time is the best cure-all. It is," Key said. "They're all out there right now. ... I thought Sunday's practice, we came out and it was as fast and crisp and as much energy as we've had."

Boston College coach Bill O'Brien was an assistant at Georgia Tech from 1995-02, a stint during which Key was a team captain. O'Brien knows that his Eagles will have to defend an ultimate weapon in order to have success against his former player's team and earn their first FBS win of the season in the home finale.

"This guy has a ton of their production. The way they use him is incredible to me," O'Brien said of King. "(Key and coordinator Buster Faulkner) do a good job with their offense, and he is the leader of it. He is a competitive, tough player."The quarterback position has been uncertain for the Eagles of late, with both Alabama transfer Dylan Lonergan and incumbent starter Grayson James seeing significant action. O'Brien has not confirmed a starter for Saturday's game.

In last week's 45-13 loss to SMU, James attempted just two passes and got sacked three times before Lonergan — who started the previous game against Notre Dame — entered in relief and went 25-for-37 passing for 232 yards and a touchdown.

"They have to give us confidence. It's important for us to have confidence in them," O'Brien said. "They've each played a lot, and they've done some good things and some not so good things."

Senior receiver Lewis Bond enters the game needing just three catches to break Zay Flowers' all-time receptions record of 200. His 7.3 receptions per game rank fifth nationally.

"For him to have a chance to break the record is really a testament to him, his work ethic, his toughness, his competitiveness," O'Brien said.

Hawks construct 44-point lead, thrash skidding Kings

Field Level Media

Jalen Johnson recorded 24 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists to help the visiting Atlanta Hawks steamroll the Sacramento Kings 133-100 on Wednesday night.

Johnson made 9 of 10 field-goal attempts in just 24 minutes as the Hawks improved to 2-0 to start a four-game road trip. Onyeka Okongwu hit 6 of 7 shots and scored 21 points off the bench for Atlanta, which held a 33-8 edge in fastbreak points.

Zaccharie Risacher scored 15 points on 7-of-8 shooting and Nickeil Alexander-Walker added 14 points for the Hawks, who never trailed and led by as many as 44. Atlanta has won three straight and six of its past eight games.

Kristaps Porzingis and Luke Kennard scored 13 points apiece and Vit Krejci added 11 for Atlanta, which shot 57.6% from the field, including 17 of 40 from 3-point range. Dyson Daniels contributed eight assists, six rebounds, five points and two steals for the Hawks.

Keon Ellis made six 3-pointers and scored 20 points off the bench for the Kings, who lost for the fifth time in the past six games. Domantas Sabonis added 12 points, Devin Carter tallied 11 and Russell Westbrook and Precious Achiuwa had 10 points apiece for Sacramento.

Zach LaVine (thigh) and Malik Monk (ankle) sat out for the Kings on the second night of a back-to-back.

Sacramento shot 39.1% from the field and made 14 of 39 from behind the arc. DeMar DeRozan had just four points on 1-of-6 shooting in 19 minutes.

Atlanta sailed to a 25-10 lead midway through the first quarter before Sacramento responded to trail just 37-34 after 12 minutes.

But the Hawks went on another surge in the second quarter with Johnson's dunk capping a 17-4 run and giving Atlanta a 57-41 lead with 4:27 left in the first half.

Johnson had 18 points on 7-of-8 shooting as the Hawks held a 66-46 halftime lead.

The Hawks continued their rampage with an 11-1 spurt to open the third quarter. Johnson made two free throws to end it and make it 77-47 with 9:08 remaining in the period.

Krejci's late 3-pointer gave the Hawks a 105-68 advantage entering the final quarter.

A 3-pointer by Okongwu made it 117-73 with 8:23 left and Atlanta cruised to the finish.



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Atlanta Hawks' Jalen Johnson, right, scored 24 points to lead the Hawks to their third straight win Wednesday night.

Cy Young: Tarik Skubal wins AL again; Paul Skenes unanimous NL choice

Field Level Media

Detroit Tigers left-hander Tarik Skubal won his second consecutive American League Cy Young Award and Pittsburgh Pirates right-hander Paul Skenes was the unanimous choice for his first National League Cy Young on Wednesday.

Skubal is the 12th pitcher — and fifth in the American League — to win back-to-back honors. The last pitcher to accomplish that was the New York Mets' Jacob deGrom in 2018-19, while the most recent AL hurler was the Boston Red Sox's Pedro Martinez in 1999-2000.

A two-time All-Star, Skubal went 13-6 with an AL-leading 2.21 ERA and 6.5 WAR for pitchers. He led the majors with a 0.891 WHIP, 1.5 walks per nine innings and 7.30 ratio of strikeouts to walks. He totaled 241 strikeouts to 33 walks while pitching 195 1/3 innings over 31 starts.

"It's an individual award, obviously, but I'm proud of our team," Skubal said on MLB Network on Wednesday night. "I'm proud of the way we competed this year. Obviously, (we) went through some adversity late in the season but came back in the playoffs and competed. Obviously, came up short, but a lot of credit for this award goes to the guys that play behind me and the guys behind the dish, too, and just our organization. I think a lot of credit needs to go to those people in moments like this."

Skubal received 26 first-place votes and four second-place votes for 198 total points in voting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Garrett Crochet of the Red Sox was second with four first-place votes, 26 second-place votes and 132 points. Hunter Brown of the Houston Astros was third with 24 third-place votes and 80 points. Max Fried of the New York Yankees was fourth with six third-place votes and 61 points. Bryan Woo of the Seattle Mariners was fifth with 26 total points.

An All-Star in each of his two seasons, Skenes did not get much run support in 2025, when he was 10-10 with a 1.97 ERA, 42 walks and 216 strikeouts in 187 2/3 innings over 32 starts.

He led the majors in ERA and home runs allowed per nine innings (0.5) while tops in the NL with a 0.948 WHIP.

"It truly is a team effort, with the coaches that we had, the players," Skenes said on Wednesday night on MLB Network. "It's pitchers making each other better, our catcher-pitcher relationship, coaches, the organization putting you in good spots to succeed. I couldn't have done it by myself. I'm super grateful that I have the infrastructure around me and the people around me to succeed."

Skenes, 23, received all 30 first-place votes for 210 points. The Philadelphia Phillies' Cristopher Sanchez got all 30 second-place votes for 120 points, and the Los Angeles Dodgers' Yoshinobu Yamamoto had 16 third-place votes and 72 points for third. Logan Webb of the San Francisco Giants had 10 third-place votes and 47 points. Freddy Peralta of the Milwaukee Brewers had four third-place votes for 44 points and fifth place.

The 2024 NL Rookie of the Year, Skenes was third in the Cy Young voting that season when he went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA, 32 walks and 170 strikeouts in 133 innings over 23 starts.

He is the fifth pitcher to collect a Cy Young Award in his first two seasons, joining Fernando Valenzuela of the Dodgers (1981), Bret Saberhagen of the Royals (1984), Dwight Gooden of the Mets (1985) and Tim Lincecum of the Giants (2008).

Pittsburgh selected Skenes first overall in the 2023 MLB Draft out of LSU.

"As I look back on my past in baseball up to this point, I got recruited to college as a catcher, kept growing and started pitching and got better on the mound," Skenes said. "Never thought I would end up here. Never thought that I would be in the major leagues, much less winning a Cy Young. It doesn't always work out how you think it's going to, but if you stay the course, you surround yourself with good people, you work hard, that's the minimum, you're going to do exactly what you're supposed to do, whatever that looks like."

Skubal won his first Cy Young Award in 2024 when he earned the pitching Triple Crown with 18 victories, a 2.39 ERA and 228 strikeouts in 192 innings over 31 starts.

His career record is 54-37 with a 3.08 ERA, 172 walks and 889 strikeouts in 766 2/3 innings over 137 regular-season games (134 starts) since making his major league debut in 2020.

He went 1-1 with a 2.37 ERA in three starts in the 2024 playoffs and 1-0 with a 1.74 ERA in three starts this year, but Detroit fell short each time. The Tigers eliminated the Cleveland Guardians in the 2025 AL wild-card series but lost to the Seattle Mariners in their divisional series in five games. In 2024, the Tigers swept the Houston Astros in the wild-card round but fell to the Guardians in five games in the divisional series.

Detroit selected Skubal in the ninth round of the 2018 draft out of Seattle University. He had Tommy John surgery while in college and dealt with injuries early in his MLB career.

"It doesn't matter where you come from. I think that's the message," said Skubal, who turns 29 on Nov. 20. "I had one offer out of high school. It's not a Power 5 school by any means, but look at me now. I think that's the beauty of the game of baseball. It doesn't matter if you're good at 12 or good at 24 or 25. There's a ton of stuff to happen and just take your career day by day and see how good your career can be."



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Detroit left-hander Tarik Skubal delivers during a 2025 start. Skubal was named the American League Cy Young Award winner for the second straight season on Wednesday.

Georgia Bulldogs: A Texas-size fist fight

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"The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses - behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights."

---Muhammad Ali

The sport of boxing, or "the sweet science", has always been top of mind. Its origins go back to the ancient Greek Olympics, circa 688 BC. Hand-to-hand combat has been around since Cain killed Abel. When two giants meet in the middle to fight, it garners special attention. When the Heavyweight division has multiple championship-worthy fighters, the entire world notices. Ali, Frazier, Foreman, and Tyson are known on every continent. It's why we are fascinated with Sumo wrestlers. It's why WrestleMania 3 was the biggest of them all, with Hulk Hogan slamming Andre the Giant. Even in ancient Mesopotamian mythology, you have Gilgamesh and Enkidu. When giants collide, the world pays attention. This Saturday, our Georgia Bulldogs collide with the Texas Longhorns in a playoff-level matchup of giant proportions.

This will be the third time in just over a calendar year that the Georgia Bulldogs will play Texas in football. Do you think Greg Sankey and his cronies wanted this rivalry to take? I ask that sarcastically, because it clearly was a focus. And it worked. The burgeoning rivalry between these two "blue blood" state university football programs is one that is already hot. When you play three times in thirteen months, each time with playoff appearances and SEC Championship rings at issue, it will tend to do that.

UGA went to Austin last year on October 19, 2024, and embarrassed the Longhorns at their place. The fans threw garbage onto their own field. Apparently, throwing things at your own players, in your own stadium, is a big thing with teams featuring the letters "UT", but we digress.

Later, on December 7th, 2024, UGA bested Texas in the SEC Championship game in improbable fashion. It was the first appearance of quarterback Gunner Stockton. He wasn't perfect, but he was a full-fledged Georgia football hero that night.

So, we fast forward to this Saturday's clash of the titans in Athens, Georgia, and what do we have? A late-season game with everything on the line. If Georgia loses to Texas at home, their playoff hopes are in serious jeopardy. It's possible they could or would still make it, but they wouldn't control their own destiny, as they say. If Texas loses, its season is cooked. Crazy things could happen to open the playoff door to a three-loss SEC team, but it's unlikely as long as the committee is still licking Notre Dame's two-loss boots every chance they get. In short, this Saturday's matchup in Athens is a de facto playoff play-in game.

Both teams started the season ranked top five nationally (Texas at 2 and Georgia at 5), but their respective play was sleepy, sloppy, and slow at times. Both have shown signs of life and grit these last few weeks. It seems these early-season sleeping giants are beginning to wake just in time for this epic chapter.

For the Dawgs, last week against Mississippi State, the offense decided to wake up in the 2nd quarter, and that led to an angina, heartburn, heart attack-free Saturday. The offensive line played well, Stockton seems to be seeing downfield with better vision and patience, and consequently, the running game got going. Funny how that works?

That last part is going to be important for UGA this Saturday. One of the things Georgia did well against Texas in 2024 (both games) was run the ball well. Thus far, in 2025, Texas flaunts the number 2 ranked rushing defense in the nation. They average giving up 78.2 yards a game. That's stout. Coincidentally, Georgia is ranked 24th in the nation, averaging 197.2 yards a game. Something will have to give there.

In other words, this is going to be a "phone booth" game. In boxing, a "phone booth" fight is where the two combatants don't dance, bob, or weave. They stand in the middle of the ring and trade punches. It's like fighting in a phone booth. If you are old enough to remember those things.

There are other things that will help determine and define this latest installment of Georgia versus Texas…penalties, turnovers, the ability to protect the quarterback…but the line of scrimmage in this game is where it will be won or lost. In the trenches with our Gilgameshes against their Enkidus.

I can promise you this, Texas and its fans are tired of losing to our beloved Georgia Bulldogs. We are quickly becoming to them what Alabama has been to us. Texas just thought Oklahoma was a pain. Now they have us. We know those boys are going to show up ready for battle. That Texas front seven on defense is no joke.

Martin Dougherty, author of (Special Forces Unarmed Combat Guide: Hand-to-Hand Fighting Skills From The World's Most Elite Military Units) wrote, "Even if you cannot achieve much in the way of fitness, every little bit helps. The other guy might be getting tired, too. If he has five seconds' worth of fight left in him and you have 10, you will win."

Come the 4th quarter of this game, the work, the sweat, the blood, the tears, the exhaustion, the strain, the sacrifice from this summer and from all the practices will have led up to this Saturday. This Saturday's matchup against Texas is why you prepare and press through the pain all those long, hot Georgia afternoons. Every little bit helps. Let's hope our giants can beat their giants.

Mr. Lawson returned home to "The Good Life City" in 2023 and is currently Vice President of Commercial Banking at Flint Community Bank.

ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY GOLDEN RAMS

SIAC selects 11 Albany State players for football honors

By Joe Whitfield
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ATLANTA - As Albany State prepares for Saturday's SIAC Championship showdown, the Golden Rams are already collecting hardware. The conference released its 2025 football awards Tuesday, and ASU dominated the list with 11 All-SIAC selections — five on the first team and six on the second.

Graduate quarterback Isaiah Knowles was once again named Offensive Player of the Year, repeating the honor despite missing three games due to injury. The Tampa native has thrown for 2,001 yards and 19 touchdowns, steering an offense that averaged more than 30 points a game.

"Isaiah's leadership and poise have been everything you could want in a quarterback," head coach Quinn Gray said earlier this season. "He's the heartbeat of our offense."

The Rams' offensive line — one of the league's most dominant units — cleared the way for much of that success. Noah Stovall of Warner Robins, Leon Wesley of Powder Springs, and O'Shea Stroman of Lithonia were each named first-team All-SIAC, giving Albany State three of the five top offensive line spots in the conference.

On the defensive side, Derrick Drayton of College Park earned first-team honors after leading the "Dirty Blue" defense that has suffocated opponents all season. The Rams rank among the league's best in sacks, total defense, and scoring defense.

Second-team honors went to running back Tiant Wyche (Jacksonville), defensive lineman Isiaih Morrison (Daytona Beach), defensive backs Jonavan Carr (Lakeland, Fla.) and Tyrell Gainey (Orlando), and kick returner Cameron Watts (Tyrone), who sparked several key field-position shifts this season.

Around the conference, Kentucky State's Felton Higgins Jr. was named Coach of the Year, Allen's Fabian Duncan earned MVP, Central State's Dominique Davis II took Defensive Player of the Year, and Clark Atlanta's Xzavier Jackson swept Freshman and Newcomer of the Year.

For Albany State, the recognition reflects more than just individual excellence. It underscores the foundation of a program chasing its first SIAC title under Gray — and perhaps another chapter in the Golden Rams' storied legacy.

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Solar Storm

The most intense solar flares of 2025 triggered radio disruptions and vivid aurora displays much farther from the poles than normal.

The solar storm blacked out radio signals on some frequencies in parts of Africa and Europe and disrupted high-frequency communications in the part of the world facing the sun at the time of the radiation blast.

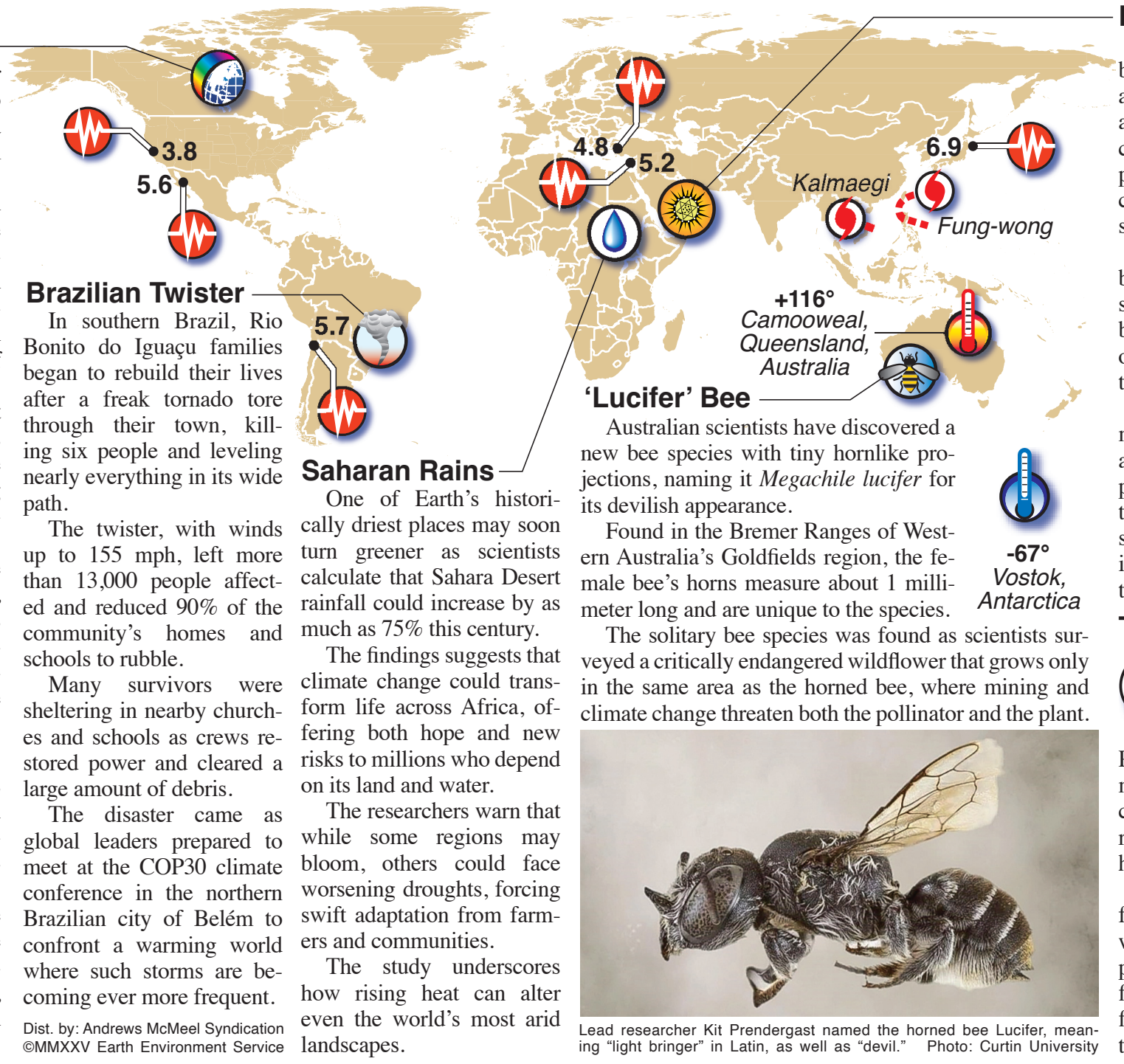
Scientists say the sunspot responsible for the flare was facing the Earth when the eruption occurred, focusing the high-energy particles directly on our planet.

The Northern Lights were seen as far south as Florida, while people living across large swaths of both Australia and New Zealand enjoyed rare displays of the Aurora Australis.

Earthquakes

Small tsunamis washed ashore in northeastern Japan after a magnitude 6.9 offshore quake.

• Earth movements were also felt in Cyprus and the eastern Mediterranean, western Turkey, northern Chile, northwestern Mexico and the San Francisco Bay Area.



Brazilian Twister

In southern Brazil, Rio Bonito do Iguaçu families began to rebuild their lives after a freak tornado tore through their town, killing six people and leveling nearly everything in its wide path.

The twister, with winds up to 155 mph, left more than 13,000 people affected and reduced 90% of the community's homes and schools to rubble.

Many survivors were sheltering in nearby churches and schools as crews restored power and cleared a large amount of debris.

The disaster came as global leaders prepared to meet at the COP30 climate conference in the northern Brazilian city of Belém to confront a warming world where such storms are becoming ever more frequent.

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Saharan Rains

One of Earth's historically driest places may soon turn greener as scientists calculate that Sahara Desert rainfall could increase by as much as 75% this century.

The findings suggests that climate change could transform life across Africa, offering both hope and new risks to millions who depend on its land and water.

The researchers warn that while some regions may bloom, others could face worsening droughts, forcing swift adaptation from farmers and communities.

The study underscores how rising heat can alter even the world's most arid landscapes.

'Lucifer' Bee

Australian scientists have discovered a new bee species with tiny hornlike projections, naming it *Megachile lucifer* for its devilish appearance.

Found in the Bremer Ranges of Western Australia's Goldfields region, the female bee's horns measure about 1 millimeter long and are unique to the species.

The solitary bee species was found as scientists surveyed a critically endangered wildflower that grows only in the same area as the horned bee, where mining and climate change threaten both the pollinator and the plant.

Lead researcher Kit Prendergast named the horned bee Lucifer, meaning "light bringer" in Latin, as well as "devil." Photo: Curtin University

Plastic Eaters

A new study found that bacteria living in the ocean appear to have evolved the ability to eat plastic. The microbes can digest PET, the plastic used in bottles and clothing, by producing a special enzyme.

Researchers at Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah University found the plastic-eating bacteria in about 80% of ocean samples down to more than a mile deep.

The discovery shows that marine life is beginning to adapt to the vast amount of plastic waste in the sea, but the natural process is far too slow to make much of a dent in the world's growing plastic pollution.

Tropical Cyclones

After leaving 188 people dead in record flooding across the central Philippines, Typhoon Kalmaegi struck storm-weary central Vietnam as a Category 4 storm, tearing roofs off homes and killing five more.

• Kalmaegi was quickly followed by Typhoon Fung-wong, which killed 27 people in northern Philippine floods. It later caused severe flooding across Taiwan as a tropical storm.

Albany commissioner launches 'Keep East Albany Clean' initiative

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ALBANY – As Albany residents and visitors travel through town, they may start to notice signs popping up in business windows, schools and yards.

"Please help keep east Albany peachy clean," the blue and white signs read.

The signs are part of a movement launched by Albany Ward I Commissioner Jon Howard in partnership with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful, an organization focused on city beautification, and the Dougherty County School System. Howard called upon community members within KADB and the school system to emphasize the importance of keeping the streets clean, especially in east Albany.

"We're concerned with the east side of Albany ... with all aspects of Albany," Jwana Washington, KADB's executive director, said. "We need to take a more vested interest in keeping our city ... clean. When we do that, we can invite investors to come in, we can invite more business to come into the city."

Howard asked for Albany School System Superintendent Ken Dyer's support and for signs to be placed in the windows of local schools, during the Wednesday initiative launch at Dougherty Comprehensive High School.

"We have to educate the upcoming generation that when you have areas that don't look good, it hurts economic development," Howard said.

Howard said there is a real issue with littering across the city, but especially in his ward. He said this new partnership would be a motivator for students to stay informed and be a part of community clean-up projects and initiatives. Howard said he'd like to see more student groups volunteering to help keep the city clean.

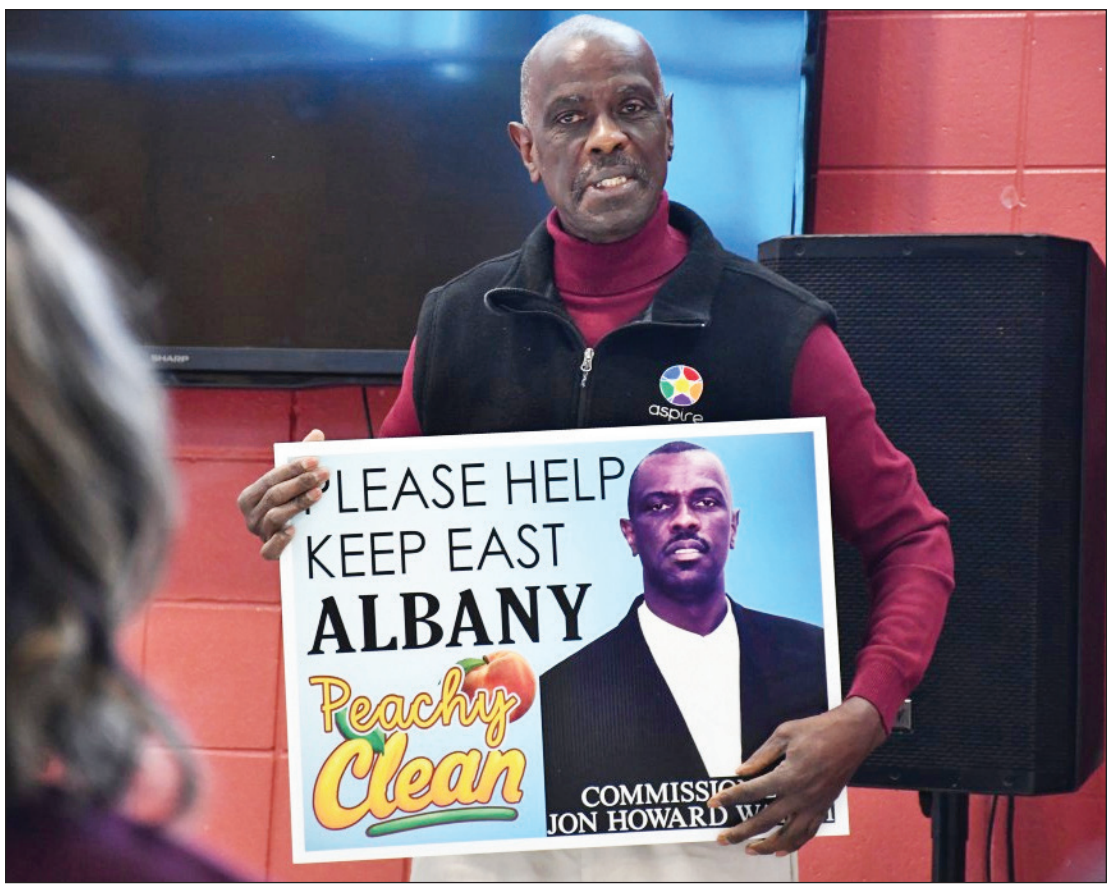
Dougherty High Principal Lakisha Bobbitt said the school is committed to the movement.

"I take pride in the building that our students come into," she said. "I take pride in, as they pull up to our campus, what it looks like on the outside and on the inside."

Bobbitt said she recently secured a $3,000 branding package.

"It was very exciting because anything that we can do to keep our facilities, to keep our area, to keep our community something that our students can be proud of," she said.

Dyer said schools along the eastside will be given the peachy clean signs, and schools across the district will be encouraged to "adopt" an area around their school to aid in keeping it clean.



Staff Photo: Lucille Lannigan

Albany Ward I Commissioner Jon Howard launched a "Keep East Albany Peachy Clean" initiative in partnership with Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful and the Dougherty County School System.

Mike Tompkins named ABAC chief of police



MIKE TOMPKINS

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TIFTON — Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College recently announced the appointment of Mike Tompkins as the chief of the college's police department.

Tompkins has served ABAC with distinction for more than 17 years, most recently as assistant chief, and brings extensive experience, leadership, and dedication to this role. Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of ABAC's students, faculty, and staff. His approach to campus policing is rooted in community engagement, proactive service, and a deep understanding of ABAC's mission and values.

Deidra A. Jackson, VABAC's vice president for Finance and Operations, said Tompkins' appointment reflects both his professional excellence and his connection to the ABAC community.

"Chief Tompkins brings a rare combination of operational expertise and a deep understanding of the student experience," Jackson said. "His long-standing commitment to campus safety and his collaborative leadership style make him exceptionally well-suited to lead the ABAC Police Department.

"I am confident in his ability to guide the department with integrity and purpose, and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity."

ABAC President Tracy Brundage also emphasized the vital role of safety in supporting student success and the college's mission.

"The safety and well-being of our entire campus community are foundational to ABAC's mission and essential for our students to thrive," Brundage said. "Chief Tompkins has consistently demonstrated the professionalism, compassion, and leadership that reflect ABAC's commitment to providing a secure and supportive environment for our campus.

"I am confident that under his leadership, our police department will continue to foster a culture of trust and service that empowers our students and strengthens our community."

In accepting the position, Tompkins expressed both gratitude and enthusiasm for the opportunity to continue serving ABAC.

"It is an honor to be selected to serve as chief of police at ABAC," Tompkins said. "This college community means a great deal to me, and I am proud to continue working alongside such a dedicated team of officers who serve with integrity and care every day. Together, we will build upon our strong foundation of safety and community engagement to ensure ABAC remains a place where everyone feels welcome and protected."

The ABAC Police Department consists of a team of highly trained and dedicated officers who work around the clock to safeguard the campus community. Tompkins' leadership will further strengthen their efforts to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all.

5 Ways to Age-Proof Your Home

Easy upgrades to improve the lives of older adults

FAMILY FEATURES

A home is more than four walls – it's where birthdays are celebrated, holiday dinners shared, illnesses weathered and losses mourned. Home is, as the saying goes, where the heart is.

It's little wonder then most people want to remain in their homes as they age, based on AARP research. Yet, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, less than half of U.S. houses are equipped with accessibility features for older adults.

It doesn't take a full remodel to make a home safer. Updates like installing handrails or improving hallway lighting can go a long way.

For those who need support in making these changes, programs like Helping Homebound Heroes, a partnership between Meals on Wheels America and The Home Depot Foundation, provide senior veterans with essential home modifications and repairs. This year, the initiative marked a milestone: 4,000 homes modified for seniors' safety.

"By improving safety and accessibility, we're helping senior veterans stay in the places they love," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America. "Our work is about preserving independence and dignity – helping older adults live safely, confidently and with connection to their communities."

These practical tips show how small fixes can add up to big peace of mind:

1. Create a safer entryway.
For older adults, steps to the front door can be an obstacle. A ramp or zero-step entry allows for easier coming and going, and a covered porch or awning keeps walkways dry.

Path lights improve visibility at night, and a sturdy bench by the door provides a place to rest or put groceries.



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A MILESTONE MAKEOVER

Juan Lopez, a 63-year-old U.S. Army and Air Force veteran, has always been a do-it-yourselfer. When an ice storm sent a tree limb crashing through his roof, the damage was more than he could handle. Water seeped inside and mold quickly affected his wife's health.

Through Helping Homebound Heroes, Lopez received critical support. Crews completed nearly $40,000 in upgrades, from replacing his roof to installing new windows, a furnace and walk-in showers with grab bars.

"I don't know what I would've done if they had not stepped in," Lopez said. "It's been such a blessing in our lives."

Since 2015, The Home Depot Foundation has contributed more than $21 million to Meals on Wheels programs, helping veterans like Lopez remain safely and comfortably in their homes as they age.

2. Upgrade the bathroom.
According to multiple studies, falls in the bathroom are more likely to cause injury than in other parts of the home.

If you're planning a bathroom project, start with small changes like raised toilet seats or toilet and shower grab bars. For a more extensive remodel, install non-slip flooring, replace traditional tubs with walk-in showers and add handheld showerheads.

3. Improve flooring.
The flooring in your home can have a big impact on safety. If you have thick or loose carpet, consider replacing it with a low-pile option.

Slip-resistant flooring, such as vinyl or cork, also provides good traction and can be more forgiving than hardwood or tile. Simple visual cues can help, too. Transition strips between rooms or on stair edges make changes in floor level easier to see.

4. Brighten up rooms.
Brighter overhead fixtures improve visibility, making it easier to spot steps, furniture and other obstacles. At night, motion-sensor lights brighten bathrooms and hallways so it's easier to move around safely.

Lighting can also support overall well-being. Bulbs mimicking natural daylight help regulate the body's circadian rhythm, boosting energy during the day. In the evening, switching to softer, warmer light signals the body to wind down.

5. Keep essentials within reach.
Storing everyday items at waist or shoulder height reduces the need for stretching, bending and climbing, all of which can increase the likelihood of falls. Sometimes a simple cabinet reorganization is enough but features like pull-down shelving can make storage more accessible.

Extender rods or remote controls let you adjust ceiling fans and lights from the ground, while motorized window shades can be raised or lowered with the push of a button.

For more resources and support for seniors, visit mealsonwheelsamerica.org.

Classic touches to transform home interiors this holiday season

By Metro Creative Connection

Painter Norman Rockwell was famous for his narrative paintings depicting the essence of American life in the mid-twentieth century. His works of art blended sentimentality with humor and realism and were featured on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post for decades. Some of his paintings portray the classic tableaus that evoke traditional feelings of the holiday season. Rockwell's classic paintings may inspire individuals to recreate that mid-century feel when decorating this holiday season. When transforming home interiors for the holidays, these classic touches can make moments more magical.

· **Embrace classic color palettes.** Christmas colors include, red, green, white, and gold. Utilizing these colors throughout a home will set a classic tone.

· **Utilize timeless ornaments.** Cherished ornaments collected through the years will add a classic touch to the Christmas tree. Family heirlooms and ornaments made from quality materials lend a touch of nostalgia.

· **Use cozy textiles.** Wrap the home in cozy touches, like plaid blankets and velvet ribbons. Plush throws and seasonal pillows also can add a traditional touch to interior spaces.

· **Decorate with classic figurines.** Nutcrackers and religious figurines lend a traditional touch to holiday decor.

· **Display a live tree.** Artificial trees can look realistic, but a fragrant live evergreen in front of the living room picture window calls to mind a classic Christmas setting.

· **Hang knit stockings.** Celebrants lucky enough to have a fireplace can hang knit stockings in classic holiday colors from the mantel.

· **Play classic tunes.** Holiday music crosses various genres, but the old standards from Bing Crosby or Andy Williams can set a classic feel when entertaining.

Evoking a classic feel at home for the holidays can make celebrations traditional and sentimental.



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When transforming home interiors for the holidays, these classic touches can make moments more magical.

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Special Photo

The ban of lead shot because of its deadly properties proved to be costly for hunters who had long utilized ammunition like this.

Lead ban in ammunition brings about vital changes for hunters

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY – The genesis of wingshooting and waterfowl hunting as it is done today can be traced back to William Watts of Bristol, England. His patent for producing lead shot by shot tower method revolutionized the sport. For centuries, the inexpensive and highly effective shot produced by this method would prove to be deadly on waterfowl and other migratory winged game.

However, in the 1970s this would come to an end when the unintentional lethalness of lead shot was discovered. Lead is literally and figuratively a heavy metal. In its natural state it has been determined to be a nonessential element in regard to biological life on this planet. However, it has become deeply associated with the survival of the human species as a manufacturing material. Its malleability, low cost and density made it the go-to material for the manufacture of firearms ammunition and fishing weights, as well as other applications.

Regrettably, lead also is extremely toxic and has been linked to neurological and immune system impairment when ingested. The major problem related to lead as it is associated with humans and wildlife is that it bioaccumulates in animal tissue. In layman terms, it is absorbed by the body at a faster rate than it is expelled, allowing toxic levels to build up as it continues to be absorbed.

In 1977, the United States began banning lead in a variety of products, including paint, plumbing and gasoline. Although the link between human and lead consumption had been known for centuries, until these bans nothing had been done to seriously reduce its impact on human health.

In the late 1970s, biologists also began to realize the inadvertent impact that lead shot was having on scavengers and birds of prey, including bald eagles and the California condor. By the 1980s, this research had transferred into studies on the impact of the ingestion of lead shot by waterfowl and other migratory birds, including mourning dove.

In 1987, the federal government began banning lead shot for waterfowl hunting in the United States, and by 1991 there would be a nationwide ban on its use when hunting waterfowl. It is now recognized that lead shot is extremely problematic for birds due to the fact that the pellets can accumulate in a bird's gizzard, where they are continually ground down and absorbed into the bloodstream.

The primary source of lead shot consumed by waterfowl comes from lead shot and fishing weights. The Environmental Protection Agency notes that 70,000 tons of lead shot are annually deposited at shooting ranges across the country. Prior to the ban on lead shot, EPD estimates that 2,700 tons of lead shot were being deposited in the nation's wetlands each hunting season.

Since waterfowl are migratory birds following traditional flyways, they continually revisit and feed in the same locations, which are naturally the same areas where they are hunted and shot is deposited. The health threat is not isolated to waterfowl. Studies now indicate that dove hunting may be concentrating high levels of lead shot in the fields along the birds' migratory patterns as well.

It has been estimated that on fields that are routinely hunted, more than 2.5 million pellets an acre may be deposited. The availability of the lead shot to feeding animals is dependent upon the depth of the lead in the soil. In grassland and forest settings, the lead is only available for short periods of time. However, in agricultural fields where soil is routinely turned, they are uncovered annually and remain near the surface for longer periods of time.

Considering the fact that tarnished lead pellets bear a striking resemblance to native grass seeds favored by feeding birds, their ingestion is highly likely. It has been determined that the ingestion of one to two pellets can prove fatal over time. One No. 4 lead shot has negative effects for more than four months.

When the lead shot bans were first implemented, they were met with resistance from the shooting community for a variety of reasons. Early steel and non-lead shot options were expensive and did not perform well in the field. The properties that made lead so popular for centuries, including weight and density as it relates to range, pattern, and penetration, were hard to replicate.

Adding insult to injury, many of the early alternatives were not kind to classic vintage and collectible weapons, as the steel shot being fired through them tended to wear out barrels and destroy traditional chokes. Sadly, the cost of ammunition and the wear and tear on traditional firearms resulted in many duck hunters hanging up their calls and waders.

Studies prior to the ban estimated that waterfowl mortality due to lead poisoning in the U.S. prior to the ban ranged from 1.6 to 3.9 million birds annually. Studies today indicate that since the ban, these deaths have been reduced by 50%, leading to the annual survival of approximately 1.5 million birds.

Further efforts to restrict lead ammunition are on the horizon, as concern over the resulting impact of lead bullets on raptors and scavengers is studied.

Although the ban on lead shot has proven to be effective, the very nature of lead proves to be problematic in regard to a quick fix. It takes lead between 100 and 300 years to deteriorate so it can no longer be ingested by wildlife.

Hunters must follow state, federal rules during waterfowl season



Special Photo: Alison Harrell

Species identification is a skill that is crucial for the successful and legal harvest of waterfowl.

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In Georgia, special waterfowl regulations have been written specific to individual bodies of water.

Staff Reports
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ALBANY – For a select group of Georgia duck hunters, this weekend could not get here soon enough. Active members of the military, veterans, and young hunters once again get a week's head start on the state's duck season.

This year the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division gives these groups the opportunity to participate in an early hunt Nov. Saturday and Sunday. Other hunters in the state will have to wait until for the traditional "Thanksgiving season," which runs from Nov. 22-30.

For some, though, the angst in the wait for opening day has been relieved by the early teal and goose seasons. There are others, though, who declare "that's not real duck hunting. Fortunately for them the wait ends with the Thanksgiving season being followed shortly by the final season, which runs Dec. 6-Jan. 25.

"This year, there are no significant changes to season lengths or bag limits for the regular waterfowl season," Kara Nitschke, DNR's migratory game bird biologist, said. "Be sure to consult the regulations, either online or in the popular guide, for species-specific daily bag limits. And always be sure to check whether you've harvested a banded bird. Band data is crucial to ensure the maximum possible harvest opportunity can be offered."

Nitschke's advice to consult regulations is critical, as migratory waterfowl are some of the most regulated game species in the country, their harvest being regulated by both state and federal regulations. In 2018, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave states the option to end waterfowl season on Jan. 31. Hunters are allowed to hunt for no more than 60 total days, with only one split to the season.

In accordance with hunter desires, Georgia has traditionally had a nine-day season around Thanksgiving, which leaves 51 days of additional hunting. Ending the season on the last possible day (which is strongly preferred by Georgia duck hunters) means the opening day of the split season may fall on different days of the week in order to allow hunters the full number of days to hunt.

The first season (in November) will always be on the Saturday (before Thanksgiving) to Sunday (after Thanksgiving), a total of nine days.

In Georgia, special regulations have been written specific to individual bodies of water. The regulations for Lake Walter F. George read: No hunting allowed on the portions of LWFG in Georgia within 600 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area. Waterfowl hunting from land is prohibited outside of specified hunting areas." A Corps permit is required to hunt waterfowl on all areas of the lake, except the Eufaula NWR. For information on how to purchase a permit, visit www.sam.usace.army.mil, or call (229) 768-2516.

The regulations for Lake Blackshear, Lake Seminole, Lake Sinclair and Lake Oliver south of Standing Boy Creek State Park read: No hunting allowed within 300 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area.

Special regulations also exist for Lake Lanier, Lake Allatoona and Georgia Power Lakes in north Georgia.

Species identification is a skill that is crucial for the successful and legal harvest of waterfowl. There is only one species of deer in Georgia. Squirrels and other small game are easily identifiable from each other. However, there are approximately two dozen different species of migratory birds with varying season dates and bag limits to sort out. Full migratory bird hunting regulations can be found at https://georgiawildlife.com/migratory-bird-info.

The law requires that each migratory bird hunter 16 years of age or over carry on his person a valid Georgia migratory bird stamp while hunting doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, rails or gallinules. The price of this license is included in some license types, and it is $5 on its own. Hunters must complete a migratory bird hunter questionnaire before they get the stamp.

Federal law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older also must hold a valid electronic federal duck stamp as well as the Georgia waterfowl and migratory bird license. Individuals can store an electronic version, or the federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp must be signed in ink across the face. This federal license is available anywhere Georgia licenses are sold, and from some post offices. A violation of state migratory bird regulations is also a violation of federal regulations.

Beyond regulations there are a number of restrictions related to the harvest of migratory birds. No person shall take migratory game birds with a trap, snare, net, crossbow, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance; nor from a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water; with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft except paraplegics and single- or double-amputees of the legs, who may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance; nor from or by means of any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled, and its progress therefore has ceased; by the use or aid of live decoys or by using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls; or by driving, rallying, or chasing with any motorized conveyance or any sail boat to put them in the range of the hunters; by the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited area.

Federal regulations require that hunters may not use shotguns with a bore larger than 10- gauge, and all shells must be loaded with federally approved nontoxic shot of size "f" or smaller. Hunters cannot be in possession of any shells containing lead shot while hunting waterfowl.

It is important to know the official time of sunrise and sunset. When hunting all migratory birds, it is legal to begin shooting no earlier than 30 minutes before sunrise and stop shooting at sunset. These legally recognized hours are available on a variety of apps.

Although there are many rules, regulations, and restrictions related to duck hunting, the real challenge is drawing the birds that have been targeted on their journey South along the Atlantic Flyway into hunters' decoys.

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Albany Legals

Construction/ Service Bids

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
TO PROVIDE ELDERLY SERVICES IN THE SOUTHWEST GEORGIA REGION

The Sowega Council on Aging (SCOA) hereby announces the availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) packets for the following services for the Southwest Georgia region (Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Dougherty, Decatur, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, and Worth counties) to begin July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2028.

Designation of regional provider of the following under the Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III, Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), and state funding:

- Senior Centers and Congregate Meals
- Case Management
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Evidence-Based Programs (Bingocize, Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention, Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSME-CDSMP) and Diabetes Self-Management Program (CDSME-Diabetes)
- Senior Recreation

RFP packets will be available November 3 rd and can be viewed and printed from the top banner of the SCOA website www.sowegacoa.org. A bidder's conference will be held at the SCOA Regional Resource Center, 335 W. Society Ave., Albany, Georgia on, December 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. A mandatory Letter of Intent to Attend must be received by Monday, December 1, 2025 and can be sent to the contact listed in the RFP schedule. All RFP responses are due by 12:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026. Qualified applicants will be announced on or about Monday, February 23, 2026. The RFP will include a scope of services, a narrative, and a budget for the services.

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INVITATION TO BID

The City of Arlington, Georgia will accept sealed bids on the work below at Jimmie C. Harpe Community Center, 31 Martin Luther King Drive, Arlington, Georgia 39813 until 2:00 p.m. local time, December 16, 2025, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project Title:

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CDBG NO. 24p-x-019-2-6372
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The time of performance will be 180 days.

Payment for the work shall be made monthly based on the progress of construction.

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Agreement, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at:

SOWEGA Engineering, LLC
158 East Lee Street
Dawson, Georgia 3984

City of Arlington
567 Pioneer Road N. E.
Arlington, GA 39813

Copies may be obtained at the office of SOWEGA Engineering, LLC, 158 EAST LEE ST., P.O. BOX 735, DAWSON, GEORGIA 39842, upon payment of $300.00 for each set. No refunds will be made.

The City of Arlington is committed to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant. The work to be performed under this contract is under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701 U. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for employment and training be given to the low-income residents of the project area, and contracts for work in connection with the project to be awarded to business concerns which are located in, or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the area of the project. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns are encouraged to apply. Please contact City Clerk Mary King at 229-725-4276 for information on any employment, contracting and sub-contracting opportunities.

This agreement is for services related to the project that is subject to the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) requirements under Title IX of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA"), Pub. L. 177-58. Absent an approved waiver, all iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project must be produced in the United States, as further outlined by the Office of Management and Budget's Memorandum M-22-11, Initial Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure, April 18, 2022.

The City of Arlington is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age.

This project is expected to be funded all or in part by the City of Arlington and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs-U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grant program.

The City of Arlington reserves the right to reject all bids, including without limitation, the right to reject any or all nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional bids, and to make an award in the best interest of the City of Arlington.

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

-Architectural Services for Public Housing Renovations (Dennis Homes)
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RFP packets may be picked up at 521 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31701, or requested via e-m ail to Douglas Holdridge, Modernization Director at dholdridge@albanyha.com beginning August 12, 2025.

Original responses must be delivered (and sealed) via hard copy by October 1, 2025 to Douglas Holdridge, Modernization Director, at 521 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31702, with the titled subject of the proposal above. Documents must be in a clear, legible, 12-point, 8.5 by 11-inch format.

Respondents are advised to adhere to the submittal requirements. Failure to comply with the instructions of this RFP will be cause for rejection of submittals. Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted in writing via email to dholdridge@albanyha.com or call 229- 434-4505.

Revision 1
Page 1: property Address clarification: William Binn, also known as AMP 2" homes consist of two separate properties. 1) William Binn Homes, actual property, is located at 500 S. Van Buren St Albany GA. 2) Holly Homes is located at 921 Cherry St Albany GA.
Revision 2
Page 1: Submission deadline: Update the date of submission to December 1st, 2025, 1:00 PM.
Revision 3:
Page 5 section 7: Proposal submission Instructions
Update to include electronic submission. Please submit to Dnance@albanyha.com

Alcoholic Beverages

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PACKAGED BEER & WINE LICENSE

Ascend Equity LLC, trading as Cloud Mart, 3312 Gillionville Rd., Albany, Georgia 31721, gives notice that I have applied for an Alcohol License to be considered for approval by the Dougherty County Commission at 10:00 am on October 13, 2025, at 222 Pine Ave., Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

Albany Herald Run Dates, November 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BEER AND LEGAL WINE LICENSE
I, Charles W. Cowart, of Still Pond Inc. have petitioned the Board of Commissioners of Calhoun County, Georgia for a license to sell Beer and Legal Wine at the following location:
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 at the Commissioners' Office in Morgan, Georgia.

Corporations

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION
Notice is given that a Notice of Intent to Dissolve Mission Change Inc., a Georgia non-profit corporation with its registered office at 1101 N. Monroe St., Albany, GA 31701, will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation which incorporate SURABI INC have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 1155 Gillionville Road, Apt A, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, 31701. The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is RAVICHANDRAN MUTHUSWAMY.

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ESTATE NO. 2025P23
TO ALL DEBTORS AND CREDITORS JOYCE ELAINE MORRIS
All debtors and creditors of JOYCE ELAINE MORRIS, deceased, late of said county, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This day 23rd of October, 2025.
/s/ Roger Lamar Morris and Shannon Lamar Morris
Executor of the Estate of JOYCE ELAINE MORRIS
c/o
AMOS JOHN SHEFFIELD
Attorney at Law
94 Court Sq.
Blakely, Georgia 39823
(229) 724-4471 Phone
(888) 420-5792 Fax
amos@pataulalaw.com

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Anne 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 the 21st day of October, 2025.
Kenneth Parker, Executor of the Estate of Anne Parker
c/o William D. Moorhead III
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Mary L. Youngblood, 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 27th day of October 2025.
Marjorie D. Rolling
Executrix of the Estate of Mary L. Youngblood
% DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN M. SHERMAN, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of John M. Sherman, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of John M. Sherman.
This 20th day of October, 2025.
Brayn Wesley Sherman, Executor of the John M. Sherman Estate
12116 McBride Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27613
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727 (229) 888-3338

NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Thomas Walter Stafford, 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 28th day of October, 2025.
Jason Thomas Stafford
Executor of the Estate of Thomas Walter Stafford
%Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

NOTICE
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CALHOUN

NOTICE is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Frankie Ann Andrews Hollister, 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 November, 2025.
Dickerman Hollister, Jr., Executor
Kirbo & Kirbo, P.C.
P. O. Box 70519
Albany, GA 31708-0519

Debtors & Creditors

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

RE: ESTATE OF JANICE SHERREL TRACY

All creditors of said estate are notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

James Bush
3110 Higgins Drive
Albany, GA 31721

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of Mary M. Willis, 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.
Dated this 7th day of November 2025

Tonya Denise Hutcherson, Executor

Stacy W. Hanley, Esq.
Lefkoff, Duncan, Grimes, McSwain, Hass & Hanley, P.C.
3715 Northside Parkway, NW
Building 300, Suite 600
Atlanta, Georgia 30327
(404)262-2000

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of **ELMER DALE MILNER**, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia.
All creditors of this estate 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 me.
Judith Hill Milner, Executrix
of the Estate of
ELMER DALE MILNER
Collier & Gamble, LLP
Edward R. Collier
P.O. Box 577
Dawson, Georgia 39842

Divorces

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Wendy Flakes
vs.

Respondent: Johnie Flakes

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV-149-4

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Johnie Flakes
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 February 12, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on October 22, 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 205 Philema Rd., Apt. 203, Albany, GA 31701. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything she asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 22nd day of October, 2025.

Joseph W. Dent, Judge
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Jamie D. Taylor

vs.

Respondent: Kimberly Taylor

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV764-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Kimberly Taylor
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 29, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on November 6, 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 2336 S. Madison St., Apt. 9, Albany, GA 31701. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything she asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 6th day of November, 2025.

Phyllis Johnson, Clerk
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Lenora Davis
vs.

Respondent: Rodney Jones

Civil Action Case Number:
25CV1017-3

Divorces

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Rodney Jones
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 September 29, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on October 1, 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 1803 Melrose Drive, Albany, GA 31707. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything she asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This the 1st day of October, 2025.

Joseph W. Dent, Judge
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Lawanda Washington
v
Respondent: Richard Washington

Civil Action Case Number
25-SU-CV-975

ORDER FOR
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Petitioner having moved the Court for an order directing service to be made upon Respondent Richard Washington in the case named above, and it appearing to the Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of such motion that Respondent is a nonresident and that the action is an action in which a Respondent may be served by publication persuant to O.C.G.A. 9-10-71, it is
ORDERED, that service upon Respondent be made by publication as provided by law.

This 3rd day of November, 2025

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

Grand Jury Presentments

DOUGHERTY COUNTY GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT
SEPTEMBER TERM 2025

To: The Honorable Denise Marshall
The Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw
The Honorable Joseph W. Dent
The Honorable Victoria M. Johnson

(Judges of the Superior Court)
The Grand Jury would like to thank the District Attorney, Gregory W. Edwards, and his .staff for the high level of professionalism and respect they demonstrated the entire time we were under their care. We further commend the District Attorney for enlightening us on the various crimes happening in our community and the laws that are to be enforced regarding those matters. We specially commend the District Attorney's Office along with the Clerk of Court's Office for their hard work and dedication in preparing the cases for the Grand Jurors.

Additionally, we thank the Albany Police Department, the Dougherty County Police Department, the Dougherty County Sheriffs Office, and the Albany Dougherty Special Investigative Unit (ADSIU), and specifically ADSIU Investigators Erving Mclain and Shabreka Bridges who provided us with information on drugs and gangs in this area. Our thanks go out to these and other special employees for their hard work and concern for the citizens of Albany and Dougherty County. This Grand Jury appreciates the attentiveness and help of our bailiff, Clarence Lanier .

We further thank Corporal Lashana Hudson, Albany Police Department, and Tiesha Howard, Aspire Behavioral Health, for providing us with information on the REACH Co-Response Team ("Responding, Engaging, and Cultivating Hope").

We commend Sheriff Terron Hayes for allowing us to tour and inspect the Dougherty County Jail Facility and for the hospitality we were shown by the staff, including the lunch that was prepared for us. The tour was enlightening as well as educational for the members of the Grand Jury. We extend further commendations to Sheriff Hayes and his staff for their dedicated work, not just at their worksites, but also in the community.

Furthermore, we would like to make special mention/commendation of Lieutenant Michael Kerce and Sergeant Domonique Kendricks with the Dougherty County Sheriffs Office who handle the sex offender registry for Dougherty County. We commend these officers for being proactive in their duties. We were impressed that they provide courtesy calls and visits one week prior to the annual registration deadline for all registered sex offenders in the County. These steps are not required by law, but this practice must save the County unnecessary expenses of dealing with delinquency issues and ensures the community is kept abreast of the whereabouts of registered individuals.

The Grand Jury was presented with **114** Indictments, **112** were returned as True Bills and there were **2** No Bills. An additional 16 were filed by the District Attorney for Accusation.

The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

Considering the increase in mail fraud activity, we recommend a thorough investigation be conducted into the local postal system concerning mail fraud. We would suggest an external investigation is needed to determine if any of the misconduct is the result of 'insicle jobs.' We would recommend that a referral be made for a federal investigation since the issues concern a federal agency.

We would suggest a committee comprised of representatives from all the local law enforcement agencies be convened to produce a uniform policy on police-chase protocol. There seems to be disparity between what one department will allow compared to another. Some agencies do not allow chases for minor infractions while other agencies apparently allow high-speed chases on City streets.

We would suggest the Dougherty County Jail Facility add an audio recording component to the current video surveillance available at the jail.

We encourage all agencies involved in the criminal justice system to take all necessary steps to catch up on the existing (overwhelming) caseload. We would encourage an investigation into the cause of the backlog and a report on what could be done to alleviate this problem. Multiple charges are not being brought to trial because they are beyond the statute of limitations. We would recommend the hiring of additional judges/personnel if legally possible. We are informed and encouraged from information that the District Attorney's Office and local law enforcement agencies are engaging in major case review processes that are designed to address the backlog.

We would encourage the advertisement and creation of additional neighborhood watch programs in high-crime areas.

We suggest collaboration between the local police departments and the community. We encourage the City to adopt programs similar to one in Columbus, Georgia that has a bicycle patrol with a presence in the downtown area and high crime areas. Police presence and the building of relationships between law enforcement and the community members can be a force for change and help reduce crime.

Because drugs and alcohol often contribute to the number and severity of crimes, we recommend the City and County reevaluate policies on the granting of new licenses to minimarts/businesses that focus on alcohol, vape, and cannabis products. We encourage law enforcement to conduct random inspections and searches of the existing businesses to stop the distribution of illegal items.

Mental illness is a major contributing factor to homelessness in our community. We recommend a return to state-sponsored mental hospitals and long-term residential mental health treatment facilities. We recommend investing in more services to provide for mental health and anger management counseling and treatment. Locally, we would suggest stronger oversight and accountability for the existing mental health and rehabilitation facilities. We encourage such establishments to require programming, structure, and greater accountability of the residents.

We recommend partnerships with local non-profits and educational institutions to offer programs that assist offenders when released from jail and returning to the community to gain employment. We commend the efforts of Sherriff Hayes who is provide training within the Dougherty County Jail and of non-profits like The Hope Center that provide training that leads to jobs within the community.

We recommend the consolidation of City and County governments. This issue has been extensively studied and vetted, with many findings demonstrating that consolidation will improve services, reduce redundancy, and eliminate pay disparity among County and City government employees. We do not suggest that yet another costly study be commissioned; rather, we recommend that a representative committee of local citizens be formed for the purpose of reviewing the former studies commissioned by the City and County, seeking input and recommendations from other consolidated governments within the State, and making recommendations to the Commissioners. For the good of our community, it is time for consolidation to be implemented.

Out of concern for the rising rates of utilities, we recommend that an annual audit of Albany Utilities rates and fee structures be performed and results published that compare our City utilities to other cities across the state. We recommend further an independent audit of meters to determine meter accuracy. We recommend further the consideration of deregulation of city utilities (water, gas, electricity, internet, cable, etc.) to provide better options for citizens.

Respectfully submitted on the 5th day ofNovember 2025.

/s/ Mark Felix Scardino - Foreperson
/s/ Krystal LaSasha McIver - Vice Foreperson
/s/ Natassia K. Jefferson - Secretary

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY:
THE GRAND JURORS, selected, chosen and sworn for the County of Dougherty, to wit:
1. Mark Felix Scardino - Foreperson
2. Krystal LaSasha McIver - Vice Foreperson
3. Natassia K. Jefferson - Secretary
4. Pamela Peters Martin - Sgt. At Arms
5. Shandreal LaShay Troutman
6. Marianne Elizabeth Jack
7. Susannah Hope Gilmore
8. Edward James Wetherbee
9. Jalen Keshaun Bynum
10. Zachary Lee Strickland
11. Paulette Parks
12. Carl Raymond Major II
13. Erron Polite Grant
14. Regina Venee Delbridge

Grand Jury Presentments

15. Stacy Renae Brown
16. Roderick Bernia Gervin Sr.
17. Phaul Renee Davis
18. Shernell Desirae Peterson
19. Patricia Ann Thomas Chandler
20. Reginald Lomont Sweet
21. Louis Fair
22. Nathaniel Nault
23. Shawanda Dionne Baldwin

Miscellaneous

CITY OF ALBANY
MUNICIPAL COURT

CIVIL DOCKET NO. 25-NA-38
LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF ALBANY
Petitioner

vs.

This property is known as 926 Tift Ave., Albany, Georgia, bearing Tax ID# 0000D/00025/026; and

RICKEY WADE, Property Owner; and

Interested Persons as Defined in O.C.G.A. § 41-2-8(8): FREDERICK CARL SIMON, AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 926 Tift Ave., Albany, Georgia,
Respondent(s).

TO: **RICKEY WADE, AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 926 TIFT AVE., ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA:**

You, and each of you, are notified that Petition To Remedy Code and Ordinance Violations existing at the property located at 926 Tift Ave., in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot 2 and the West one-half (1/2) of Lot 3 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.

seeking to abate the conditions existing on said property which constitute a nuisance in violation of codes and ordinances of the City of Albany, Georgia. You are ordered to show cause before the undersigned on the 21 st day of November, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. and from time to time thereafter as the same may be called at the Law Enforcement Center, 201 W. Oglethorpe Blvd., Albany, Georgia, why the relief requested in said Petition should not be granted and the Code violations remedied and the nuisance abated at your expense. Let this notice be published and posted as required by law.

Witness the Honorable Ingrid Driskell, Chief Judge, Municipal Court.

Michael M. Custer
Ga. Bar No. 525350
Attorney for Petitioner

222 Pine Ave., Suite 560
Albany, Georgia 31701
(229) 431-2805 (office)
(229) 431-3206 (facsimile)
mcuster@albanyga.gov

November 8 and November 15, 2025

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
(REPAIR FACILITY)

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 subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Vehicle Make: HONDA
Year: 2014
Model: ACCORD
Vehicle ID #: 1HGCT2B81EA001535
Vehicle License #:
State GA

The vehicle is currently located at 210 N. MOCK RD., 31705

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

Business Name:
WALKER & WALKER AUTO & REPAIR SALES LLC
Address: 210 MOCK RD.
ALBANY,GA 31705
Telephone #: 229-449-5711

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the Name Change of the Child
Ryshambria Corbin
Minor child

Civil Action File No. 25-SU-CV-920

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Stephanie Carter, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 19th day of May, 2025, to change the name of the minor child as follows: Current Name of Child: Ryshambria Corbin, DOB: 08/18/2007, Proposed New Name: Ryshambria R. Carter. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days as set forth in O.C.G.A. 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

This 19th day of May, 2025.

Stephanie Carter
Petitioner pro se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of:
Tera Michelle Holloway
Civil Action File No. 25CV1126-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Tera Michelle Holloway, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, on the 6th day of November, 2025 to change my name from Tera Michelle Holloway to Michelle Holloway.

Name Changes

Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 6th day of November, 2025.
/s/ Tera Michelle Holloway

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of:
Joy Ward Bowles

Civil Action File No. 25CV1080-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Joy Ward Bowles, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 20th day of October, 2025 to change my name from Joy Ward Bowles to Sandy Joy Ward. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 20th day of October, 2025

Joy Ward Bowles
Petitioner

Forfeiture/Seizure

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION NO. 25CV0683.

STATE OF GEORGIA
ex rel
GREGORY W. EDWARDS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DOUGHERTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PLAINTIFF
vs.
ONE 2015 AUDI A3, VIN #WAUACGFF66F1090951; AND 2,778 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA,
DEFENDANT IN REM
RE PROPERTY OF DANIEL AMARTEY LARYEA
CLAIMANT

NOTICE OF ASSET FORFEITURE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **DANIEL AMARTEY LARYEA** 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 8th day of July, 2025 pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §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 27th of October, 2025 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Gregory Edwards, District Attorney, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA 31702, an Answer to the Complaint within 30 days of the date of the second publication of this Notice. If you fail to do so, judgement will be taken for relief demanded in the Complaint pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-16-12(e).

Witness the Honorable Chief Judge of said Court

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

Probate Court Administration

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: DONALD RICHARD JONES
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-357

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Karen Jones has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of DONALD RICHARD JONES, 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 November 17, 2025.
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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

Citation dates: October 25, 2025
November 1, 8, and 15, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: LARRY D. LASTER
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-130

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Sean D. Laster has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of LARRY D. LASTER, 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 December 8, 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

Probate Court Administration

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: November 15, 22, and 29, 2025
December 6, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: JOHN WAYNE LEGGETT
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-377

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Alfreda V. Leggett has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN WAYNE LEGGETT, 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 December 1, 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: November 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: C. KEVIN EDWARDS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-367

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Christopher D. Edwards has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of C. KEVIN EDWARDS, 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 December 1, 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: November 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: MICHAEL R. BRUNER
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-381

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Patricia B. Lester and Roy Bruner have petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **MICHAEL R. BRUNER**, 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 **December 8, 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: November 15, 22, and 29, 2025
December 6, 2025

Probate Court 12 mth Support

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: RUBIANN STEVENSON
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-345
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of Dennis Lee Stevenson for a year's support from the estate of RUBIANN STEVENSON, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before November 17,

Probate Court 12 mth Support

2025, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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

Citation dates: October 25, 2025
November 1, 8, and 15, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: GEORGE PETER DONALDSON, III
ESTATE FILE NO: 2024-ES-473
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Lea F. Donaldson** for a year's support from the estate of **GEORGE PETER DONALDSON, III**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **December 8, 2025,** why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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

Citation dates: November 15, 22, and 29, 2025
December 6, 2025

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: BRENDA DALE HILL
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-349
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Samuel Hill** for a year's support from the estate of **BRENDA DALE HILL**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **November 17, 2025,** why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. 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
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Citation dates: October 25, 2025
November 1, 8, and 15, 2025

Probate Court Wills

CASE NAME: ANNIE HAMILTON
CASE NO: 2025-ES-303
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: TONIA SMITH (DAUGHTER OF ANNIE HAMILTON) and ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form, in this Court on or before November 17, 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, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

Citation dates: October 25, 2025
November 1, 8, and 15, 2025

CASE NAME: ETHEL BUTTS

CASE NO: 2025-ES-267

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: KIMBERLY TRICE (DAUGHTER OF CAROLYN TRICE), ALL HEIRS OF LEORN KEATON, and ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

Probate Court Wills

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form, in this Court on or before November 17, 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.

Citation dates: October 25, 2025
November 1, 8, and 15, 2025

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

Public Sales/ Auctions

PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION
11-24-2025 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Strums Elite Towing & Recovery 2800 Phillips Dr ALBANY, GA 31721
229-319-5924

IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTION 40-11-02, FIFTY-FOUR (54) ABANDONED, WRECKED AND STOLEN VEHICLES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. TERMS OF PAYMENT: CASH, CASHIERS CHECK OR PERSONAL CHECK WITH LETTER OF CREDIT FROM YOUR BANK. 7% CAR PREMIUM CHARGE ON EACH PURCHASE.

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:

You are hereby, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) 2, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at: Strums Elite Towing & Recovery, 2800 Phillips Drive Albany Ga 31721. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the business above.

1.Vin: 3FA6P0H78DR117005
Year:2013
Make:FORD
Model:Fusion

2.Vin: 5NPE24AF1GH347621
Year: 2016
Make: Hyundai
Model: Sonata

3.Vin: 1C4NJPBB9FD110539
Year: 2015
Make:Jeep
Model: Patriot

4.Vin: 5YJ3E1EA5JF032628
Year: 2018
Make:Tesla
Model:Model 3

5.Vin: 4T1BE30K74U878600
Year: 2004
Make: Toyota
Model: Camry

6.Vin: 3KPC24A64LE122499
Year: 2020
Make: Hyundai
Model: Accent

SELF STORAGE AUCTION
AUCTION WILL CLOSE ON DEC. 3rd AT 10 A.M.

SIMPLESAFE - RADIUM SPRINGS
2119 Radium Springs Road Albany

Christine Lofton 26
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Kamyra Robertson 33
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Derrick Laster 37
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Marvin Price 38
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Theodosia Lovett 44
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Sigourney Boney 62
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Allen Whigham 73
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Princess Washington 87
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Jaymes Reed 98
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Philander Robinson Jr 114
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Michael Teemer 121
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Tiabreka Wheeler 129
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Alfreda Coleman 140
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Shuntay Daniels 144
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Dente Petereit 155
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Debra Mulkey 158
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS

SIMPLESAFE - MOCK ROAD
1300 S Mock Road Albany

Jessica Thorton A04
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
David Hardy A28
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Otis Thomas B09
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
David Hardy C03
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Kiley Wilson D18
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Graham Richard E16
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Jacqueline Pugh E24
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Tamika Smith E30
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Joyce Butts E38
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS

BASE SIDE STORAGE - SHORT STREET
2416 Short Street Albany

Destiny Cooks 16
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Exzandra Wilson 34
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Marty Norris 56
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Maasai Williams-Watson 61
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Milton Holiday 62
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Shajona Echols 78
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Reshun Clyde 85
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Stephanie Mudd 178
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Brandy Amerson 182
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS

SIMPLESAFE - HIGHWAY 19 N

Public Sales/ Auctions

1437 US Highway 19 S

Mark Barnes 84
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Pamela Davis 144
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Charles Lacy 149
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Marty Norris 56
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Gwandeal Terrell 151
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Alticia Windom 195
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Brandon Young 26
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS

SIMPLESAFE - HIGHWAY 19 S
1508 US Highway 19 S

Michael Taylor 213
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Joseph Wilson 216
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Tommy Robinson 217
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Lewis Robinson 229
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Nikki Carlisle 253
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Steven Watson 266
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Steven Watson 267
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Lateshia Brown 272
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Jack Parks 274
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS
Judy Jasper 322
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) (2), that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at: Harris 1 Trucking & Wrecker Service, 1542 E. Broad Ave, Albany, GA 31705.

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

Date: 9/15/2025
Location: Eight Mile Rd.
Vehicle was burned. No available information found
Vehicle Make: Unknown
Model: Unknown
Year: Unknown
Vehicle Vin ID Unknown

Date 10/22/2025
Location: Dunes Ave
Vehicle Make: Unknown
Model: Moped
Year: Unknown
Color: Silver/Green
Vehicle Vin ID: Unknown

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

Auction is to be held at 10:00am, Tuesday, December 2nd.

Unit Name

180 Alan Collier--Miscellaneous

26 Dekerria King--Miscellaneous

426 Fredrick Davis- Miscellaneous

153 Patty Young -Miscellaneous

19 Shavonne Williams-Miscellaneous

345 Ivory Williams-Miscellaneous

482 Whitney Battle-Miscellaneous

397 Ivory Williams-Miscellaneous

92 John Phillips-Miscellaneous

535 Idrees Weston-Miscellaneous

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. Vehicles are currently located at: A1 Wrecker Service
The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Make: Freightliner
Model: ?
Year: 2013
Vin #: 1FUJGEDVXDSBU5944
Tag: NONE
State: GA

Make: Mini Bike
Model: ?
Year: ?
Vin #:None
Tag: NONE
State:

Make: Yamaha
Model: V-Star
Year: ?
Vin #: 1YAVP11EX7A097032
Tag: TDF419
State: GA

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:
A1 Wrecker
213 7th Ave
Albany, GA 31701

Phone: (229)-436-3990

11/3/25

Village Green Storage Units located at 2401 Dawson Rd. Albany, GA 31707 is holding a public auction starting 11/30/2025 12:00 PM EST and ending on 12/08/2025 12:00 PM EST.
This auction will be located at www.storagetreasures.com.
Tenant Michael King will have their unit #067 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Clothing and household items.
Tenant Michael King will have their unit #085 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Clothing and household items.
Tenant Octavius Green will have their unit #070 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Household items
Tenant Michelle A. Jones will have their unit #072 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Household items, Christmas decorations and baby items.
Tenant Roukeith Dykes will have their unit #096 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Bed and mattress, TV, lamp and

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furniture.
Tenant Nick Pierce will have their unit #098 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Mattress and frame, baby items.
Tenant Kevin Shirley will have their unit #103 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Cabinet, clothing, refrigerator, bed and luggage.
Tenant Randy Phillips will have their unit #111 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Vacuum, chair and racecar child's bed.
Tenant Shenika Noel will have their unit #120 auctioned. Contents appear to contain:
Clothes, furniture, kids' bikes and household items

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VIN: ML32A3HJ4JH003879
YEAR: 2018
MAKE:MITSUBISHI
MODEL: MIRAGE

VIN: 1C4HJXEN1JW304448
YEAR:2018
MAKE: Jeep
MODEL: All-New Wrangler

In accordance with O.C.G.A Section 40-11-02, cars abandoned, wrecked and/or stolen vehicles are to be auctioned to the highest bidder.

PUBLIC AUCTION:
DECEMBER 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:
Cash, cashier's check, debit and credit cards.
($50.00 Administration Fee added to each sale.)

All vehicles must be removed from the property by 1 p.m. on 12/2/25

LOCATION:
Jones and Sons Repair
1040 Clark Ave., Albany GA 31705

Trade Names

Trade Name Registration
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY. The undersigned does hereby certify that they are conducting business at 1206 Blaylock Street, Albany, GA 31705, Dougherty County under the trade name: DJDE Insurance Agency and that the nature of the business Reseller of an insurance product that covers equipment physical damage from Sentry and that the name of the firm owning and carrying on said trade or business is DJD Financial, Inc. 2730 S Falkenburg Rd, Riverview, FL 33578.

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY. The undersigned does hereby certify that they are conducting business at 1100 East Oglethorpe Boulevard, Albany, GA 31705, Dougherty County under the trade name Albany Nissan and that the nature of the business is Vehicle Dealership and that the name of the firm owning and carrying on said trade or business is Lopez Imports of Albany 2, Inc.

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Personally appeared before me, Logan Parker, an officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned, who being duly sworn deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing registration are true. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 21st day of October 2025.
Clerk of Courts Lisa M. Moody

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Sherry D. Martin to Navy Federal Credit Union dated 10/23/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 4457 Page 189 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Navy Federal Credit Union, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $228,937.00, 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 December 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: Tract 1: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot 45 of Doublegate, Inc. Subdivision according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3 Pages 194-195 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Tract 2: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia and being a portion of Lot 44 of Doublegate Inc. Subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3 Pages 194-195 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of said Lot 44 less and except the following: beginning at an iron pin located at the intersection of the southern right of way of Club Drive with the eastern right of way of East Doublegate Drive, which point is the northwest corner of said Lot 44, go thence along the North line of said Lot 44 South 67 degrees 45'55" East a distance of 180.29 feet to an iron pin; go thence South 25 degrees 22'0" West a distance of 130 feet to an iron pin, go thence North 67 degrees 45'55" West a distance of 180.27 feet to an iron pin on the East right of way of East Doublegate Drive; go thence in a northeasterly direction along said East right of way of East Doublegate Drive to the point of beginning. Said excepted tract contains .537 acres and is more particularly shown on a map or plat of survey entitled "plat, property of

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Ernaveral B. Moore" prepared by Richard M. Pace, Dated December 17, 1985 and which is recorded in Deed Book 778 Page 213 in said clerk's office. 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 2520 E Doublegate Dr, Albany, GA 31721 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): Sherry D. Martin or tenant or tenants. Navy Federal Credit Union is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Navy Federal Credit Union 820 Folin Lane Vienna, VA 22180-4907 (888) 503-7102 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. Navy Federal Credit Union as agent and Attorney in Fact for Sherry D. Martin Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 2049-463A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2049-463A

TS # 2025-16802-GA
Notice Of Sale Under Power
Georgia, Dougherty County Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by Margaret L. Taylor a single person to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantor, as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated 12/17/2009, and recorded on 12/22/2009, in Instrument No.: 009298, Deed Book 3666, Page 313, Dougherty County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 6/6/2025 in Instrument No.: D2025-003116 Deed Book 5304, Page 47, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $182,575.00, with interest thereon as provided for 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 12/2/2025, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In Land Lot 77 Of The Second Land District Of Dougherty County, Georgia, And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Commencing At The Intersection Of The North Margin Line Of Gillionville Road With The Center Line Of Beaty Road, Run Thence South 88 Degrees 30 Minutes West Along The North Margin Line Of Said Gillionville Road For A Distance Of 2,380.6 Feet To A Point On The West Margin Line Of Covey Road; Run Thence North 0 Degrees 13 Minutes West Along The West Margin Line Of Said Covey Road For A Distance Of 505.65 Feet To The Point Of Beginning; From Said Point Of Beginning, Continue Thence North 0 Degrees 13 Minutes West Along The West Margin Line Of Covey Road For A Distance Of 214.35 Feet To The Southeast Corner Of Lot 25 Of Southwind Subdivision; Run Thence South 88 Degrees 30 Minutes West Along The South Line Of Said Lot 25 For A Distance Of 360 Feet To The Southwest Corner Of Said Lot 25, Run Thence South 0 Degrees 13 Minutes East For A Distance Of 215.2 Feet To A Point; Run Thence In An Easterly Direction For A Distance Of 360 Feet To The Point Of Beginning; Said Property Described According To A Plat Of The Property Of William Don Kearce, Sr. And Doris W. Kearce, Of Part Of Land Lot 77, Second Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, Dated February 7, 1974, As Prepared By William Lowe, Registered Land Surveyor. Said property is commonly known as 1907 Covey Rd Albany, GA 31721. The indebtedness 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 the sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' 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: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Attention: Loss Mitigation Department, 11988 EXIT 5 PKWY BLDG 4 FISHERS IN 46037-7939, Telephone No.: (855) 690-5900. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the security instrument. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), 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 other matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party(ies) in possession of the property is (are) Margaret L. Taylor a single person or tenant(s) or other occupants. 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. The sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Margaret L. Taylor a single person. Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205, Huntington Beach, California 92648, (888) 403-4115, TS # 2025-16802-GA. For sale information, visit: https://www.nestortrustee.com/sales-information.com or call (888) 902-3989.

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 DARREN LEON MONROE AND SHANEKA NASHUNDA MONROE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR CAPITAL CITY HOME LOANS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS , dated 10/10/2023, and Recorded on 10/12/2023 as Book No. 5133 and Page No. 207 220, 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 $176,739.00, 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 December, 2025, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 407 AND 408 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 18, PALMYRA PECAN GROVES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 273 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B 8), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, 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, 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 **2204 FRIAR TUCK LANE, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31707 is/are: DARREN LEON MONROE AND SHANEKA NASHUNDA MONROE** 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. 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 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 DARREN LEON MONROE AND SHANEKA NASHUNDA MONROE. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010506210 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER

DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Thomas Edwin Thomas and Leslie Ica Thomas to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. dated December 3, 2012 and recorded on June 6, 2014 in Deed Book 4130, Page 240, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2024-RP4 by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on October 14, 2025 in Deed Book 5344, Page 15, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five And 00/100 Dollars ($116,175.00), 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 December 2, 2025 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, City of Albany and being more particularly described as follows: All of Lot Number 334 and the South One-Half (1/2) of Lot Number 333 in the Lake Park Subdivision "C", Section 3, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 63 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-82) in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Tax ID #: 000PP/00009/005

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

Your mortgage servicer, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2024-RP4, can be contacted at 888-480-2432 or by writing to 8950 Cypress Water Blvd, Coppell TX 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
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To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Thomas Edwin Thomas and Leslie Ica Thomas or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **1812 Robinhood Road, Albany, GA 31707.**

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2024-RP4 as Attorney in Fact for Thomas Edwin Thomas and Leslie Ica Thomas
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
404-474-7149
MTG File No.: GA2025-00707

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1
as Attorney-in-Fact for
WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC

William. O Tate
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1544 Old Alabama Road
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
WHEREAS, Benjie P. Cook and Heidi M. Cook, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common , as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for HomeBridge Financial Services, Inc., a Corporation, Lender which was dated 11/22/2019, and recorded on 12/10/2019, in Instrument No.: D2019007612, Deed Book 4662, Page 345, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $196,200.00 in Dougherty County, Georgia Register of Deeds.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 1/6/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia 31701 of Dougherty, the following described property situated in Dougherty County, Georgia, to wit:
LOT 114, DOUBLEGATE SUBDIVISION, SECTION III, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 27 (NOW PLAT CABINET ONE, SLIDE B-70) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.
Tax Parcel ID: 005-2/00000/114
Being real property commonly known as **3720 GATEWAY AVE ALBANY, GA 31721**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.
Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is'.
The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Benjie P. Cook and Heidi M. Cook
Attorney Contact:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558

TS # 25-36955

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 Bessie M. Jackson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., dated October 22, 2013, and recorded in Deed Book 4073, Page 277, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Truist Bank by assignment recorded on May 15, 2025 in Book 5297 Page 301 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 0/100 dollars ($38,350.00), 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 December 2, 2025, the following described property:

Tract: I

Lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

Being part of Land Lot No. 338 in the First District of Dougherty County, Georgia and being a portion of Lot No. Thirty (30) in River Road Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 240, of the Land records of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being further described as follows: Begin at the northeast corner of said Lot No. Thirty (30) of the Land herein conveyed, thence run west along the north line of Lot No. 30 - Two hundred eighty/four tenths (280.4) feet to a point; thence south fifty-four (54) feet to a point; thence east two hundred eight and four tenths (280.4) feet to a point; thence north fifty-four (54) feet to the point of beginning. Said property being improved having located thereon a frame dwelling.

LESS AND EXCEPTED from the above-described property is that certain tract conveyed to The City of Albany per Deed recorded in Deed Book 721, Pages 625-626, Dougherty County Land Records.

Tract: II

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 338, in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being part of Lot No. 30 in RIVER ROAD SUBDIVISION, according to a map or plat of said subdivision, as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, page 240, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, of RIVER ROAD SUBDIVISION, as per map or plat of same, recorded in Plat Book 1, page 240, Clerk's Office, Dougherty County, Georgia, and from this point, go South along the West side of South Madison Avenue, 54 feet to the Point of Beginning. From this Point of Beginning, go thence West parallel to the North line of said Lot 30, for a distance of 280.4 feet to a point on the East property line of the property of Clarence and Ola Coby; go thence South parallel with the West side of Madison Avenue, for a distance of 105.1 feet, more or less, to a point on the North line of the Property of Hughey & Neuman, Inc.; go thence East along the North line of the property of Hughey & Neuman, Inc., for a distance of 280.4 feet to the West side of South Madison Avenue; go thence North along the West side of South Madison Avenue, for a distance of 105.1 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPTED from the above-described property is that certain tract conveyed to The City of Albany per Deed recorded in Deed Book 721, Pages 623-624, Dougherty County Land Records.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in 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: Truist Bank they can be contacted at (800) 443-1032 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 1001 Semmes Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23224, 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 Izie Jackson or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **2619 S Madison St, Albany, GA 31701.**

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

Truist Bank as Attorney in Fact for Bessie M. Jackson.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 25-16314

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Margurete R. Burns to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 3/27/2007 and recorded in Deed Book 3317 Page 314 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-2, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of $79,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on December 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: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, AND STATE OF GEORGIA, TO WIT: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 21 SHERWOOD ACRES, 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 THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY KNOWN AS 1805 DONCASTER DRIVE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING STREETS IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA. TAX ID #: 0000O-00026-009 BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM MICHAEL W. GARLAND AND SANDRA DELORES GARLAND AS SET FORTH IN DEED BOOK 1944, PAGE 0120 AND RECORDED ON 4/8/1999, DOUGHERTY COUNTY RECORDS. THE SOURCE DEED AS STATED ABOVE IS THE LAST RECORD OF VESTING FILED FOR THIS PROPERTY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO VESTING CHANGES SINCE THE DATE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED SOURCE. 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 **1805 Doncaster Dr, Albany, GA 31707-3259** 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/Heirs of Margurete R. Burns or tenant or tenants. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. Loan Resolution Department 3217 South Decker Lake Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84119 (888) 818-6032 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. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-2 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Margurete R. Burns Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1012-3085A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1012-3085A

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Because of default in the payment of the indebtedness, secured by that certain Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement from GLOBAL GROUP PROPERTIES INC. ("Borrower") to ABL RPC Residential Credit Acquisition LLC ("Secured Creditor"), recorded at Deed Book 5060, Page 115, Dougherty County, GA records, Secured Creditor pursuant to said deed and the note thereby secured, has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed, and pursuant to O.C.G.A Section 9-13-161(a) will on the first Tuesday in December 2025, during the legal hours of sale, at the Courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said deed to wit:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY AND STATE OF GEORGIA:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING A PART OF LOT 6 THE ADDITION TO MORNINGSIDE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAID SUBDMSION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 278, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA; AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 03 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MOULTRIE HIGHWAY 170 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST 150 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST 28.28 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST 345 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH MARGIN OF KALMON AVENUE; RUN THENCE ALONG THE NORTH MARGIN OF KALMON AVENUE NORTH 59 DEGREES 03 MINUTES WEST 150 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF LOT 6; ANO RUN THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 6 NORTH 30 DEGREES 57 MINUTES EAST 515 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MOULTRIE HIGHWAY, WHICH IS ALSO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 6 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Assessor's Parcel No:0000Y/00021/03A

together with all fixtures and other personal property conveyed by said deed.

The sale will be held subject to any unpaid taxes, assessments, rights-of-ways, easements, protective covenants or restrictions, liens, and other superior matters of record which may affect said property.

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

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the note secured by said deed.

The name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows: Alexei Volosevich, 30 Montgomery Street, Suite 215, Jersey City, NJ 07302 (551) 298-3582. Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the above individual or 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 (or parties) in possession of the subject property is: GLOBAL GROUP PROPERTIES INC. and/or tenant or tenants and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness, the expense of said sale, all as provided in said deed, and the undersigned will execute a deed to the purchaser as provided in the aforementioned Security Deed.

ABL RPC Residential Credit Acquisition LLC as agent and attorney in fact for GLOBAL GROUP PROPERTIES INC.

Katz Durell, LLC
6065 Roswell Road, Suite 880
Atlanta, Georgia 30328
404-487-0040

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

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by ROBERT THOMAS III AND JANET B. THOMAS to BANK OF AMERICA, NA in the original principal amount of $25,000.00 dated September 17, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 3402, Page 141, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2020-RPL1 in Deed Book 5306, Page 114, Dougherty County

Foreclosures

records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 12/2/2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LOT(S) 15, ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS.

BEING AND INTENDING TO DESCRIBE THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED IN A DEED RECORDED 05/13/1997, IN BOOK 1696, PAGE 255.

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

KNOWN AS: 3001 LONESOME ROAD

PARCEL: 00311/00001/92B

Said property being known as: 3001 LONESOME RD, ALBANY, GA 31721

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are ROBERT THOMAS III, JANET B. THOMAS or tenant(s).

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

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
800-635-9698

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2020-RPL1,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
ROBERT THOMAS III, JANET B. THOMAS

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PRE-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
KICK-OFF MEETING
Hazard Mitigation Planning for 2028-2032**

Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents in Calhoun County is a critical task for public officials. The Federal Emergency Management Agency funds communities to participate in the planning process and update their current Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan that expires on **March 20, 2027**.

A kick-off meeting for the Calhoun County Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 10.00 am, at Calhoun County Board of Commissioners Building, 28007 Main Street, Morgan, GA 39866**. The purpose is to inform the public about the plan's development and to review the progress Calhoun County and the Cities of Morgan, Leary, Edison, and Arlington have made in updating the Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Calhoun Co. Legals

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires forming and updating a local plan to reduce vulnerability to damage by natural and man-made disasters. Representatives of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission will discuss the plan update process. The public is invited to attend.

For more information about the plan, please contact Richard Martin, Calhoun County EMA, at (229)310-5124 or email ccema@windstream.net, or RC Staff

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ccema@windstream.net, or RC Staff Kay Olubowale at (229) 522-3552 or email oolubowale@swgrc.org. A copy of the plan can be viewed on the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's website at: https://www.swgrc.org/calhoun-county-ga

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES — **SOLUTIONS**

1 small, colorful fruits (7) _____
2 in a queue (7) _____
3 one "traveling for business" (8) _____
4 2017 Jacob Tremblay movie (6) _____
5 abolitionist Truth (9) _____
6 institutional light, often (11) _____
7 peppery heat (9) _____

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Thursday's Answers: 1. APPEALING 2. SELENA 3. GOALIES 4. BUCHAREST 5. DISQUIET 6. BOXED 7. INDOLENT 11/14

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1 fled (6) _____
2 whirlybirds (11) _____
3 blight on the landscape (7) _____
4 on the rise (9) _____
5 looking like sci-fi (10) _____
6 Darrowby's vet James (7) _____
7 you can see right through it (9) _____

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Friday's Answers: 1. BERRIES 2. WAITING 3. COMMUTER 4. WONDER 5. SOJOURNER 6. FLUORESCENT 7. CAPSAICIN 11/15

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CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

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"V LVS RLMKYI CP SVAPE MNN JLPE TMK FBPPS V YVIT VEI YPNS MNN NMB SLP BPRS MN TMKB YGNP."

— X.H. M'BMKBAP

Previous Solution: "Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories." — John Wilmot

TODAY'S CLUE: G = equals F

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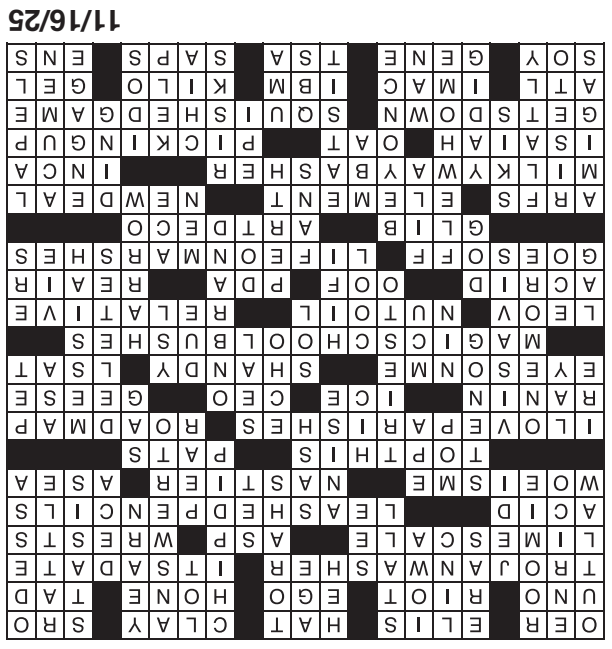
— GAASDAOUP HUPPK OSBUZGA

Previous Solution: "A hat should be taken off when you greet a lady and left off for the rest of your life." — P.J. O'Rourke

TODAY'S CLUE: I = equals H

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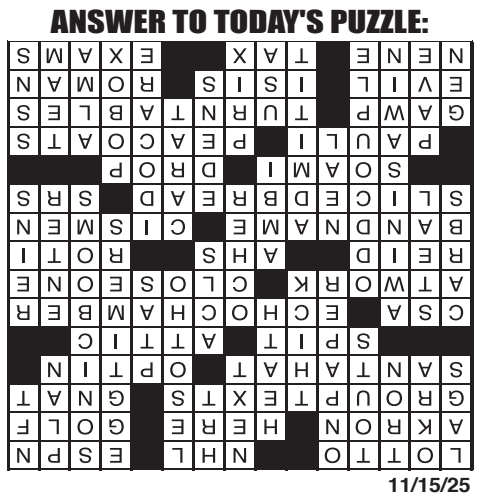
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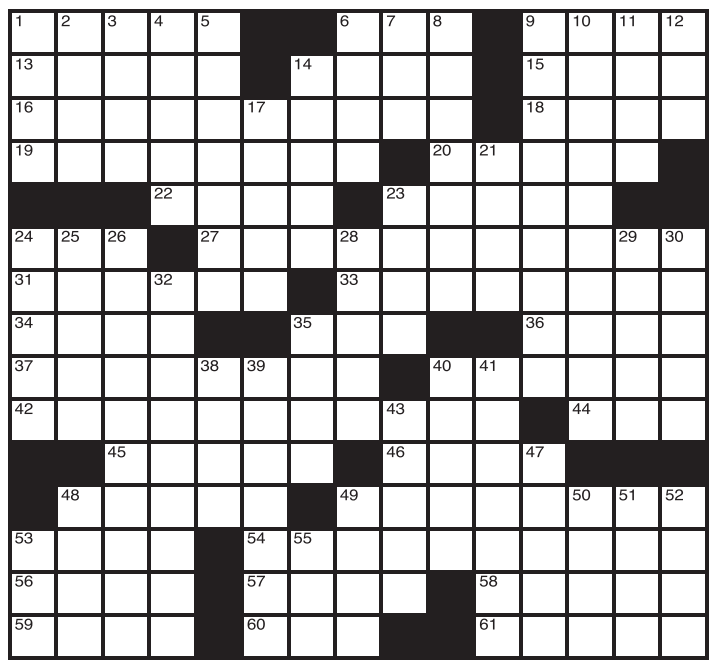
ACROSS
1 Game that involves drawing
6 VGK org.
9 Network airing 6-Across games
13 City known as the Rubber Capital of the World
14 Roll-call call
15 Eagle sport
16 Common threads?
18 Part of a dark cloud
19 Piece of holiday party attire
20 Check all the boxes, say
22 Light rain
23 Floor beneath the roof
24 Local greens org.
27 Environment that reinforces existing biases
31 On-site
33 Near miss
34 "Veep" actor __ Scott
35 Sounds of sympathy
36 Korma side
37 Cake, for one
40 Dudes whose gender identity aligns with their sex assigned at birth
42 It may be full of baloney
44 Commencement attendees, for short
45 "Ditto"
46 Release
48 Nobel-winning physicist Wolfgang
49 Double-breasted outerwear
53 Stare, to a Brit
54 Record holders?
56 Not good at all
57 Goddess depicted with an ankh
58 Like Mars and Jupiter
59 "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" star Leakes
60 Tariff, e.g.
61 Fact checks?

DOWN
1 Wrinkles in time
2 Bhindi masala pod
3 Beta follower?
4 Talks up
5 Theoretically
6 Line line
7 Perimenopause Rx, for some
8 Country surrounded by South Africa
9 They may wind up in the kitchen
10 High-speed crashes?
11 "What's the __?"
12 Crypto asset, for short
14 Desolate landscape
17 Foggy, in a way
21 Fundraising gps.
23 Tissues commonly examined by MRIs
24 Energy-providing macros
25 Take second, say
26 Victory speech?
28 Earth tone
29 "Door's open!"
30 Metaphor for control
32 Strange bedfellows?
35 Both, at first
38 YouTube CEO Mohan
39 "Be honest!"
40 Unit equivalent to 200 mg
41 "Really, this matters to me!"
43 Utopias
47 Numbered dest.
48 Smooth (over)
49 __ fixe
50 Latin for "nourishing"
51 Lorde's second Top 10 hit
52 U.S. IDs
53 __ X
55 Letters on Sha'Carri Richardson's top

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:



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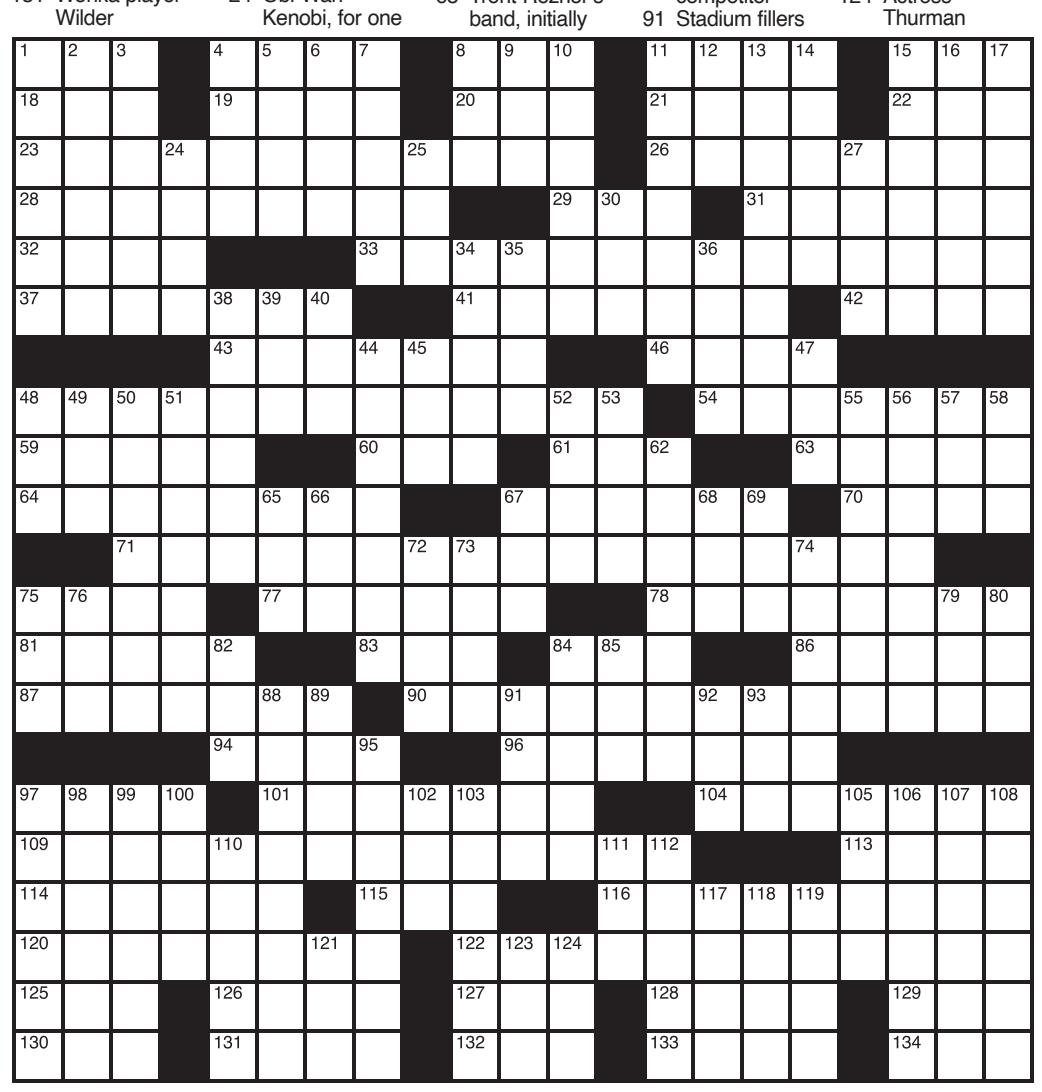
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

"THERE SHE IS" BY JIM QUINLAN

ACROSS
1 Above, in a sonnet
4 Yale attendees
8 One of 500 for Dr. Seuss's Bartholomew Cubbins
11 Court option
15 "No seats left" sign
18 Card player's call
19 Funny one
20 Sense of self
21 Sharpen, as a skill
22 Tiny bit
23 Launderer of USC football uniforms?
26 "Let's meet up then!"
28 Hard water issue
29 North African viper
31 Pries (from)
32 Hyaluronic __
33 Security measures at cosmetics counters?
37 "Alack and alas!"
41 Worse, as a storm
42 At a boat party, say
43 Challenging phrase
46 __ on the back
48 Sentiment from a Louisiana enthusiast?
54 Guide for going places
59 Made a hasty entrance
60 Cooling cubes
61 Corp. leader
63 Some migratory birds
64 "Now, look here!"
67 Lemony beer drink
70 Future DA's exam
71 Shrubbery at an academy for wizards and witches?
75 Pontiff of 903
77 Almond product
78 Family member
81 Unpleasantly sharp
83 "That looks painful"
84 Cuddling in the open, for short
86 Show again
87 Rants and raves
90 Title of a bullfrog's autobiography?
94 Eloquently insincere
96 Jazz Age style
97 Sounds at pounds
101 Mercury, but not Mars
104 Roosevelt recovery program
109 One talking trash about our galaxy?
113 Empire centered at Cuzco
114 Old Testament prophet
115 Granola bar bit
116 Tidying
120 Dances like no one's watching
122 Result of holding a Nintendo DS too tightly?
125 Ga. capital
126 Big name in computers
127 Big name in computers
128 Narc's unit
129 Frizz control product
130 __ sauce
131 Wonka player Wilder
132 Screening org.
133 Enervates
134 Nav. officer

DOWN
1 Western antihero
2 Colantoni of "Veronica Mars"
3 Bert, to Ernie
4 Taylor Swift concert divisions
5 "The Mod Squad" role
6 State that's home to Effigy Mounds National Monument
7 Stable feature
8 [Snicker]
9 Number on a birthday card
10 Synagogue scrolls
11 Guacamole, e.g.
12 Parking area
13 Work under
14 Pine (for)
15 Equilibrium
16 Baby's noisemaker
17 West Texas city
24 Obi-Wan Kenobi, for one
25 Match, in poker
27 Nona- follower
30 Collector's goal
34 Pernod flavor
35 Scout's accessory
36 Prickly __ cactus
38 Shorthand pro
39 Messy locks
40 Org. with a flower in its logo
44 Sees if one can
45 Blazin' Blueberry juice
47 Show signs of age
48 Hotheaded feeling
49 Produce, as an egg
50 "Encore!"
51 Compared with
52 Call return
53 Envelope closer
55 Removes
56 Handel oratorio
57 Simile center
58 See 117-Down
62 As expected
65 Trent Reznor's band, initially
66 Franchise that includes "Iron Man" and "Ant-Man," for short
67 __ de Janeiro: beauty company inspired by Brazilian beach culture
68 Expected
69 Monogram on a Libre perfume bottle
72 "Nifty!"
73 LP player
74 Tilling tool
75 Streaming issue
76 Green beginning
79 Compete (for)
80 24-hour care ctrs.
82 Follow
84 Australian city served by Fremantle Harbour
85 Part of any email address
88 Came back from vacation
89 Reebok competitor
91 Stadium fillers
92 Fellows
93 Aro counterpart
95 Pop star with a "Hive"
97 Spanish friends
98 Meet, as expectations
99 Without inflection
100 Gear on a roof rack in Vail, maybe
102 61-Across deg.
103 Face-plants
105 Service bell sound
106 Captivate
107 Shrewdness
108 Pin points?
110 "Get what I'm sayin'?"
111 Pen prefix
112 Downsides
117 With 58-Down, growing fad?
118 Marine forest algae
119 Altar exchanges
121 Pale
123 Key NFL players
124 Actress Thurman



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Make Homemade Pizza the Centerpiece of Holiday Parties

FAMILY FEATURES

During a season of turkey dinners and festive cocktails, those rich holiday staples may start feeling heavy. When it's time to reset with a lighter, delicious homemade dinner, try a seasonally appropriate pizza as a simple solution for returning to routine.

In fact, regardless of season, pizza remains one of the most popular food choices in the country. According to Current's "Pizza Wars" survey, which explored preferences and habits among 6,500 respondents in America's most populous metropolitan areas, the average respondent ordered nearly five pizzas per month. With New York-style rating as the top preference and pepperoni as the favorite topping, the survey found Americans would have to be paid an average of more than $14 million to give up pizza for life.

Additionally, 45% of respondents identified undercooked pizza dough as the worst "pizza crime." To help avoid that fate, experienced pizzaioli and everyday home cooks alike are turning more often to electric pizza ovens, which deliver restaurant-quality pies without gas or open flames. Energy efficient with capabilities for both indoor and outdoor use, they're a versatile solution for apartment dwellers and those crafting homemade pizzas any time of year.

Building on a mission to reimagine cooking with electric technology that's smarter, cleaner and more sustainable, the Current Model P Smart Oven Pizza reaches 850 F, perfect for Neapolitan-style pizzas ready in just 2 minutes, such as this Truffle Mushroom Pizza that's an ideal fit for complementing all those heavy holiday meals with a lighter weeknight bite.

Its design combined with a cordierite 12-inch cooking stone ensures uniform heat for authentic, crispy crusts with multiple cooking modes, giving you the versatility to cook any way you like. Controlling through a smartphone app offers digital temperature monitoring along with chef-curated recipes or a "pizza build calculator," which takes the guesswork out of pizza-making – you can personalize a 12-inch pizza with your chosen amount of sauce, cheese, toppings and even dough thickness, and the app will compute a customized time and temperature for perfect cooking.

A thoughtful gift for foodies and gadget fanatics alike, you can bring the joy of pizza to the holiday season with these topping ideas and celebration inspiration:

- Bring comfort to winter with toppings like sausage, roasted squash, mushrooms, caramelized onions and smoked gouda.
- Take advantage of leftovers from holiday gatherings with a pizza that includes brie, cranberry drizzle, roasted turkey and spiced butternut squash.
- For a sweet treat, top with hazelnut spread and marshmallows – perfect for capping off holiday parties.
- To get loved ones involved, host a pizza party swap where friends and family create pies with favorite seasonal toppings.
- Host a DIY pizza bar allowing guests to personalize their own pizza creations, a delicious way to wind down the festivities.

To find more pizza-infused holiday inspiration, visit CurrentBackyard.com.





Truffle Mushroom Pizza

Recipe courtesy of Chef Trimmell Hawkins, Current

Cream Sauce:

Oil or butter, for sauteeing
1/4 cup onions, small diced
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 cup mushrooms (such as baby portobello, button or shiitake), minced
1 tablespoon picked thyme
2 cups heavy cream
2 tablespoons cornstarch
4 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons truffle oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste

Pizza:

1 pizza dough
grated or fresh mozzarella cheese
mushrooms
spinach (optional)
cooked sausage (optional)

To make cream sauce: In saucepan over medium heat, add oil or butter. Saute onions until translucent then add garlic and mushrooms. Cook until mushrooms release moisture and begin to caramelize.

Stir in picked thyme and cook 1 minute to release oils.

Add heavy cream and bring to gentle simmer. Let it reduce slightly, 5-7 minutes.

In small bowl, mix cornstarch and water to make slurry. Slowly whisk into simmering cream sauce until it reaches desired consistency.

Remove from heat and stir in truffle oil. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

To prepare pizza: Preheat Current Model P Smart Pizza Oven to 850 F. While oven heats up, roll dough out to 8-12 inches and add desired amount of cream sauce.

Top with mozzarella, mushrooms, spinach and sausage, as desired. Once oven is hot, cook pizza 2 minutes until bubbly.

What to watch

SATURDAY

November 15, 2025

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

College Basketball

The CW, beginning at noon Live

A college basketball doubleheader on The CW has Ohio at Louisville and Butler at SMU.

CNBC Sport: On the Record

CNBC, 3 p.m. ■ Season Finale

This series, featuring insider perspectives from executives, team owners and other influential people in the business of sports, concludes its first season.

Timeless Tidings of Joy

Great American Family, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Network darling Candace Cameron Bure stars as Ally, a woman who returns home to sell her grandmother's (Natasha Bure) letterpress shop — long seen as a burden — and meets an old soul (Paul Greene) who is determined to preserve its legacy. Together they discover that faith, sacrifice and love can rewrite both the shop's fate and their own.

Three Wisest Men

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

The Brenner family is back, and their lives are more chaotic than ever! As Luke (Andrew Walker) is expecting twins, Taylor (Tyler Hynes) is debating a monumental job opportunity out of state, and Stephan (Paul Campbell) attempts to plan for his upcoming nuptials, everyone's stress heightens when they learn their mom (Margaret Colin) has put their childhood home up for sale, marking their final Christmas in the Brenner house. With unexpected in-laws visiting, wild animals lurking in freshly cut Christmas trees and a hesitant mall Santa, the boys will have their work cut out for them.



'Three Wisest Men'

HALLMARK MEDIA

Friends and Lovers

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

This two-night miniseries is based on Eric Jerome Dickey's *New York Times* bestseller *Friends and Lovers*. Fans of the author credit his contemporary depictions of love, trust, loyalty and forgiveness. This drama tells the complicated story of two sets of best friends: Debra and Shelby, and Leonard and Tyrese. Debra, a Type A doctor, finds herself falling in love with promising but broke comedian Leonard, while Tyrese struggles to tame the free-spirited Shelby. Tragedy, however, changes their lives forever. Stars Naturi Naughton, Simone Missick, RonReaco Lee and Kendrick Sampson. The second part of the film airs on Sunday.

Austin City Limits

PBS, 11 p.m.

Pop country stars Kelsea Ballerini and Cam make their *Austin City Limits* debuts in this new episode. Ballerini recorded her performance, featuring songs from her 2024 album *Patterns*, in July. Cam played her *All Things Light* set in June.

Saturday Night Live

NBC, 11:25 p.m. Live

Actor Glen Powell, star of the new movie *The Running Man*, hosts with musical guest Olivia Dean ("Man I Need").

CATCH A CLASSIC

Two for One: Steve Buscemi

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

"He's one of my biggest inspirations," Steve Buscemi says of Al Pacino, who fronts both halves of Buscemi's chosen double feature in tonight's *Two for One* re-airing. Buscemi — acclaimed star of *The Sopranos*, Boardwalk Empire and, famously, the film version of Fargo — starts with 1973's **Scarecrow**, featuring Pacino and Gene Hackman in a road dramedy playing unlikely would-be partners in a Pittsburgh car wash business ... if they can even get there from California. That's followed by 1975's **Dog Day Afternoon (pictured)**, with Pacino and beloved, ill-fated costar John Cazale playing bumbling bank robbers in the truth-based crime drama. "Studios were making such interesting films (in the 1970s)," an admiring Buscemi says.



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MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Spider-Man: No Way Home: Extended Version'

MATT KENNEDY

Ratatouille (2007, Children) Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm **Disney, 7 p.m.**

The Avengers (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans **FX, 7 p.m.**

Monsters, Inc. (2001, Children) John Goodman, Billy Crystal **Freeform, 7:20 p.m.**

Abducted in the Everglades (2025, Suspense) Tori Spelling, Tommi Rose **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Back to the Future (1985, Comedy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Eddington (2025, Suspense) Joaquin Phoenix, Pedro Pascal **HBO, 8 p.m.**

The Nutty Professor (1996, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jada Pinkett **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Tombstone (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer **MGM, 8 p.m.**

22 Jump Street (2014, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum **Comedy Central, 8:30 p.m.**

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery **CMT, 9 p.m.**

Spider-Man: No Way Home: Extended Version (2021, Action) Tom Holland, Zendaya **Encore, 11:17 p.m.**

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What to watch

SUNDAY

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Landman
Paramount+ ■ Season Premiere

The sophomore season of this bloody modern-day corporate Western (from *Yellowstone*'s Taylor Sheridan) finds oil company M-Tex in major transition. Hardened and newly widowed Cami (Demi Moore) is taking over the business, with landman Tommy Norris (Billy Bob Thornton) at her side to grapple with uneasy investors. At the same time, Tommy has to navigate his newfound partnership with dangerous cartel boss Gallino (Andy Garcia). Viewers will meet Tommy's "Pop," also known as T.L., played by *1883*'s Sam Elliott, who joins as a series regular.

Montana Mavericks
The CW, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Montana Mavericks is the first of six original movies inspired by Harlequin bestsellers coming to The CW this holiday season. Heather (Katherine McNamara) is an author who inherits a family ranch in Montana. She's blindsided by both the ranch's dilapidated condition and by the charming cowboy veterinarian (Dennis Andres) next door.

The American Revolution
PBS, 8 p.m. ■ New Series

Prolific documentarian Ken Burns has been a frequent fixture in PBS' fall lineups, and he's back again this year with this six-part, 12-hour film that he codirected with Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt, which examines how America's founding struggle and eight-year war for independence from Britain turned the world upside down. "The American Revolution is one of the most important events in human history," Burns says. "As we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our founding, I'm hopeful that people throughout the country will come together to discuss the importance of this history and to appreciate even more what our ancestors did to secure our liberty and freedoms."

The Simpsons
FOX, 8 p.m.

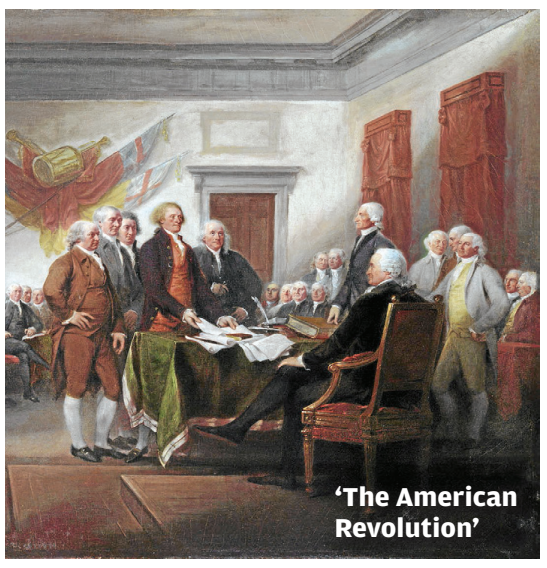
Bart (voice of Nancy Cartwright) runs against Mayor Quimby's (Dan Castelleneta) son for student council president, while Lisa (Yeardley Smith) learns troubling secrets about the Quimby clan and her own family. Brendan Gleeson, Domhnall Gleeson, Cole Escola and Carrie Coon provide guest voices in the new episode "Sashes to Sashes."

Tidings for the Season
Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Adam Kade (B.J. Britt) is the serious face on the local news. His life takes an unexpected turn in early December when he meets Robbie (Elijah-Justus Lewis), a 10-year-old who is Adam's biggest fan. Robbie has an important request: He wants his favorite newscaster to talk about more than just what's going wrong in the world and instead report on the good stories too. After Adam discovers that Robbie's mom, Lucy (Tamera Mowry-Housley), is a single parent working hard to take care of her son, new friendships and opportunities form.

Tracker
CBS, 8:30 p.m.

When four teens vanish during a hike in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Colter's (Justin Hartley) search uncovers a hidden agenda behind their journey and a dangerous off-grid community in the new episode "The Old Ways."


'The American Revolution'

PBS

Bob's Burgers
FOX, 9:30 p.m.

In the new episode "Grand Pre-Pre-Pre-Opening," Bob and Linda (voices of H. Jon Benjamin and John Roberts) are on the verge of a big decision that brings up memories of when the restaurant first opened.

Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
HBO, 11:10 p.m. ■ Season Finale

John Oliver wraps up Season 12 of his news series that presents a hilarious and expertly honed perspective on today's pressing political, social and cultural issues.

CATCH A CLASSIC

TCM Spotlight: Starring Jeff Bridges
TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Let's get this straight: Jeff Bridges will always be "The Dude." He created a cultural phenomenon starring as him in 1998's *The Big Lebowski*, which begins the night. "That dude thing — Lebowski — that wasn't a hit when it came out," Bridges tells us. "Nobody knew quite what to make of it and it just kind of grew and grew. And now I've written books about it. There's religion there, festivals, it's a whole culture." While Bridges' recent badass turn in FX's *The Old Man* has garnered him a new legion of fans, his 1989 turn as Jack Baker opposite



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his brother Beau Bridges in *The Fabulous Baker Boys (pictured)*, which airs next, is pure smoky magic. He actually played much of the piano himself in the film, adding a whole extra layer of cool to that brooding, jazz-soaked vibe.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE


'Gladiator II'

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Eric Jerome Dickey's Friends and Lovers Part 1 (2025, Romance) Naturi Naughton, RonReaco Lee **Lifetime, 6 p.m.**

Geostorm (2017, Action) Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess **SHO, 6:05 p.m.**

Gladiator II (2024, Historical drama) Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington **MGM, 6:30 p.m.**

Elemental (2023, Children) Leah Lewis, Mamoudou Athie **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011, Adventure) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz **Freeform, 7:45 p.m.**

Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (2011, Action) Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner **Encore, 8 p.m.**

Snatched From the Crib (2025, Suspense) Anna Marie Dobbins, Brittney Q. Hill **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Sweet Home Alabama (2002, Romance-comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas **ABC, 8:32 p.m.**

Candy Cane Lane (2023, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Tracee Ellis Ross **TNT, 9 p.m.**

Prime Minister (2025, Documentary) Jacinda Ardern **CNN, 9 p.m.**

Avengers: Infinity War (2018, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth **FX, 10 p.m.**

Road House (2024, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Daniela Melchior **AMC, 11 p.m.**

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What to watch

MONDAY

November 17, 2025

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

NFL Football: Dallas at Las Vegas
ABC & ESPN, 8 p.m. Live

Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys ride into Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas for a *Monday Night Football* showdown vs. Maxx Crosby and the Raiders.

The Neighborhood
CBS, 8 p.m.

Calvin (Cedric the Entertainer) receives an unexpected honor that sparks mixed emotions in the new episode "Welcome to the Walk of Roses."

Name That Tune
FOX, 8 p.m.

In the new episode "Fitness vs. Funny," fitness icon Jillian Michaels faces comedian Ron Funches in the first game. The second game has a yoga instructor from Seattle against a nursing student from Detroit. Jane Krakowski hosts with bandleader Randy Jackson.


'Gingerbread Land: The Biggest Little Holiday Competition'

ANDREW BUI

St. Denis Medical
NBC, 8 p.m.

Ron and Bruce (David Alan Grier and Josh Lawson) butt heads at a medical conference in the new episode "Two Docs, One Conf."

The American Revolution
PBS, 8 p.m.

"An Asylum for Mankind," the second episode in Ken Burns' six-part series, covers May 1775 to July 1776, and follows George Washington as he takes command of the Continental Army, and Congress declares American independence.

FBI
CBS, 9 p.m.

When a robbery at a community clinic turns deadly, the team investigates a drug trafficking crew and soon realizes that the clinic's doctor may be more involved than initially thought in the new episode "Parental."

TV We Love: 'Dynasty'
The CW, 9 p.m.

In this new episode, Aaron Spelling's wife Candy Spelling along with former head of NBC Jeff Zucker give their recollections on the primetime soap about two of America's richest families (the Colbys and Carringtons). Cast members Pamela Sue Martin (Fallon Carrington), Gordon Thomson (Adam Carrington), Jack Coleman and Al Corley (who both played Steven Carrington) all participate.

Gingerbread Land: The Biggest Little Holiday Competition
Food Network & Magnolia Network, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

Hosted by Oliver Hudsonand executive produced by Chip and Joanna Gaines, this series has top bakers facing off in the biggest little gingerbread competition ever imagined. Over a series of four challenges, teams build incredible, edible worlds from scratch with lights, motion and storybook-level detail in every miniature.

Celebrity Weakest Link
FOX, 9 p.m.

Eight celebrities who have performed with host Jane Lynch — Laverne Cox, Andy Richter, Ron Funches, Adam Pally, Joel Kim Booster, Carson Kressley, Jon Lovitz and Cheri Oteri — compete to win up to $1 million for the charity of their choosing in the new episode "8 Degrees of Jane."

The Voice
NBC, 9 p.m.

Michael Bublé, Snoop Dogg, Niall Horan and Reba McEntire each pair two artists to perform solo against each other, then select a winner to move on to the playoffs. Two iconic mega mentors join to help coach the artists in the new episode "The Knockouts, Part 4."

Watson
CBS, 10 p.m.

Watson (Morris Chestnut) and the fellows race against time to save the life of a 21-year-old athlete with an aggressive, seemingly incurable cancer in the new episode "Buying Time."

CATCH A CLASSIC

Cleopatra
MOVIES!, 8 p.m.

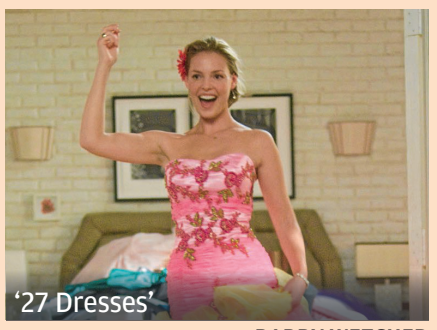
There may not be another movie as epic as this 1963 historical saga starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. The sprawling love story between Queen Cleopatra VII of Egypt (Taylor) and Caesar's right-hand man, Mark Antony (Burton), as directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz, is one for the ages — and has stood the test of time, cementing its place in film history thanks to its vibrant performances and lengthy story. In addition to being the highest-grossing



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film of the year, it received nine Academy Award nominations (including one for Best Picture), winning four.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE


'27 Dresses'

BARRY WETCHER

A Royal Montana Christmas (2025, Romance) Fiona Gubelmann, Warren Christie **Hallmark, 6 p.m.**

The Silence of the Lambs (1991, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins **MGM, 6 p.m.**

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993, Children) Danny Elfman, Chris Sarandon **Freeform, 6:45 p.m.**

27 Dresses (2008, Romance-comedy) Katherine Heigl, James Marsden **FXM, 7:25 p.m.**

The Da Vinci Code (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou **BBC America, 7:30 p.m.**

Black Panther (2018, Action) Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan **FX, 8 p.m.**

Scooby-Doo (2002, Children) Freddie Prinze Jr., Sarah Michelle Gellar **SYFY, 8 p.m.**

The Killer Is Calling (2025, Suspense) Janaya Stephens, Rob Stewart **LMN, 8 p.m.**

The Cut (2024, Suspense) Orlando Bloom, Caitriona Balfe **SHO, 9 p.m.**

The Intern (2015, Comedy-drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway **E!, 9:30 p.m.**

Beverly Hills Cop (1984, Action) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold **IFC, 10 p.m.**

I, Frankenstein (2014, Fantasy) Aaron Eckhart, Bill Nighy **SYFY, 10 p.m.**

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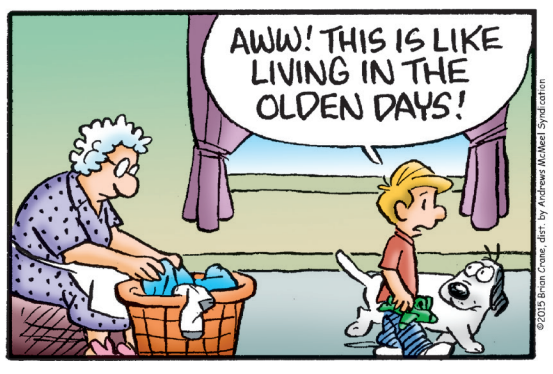
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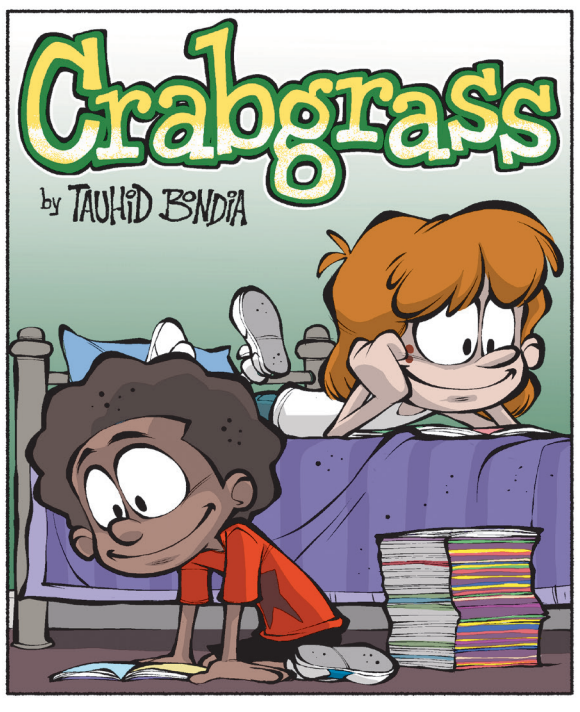


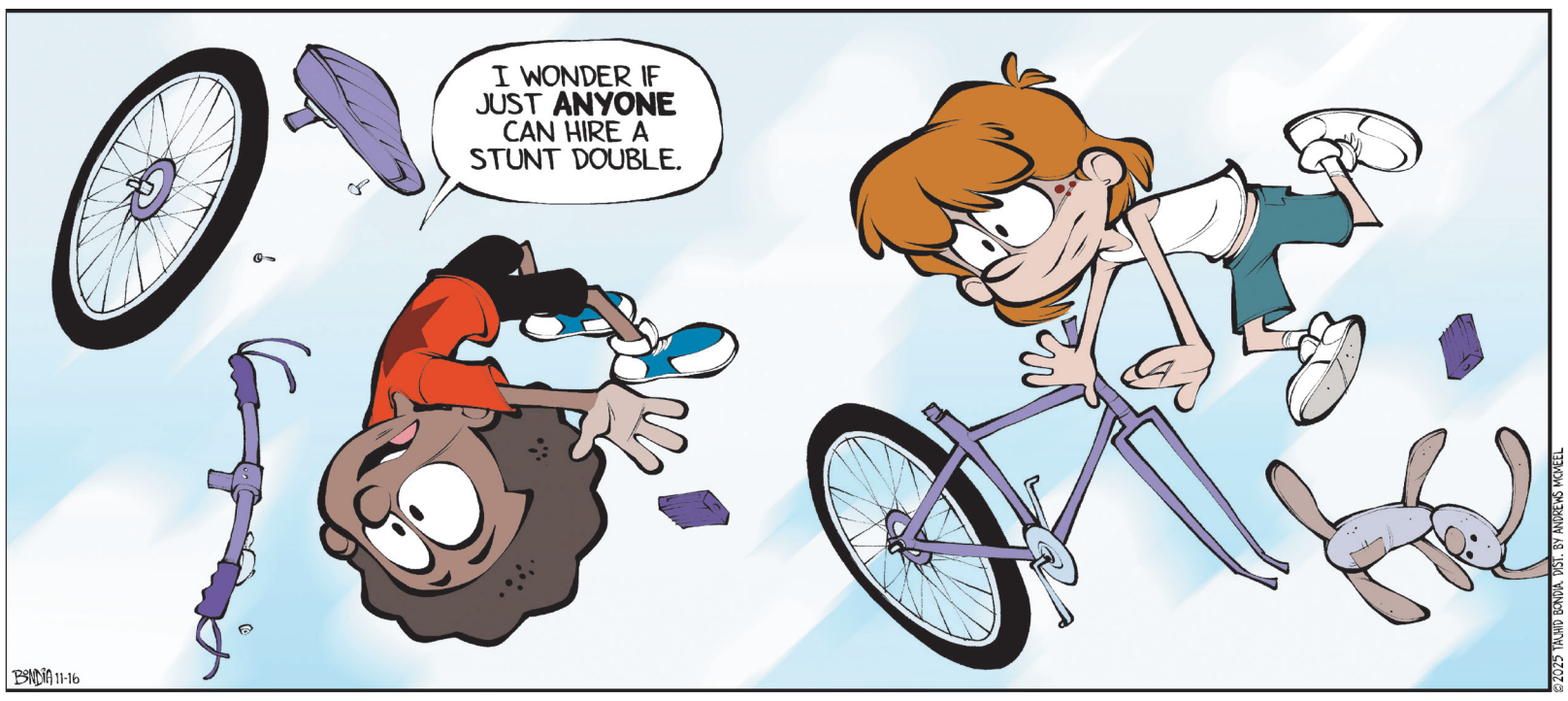




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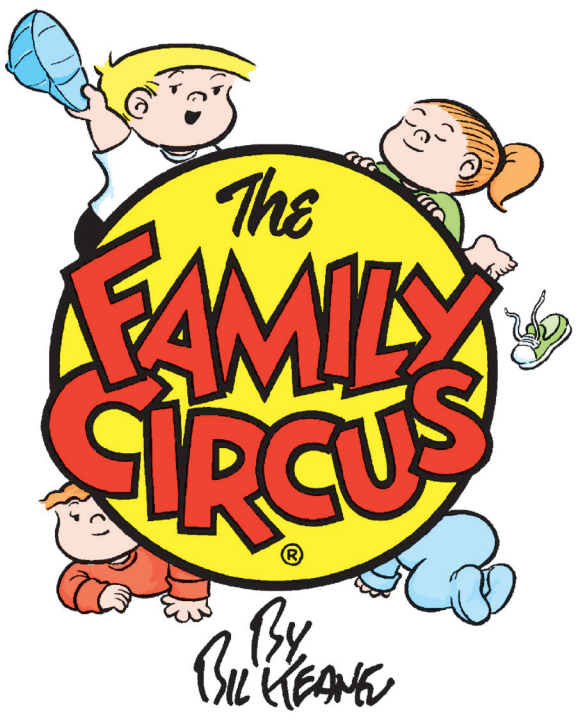
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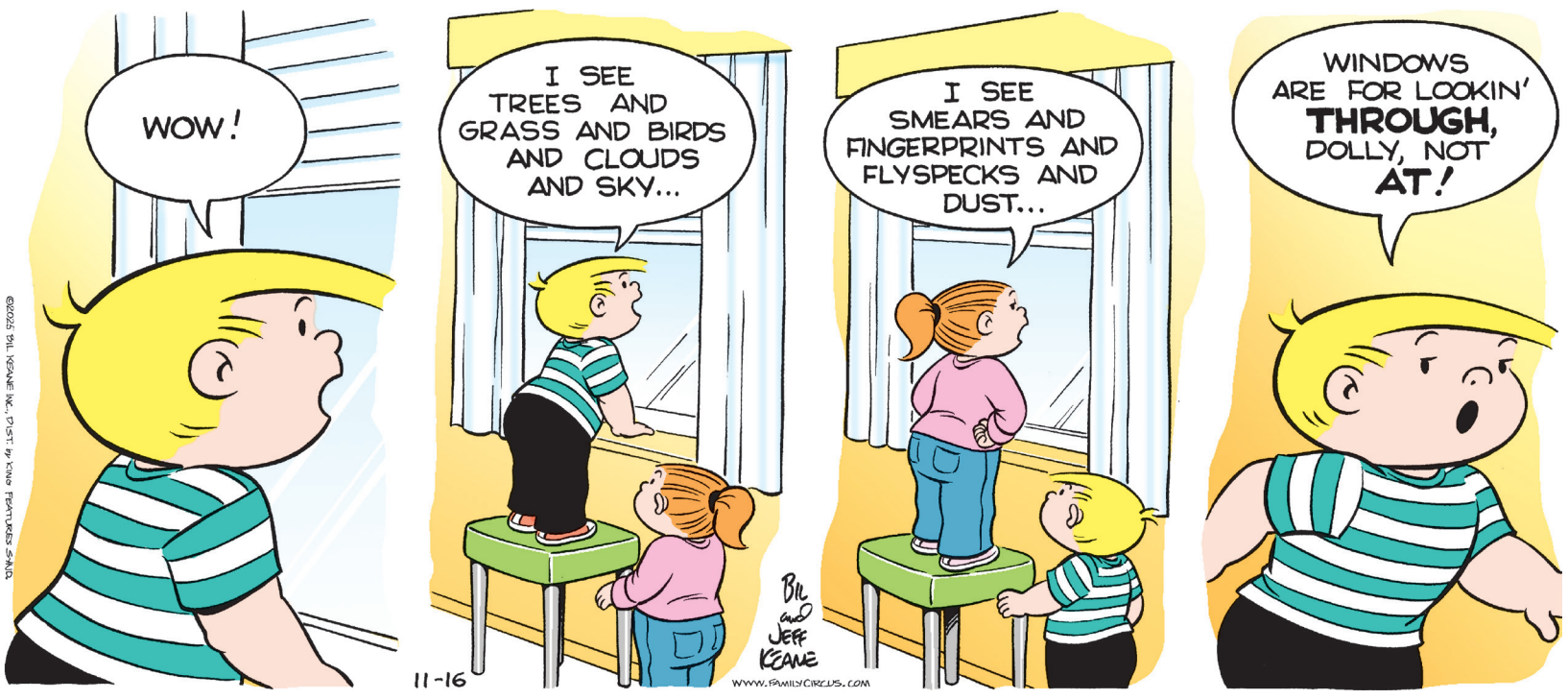




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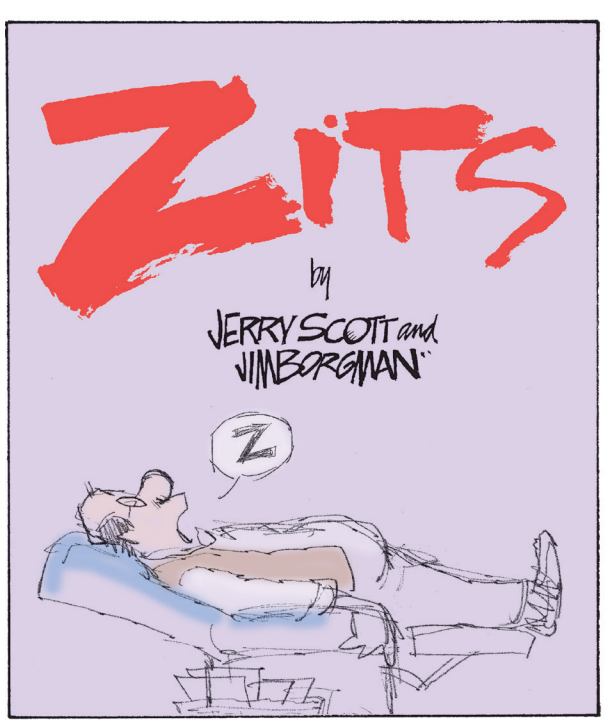
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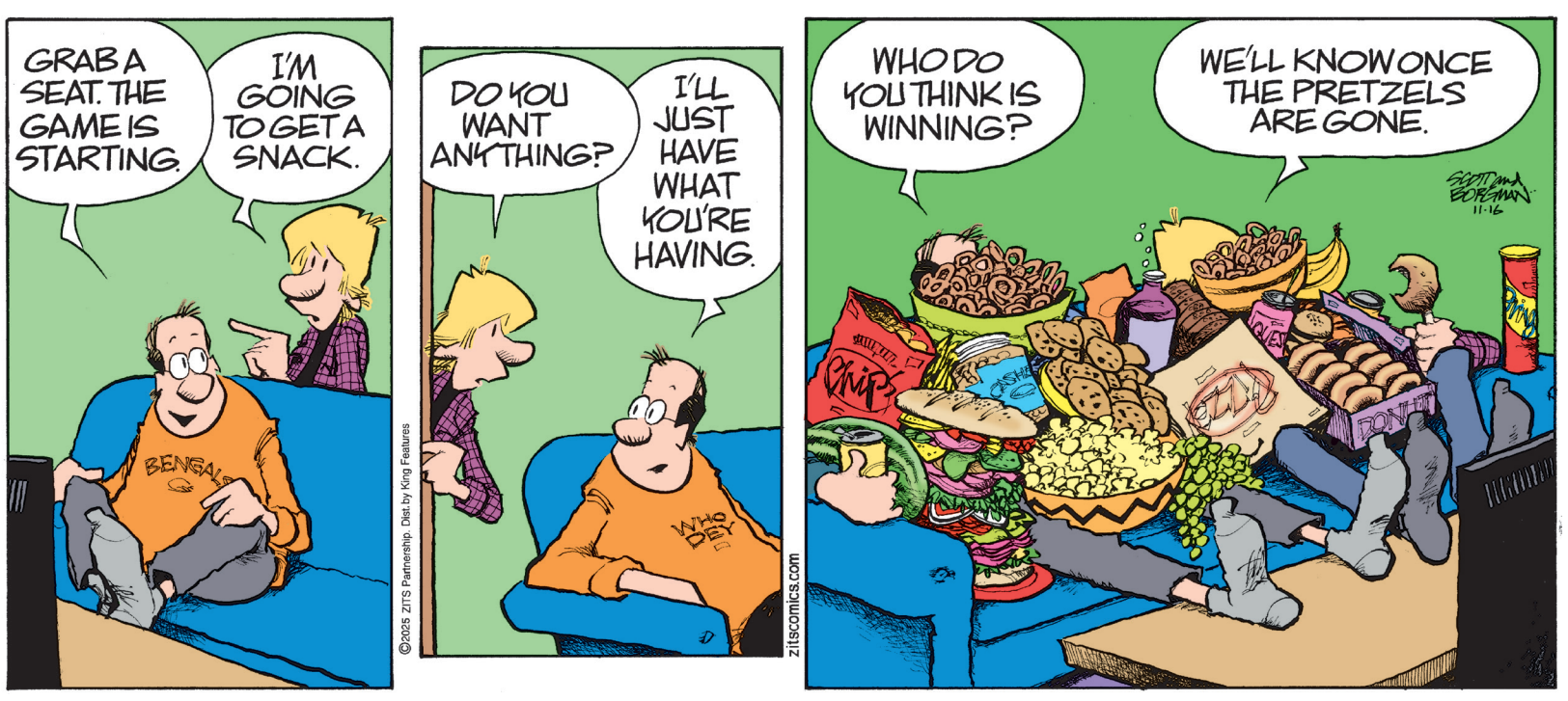




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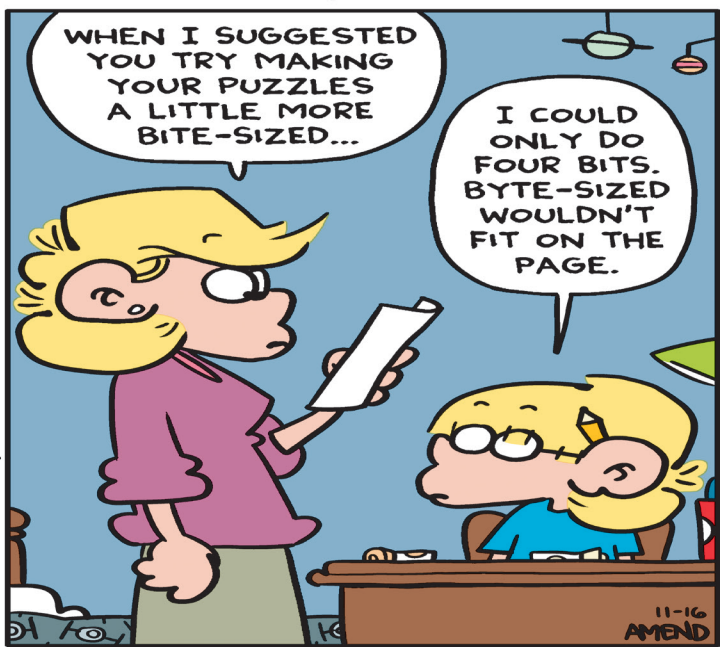


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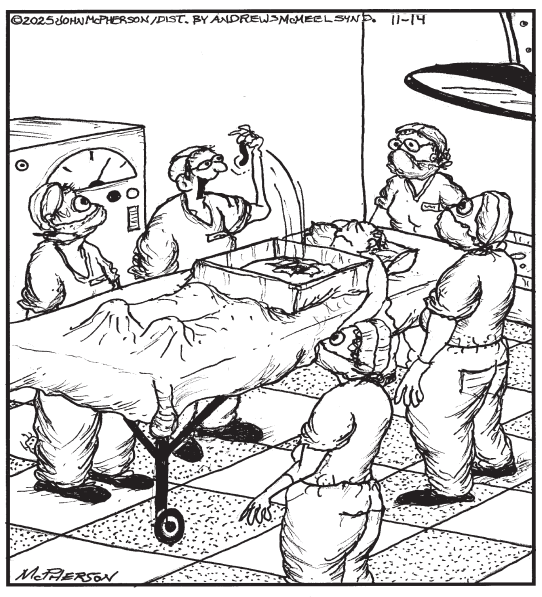
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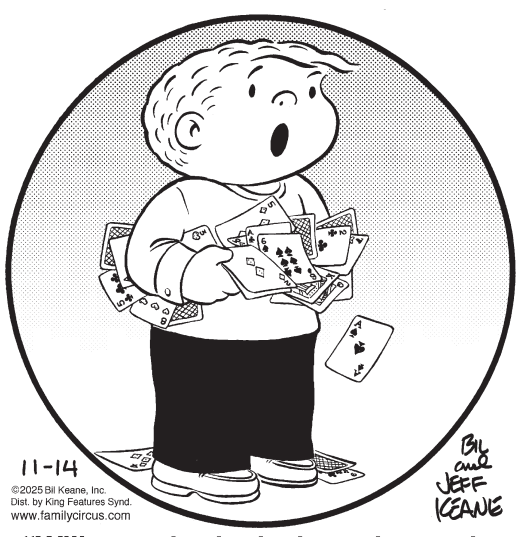
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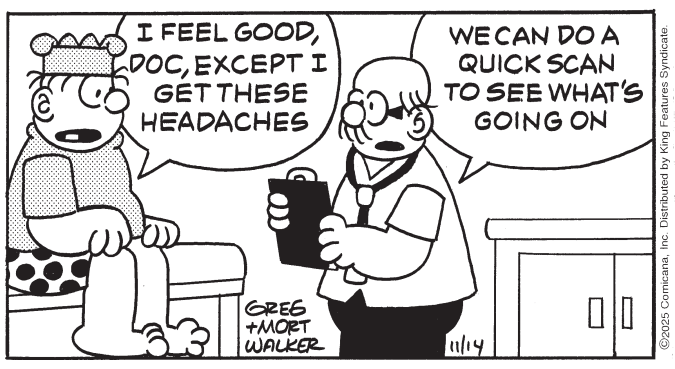
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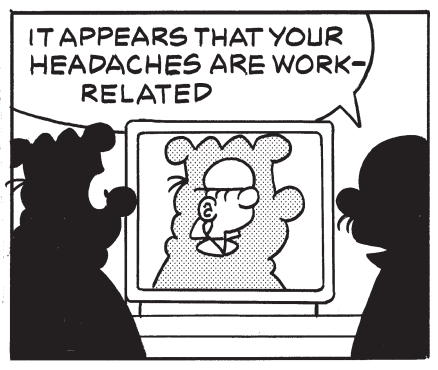
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"Will somebody deck up the cards so I can serve 'em?"

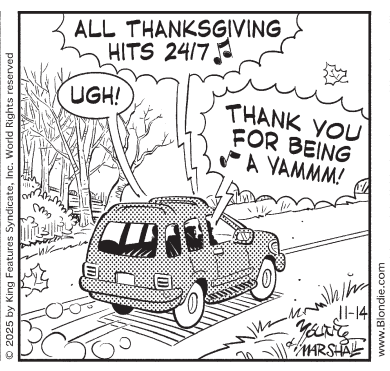
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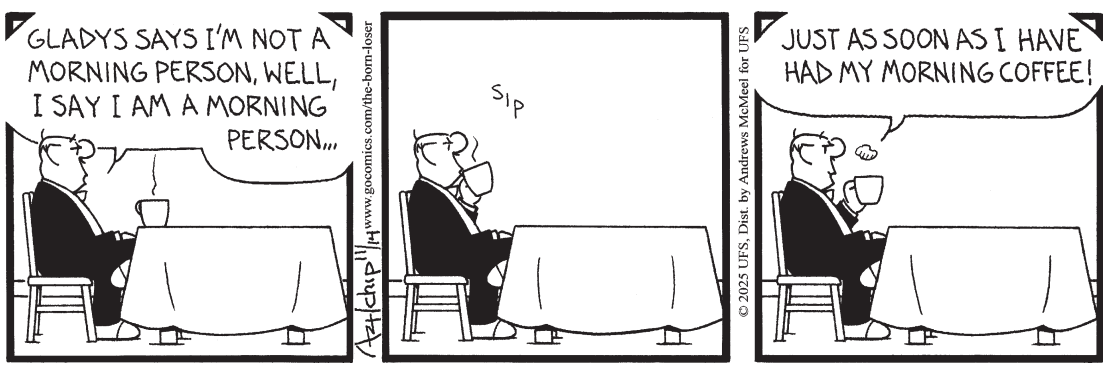
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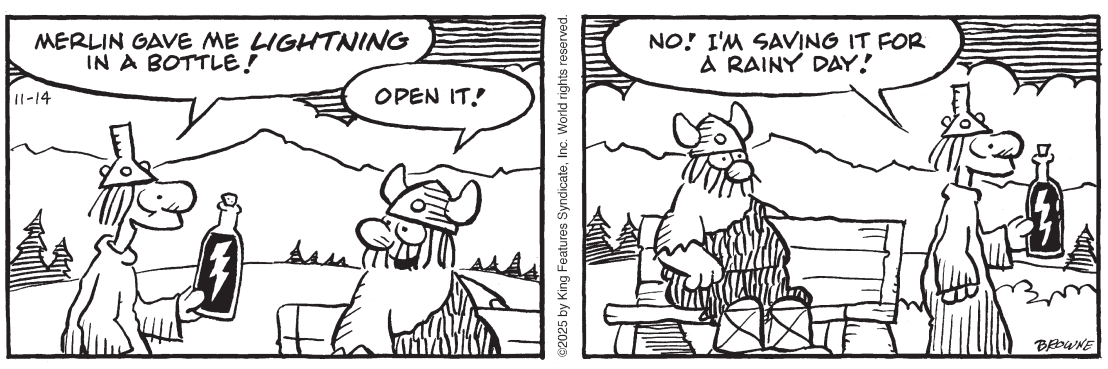




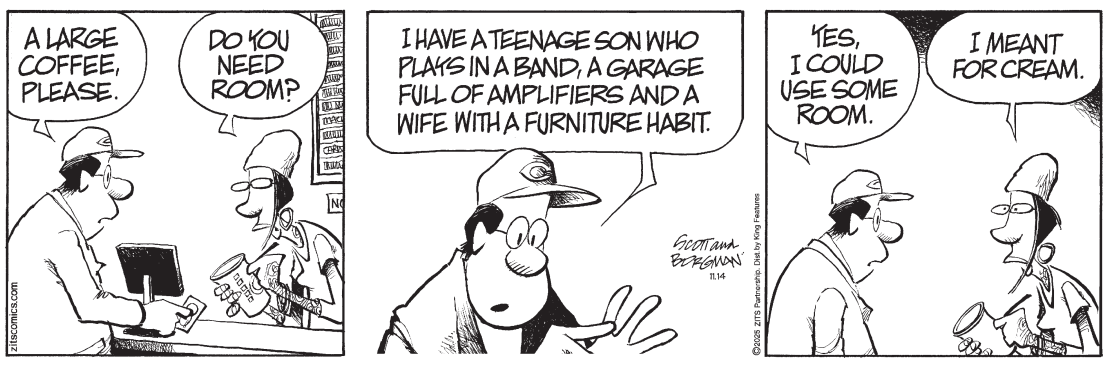
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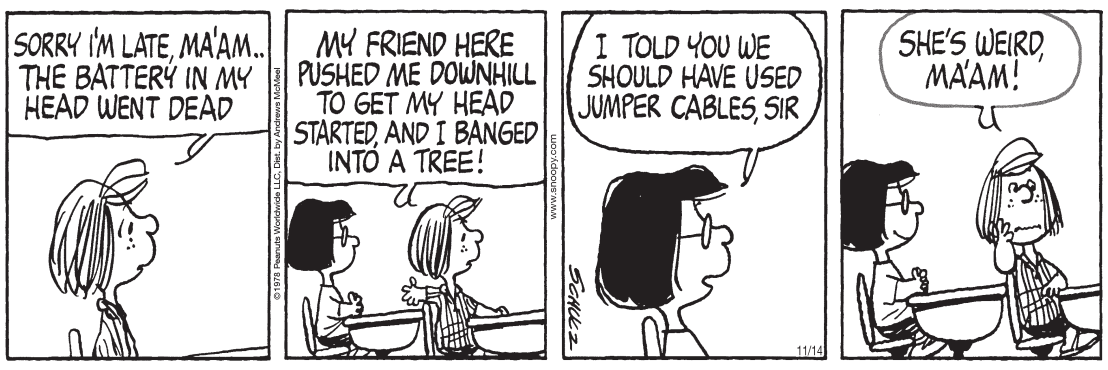
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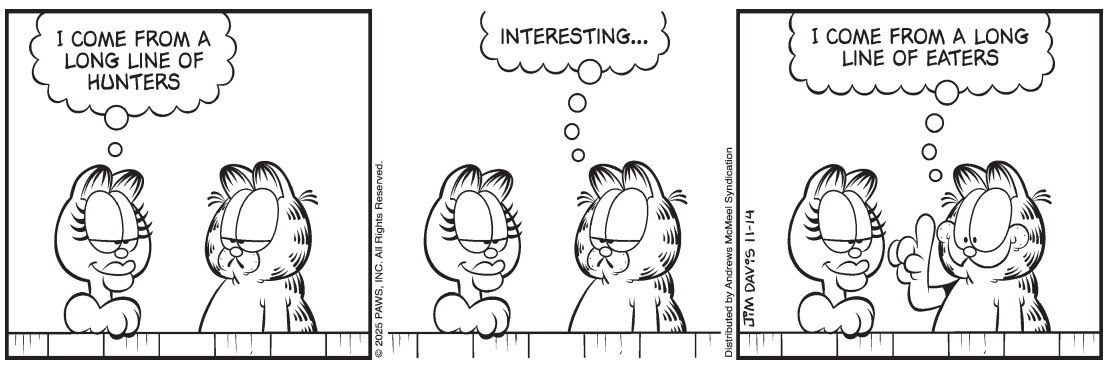
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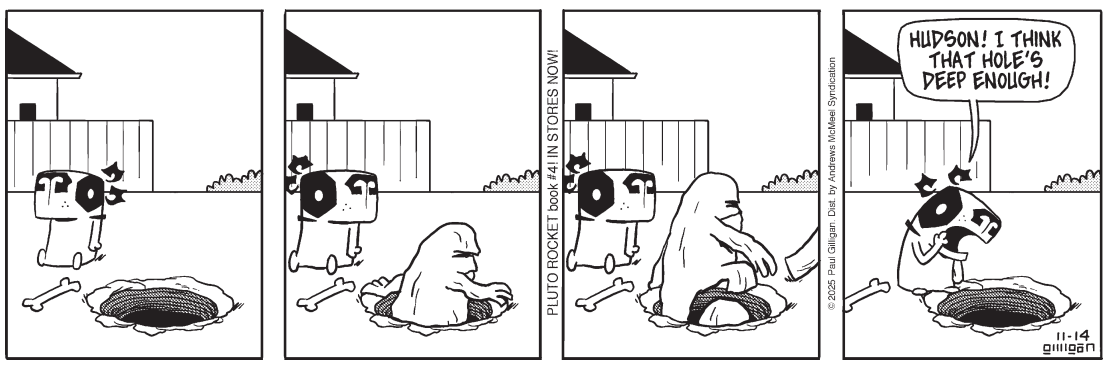
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Headgear often worn by Kate Middleton
6 Headgear worn by Abraham Lincoln
10 Headgear often worn on Easter
14 Investor Carl believed to have inspired the film character Gordon Gekko
15 Secret system
16 "Voyage to India" Grammy winner
17 Salami type
18 Each
19 Bouncy tune
20 Show signs of life
22 Rummage (through)
24 Place for large headlines
27 Support pieces
30 University extension
31 Underwriter's concern
33 SoCal home of Soledad Church
34 Sneak attack
36 Nanny __
38 Fashion icon London
39 Genteel gesture, or what can be found five times in this puzzle
42 Take down a notch
44 Top row center key
45 Weary sound
48 Headgear worn at graduation
50 Yard, for one
52 Underground rock
53 Incorporates
55 Soft tissue
57 Acrylic fiber
58 Phobia
59 Preservative used for thousands of years
61 Opera that premiered in Cairo
63 Headgear worn by Captain Hook
67 Therapeutic plant
68 Nutrition figs.
69 Turbine part
70 Mental health concern at the VA
71 Fender blemish
72 Welles who directed a radio adaptation of Wells

DOWN

1 Pear-shaped fruit
2 Top club in Atlantic City?
3 __ Fernando Valley
4 Opted for
5 -
6 Frightens away
7 Dreidel, e.g.
8 Smells
9 -
10 Ancient weapons that resemble giant crossbows
11 Stretch for a new college student
12 Love of soccer?
13 -
21 Montoya of "The Princess Bride"
23 Instant
24 Each
25 Poet Limón
26 Opportunities for shredders to shine
28 1990s girl group
29 State
32 Japanese cutlet
35 Misrepresented
37 "Heads up!"
40 Bit of wisdom
41 Banish
42 Physicians' org.
43 Short cut
46 Higher ed hurdle
47 Curse
49 -
51 Italian opera house
54 Biting
56 Subject of a pop-up
59 Exhaust
60 Elev.
62 Levy of Homes.com commercials
64 Word often edited to add or remove an apostrophe
65 Dove's call
66 -

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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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.**

A TIME TRAVELER'S QUEST — **Solution: 10 letters**

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O C I I I H D N A G T A K S O
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Philosophy

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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WHATZIT?™

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repitition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: None of the above

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

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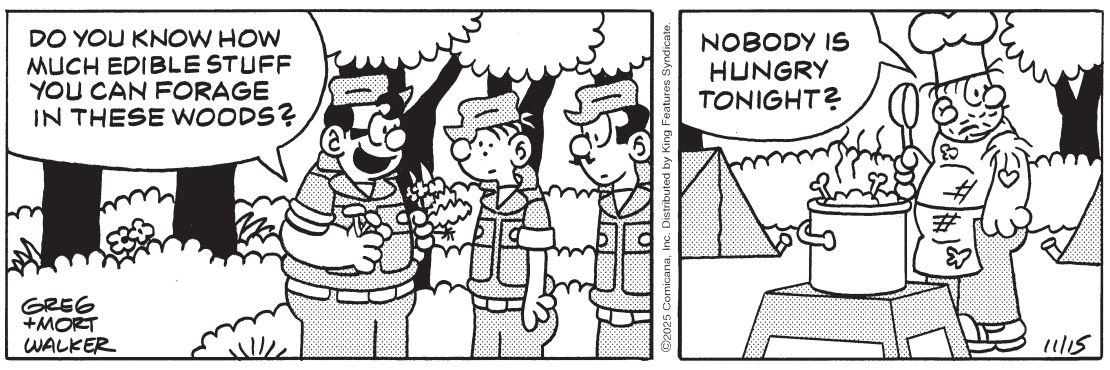
"What do you say, pal? You ready for another microbrew?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



"Aren't they goin' to have Thanksgiving this year, Mommy?"

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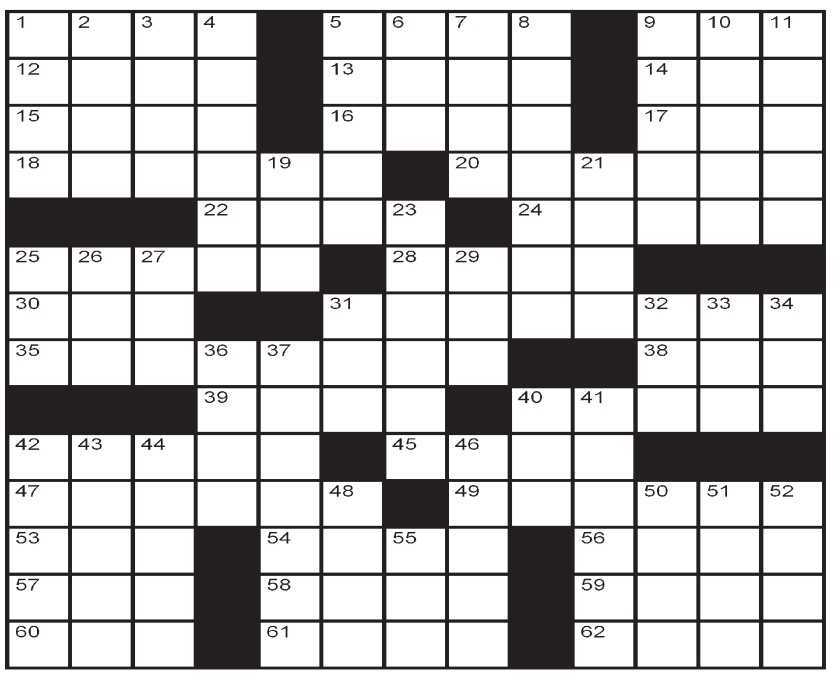
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Young deer
5 Engendered
9 Boa relative
12 Understanding words
13 Metallic fabric
14 Sheep's cry
15 — Marie Presley
16 Go — — smoke
17 The rudiments
18 Headmistress
20 Rumple
22 Tardy
24 Brought to bay
25 Woodland deity
28 GIF alternative
30 Be in the red
31 Manta ray (2 wds.)
35 Culinary luxury
38 From — — Z
39 Diatribe
40 Skeletal parts
42 Underway
45 Fly high
47 Red gemstone
49 Wooden boxes
53 Altar constellation
54 Castaway's craft
56 Long river
57 Half score
58 Sword
59 Daring exploit
60 Superlative suffix
61 Car scar
62 Taylor Swift's "The — Tour"

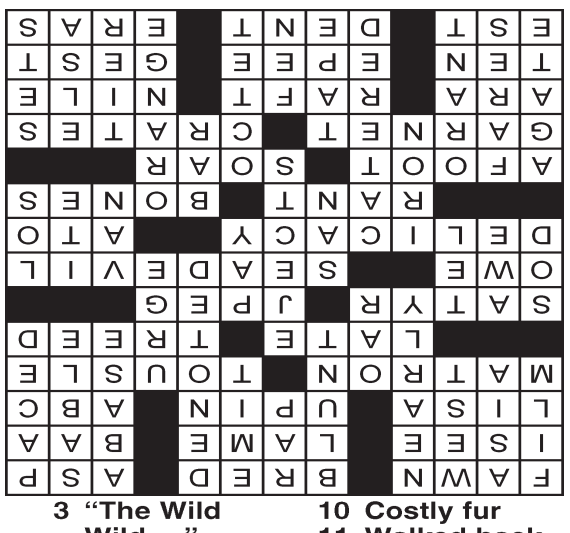
DOWN

1 Thin layer
2 Largest continent
3 "The Wild Wild —"
4 Just about
5 Plainspoken
6 Knock
7 Give off
8 Signified
9 Bring down in rank
10 Costly fur
11 Walked back and forth
19 Scull
21 Compulsion
23 Ousts
25 Turf
26 Solemn fear
27 — Aviv
29 Shell out
31 — Francisco
32 Painter Vincent — Gogh
33 Mineral suffix
34 — Alamos, New Mexico
36 Metallic element
37 Like some parties
40 Tavern
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42 Playing marble
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50 Rank
51 "Born Free" lioness
52 Hardens
55 Swamp

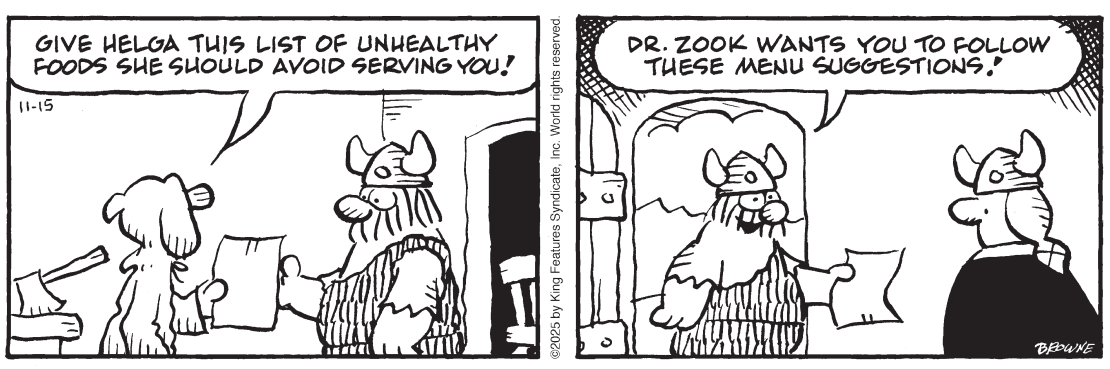


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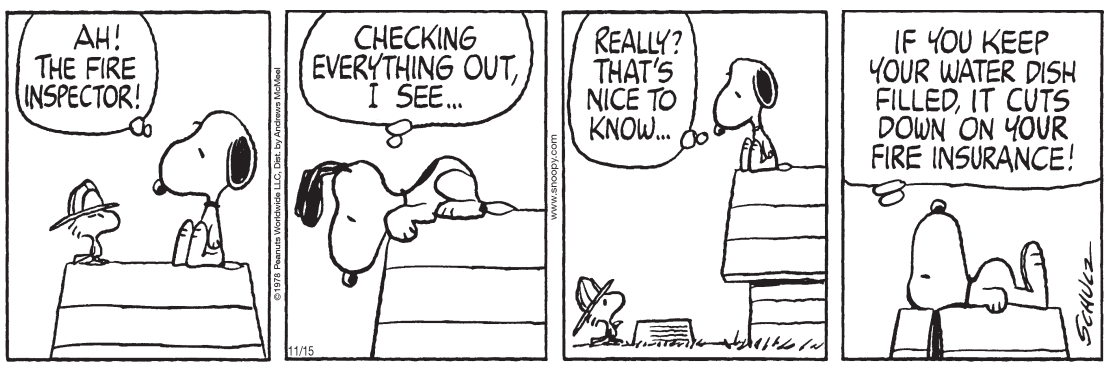
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



ZITS Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



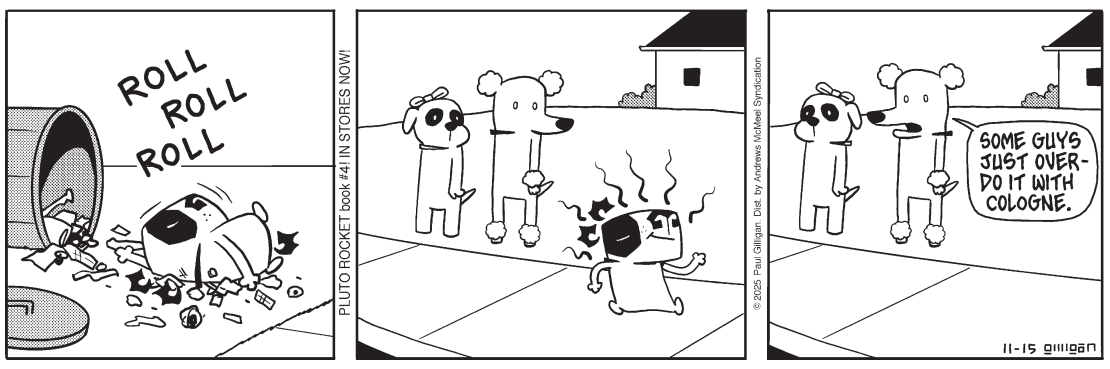
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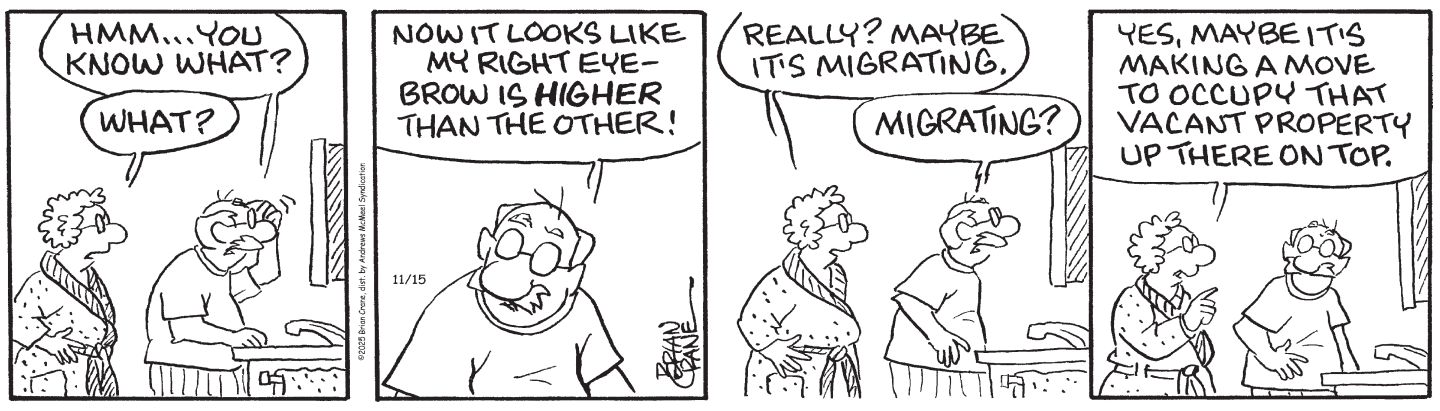
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POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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	6		1					7
2							6	
				1			3	8
3		7		8		5		2
6	9			3				
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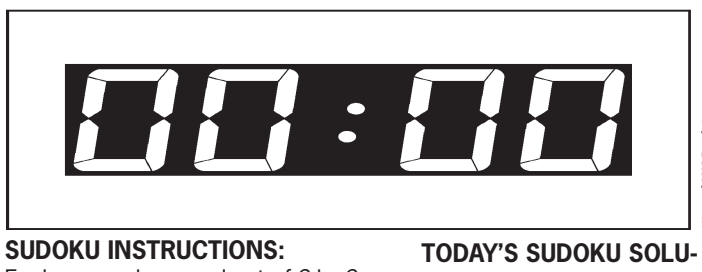
SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repitition.

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4	8	3	1	5	6	9	2	7
9	5	7	4	2	8	6	3	1
2	7	4	5	3	2	8	9	6
8	3	6	9	1	7	4	5	2
3	9	5	6	8	4	2	1	7
7	4	8	2	9	5	3	6	1
1	6	9	8	4	3	7	8	5
5	2	1	7	6	8	9	7	4

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N I C C V A L U E E A R E A D
S O F R L F S Y D N P I C K E
E A I O A M I E D R W O H S E
X M L T R E T R L O N U D O D
A O A E I P S E S T A T E L T
T V T R E D A E I T I D M A T
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M A N N E E T W C O (A) I F P M
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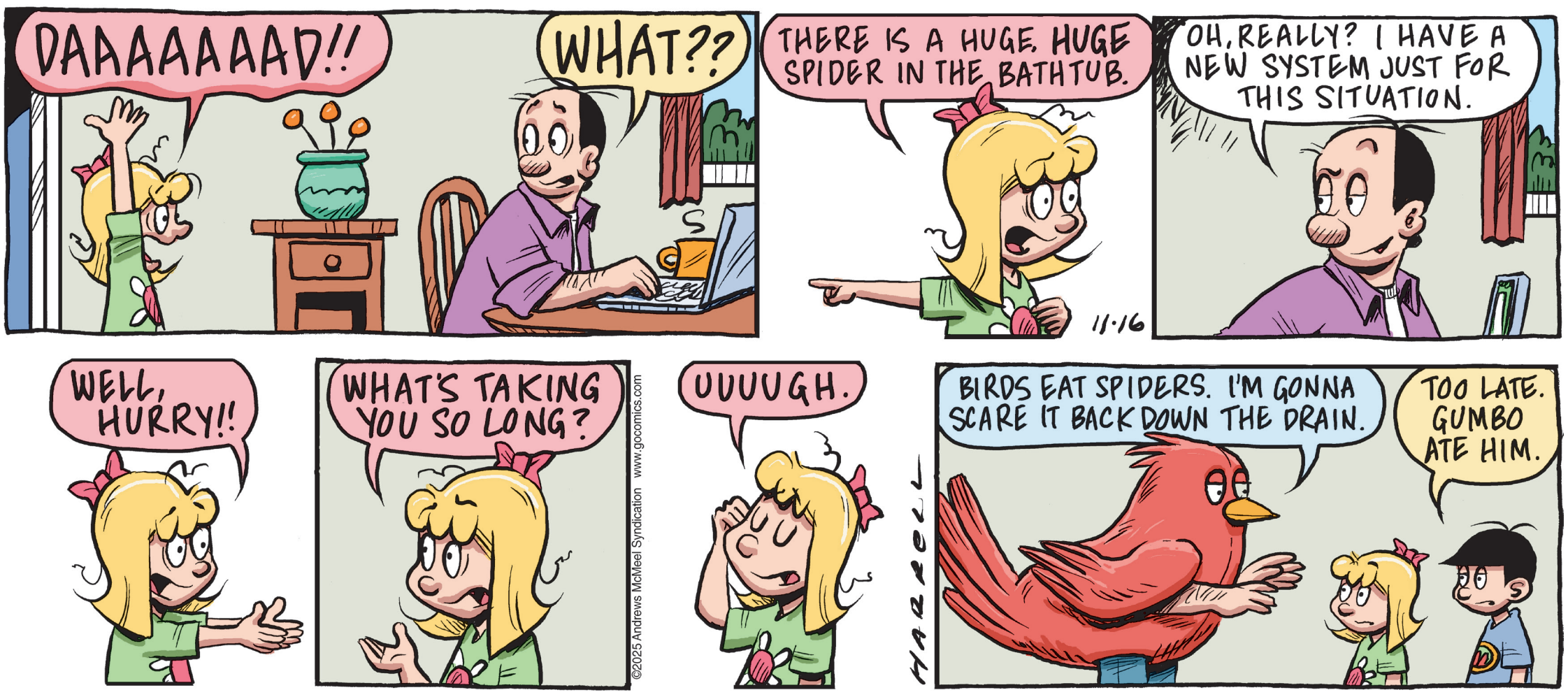
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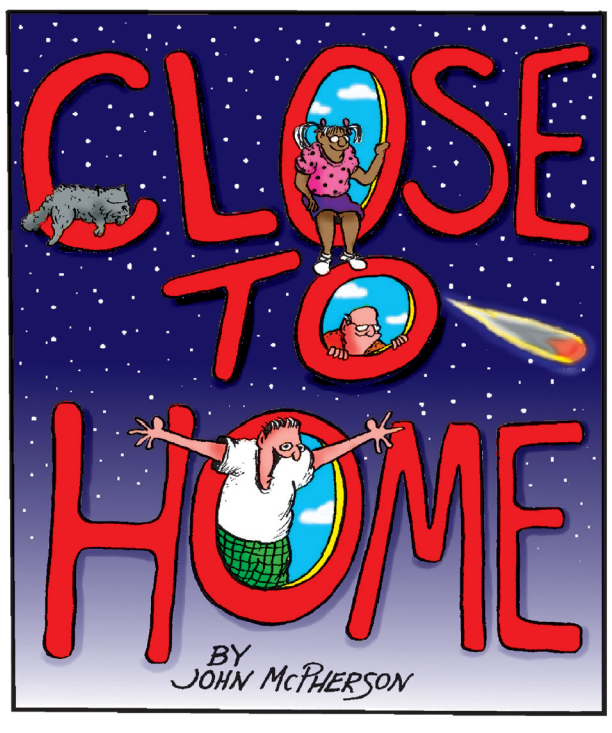
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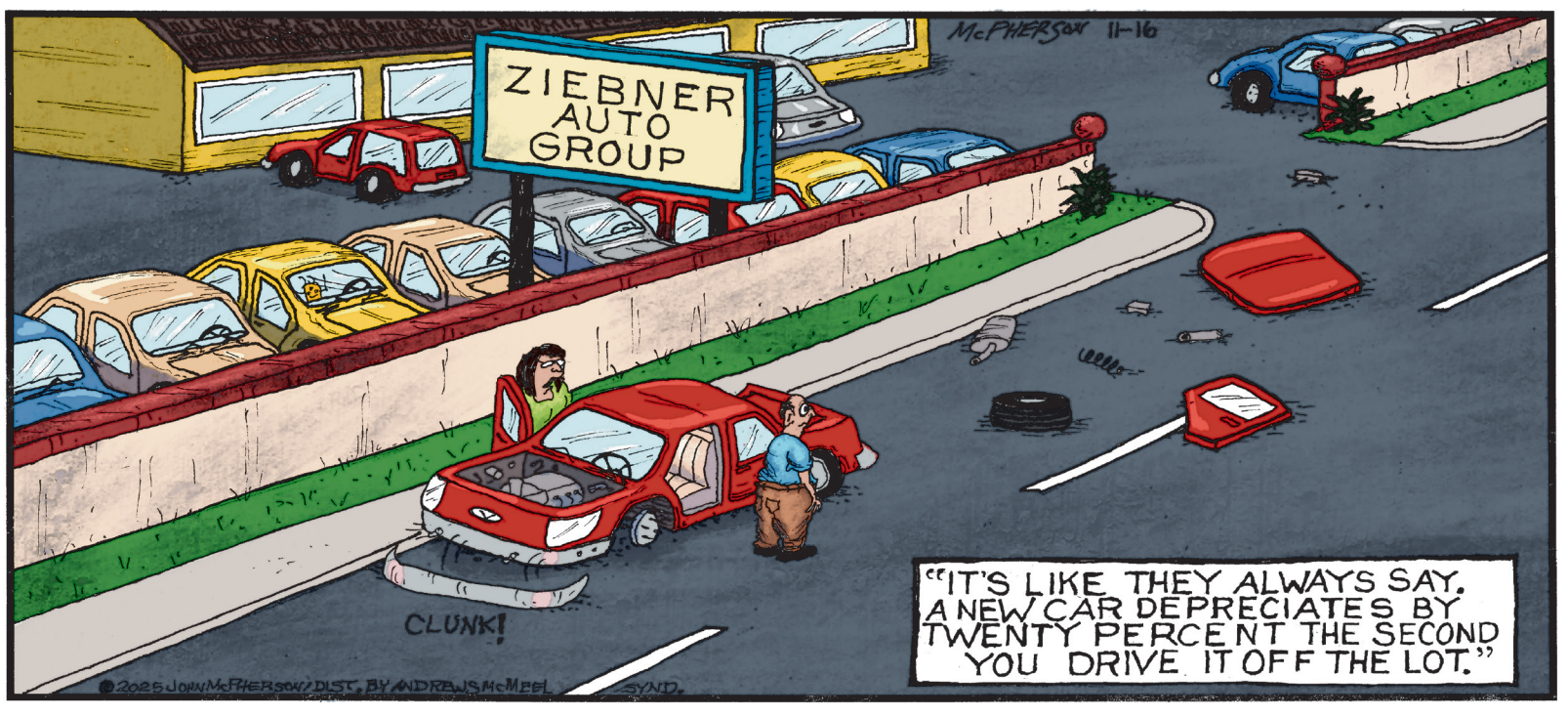
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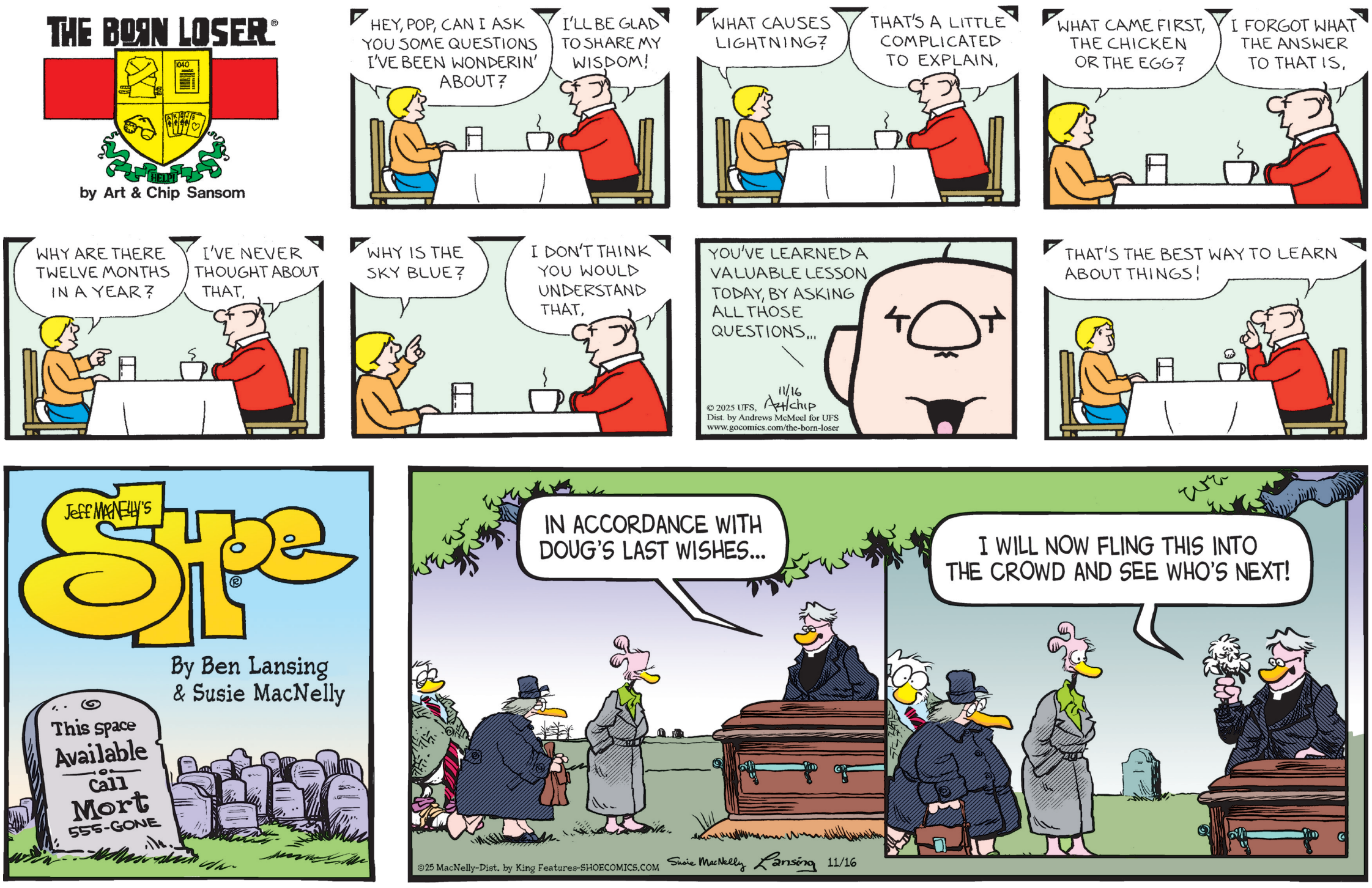
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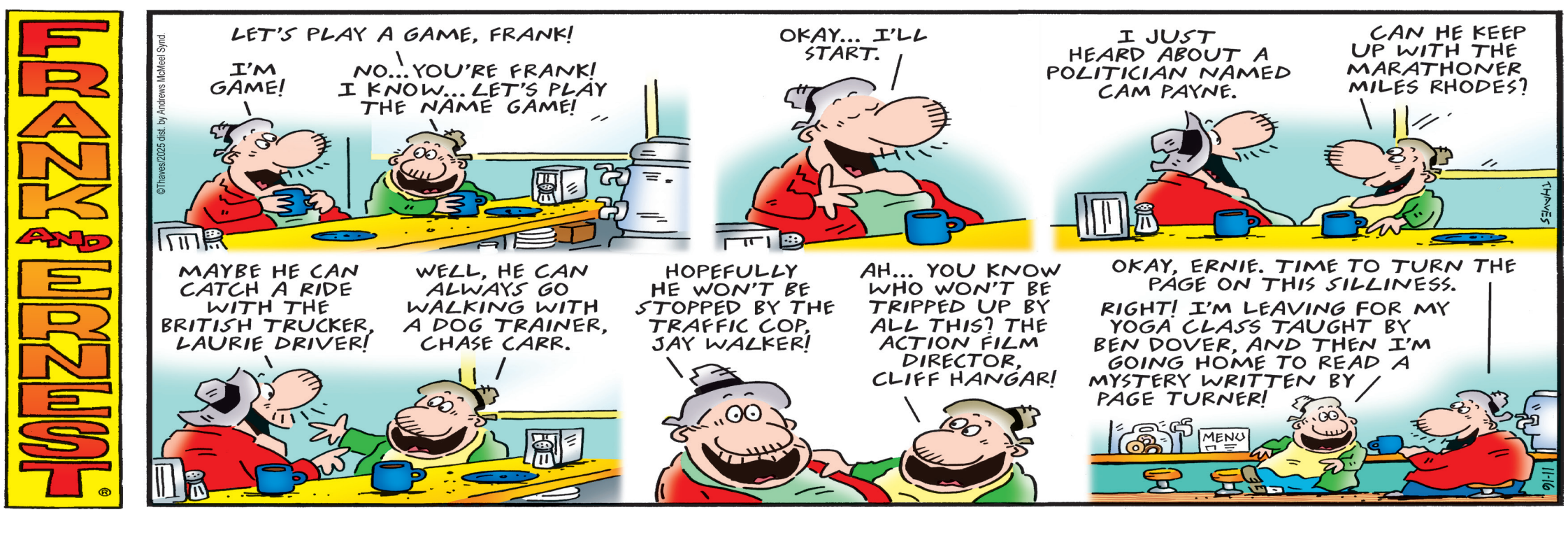
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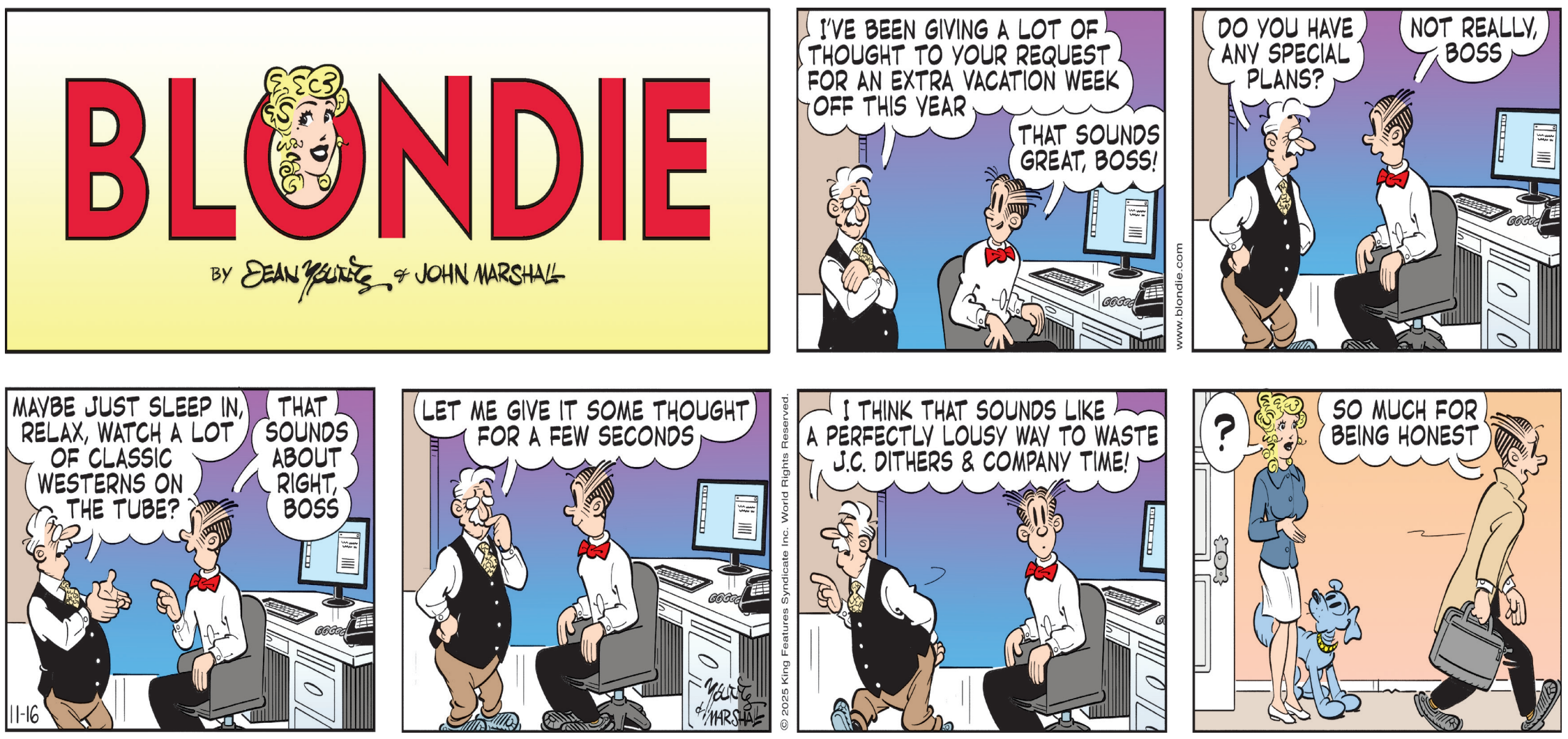






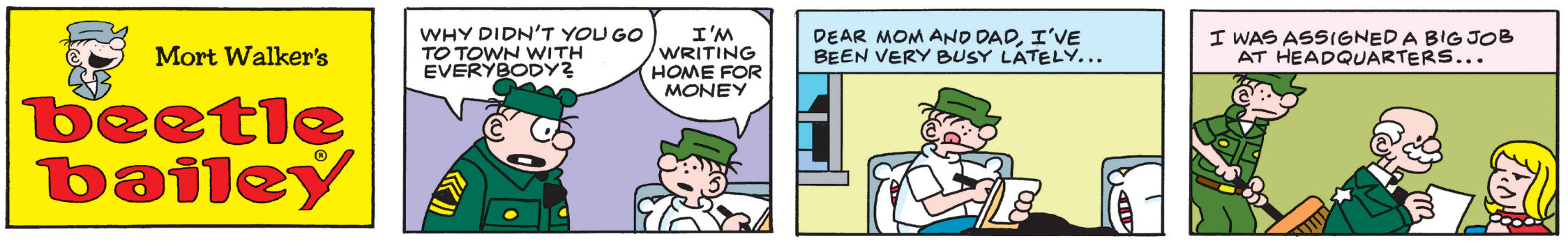
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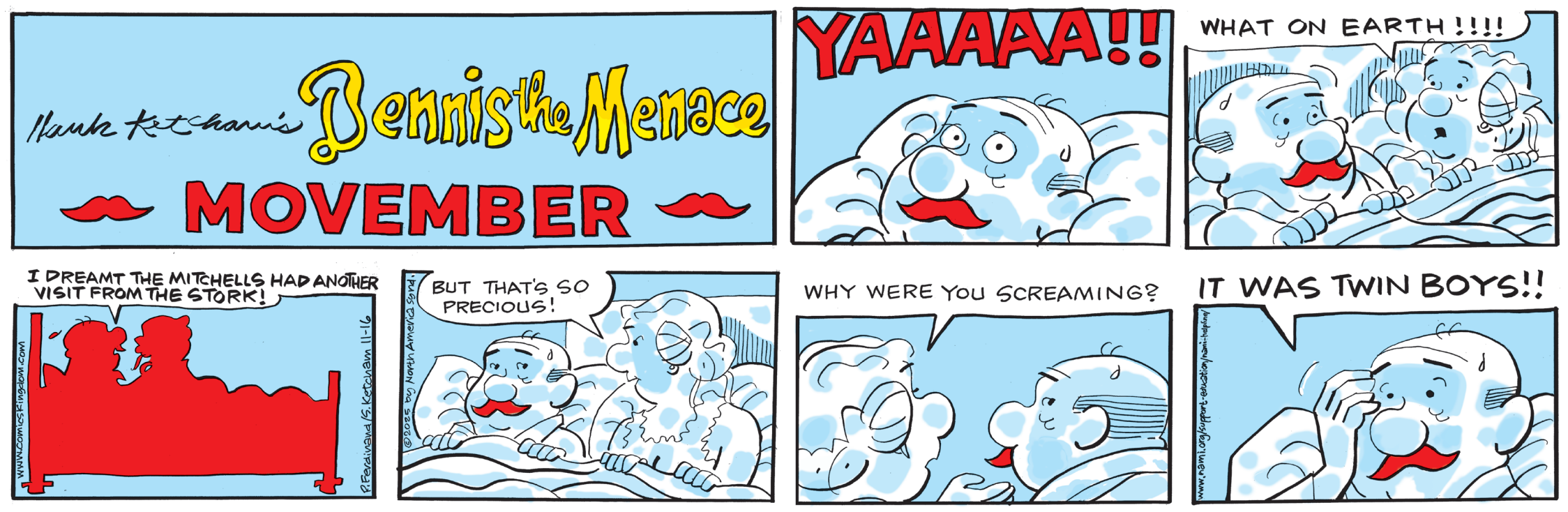
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