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2026 election season kicks off with qualifying period next week

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ALBANY – Voters in south-west Georgia will have a lot on their ballots for the May 19 general primary election, including statewide contests for constitutional officers, state representatives and senators, as well as local elections.

The campaign season kicks off in earnest next week with qualifying for elected office run-

ning Monday through Friday. Qualifying hours are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Friday.

On tap locally are potential contests in Dougherty County Commission Districts 2, 4 and 6 and the chairmanship, and in Districts 2, 4 and 6 for the Dougherty County School Board. If any candidate draws opposition within the same party, that contest would be

on the May 19 ballot.

In addition, Dougherty County voters will have a floating local-option sales-tax (FLOST) initiative on the May ballot. If approved, a new penny sales tax would be added to the 8% tax already charged in Dougherty County, and the proceeds of the sales tax will be used to roll back the millage rate on property in Albany and Dougherty County.

Lee County has three County

Commission seats and two for the school board in the 2026 election cycle in Districts 1 and 3 for both bodies. There is also an education special-purpose local-option sales tax (E-SPLOST) on the May 19 ballot.

Terrell County has County Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 up for election in 2026.

“We’re hopeful it will be a

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Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

The 2026 general primary election in Georgia is scheduled for May 20. The election will include contests for all statewide constitutional offices, including governor, as well as local elections and ballot initiatives.

Area K-12 students learn about STEM careers during Albany Tech’s Engineering Week

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ALBANY – Albany Technical College instructor Dennis Courtney can give up to 90,000 reasons for students to pursue a two-year degree in an engineering field, which corresponds to the \$90,000 starting salary that he said some people can earn.

This week Albany Tech hosted students from area schools for three days during Engineering Week, celebrating science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

“A kid can come out to Albany Tech and get a two-year degree or a certificate or a diploma and make \$60,000 to \$90,000 starting out,” Courtney said during an interview in between speaking with groups of students making their way

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Baker County Middle School students Boen Brock, left, and Daniel Pasquel-Perez play an interactive STEM game on Wednesday during Albany Technical College’s annual Engineering Week celebration.

Judge Loring A. Gray Jr. remembered as Dougherty County legal fixture

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ALBANY – Judge Loring A. Gray Jr. was a fixture on the Dougherty County Superior Court bench for three decades, and those who worked with him remembered him as a fair jurist who could be tough but also show mercy while dispensing justice.

The retired judge, who died on Tuesday, continued working as a senior judge following his retirement in 2016. Post-retirement, he assisted local judges by filling in at hearings at the Dougherty County Jail and also working on cases throughout the state when needed.

Born June 9, 1947, at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Gray served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War before marrying Albany native Virginia Gray in 1969 while at the University of Georgia.

After completing the University of Georgia School of Law in 1976, he moved to Albany, where he worked in the



Judge Loring Gray

district attorney’s office for several years before transitioning into private practice.

Ten years after graduation from Georgia, Gov. Joe Frank Harris appointed Gray to a vacant position on the Dougherty County Superior Court. Most of his time on the bench was spent as senior judge in the Dougherty Judicial Circuit.

While today’s attorneys are more likely to specialize more than their older counterparts, during that time it

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Dementia Support Center helps community ‘make more memories’

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ALBANY – For Nancy Goode, the executive director of the Margaret Jo Hogg Dementia Support Center, a couple of ad-ages hold true: Give the people what they want and know it when a good thing shows up.

Keeping those admonitions in mind, Goode and the board of the Dementia Support Center decided to hold onto a good thing by bringing the Grapevine Band back for the orga-

nization’s April 17 fundraiser “Making More Memories.”

“Last year, everyone had so much fun,” Goode said of the most recent lone fundraiser that supports the Dementia Support Center, which offers activities for patients suffering from various dementias. “As they left, a lot of people said, ‘Let’s do this again next year.’”

And so it is, as the support center prepares for its 18th gala at Doublegate Country Club.

“I’ve been here for 16 of these

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Special Photo

The Margaret Joe Hogg Dementia Support Center is in Albany.

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ABAC, Georgia Farm Bureau to co-host virtual ag career opportunities event

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TIFTON — Georgia Farm Bureau and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College are partnering to host a virtual educational event to highlight emerging trends and career opportunities within Georgia's No. 1 industry, agriculture.

"Fields of Opportunity: Exploring Careers in Agriculture" will be held on March 26 at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Participants will discuss the importance of developing the next generation of agricultural leaders and how organizations

are fostering meaningful career pathways that ensure the long-term success of Georgia's farm and forestry communities.

Leaders from both organizations will discuss how GFB and ABAC work together to connect advocacy, work force development, hands-on education and leadership, and networking opportunities for farmers and future farmers. Topics will include the role of precision agriculture tools in improving planting, crop management, and livestock efficiency, as well as the expanding opportunities for growth across Georgia's diverse agricultural landscape.

Presenters also will highlight the importance of agricultural education in building a strong work force pipeline. The conversation will spotlight career paths that extend beyond pro-

duction agriculture, including environmental horticulture; turfgrass and golf course management; timber and forestry; agribusiness; sales, marketing, distribution; and business leadership programs within ABAC's Stafford School of Business. The goal is to broaden awareness of the many high-demand careers that support Georgia farms from field to consumer.

"ABAC is deeply committed to providing the education required to succeed in Georgia's agriculture industry, and we are excited to be partnering with the Georgia Farm Bureau to inform current agricultural workers and inspire the next generation," ABAC President Tracy Brundage said. "I will be joined by Andrew Thoron, dean of our School of Agriculture and Natural Resources,

and we will both explain the many experiences we offer at ABAC to prepare our students for the work force."

"We all depend on agriculture, and the most important investment we can make is in the future leaders of this industry," Tom McCall, the president of Georgia Farm Bureau, said. "To ensure we can continue to rely on access to locally grown food and fiber, we need to equip the next generation to keep our local agriculture industry strong."

"By partnering with ABAC, we are ensuring that young people understand the vast opportunities within agriculture, and are prepared to lead this industry forward."

The webinar is open to students, teachers, agribusiness professionals, farmers and community leaders who are inter-



Special Photo: ABAC

The Agricultural Technology Building is one of the many facilities at ABAC that provides hands-on experiences for future agriculture professionals

ested in helping to develop the future of Georgia agriculture.

Interested persons may register online at link.abac.edu/fieldsweb.

Founded in 1908, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College provides a personalized, hands-on learning experience for students across Georgia and beyond. With a strong focus on

academic excellence, affordability and student success, ABAC offers more than a dozen bachelor's degrees and is recognized for its leadership in agriculture, business, humanities, nursing, sciences and education. ABAC serves as a vital resource for the region, preparing graduates who are ready to lead their communities and careers, school officials said.

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From 1A

GRAY

was common for a lawyer to work on a variety of cases, Albany attorney Del Percilla, who is a long-time friend and colleague of Gray's, said.

That gave the judge a broad range of experience on both the prosecutorial and defense sides of the law in both legal and civil proceedings, Percilla said. "We had quite a bit of talent in the DA's office."

While Gray earned an reputation as a tough judge, he could show a tender side and give convicted defendants a break when he thought it was warranted, those who worked with him said.

"He had an advantage in that he had tried a lot of cases" before becoming a judge, Percilla said. "He'd learned to deal with and engage a broad

range of people. He would take that into consideration. He had done it all, and that is what made him good.

"He was a conscientious judge. He ran the court system real well, I thought. He just did a good job. He was always prepared. I knew when you stood up and said 'ready' with him, you better be ready."

Outside the courtroom, Gray spent a number of years doing something that those who did not know him outside the judge's robe might not have suspected: He worked in the pits, changing tires on Chevrolet Corvettes, said Percilla, who was one of two drivers for the Tommy Morrison team, working during 24-hour races at Daytona and 12-hour races at Sebring International Raceway in Florida.

"His other talent, back during the late '80s and into the '90s, was part of the factory support Corvette team," Percilla said.

"He was part of the pit crew. We had the most over-educated tire crew in professional racing at the time. We had a really good time, a large group of friends."

Gray's presence will be missed, the attorney said.

"He was a good one," Percilla said. "I miss him. We traveled a lot. We were friends. We did a lot of professional stuff together."

Dougherty County District Attorney Greg Edwards also remembered Gray fondly, giving him the highest marks on his professionalism and legal acumen as a judge.

"He was a strong and conscientious and effective courtroom presence," Edwards said. "Judge Gray would always tell it like it is. He was a very good

judicial scholar, judicial leader, and much of my career was spent under his presiding as a jurist. He moved matters with fairness, and I was always happy to work with Judge Gray."

Describing Gray as a "by-the-book kind of guy," Albany attorney Phil Cannon said that Gray did not see black and white, he saw rules, which he enforced as a matter of course.

"I didn't say he was fair and just," Cannon said. "I feel I don't have to say that. By the end of the time in the courtroom, you knew that he was fair and just."

"He was a great thinker. I always just enjoyed working with him. He just didn't play around if you came before him."

Despite his often tough demeanor while on the bench,

which he could display with a convicted defendant who had made several appearances before him, Gray could show a human side as well, Cannon said. When mothers and grandmothers appeared before him, pleading for a lenient sentence for a loved one who had been convicted, he would often take that into consideration.

"He loved mamas and grandmamas," Cannon said. "If you gave him a reason to be lenient on someone, he would accept that."

Funeral services for Gray are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with visitation starting at 12:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Bread House, 520 N. Jefferson St.

From 1A

STEM

through the building. "That's outperforming four times the jobs that someone might get coming out of high school, making \$15,000 to \$20,000."

There also are a number of employers eager to hire workers with training in STEM fields, the instructor and chair of electrical and computer engineering technology said. Those include Georgia-Pacific, Marine Corps Logistics Base-Albany, Molson Coors and Procter & Gamble, among others.

"For every four engineering positions for technology, electrician, we only have two applicants," Courtney said. "The pace of growth over the next decade is going to be 15% in filling those jobs."

"That's why your two-year technology institutions are

vital. You come out here for two years, and they'll hire you. They'll be looking for you."

During the three days of Engineering Week, students participated through interactive STEM stations featuring robotics, drones, electronics, engineering design challenges, automation technologies and other real-world applications of engineering concepts. Students get to experience college-level labs and equipment and learn about career pathways.

The week is about sparking imagination and showing students that STEM careers can be exciting, accessible and achievable, Courtney said, and to see themselves as problem-solvers filling those roles.

In another classroom, Ebony Johnson, an instructor and chair of the industrial electrical/electrical construction and automation and robotics technology programs, used a

"Simon Says" STEM game on a screen that is designed to enhance cognitive skills and memory.

"It's an applied instructive game, so they can test their senses and get them familiar with the different programs," Johnson said. "They get an extensive amount of knowledge that they can take with them. They're also having a good time."

From 1A

ELECTION

good turnout," Dougherty County Election Supervisor Ginger Nickerson said.

For potential voters, the next date to keep in mind is April 20, the last day for individuals who have not done so to register in order to participate in the May 19 primary election.

On March 2, Election offices can start accepting applications for mail-in ballots, Nickerson said. The last day voters can request an absentee ballot application is May 8.

Nickerson recommended that voters who plan to vote by mail to select the box that allows them to vote by mail throughout the 2026 elections without filling out an application for each ballot.

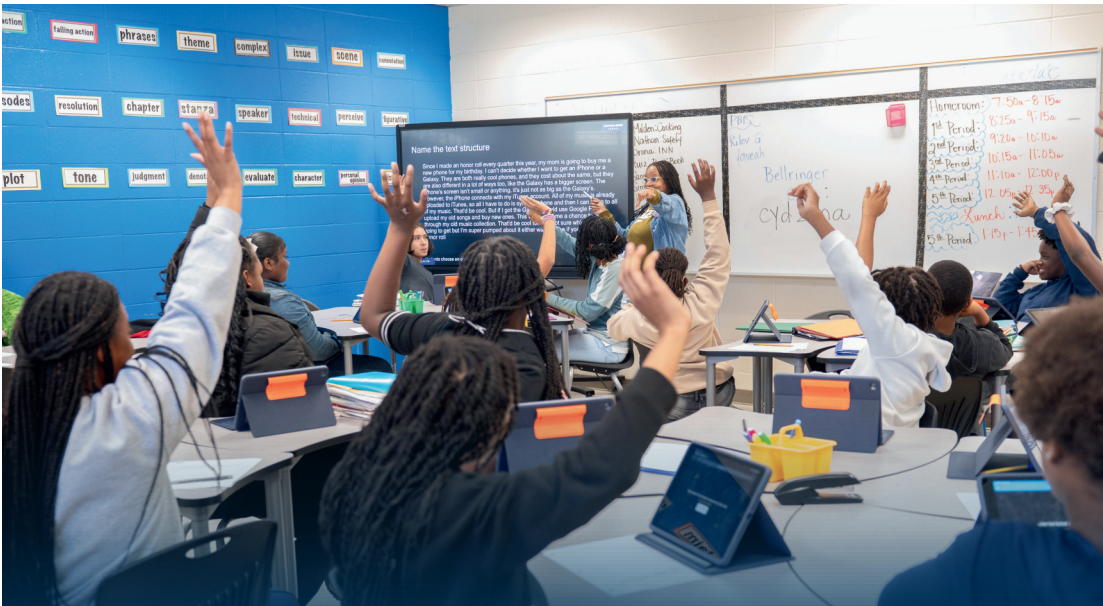
"Our elderly and disabled voters, please check the box to opt in," she said. "They must check the box to opt in. Opt-in is only for voters 65 and older and the disabled."

Voters can register in person at their local election office or online by visiting <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/voter-registration?IsRegisterNow=true>.

"If you have a Georgia driver's license, the signature is retrieved from the license on the (online) application," Nickerson said. "If you don't have a driver's license, print and sign the application and mail it or hand-deliver it to our office."

Individuals can check voter status by visiting <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>.

Voting in the May 19 general primary starts with early in-person voting on April 27, with the early voting period ending on May 15.



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Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Feeling mentally organized and prepared can help you in any situation, but taking or making time for thinking ahead can be a challenge in a busy life. Step away from digital dopamine and invest in your future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Over-the-top emotional reactivity could be a factor at home for a few hours today. Better to let drama settle a bit before attempting a fix. Today's strong Universal stars should help sweeten the outcome.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Even a loyal friend can sometimes see something differently, don't let a minor difference in perspective blow up into major competition or discord. Drill down on a new plan but consider keeping it under wraps for now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This could be an extreme day for money — the spectrum of possibility ranges from an emotional reaction to a money matter, to an unexpected windfall. Not everyone may understand. Consider a new course of study.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Show up, be proud, let your authenticity shine. It's not likely a day for half-measures for you. It could be a great day for Leos to implement a new financial agreement or plan if your individual transits align.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Buried emotions could surface, or under-the-radar discomfort could hamper your mood today. The fastest way out is through doing the work — face the feelings, let them move through you and out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A friendship could be overwhelming for a few hours today, someone may need help getting through something and getting back to a state of regulated calm. Stick to your plan of action for tasks now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone could lose it publicly today, but things should calm quickly. Today's high-scoring stars could help get things back on track. A

creative solution to a problem could work even if someone disagrees.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your domestic space should evolving nicely. It's great to be giving but bad when you feel like you've been worked. Move slowly enough that you see how things are balancing out in real time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The stage could be set for an emotional confrontation about money for a day or two. Finances are best handled from a logical perspective, sidestep if things feel too heated for a constructive conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might need to talk a partner down from a somewhat extreme place today. After a few hours, things should calm naturally. Today could be the window to put a financial plan into motion if individual cycles are also strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): It could feel like 'no good deed goes unpunished' for a few hours. What you give with a full heart ripples out positively, the real return on your gift often comes from entirely different hands.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Much of March should be favorable—good thinking, good communication, and grace should serve you well. A brief blip could occur if someone doesn't have your back but it looks small, not big. Near month-end and continuing for about 2 weeks is a potentially stressful period, it appears to be the worst part of 2026 for you. Take care of your mind, soul, and body and know that you've got this, don't let yourself sink beneath these waves. A strong rebound by mid-April can bring a wealth of positivity to your door. Expect improvements in love, family, career, and money. Something groundbreaking could really move the needle. Mid-May could bring a short-lived sticking point before you soar again, this time into fame, clarity on your journey, and with protection as the cherry on top.



1848: The Mexican-American War ends with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, in which Mexico cedes significant territory to the U.S..

1849: The California steamship arrives in San Francisco, marking the start of the Gold Rush for East Coasters.

1916: Author and critic Henry James passes away.

1947: The "February 28 Massacre" in Taiwan marks the beginning of the White Terror.

1948: British troops depart from India.

1953: Watson and Crick announce their discovery of the DNA double-helix structure.

1983: M*A*S*H airs its finale, setting records as the most-watched TV program.

1986: Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme is assassinated in Stockholm.

1993: A 51-day standoff begins in Waco, Texas, after four federal agents are killed.

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- **National Chocolate Souffle Day**
- **National Tooth Fairy Day**
- **National Floral Design Day**
- **National Public Sleeping Day**
- **Rare Disease Day**
- **International Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) Awareness Day**
- **HIV is Not a Crime Awareness Day**

QUOTE OF THE DAY

It was wonderful to find America, but it would have been more wonderful to miss it.

Mark Twain,
writer (1835-1910)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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How in the world can Bo Dorough and others in the city government even consider allowing Tripp Morgan to get his greedy hands back on the downtown brewery? Last I read, he owes the city more than \$2 million right now. How much deeper will these officials allow him to dig into our pockets?

If there was a need for a \$100 million convention center in Dougherty County, a major hotel chain would have already built it.

Thanks, Persley. We are years in and millions spent on these plastic solar-powered cameras, and these same deadbeats still have no hesitation zooming loudly all over Albany at any hour day or night ... 7 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 a.m. They don't fear law enforcement because there is no law enforcement. Our children and the elderly simply don't deserve to be scared daily by drag racing idiot thugs who rip off their muffler just to get attention. Enough is enough.

I'm not a doctor and I don't play one in the Squawkbox. I am a parent. My babies (who are now grown men) didn't act out as much when they had sufficient sleep. Perhaps 79-year-old Trump wouldn't fall asleep during his boring meetings or go on early-morning, social media rants if he actually got more sleep.

Squawker, when we complain about the blatantly illegal "virtual civil rights project" and the \$195,000 in taxpayer money wasted, you defend the person who sold this garbage to the four complicit members of the County Commission. Your reason? He's black. We don't care about his skin color, we care about tax dollars wasted when there are so many needs in our community. If you put away your biases, you'd be complaining too.

White European ethnicities that comprise Western civilization are under attack by white gentile and Jewish educators who control universities. No future for white men.

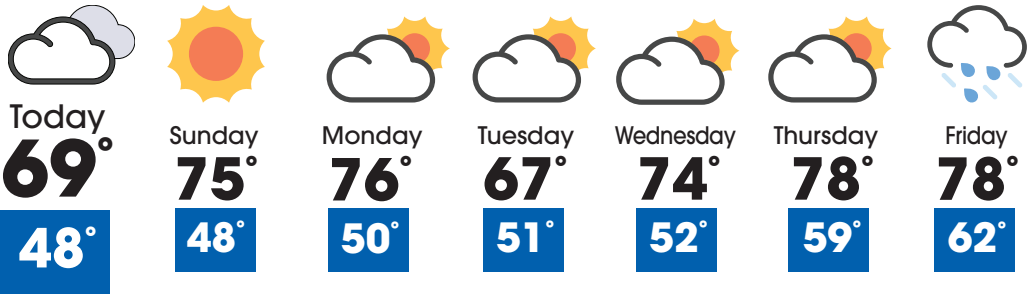
DOCO Facilities has one of the rudest office staffs you will talk to. Not only is she late every day, but she also refuses to do her job. Maybe administration needs to assign someone to investigate what is going on.

The Braves did little during the off-season, but at least they did the right thing and gave Sale a contract extension. He ranks up there with Smoltz, Glavine and Maddox among their best ever.

To whom it may concern: As I have seen several stories you have done on the celebration of someone's life or death and you comment on a balloon release, you can't see or don't care about the destruction that balloon releases have on the Earth. I beg you to please inform yourselves and do a story on the complete sadness of the situation.

I read B.J.'s article a couple of times. The points she makes are consistent with propaganda news releases from the Trump administration. She, like other Trump toadies, wants you to not believe your lying eyes and constantly deflects. B.J., the truth does not divide. Can the deflections; they aren't working.

Weather Forecast



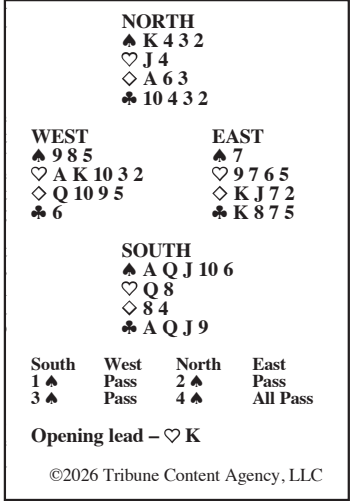
Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

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Simple Saturday columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

A window of opportunity sel-



Frank Stewart

dom opens by itself. When you're declarer, that may mean putting off drawing trumps until you take care of some other business.

Against today's four spades, West cashed the K-A of hearts. He guessed well to lead the ten of diamonds next instead of his singleton club. South ducked, won the next diamond and cashed the A-Q of trumps. When East discarded a heart, declarer led a trump to dummy's king and returned the ten of clubs.

NEXT CLUB

South would have made his game if East had covered an honor; but since East could see that dummy would never have the lead again, he played low. South had to win the next club in his hand, and East got his

king at the end. Down one. South had an opportunity but didn't seize it. He must lead a club to his queen at Trick Five. South can then draw trumps ending in dummy and lead the ten of clubs and a third club to his jack, making his game.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S K 4 3 2 H J 4 D A 6 3 C 10 4 3 2. Your partner opens one heart, you respond one spade and he bids two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your proper call is two hearts, a "false preference." Partner has at least five hearts but may have four diamonds, and he will usually do better playing at a 5-2 trump fit than at a 4-3. Moreover, game is still possible, and your bid will give partner a chance to act again with extra strength.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Informal music group marred by tone-deaf participant

By Eric Thomas
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Dear Eric: We play music with a group of friends on a regular basis. It is an informal, open group in a public space and generally everyone is welcome to join us and play along at whatever skill level they have.

However, there is one woman who comes along with her husband, who is a good player, but she has no skill at all, and her playing is just random toots and shrieks.

We've had many people tell us the rest of us are good players, but that they think she ruins the sound of it. We agree, but we dearly love this sweet lady, and no one wants to hurt her feelings by asking her not to play. We also do not want to alienate her husband since he is a core player and a leader of the group.

Any suggestions for how to tell her gently to learn to play or stop trying?

— *Not in the Band*

Dear Band: You described your group as informal, open to all skill levels, welcoming to everyone, but you want to put additional stipulations on one person's participation. So, is it welcoming, or not?

Now, I'm not unsympathetic to what you're experiencing. You play music for the joy of making and the joy of performing. So, someone who isn't playing in harmony (pun slightly intended) with the rest of the group can be disruptive or change the experience.

On the other hand, it's likely that she has a completely different expectation of the group, namely that it's a place where you can come as you are and play however you'd

like. So, you could ask her if she's open to feedback about her playing. She could say "no, thank you," of course. But if she has an interest in improving, you should come prepared with actual steps she can take, be it switching instruments or taking lessons or something else.

More broadly, the group needs to decide whether it has different rules or not. Your relationship with this woman and her husband will continue to be fraught if you're thinking of this group as "for everyone" but "everyone" comes with an asterisk.

Dear Eric: I became a widower two years ago after a long and happy marriage. I have one surviving son who is married and lives about 80 miles away in another state.

I rarely see my son, when I do see him, it is always just for the holidays. We talk on the phone frequently and he asks for money even though he receives an allowance from our family trust.

They often change plans last minute around the holidays which I go to great lengths to prepare for, shopping, cooking, decorating. I am never invited to their home. Our visits are cordial but brief.

This past Christmas they canceled due to illness and came the weekend after. I had cooked his favorite holiday dishes. When they did come, we went out to a restaurant. During the meal we made small talk and the rest of the time he was scrolling on his phone.

At one point I asked him very nicely to please put the phone away and engage with me. That lasted for a few min-



Eric Thomas

utes and then he continued scrolling.

I miss him, I miss seeing his face and getting a warm hug. I thought we had formed a strong familial bond. Should I just accept the status quo or try to have a meaningful conversation with him? I don't want to push him away.

— *Lonely Mother*

Dear Mother: Try to have a meaningful conversation. It can be a real gift to ask for what you need from loved ones. It tells them where you are and how they can show their love more effectively to you.

When you do, lead with "I" statements, just as you did here: I miss you, I'd like to be closer, would it be possible to... (and then make a specific suggestion about something you'd like to change).

It would also be helpful for you to think about what you're expecting from your relationship with your son. I don't think what you want is unreasonable by any means, but from your description his actions read as dismissive and disrespectful. One way to counteract dismissive behavior is to set an internal boundary. You can, for instance, decide that you won't make his favorite foods for the next holiday because he has a habit of canceling. And it's fine to tell him that, too. If he wants the food, he can adjust his behavior and then you can decide if that change motivates you to start making dinner again.

You don't have to settle for the crumbs of your son's attention. Indeed, by asking for more, you might be able to get more.

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ENTERTAINMENT



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‘Shock rock’ pioneer Alice Cooper to perform at Albany Civic Center

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ALBANY – In an announcement that left many people scratching their heads and proclaiming “Huh?!,” and even more shouting “Sign me up!” officials with the Albany Civic Center announced recently that one of the original shock rock pioneers, Alice Cooper, will perform at the venue during his “Alice’s Attic” spring tour. Tickets are on sale now for the May 2, 7:30 p.m. show. In a career that heavily influenced artists like Marilyn

Manson, Slipknot and the like, Alice Cooper – nee Vince Furnier – is a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer whose recording career is moving into its sixth decade. With his band and as a solo artist, Cooper has recorded hits that are considered by many to be among the greatest in rock and roll history. Born in 1948, Cooper and his early band Nazz started to make waves on the West Coast, but the band learned that its name was being used by Todd Rundgren, so they came up with a new name: Alice Cooper.

After struggling early to gain momentum, the Alice Cooper band found magic with songs like “I’m 18,” “School’s Out,” “No More Mr. Nice Guy,” “Elected” and “Hello Hurray,” songs that have since become rock classics. In ‘75, disillusioned with the band’s direction, Furnier decided to go it alone using the Alice Cooper name. Over the next several years he released another crop of albums and songs that became rock classics, including “Only Women Bleed,” “You and Me,” “Dead Babies” and “How You Gonna

See Me Now.” Increasingly, Cooper embraced the “shock rock” ethos that he says came about by accident. Over his career, mock fights, Goth torture devices, a live boa constrictor and mock guillotine executions became part of his shows, to the delight of his audience. In 2011, with most of the 30 studio albums he would release (generating more than 50 million in sales), Alice Cooper was inducted in the Rock Hall of Fame, proving his career was about much more than the theatrics that made him such a popular entertainer. After taking a break from making music, Cooper recently formed and performed with the supergroup Hollywood Vampires with Johnny Depp and Joe Perry, among others. Tickets for the Albany show are available at the James H. Gray Civic Center box office.

New York’s acclaimed Orpheus Chamber Orchestra returns to Thomasville

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THOMASVILLE – The Thomasville Entertainment Foundation wraps up its 2025-26 concert series March 9 with a performance by New York’s acclaimed Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and a renowned piano soloist. The Monday evening concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. in the intimate auditorium of the Thomasville Center for the Arts and features Canadian pianist and composer Marc-André Hamelin. The planned program includes works by Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert. “This will be the third appearance by Orpheus since 2002, and they are always very popular with our audience,” TEF Vice President for Box Office Ginny LeGette said. “We’re expecting a large turnout, particularly with the excitement around Marc-André Hamelin, so anyone interested should act quickly.” “As of now, we have less than 20 seats remaining with unobstructed views and another 30 seats which have a balcony support somewhere in their sightline.” Founded in 1972, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra plays as a true collective without a conductor, rotating leadership roles among its musicians in every performance, and guest artists are key partners in the process. The Times of London has called the resulting performance “the most thrilling displays of multifaceted musical virtuosity.” Lauded as “a performer of near-superhuman technical prowess” by The New York Times, Hamelin regularly performs around the world with leading orchestras and conductors and has released more than 90 albums. Also a noted composer of more than 30 works, he is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the German Record Critics’ Association, eight Juno Awards and 12 Grammy nominations, among other honors. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for students, available by calling the Thomasville Entertainment Foundation at (229) 226-7404 or online with a small processing fee at TEFconcerts.com. Additionally, a limited number of free Tickets for Teens are available for area high school students, made possible by a grant from the Thomasville Antiques Show Foundation and an anonymous gift to the TEF Education Fund.



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blues traveler

Special Photo

Blues Traveler wowed a packed Albany audience in 2025; now southwest Georgia fans can see them again at the Columbus RiverCenter for The Performing Arts.

Blues Traveler plans Columbus performance

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COLUMBUS – For southwest Georgia music fans who would love an encore of the brilliant performance Blues Traveler brought to the Albany Municipal Auditorium during its 2025 performance here, Six String Southern Productions has announced that the multi-platinum rock band is heading to the RiverCenter for The Performing Arts here on May 3. Tickets are reserved seating and start at \$37 plus fees. Tickets are on sale at www.rivercenter.org or by visiting the RiverCenter Box Office. The band’s 2026 momentum follows a milestone year in 2025, when Blues Traveler celebrated 30 years since the release of their Grammy Award-winning breakthrough hit “Run-Around.” The anniversary was marked with widespread media attention, including a feature interview in Rolling Stone with frontman John Popper. Nearly four decades ago, the four original members of Blues Traveler — John Popper, Chandler Kinchla, Brendan Hill, and the late Bobby Sheehan — gathered in their drummer’s parents’ basement in Princeton, N.J., to jam. From these high school sessions emerged a band that would go on to release a total of 14 studio albums, four of which have gone gold, three platinum, and one six-times platinum, selling more than 10 million combined units worldwide. Over an illustrious career, Blues Traveler have played more than 2,000 live shows in front of more than 30 million people and, with “Run-Around,” achieved the longest-charting radio single in Billboard history — earning the band a Grammy for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals. Fueled by a passion for music, Six String Southern Productions is a leading independent Georgia-based concert promotion company that provides fans with a unique and enjoyable concert experience. Learn more about Six String Southern Productions at its website, or follow on Facebook and Instagram.

SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX

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Hasn't Tripp Morgan taken enough from Albany taxpayers? To let him get his mitts back on Pretoria Fields would be spitting in taxpayers' faces.

Is the State Bar of Georgia afraid of Joe Durham? The man has been doing just what you ordered him not to do, and yet he keeps on doing it. Don't just take his license, put him in jail where he belongs.

Albany "leaders" are now talking about a \$100 million conference center. For a town our size? And they want it somewhere around the river downtown. No place to walk to eat or have a drink. And before we do that, someone should investigate that \$10 million for the new Henderson Gym and Driskell Park. I hope citizens don't think part of that \$10 million didn't end up in the political pockets of those voting for that venture. The contractors know who was paid; maybe they should be investigated.

HHS Secretary RFK Jr. has a long history of spreading misinformation about vaccines and has recently admitted to having once snorted cocaine from a toilet seat. MAGA, this is your HHS secretary who was appointed by your man in the White House ... but I guess it's OK because at least he ain't "woke." That Man Without a Family

SMRs, the price of food and gas is still high. Thanks to your president, we can barely afford anything.

Somebody explain to Diane Brown that being on the commission does not mean she is in control of anything. She seems to think she has some kind of authority. You're just a racist loud-mouth put into office by ignorant people who think that kind of thing is OK.

Hats off to the Florida State Senate for passing the Teddy Bridgewater bill, far and away the best high school athletics legislation in a long time. If coaches and teachers can legally use their personal resources to look out for these kids then let's all give them all the community support we can.

Looks like those "developers" who were trying to squeeze millions out of the city for that old apartment building are not going to get their way. Yeah, you got Jon Howard, Willie Weaver and Diane Brown, but it takes four.

My father told me many years ago, never, ever vote for any tax. Once started, it will never go away. For the Albany/Dougherty leaders to go up on their sales tax to reduce property taxes is ridiculous. With preacher Lorenzo and his lock-step commissioners, the property tax would be right back where it is, or higher in two or three years. but we will have that higher sales tax forever. Once they get their hands on the money, it is gone forever.

If the city gives Tripp Morgan the keys to the brewery -- and pays for the equipment that he ruined -- we should have a recall election and get rid of every one who votes for this idiotic proposal.

The state sent some taxpayers a supposed extra \$500 rebate because of budget savings last year. Yet we come to this budget year under the same administration, and DFACS has a budget shortfall of \$89 million. Sounds like there are two sets of books with two separate accountants. The kids lose now, and that will carry over to at least another generation. Shameful, trying to buy votes by selling our most needy children.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ CHAD WARBINGTON

City declines contract with SOWEGA Council on Aging

A few weeks ago, it was announced that the SOWEGA Council on Aging was selling its 40,000-square-foot building at 335 W. Society Ave. to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

With only the information presented by our local media outlets, it set off the typical firestorm of negative comments and conspiracy theories from many who only have a small piece of the total picture.

As the name indicates, SOWEGA is a regional agency serving not just Albany, but several surrounding counties in southwest Georgia. They receive federal and state funds to serve the senior adult population from basic nutritional needs to quality of life programming.

In 2006, Phoebe purchased the old Byne Church facility for \$1.2 million. In 2008, Phoebe donated the property to SOWEGA Council on Aging. Emphasize "DONATED."

Many local donors gave money, including the city of Albany, which gave \$3.3 million in SPLOST funds to renovate the old Byne Church facility to be a center to serve Albany's senior adult population.

In 2012, the renovation was complete and went into service, providing meals out of a new commercial kitchen and large spaces for senior adult programming. Fast forward 14 years to 2026. SOWEGA Council on Aging has strategically moved to an agency characterized "without walls" and needing to focus equally

on all counties it serves, not just the large population of Albany. Hence, the large, 40,000-square-foot building is not part of their strategic future plans. I'm told programming in all aspects of senior adult services has doubled, if not tripled, with the without walls strategy versus focusing on everything being in one large building.

Phoebe now has a strategic need for the building, and thus the match was made for Phoebe to purchase the building that they had donated back in 2008. In a public meeting, it was stated that the purchase price is \$8 million.

All of that information is simply context to how the city of Albany Commission recently got involved and single-handedly created a controversial "mountain out of a mole hill."

The city of Albany Parks and its Recreation and Parks Department have multiple community centers in the city, where some programming is provided for senior adults.

When the news broke about SOWEGA Council on Aging selling its building, recreation staff proactively reached out to see how the city could possibly partner with them to provide more programming for senior adults.

Quickly, a short-term need was

shared with city staff that a large space was needed immediately to



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move SOWEGA Council on Aging programming due to the building being sold. Recreation staff identified Thornton Gym in East Albany as a site that could immediately accommodate the large number of senior adults who participate in regular daily programming from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A contract was written for a duration of three months, to end in May simply as a short-term solution while other long-term options were evaluated.

Obviously, there were hopes of a possible long-term partnership where both entities could provide senior adult programming in many of the city's facilities in all areas of the city. SOWEGA Council on Aging is funded through federal and state funds, which means they could help reduce the financial burden on local city taxpayers.

Great ideas, right? Should pass through with flying colors, right? Not so fast.

So the next step was for staff to present the short-term contract to the City Commission for approval and, unfortunately, this is where the "wheels fell off." The City Commission saw it differently after hours and hours of contentious

debate in multiple meetings, dozens of emails berating staff behind the scenes, false accusations of breaking state laws, and many phone calls through the weekend.

The City Commission basically "snubbed our nose" at SOWEGA Council on Aging with a 4-3 vote to decline the short-term contract and not allow them to use Thornton Gym for three months and basically ended the hope for any long-term partnerships to serve our senior adult citizens.

Politics, division, blame, and egos all contributed to this failed policy that truly could have been the start of something great for senior adults in Albany. For SOWEGA Council of Aging, they have many other potential partners in the city to consider for future plans, like the YMCA, Phoebe, churches and faith-based organizations.

I'm sorry city officials wasted about three weeks of contract negotiations and negative public criticism. Unfortunately, the City Commission removed itself from the "future partner" list, and the cycle of working in "silos" separately instead of together in partnerships continues, to the detriment of the citizens of Albany.

And, in this case, to the detriment of our senior adult citizens.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ REP. BILL YEARTA

Legislation moves swiftly through the state House

It is hard to believe, but last week marked the halfway mark of the 2026 Legislation

Session. Things are moving rapidly, and as the legislative session continues, our days on the House floor will get busier and longer as we work toward the critical deadline of Crossover Day — Legislative Day 28 — which marks the final opportunity for bills and resolutions to pass out of either the House or the Senate and remain eligible to be signed into law during this legislative session.

Below are a few pieces of legislation that I would like to bring to your attention:

With the expansion of data centers across the state, the Georgia House passed legislation that would ensure Georgia families and small businesses are not left paying for the construction and operation costs of these centers. House Bill 1063 would prohibit electric utilities from passing along costs of building and maintaining data centers with annual electricity demand of 100 megawatts or more to residential or retail customers.

Over the summer, subcommittees traveled across the state to tour facilities, meet with community leaders, and examine data centers to better understand their impact on local communities and the state's energy infrastructure. HB 1063 would codify rules into state law to ensure they cannot be weakened, reinterpreted or

bypassed in the future.

The Georgia House also passed House Bill 657, a meaningful step toward enhancing mental health and substance use recovery services in our state. This bipartisan bill would formally



Special Photo

Rep. Bill Yearta, left, welcomes House Page Shelby Oder, a Lee County High School student, along with House Speaker Jon Burns.

establish peer specialists in state law as those who have lived experience and are trained to provide ongoing support to individuals and families receiving mental health or substance use recovery services.

The House unanimously passed House Bill 383, bipartisan legislation that would regulate

Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) compensation for prospective and current Georgia high school student athletes. H.B. 383 seeks to expand opportunities for high school student

athletes, while providing clear guidance to students, their families, their high schools and high school associations and also protecting young athletes from long-term exploitation.

This week, the House also unanimously passed legislation that seeks to improve educational outcomes and graduation rates in Georgia. House Bill 907 would make several updates to the Completion Special Schools Act by revising certain procedures for Georgia's completion special schools, formerly known as alternative schools.

The House took additional steps this week to strengthen transparency and accountability in state government by passing House Bill 903 with bipartisan support. HB 903 updates existing law to clarify that all executive branch agencies must follow the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act when adopting certain rules. The APA governs how state agencies propose and issue regulations and allows for judicial review of final agency decisions in Georgia.

We also gave final passage to two measures this week by agreeing to Senate substitutes, sending both bills to the governor's desk for consideration. House Bill 117 would require food service establishments that serve imported foreign shrimp to clearly disclose that information on menus or place cards visible to the public.

COLUMNIST ■ MARC HYDEN

Trump's Rome remarks a maelstrom of falsehoods

President Trump flew to Georgia last week to tout his administration's alleged economic success and stump for his anointed political candidates. While his long rambling speech was met by roaring applause, it was peppered with statements that were misleading and even patently false. Was Trump intentionally deceiving the crowd or is he disconnected from the realities on the ground? I will let my readers decide, but first, consider some of his quotes from Rome.

"I had to listen to the fake news talk about affordability. You notice, what word have you not heard over the last two weeks? Affordability. Because I won. I won affordability," Trump boasted. I don't know how you "win affordability" exactly, but this feels like Trump's George W. Bush moment. "Airfares, hotels, car payments, rent, sports, events, groceries — everything's down," he continued. You might be wondering if everything is in fact down. Spoiler alert: It's not. Trump has some successes he can point out. But if he keeps downplaying affordability issues, like the Biden administration did, then he may do to the Republican Party what Biden did to Democrats, as they suffered serious defeats a couple of years ago.

While some commodities and services have declined in price, and price fluctuations happen with regularity thanks to many variables, goods and services overall remain more costly than when Biden was president. That is in part due to economic realities such as the lingering effects of the pandemic supply chain disruptions. Inflation continues, and even if it does so at a slower pace than under the Biden presidency, those high prices remain doggedly in place.

Speaking of inflation, Trump explained, "We inherited a mess. We inherited the worst inflation in history."

This falsehood aside, Trump said, "We've turned it around and we've made it great" — referring to inflation. I don't know how you make inflation seem "great" to a country suffering from persistent high prices, but to this administration's credit, the inflation rate isn't as bad as those under

Biden. Even so, it still remains higher than the Federal Reserve target of 2%.

Trump also bristled at how the U.S. Supreme Court was mulling the constitutionality of his unilaterally imposed tariffs, even though that is the high court's role. He complained, "To think I have to be in the United States Supreme Court for many, many months waiting for its decision on tariffs. Without tariffs, this country would be in such trouble right now."



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The Tax Foundation has some great research on this topic. The organization noted, "Under the tariffs imposed and scheduled as of Feb. 6, the weighted average applied tariff rate on all imports rises to 13.5%, and the average effective tariff rate, reflecting behavioral responses, rises to 9.9%, the highest average rate since 1946."

How does that impact everyday Americans? "The Trump tariffs amount to an average tax increase per U.S. household of \$1,000 in 2025 and \$1,300 in 2026," per the foundation. Imagine how much better our economic outlook would be without this financial burden. So much for winning affordability I guess. Thankfully, the Supreme Court has since ruled that Trump far overstepped his authority on imposing tariffs.

Trump also turned his attention to a favorite topic: the 2020 election, as if he could beat that dead horse any more, and focused on Fulton County's elections office. "Why don't they want them to see the [2020] ballots after all these years?" he asked. "You know why they don't? Because they cheated. That's why."

Trump came to Georgia to place his thumb on the scale in support of certain candidates, and time will reveal how much he helped them. Yet Trump's screed in Rome ought to worry Republicans who are facing a round of contentious campaigns. Democrats, on the other hand, should probably revel in Trump's false statements about 2020 and affordability because he does so to the detriment of Republicans.

Phoebe celebrates first graduating class of health equity initiative

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ALBANY – Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital celebrated a milestone with the graduation of its first cohort of Health Equity Advancement Liaisons (HEALs), marking a significant step forward in the commitment to advancing equitable care across southwest Georgia.

The inaugural class of 20 nurse managers and human resources business partners completed an intensive eight-month program created by Phoebe in partnership with Columbus State University’s Center for Health Disparities and Community-Based Research. The program is designed to equip leaders with tools, language, and practical skills to recognize, address and prevent disparities in patient care and employee experience.

Launched in June 2025, the HEALs initiative is a central

component of Phoebe’s focus on health equity that began in 2024 when Phoebe participated in the American Hospital Association’s Health Equity Transformation Assessment. The inaugural cohort focused on developing actionable solutions to advance health equity and improve outcomes for marginalized populations across the region.

“The graduation of this inaugural cohort of Health Equity Advancement Liaisons is yet another step toward advancing health equity across the health system,” Jennifer Williams, Phoebe’s chief community engagement & health impact officer, said. “I’m proud of the graduates and the leadership team who recognized a need and provided the financial resources to address that need.”

“This program is a win for the health system, but most importantly it’s a win for the residents of southwest Geor-



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gia, all of whom deserve to achieve their optimum health regardless of their zip code, race, socio-economic status, age, spoken language or gender.”

Throughout the program, participants explored foundational health equity concepts, including the impact of social determinants of health, cul-

tural humility, inclusive leadership, and the ways bias can shape patient experiences. The coursework culminated in team-based projects presented during the graduation ceremony, each addressing a critical equity gap affecting Phoebe’s patient population.

The goal of the capstone team projects was to find ways to

improve outcomes for marginalized populations, including older patients, those living in neighborhoods with high hospital admission rates, people with limited English proficiency, and patients who are deaf or hard of hearing.

“These graduates are bridge builders, standing in the gap where misunderstanding and assumptions can live,” Phoebe President Deb Angerami said. “They’re bringing practical tools and courageous conversations to the bedside and to our teams, so every patient and colleague is seen, heard and treated with dignity. The projects they presented are actionable, measurable, and aligned to our mission.”

During the ceremony, Phoebe leaders, faculty facilitators from Columbus State University, and colleagues from across the system celebrated the cohort’s dedication to the eight-month journey balancing coursework, case stud-

ies, reflection exercises, and project development. Participants also earned continuing education credits throughout the program.

The HEALs model positions liaisons as connectors across departments and service lines, responsible for modeling equitable practices, sharing what they’ve learned with peers, and embedding equity considerations into daily operations and decision-making. With the success of the inaugural cohort, Phoebe plans to continue the program annually as part of its systemwide strategy to advance toward the next stage of the health equity continuum.

This milestone represents more than a graduation; it signifies the beginning of sustained, organization-wide progress toward ensuring every patient receives the safe, inclusive, culturally responsive care they deserve.

Community organizer launches campaign for Labor Commissioner seat

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ATLANTA, GA — Community organizer and advocate Michelle “Michi” Sanchez has officially launched her campaign for Georgia Labor Commissioner, pledging to transform the office from a quiet administrative agency into a powerful advocate for the state’s working families.

Sanchez enters the Democratic primary with a platform focused on combating wage theft, protecting workers from exploitation, and restoring accountability to an office she says has failed working people for too long.

“Georgia’s Labor Commissioner should be more than a paperwork shuffler; they should be a champion for the people whose labor builds this state every day,” Sanchez said. “For over two decades, Georgia politicians have ignored working families. Inflation has risen more than 80%, yet our state minimum wage remains stuck at \$5.15 an hour.

“Workers only receive \$7.25 because federal law overrides it. Meanwhile, \$450 million is stolen from Georgia workers every year through wage theft. That is not just policy failure, that is injustice.”

Sanchez brings more than a decade of grassroots organizing experience across metro Atlanta and rural north Georgia. She has organized in communities from the carpet mills of Dalton to neigh-

borhoods in Atlanta, building coalitions, increasing voter participation, and helping elect leaders committed to working families. Her organizing work has included the New Georgia Project, Poder Latinx, Progressive Turnout Project, Common Cause, CASA in Action, and the Democratic Party of Georgia, where she helped lead innovative civic engagement efforts like “Tamales to the Polls.”

But for Sanchez, this campaign is deeply personal. Two months before her daughter, Hayley, turned 20, she passed away. An employer had broken their promise to hire her — costing her income, health care access and hope.

“Losing Hayley showed me how our system protects employers, not workers,” she said. “That has to change.”

Years later, Sanchez herself experienced workplace exploitation when she was misclassified as an independent contractor by an attorney who used the scheme to avoid payroll taxes, benefits and accountability. She experienced wage theft and sexual harassment, and because of gaps in Georgia law, had no legal recourse.

“I’ve lived these fights,” Sanchez said. “I survived wage theft and harassment with zero protections. These experiences showed me exactly how the system fails workers, and why this office matters.

“I will carry those experiences into this fight for every Georgia worker who has lost

wages, health care or dignity.”

Sanchez’s campaign platform:

- As Labor Commissioner, Sanchez will use every tool available within the office’s authority and push for stronger laws where needed;
- Fight wage theft: Use investigation authority to expose violators, coordinate with worker organizations and legal aid, and publicly report exploiters so communities know who is stealing wages;
- Prioritize worker misclassification investigations: Hold employers accountable for forcing workers into fake “contractor” status to dodge benefits and protections;
- Improve unemployment insurance processing: Ensure Georgia workers receive benefits on time and with dignity;
- Expand language access: Protect immigrant workers, who make up 27% of Georgia’s construction work force, with information and enforcement in multiple languages;
- Build coalitions: Partner with worker centers, legal aid groups, faith communities, and small business owners who believe in fair competition;
- Advocate for systemic change: Publicly pressure the legislature to raise Georgia’s \$5.15 minimum wage, establish comprehensive statewide harassment protections, and strengthen this office’s enforcement authority.

“Georgia cannot wait for Washington,” Sanchez said. “Under the current federal



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administration, workers cannot depend on federal protection. Georgia needs to protect its own workers. Workers need a Commissioner who sees them, hears them, and is willing to fight.”

Sanchez said she draws inspiration from Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated in Memphis while supporting sanitation workers demanding fair wages and dignity.

“Economic justice is justice,” she said. “Labor rights are civil rights. That fight did not end in Memphis, and it’s not finished in Georgia.”

Sanchez said she is running to ensure Georgia workers are paid fairly, treated with dignity, and protected by laws that are actually enforced.

“For too long, this office has been silent while working families struggle,” the candidate said. “I’m ready to make it work for the people.”

The Democratic Primary will be held on May 19. Voter registration deadline is April 20.

Lee drinking water infrastructure gets upgrade

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LEESBURG — U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff is delivering resources to upgrade Lee County’s drinking water infrastructure.

Ossoff, D-Ga., brought Republicans and Democrats together to upgrade Lee County’s drinking water infrastructure. With the federal funding, Lee County officials plan to install new technology to improve drinking water quality for their residents. This upgrade will also allow Lee County to have a centralized source of drinking water rather than relying on several small, private wells.

Working alongside Congressman Sanford D. Bishop Jr., D-Ga., Ossoff is delivering \$1,092,000 for the project through bipartisan government funding legislation that became law on Jan. 23.

“Every town in Georgia deserves safe, effective water infrastructure,” Ossoff said. “That’s why I bought Republicans and Democrats together to upgrade drink-



Scott Addison

ing water infrastructure in Lee County.”

“On behalf of the Lee County Board of Commissioners, I would like to thank Sen. Ossoff for assistance obtaining \$1,092,000 to enhance the Lee County Water Supply System,” Lee County Manager Scott Addison said. “This funding will be utilized to construct a 1 million-gallon-per-day groundwater production well and treatment facility that will provide safe drinking water for the citizens of Lee County.

“I appreciate the support and all the hard work to get this funding approved.”

Construction officials to host public forums at rec facilities

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ALBANY —Officials with JCI Contractors will hold a pair of public forums March 5 to discuss recreation projects at Bill Miller/Kalmon Malone Park and Carver Gym.

The initial forum, to be held at Carver Gym, starts at 10 a.m. at the 410 W. Mercer Ave. facility. The second will immediately follow at the 312 Vick St. Bill Miller Community Center.

JCI Contractor officials will offer information about the projects and discuss possible opportunities for subcontractors.



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Special Illustration

A pair of public forums are planned Thursday to discuss recreation projects in the city.

Georgia House passes literacy measure, high school cell phone ban, other education bills

By Ty Tagami
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Lawmakers in the Georgia House embraced a plan to send literacy coaches to elementary schools while also sending a high school cellphone ban to the Senate as part of a package of eight educational bills approved this week.

Georgia lawmakers’ years-long focus on literacy instruction started with mandates for use of the “science of reading,” a method based in phonics. Initially, they focused on teacher training and tests to identify children with dyslexia. House Bill 1193 seeks to expand on that strategy by sending state funding to school districts to hire an estimated 1,300 literacy experts in schools with K-3 classrooms.

The legislation, which Senate leaders have praised, also would bring new requirements for curriculum, teacher training and testing. And it would establish a more rigorous process for promoting students to the next grade.

State representatives had more mixed opinions about House Bill 1009, which seeks to expand the state’s already-approved ban on cellphones and other personal devices in elementary and middle schools. That lower-grades mandate was signed into law last year, but it does not take effect until next fall. Even so, many schools have implemented it ahead of schedule, and it has proven popular among teach-

ers, parents and even students.

That emboldened the author of last year’s law, Rep. Scott Hilton, R-Peachtree Corners, to expand the ban to high schools starting in the fall of 2027.

He said Tuesday that Georgia was an outlier among states that have banned phones in schools while excluding high schools.

Some lawmakers said a high school ban would reduce fights and other disruptions, while others were concerned about communication between parents and their children during a crisis. Both views reflect the opinions reported in surveys by academics and education organizations last year.

The House also took up safety, passing a bill that would mandate weapons detection systems at every entry in every school building, emergency exits excluded.

Democrats criticized House Bill 1023 as a bandage rather than a cure because it does not restrict access to guns.

“We’ve allowed guns and weapons of war to become more available than a pack of gum,” Rep. Bryce Berry, D-Atlanta, said. “We are installing metal detectors in our schools because guns keep ending up in our schools, because we have normalized the unthinkable.”

HB 1023 passed by a vote of 151-11.

Two measures addressed college afford-

ability.

House Bill 310 focused on future teachers, establishing a program running from next July through 2028 that would give 500 student-teachers who qualify for federal need-based aid up to \$5,000 to pay their bills.

HB 310 passed 151-6.

The other college affordability measure, by Rep. Scott Holcomb, D-Atlanta, would extend HOPE scholarships to high-achieving students if they attend an eligible Georgia graduate school within 18 months of earning a degree. His measure, House Bill 385, passed 160-2.

Three bills passed unanimously.

House Bill 971, by Rep. Rick Townsend, R-Brunswick, would let school systems enroll homeschool and private school students in their college and career academies, even if the students do not live in the same district. They would have to live in the same region though.

House Bill 372, by Rep. Bethany Ballard, R-Warner Robins, another teacher work force measure, would add four years to a program expiring in June that allows retired teachers to return to the classroom full-time while collecting their pension.

Finally, House Bill 1123, by Speaker Pro Tem Jan Jones, R-Milton, would require more elementary schools to offer after-school programs to their pre-kindergarten students.

Americus ball park listed among state ‘Places in Peril’

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ATLANTA — The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation has released its 2026 list of 10 Places in Peril in the state, which includes a historic Sumter County ball park.

Sites on the list include: Boggs Rural Life Center in Keysville (Burke County); Civilian Conservation Corps Camp at Hard Labor Creek State Park in Rutledge (Morgan County); Egleston Hall at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Atlanta (Fulton County); Legion Pool at the University of Georgia in Athens (Clarke County); McCranie Turpentine Still in Willacoochee (Atkinson County); Orange Hall in St. Marys (Camden County); Salem Campground in Covington (Newton County); Thomas L. Bell Memorial Ballpark in Americus (Sumter County); Union Brothers and Sisters Mission Hall in Meridian (McIntosh County); and Wayne County Courthouse in Jesup (Wayne County).

“Places in Peril is about awareness and opportunity,” W. Wright Mitchell, president

and CEO of the trust, said in a news release. “This is the trust’s 21st annual Places in Peril list, and we hope it will continue to bring preservation solutions to Georgia’s imperiled historic resources by highlighting 10 representative sites.”

Places in Peril is designed to raise awareness about Georgia’s significant historic, archaeological and cultural resources, including buildings, structures, districts, archaeological sites and cultural landscapes that are threatened by demolition, neglect, lack of maintenance, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy.

Recent updates involving sites on past years’ lists include:

-- The Eleanor Roosevelt School in Warm Springs, the country’s last constructed

Rosenwald School, is now undergoing the second phase of rehabilitation.

-- A Fulton County judge ordered a condominium homeowners association to maintain and allow access to Piney Grove Cemetery in Atlanta,



Special Photo

The Thomas L. Bell Memorial Ballpark in Sumter County is listed among the list of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation 2026 Places in Peril.

a historic African American burial ground on the condo association’s property. The cemetery had previously been overgrown and inaccessible.

-- The Cross Roads Rosenwald School in Dixie (Brooks County) was added to the National Register of Historic Places, making it eligible for grants and tax credits.

-- The Central State Hospital campus in Milledgeville

has taken a major step toward revitalization, as the Local Redevelopment Authority finalized a deal with a developer to invest approximately \$40 million in rehabilitating the long-threatened Jones, Green and Walker buildings for apartment and mixed housing use.

-- The 1939 Kit Jones boat, once at risk of being lost after years in disrepair, has

been returned to McIntosh County, restored and permanently installed at a new park in Darien, and is now commemorated with a Georgia Historical Society marker honoring its nearly 90-year maritime legacy.

Founded in 1973, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation works for the preservation and revitalization of Georgia’s diverse historic resources and advocates their appreciation, protection and use. As one of the country’s leading statewide, nonprofit preservation organizations, the trust generates community revitalization by finding buyers for endangered properties acquired by its Revolving Fund and raises awareness of other endangered historic resources through an annual listing of Georgia’s Places in Peril.

The Trust offers a variety of educational programs for adults and children, provides technical assistance to property owners and historic communities, advocates for funding, tax incentives and other laws aiding preservation ef-

forts, and manages two house museums in Atlanta (Rhodes Hall) and Macon (Hay House).

Area properties on the 2026 list include:

Thomas L. Bell Memorial Ballpark, Americus (Sumter County): Opened in 1938, the ballpark is a rare WPA-era wooden baseball stadium and a long-time center of sports and community life in Americus. While still in limited use, the construction of new athletic facilities leaves its future uncertain, placing this historic ballpark at risk without a clear preservation plan.

McCranie Turpentine Still, Willacoochee (Atkinson County): Built in 1936, the McCranie Turpentine Still is the last intact, wood-burning turpentine still remaining in its original location in Georgia and a rare survivor of the state’s naval stores industry. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the site is now threatened by storm damage from Hurricane Helene, ongoing deterioration and limited resources for stabilization and repair.



File Photo

Georgia lawmakers haven’t been able to agree on a bill that would shield police videos from public view if they show someone’s death.

Police death videos would be kept from the public under Georgia bill

By Mark Niesse

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia lawmakers haven’t been able to agree on a bill that would shield police videos from public view if they show someone’s death.

Supporters of the bill say it’s needed to prevent tragic videos from being shared with the world online, while opponents said it could hinder death investigations and weaken freedom of speech.

“The public’s right to know should not be a right for them to have access to graphic death images at their will,” Hiram Police Chief Mike Turner told the House Judiciary Committee.

State Rep. Matt Reeves, R-Duluth, said public disclosure can help uncover the truth after someone dies.

“It would be a good idea to be able to let responsible journalists investigate and ask questions about the matter, because oftentimes that’s how you get to the truth about what happened, how the person got killed,” Reeves said.

The House Judiciary Committee declined to vote on the bill Monday as legislators consider amending it.

State Rep. Joseph Gullett, the sponsor of House Bill 1223, said it’s meant to shield disclosure of police videos that show someone’s death by traffic accidents, suicides or natural causes.

Body cam videos of police shootings or alleged police misconduct are already kept confidential in Georgia while investigations are underway. Those videos only become a public record after investigations are completed.

“If you go to YouTube, there is video after video after video of people dying, and oftentimes it’s not at the hands of the police,” Gullett, R-Dallas, said. “It’s one of the worst days in the family’s life. ... Those images are captured on these cameras, and that is not something that I think should be readily accessible for the YouTube community.”

The Judiciary Committee debated allowing disclosure of police videos to newspapers, TV stations or radio broadcasters for investigative news purposes, but the committee narrowly rejected that motion.

A lobbyist for the Georgia Press Association, which represents the interests of the Georgia newspaper industry, supported allowing videos to be distributed to news media organizations. Capitol Beat is a project of the Georgia Press Association.

State Rep. Scott Holcomb, D-Atlanta, said it’s important to protect the dignity of the deceased, but he said videos of law enforcement shootings deserve scrutiny.

“There could really be a significant public interest in seeing the events that led to the death,” Holcomb said. “I want to make sure we don’t want to go too far in limiting the public’s interest to observe crimes.”

AARP Georgia honors state legislators who serve as family caregivers

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ATLANTA — The AARP Georgia staff recently recognized 21 state legislators who are also family caregivers. Rep. Sandy Donatucci, who cares for her mother, led the recognition from the Georgia House of Representatives floor during a recent session. She presented an AARP Georgia poster containing the legislators’ photos and highlighted key statistics about caregiving in Georgia.

“As a family caregiver myself, I understand the toll it can take on a person,” Alice Bennett, AARP Georgia’s advocacy manager, said. “AARP saw this as an opportunity to recognize lawmakers for how they show up for families and stand behind policies to serve other caregivers in the community as well.”

There are 63 million family caregivers in the United States who provide essential support that allows loved ones to live safely at home and in the community. In Georgia, these legislators are among 2.5 million caregivers who serve as a foundation of the nation’s long-term care system, contributing more than a million caregiving hours annually. Their efforts represent \$16.3 billion in unpaid labor, and the average caregiver spends more than \$7,000 a year on incidental caregiving costs.

Last year, Georgia legislators created the Senate Study Committee on Improving Family Caregiver Services



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to identify policy goals and recommend legislative actions to improve family caregiving. The committee released a study containing research from AARP and other sources, such as the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, which listed Georgia among the 24 states that are on the brink of an unpaid family caregiving emergency, which they defined as the point at which the economic value of unpaid caregiving surpasses funds generated by the state’s cornerstone industries.

In 2022, AARP Georgia led efforts to pass The Georgia Caregiver Act, which requires hospitals to give patients the

opportunity to name a lay caregiver to be involved in discharge planning and home care. In recent years, state legislators passed several laws that are beneficial to caregivers, such as the Georgia Family Care Act, which requires employers that offer paid sick leave to allow eligible employees to use up to five days per year of that leave to care for an immediate family member.

AARP also provides a wide range of caregiving resources — including tools for medical management, financial guidance, and strategies for maintaining work-life balance. Resources are available at www.aarp.org/caregiving.

Ten sentenced in armed drug trafficking case

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COLUMBUS — Ten defendants have now been sentenced for their roles in a large-scale armed drug trafficking organization resulting from Operation Sweet Silence, a multi-agency investigation resulting in the removal of firearms, methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana from the streets of Columbus.

“This case represents the comprehensive efforts being deployed to target and dismantle the most dangerous and dismantine the most dangerous criminal organizations and hold their members accountable in Columbus and across the Middle District of Georgia,” U.S. Attorney Will Keyes said. “Prosecutors and law enforcement at every level are working together to combat armed trafficking organizations that threaten our community.”

“Drug trafficking organizations don’t just deal drugs — they bring guns, violence and instability into our neighborhoods,” Jae W. Chung, special agent in charge of the DEA Atlanta Field Division, said.

According to court documents and statements in court, the drug organization was led by defendant Tommie Mullins Jr., who was part of the violent Zohannon criminal street gang. Over the course of the conspiracy,

Mullins and the drug trafficking organization distributed vast amounts of methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana.

The court sentenced the defendants, all of Columbus, to the following terms of imprisonment:

Mullins, aka “TJ,” aka “Bo,” aka “Mini,” 31, of Columbus, was sentenced to 20 years in prison;

Trenton Clemons, 48, was sentenced to 25 years;

Anthony Champion, 46, was sentenced to seven years and three months;

Corey Turner, aka “Lito Red,” 33, was sentenced to 20 years;

Adrian Palmer, aka “AP,” 25, was sentenced to 14 years;

Trenton Thomas, aka “Bubble,” 25, was sentenced to 11 years and three months;

Javonta Paden, 25, was sentenced to five years and 11 months;

Christopher Hill, 36, was sentenced to two years;

Adrian Pleasants, 29, was sentenced to one year and eight months;

Darius Jenkins, 24, was sentenced to one year and six months.

The federal investigation into the Zohannon gang included court-authorized wiretaps on Tommie Mullins’ and other defendants’ phones. Physical surveillance and other investigative techniques confirmed that Mul-

lins, Champion, Turner, Palmer, Hill, Thomas and others all dealt drugs out of Mullin’s Cove Circle residence.

On March 18, 2023, FBI intercepted wiretap calls in which Turner arranged for the sale of a “30 sack,” which law enforcement understood meant narcotics. Surveillance captured Turner briefly stopping by the Cove Circle residence before heading to the location where the drugs were sold.

The defendants persistently repeated this pattern of briefly going to the Cove Circle house before heading to a drug sale, sometimes with Turner and Mullins directing other defendants to conduct drug deals on their behalf. In intercepted calls made between March 6 and March 7, 2023, Mullins and Turner directed Hill to conduct a half-kilogram drug sale to Champion.

In another deal, law enforcement saw Turner leave the Cove Circle house, enter Champion’s vehicle sitting outside the house, and almost immediately exit the vehicle. Champion then drove off. A short time later, a wiretap call captured Champion calling Turner to complain “this ain’t even a whole it’s a half. I’m fixing to bring it back to you and show you.”

Wiretapped calls and physical

surveillance also captured defendants Thomas, Paden, Pleasants and Palmer arranging to fly to Seattle to purchase and transport 300 pounds of marijuana back to Columbus. Before leaving for Seattle, surveillance showed Thomas meeting with leader Mullins, and phone records showed that Mullins spoke to the drug supplier in Seattle only hours after this meeting.

A separate airport search netted more than \$29,000 in cash, which was seized from Mullins as suspected drug proceeds. The investigation further revealed that both Thomas and Palmer used Jenkins to distribute narcotics in street-level quantities. In one call, Jenkins told Palmer, “I passed the sample around the hood” and asked whether this was “your price per pound?” Clemons also sold drugs for and with Mullins. On April 15, 2024, Mullins and Clemons traveled in Mullins’ vehicle from Columbus to a music studio in Atlanta. There, Mullins and Clemons met with a co-conspirator who gave them a bag, the contents of which Clemons emptied into a blue suitcase. Later that day, a traffic stop revealed 4 pounds of almost pure methamphetamine.

Sweet 16 showdown set for Saturday at Monroe

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — The first round is complete. Now comes the main event. They’ve played three times and Monroe has won twice, Dougherty once.

A Saturday night Sweet 16 double-header is set at Monroe High School after the Golden Tornadoes surged past Bainbridge and Dougherty rallied to defeat Liberty County on Wednesday in the opening round of the Class AAA state playoffs.

The evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. when the top-seeded Monroe Lady Nadas (25-3) host White County (20-8), followed by a 6 p.m. showdown between Monroe (22-6) and crosstown rival Dougherty (14-13).

If Wednesday night was any indication, both boys teams earned their way there the hard way.

Monroe flips the switch

For a half, Monroe looked out of rhythm. After a 12-12 first quarter tie with Bainbridge, star Brayden Burns picked up his third foul and went to the bench.

The Bearcats seized the moment. Monroe missed layups, botched a dunk attempt, and was whistled for a pair of traveling calls. Bainbridge seemed to win every 50-50 ball and carried a 24-18 lead into halftime after holding the Tornadoes to just six second-quarter points.

Then Monroe adjusted.

The Tornadoes turned up their trapping defense in the second half, forcing turnovers and wearing down Bainbridge’s legs. Burns scored 12 of his 19 points in the third quarter as Monroe outscored the Bearcats 25-16 in the period and 15-7 in the fourth to pull away.

“I think our defense wore them down,” Monroe coach Michael Hoffpauir said. “Brayden picked up his fourth foul late in the third, but he was able to finish the game. Bainbridge couldn’t hit the shots they made in the first half, and I think that was because of fatigue.”

It marked the fourth meeting between the teams this season — and Monroe’s fourth win.

Tristen Terry added 13 points, and

Elijah Rivers chipped in eight as the Golden Tornadoes punched their ticket to the Sweet 16.

Trojans rally after Brown fouls out

Across town, Dougherty’s path was even more turbulent.

The Trojans were locked in an 18-18 tie at halftime against Liberty County when Panthers senior Elijah Brown caught fire in the third quarter, drilling four of his team’s five three-pointers in the period. A technical foul sequence at the end of the quarter gave Liberty County free throws and the final possession — which ended with a buzzer-beating three and a 44-37 Panthers lead entering the fourth.

Brown hit another three early in the fourth to stretch the margin to 10.

Then everything shifted.

Playing with four fouls, Brown was called for his fifth with 5:49 remaining. He lingered on the floor before heading to the bench, and Dougherty seized the opportunity.

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Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Dougherty’s Mikel Roberts shoots in a crowd during Wednesday night’s game against Liberty County in Albany. Roberts and the Trojans prevailed and will now travel across town to face Monroe in the Sweet 16 of the Class AAA state playoffs.

Westover moves into Sweet 16, heads to Augusta

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — It wasn’t pretty early. It wasn’t easy at halftime. But when Westover needed a response, the Patriots delivered.

Behind a decisive third-quarter run, Westover pulled away from Lumpkin County 61-51 Wednesday night at the Boston Garden, earning a trip to Augusta for the Class AAA Sweet 16 and possibly closing the curtain on postseason basketball inside one of Albany’s most storied gyms.

The Patriots (24-2) will now face Cross Creek (23-5), which advanced with a 91-54 rout of White-water. The Razorbacks enter the matchup riding a 15-game winning streak and boast one of the most explosive offenses in the state — topping 100 points three times, surpassing 90 on four occasions and scoring in the 80s four more times.

Westover’s defense, long its calling card, will be tested.

But first, the Patriots had to survive a disciplined Lumpkin County squad that controlled the tempo for much of the first half.

Shots refused to fall early for Westover. Only a T.K. Johnson three-pointer put the Patriots on the board as Lumpkin jumped ahead 7-3. The Indians slowed the pace, denied transition opportunities and kept Westover from establishing its preferred up-tempo rhythm.

When the Patriots did find space to run, Lumpkin struggled to keep up. The problem was getting those chances.

Jo’Siah Daniels’ put-back late in the first quarter gave Westover a brief lift and a 16-14 lead after one, but the Patriots’ shooting woes continued. Lumpkin capitalized, carrying a 27-23 advantage into halftime.

Whatever was said in the locker room resonated.

Westover opened the third quarter with a 9-0 burst that flipped the game. The Patriots tightened defensively, forced turnovers and finally began converting the opportunities that had eluded them earlier. From there, they methodically

See WESTOVER 10A



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Westover senior Jaxon Reese shoots during Wednesday’s first-round game at the Boston Garden at Westover. Reese and the Patriots now get the long bus ride to Augusta to face Cross Keys in the Sweet 16.



Special Photo: SIAC

Albany State senior Luke Addison, left, was named the SIAC Player of the Week after batting .750 (9-for-12) with a 1.333 slugging percentage and a .733 on-base percentage. He scored nine runs, drove in seven RBI and recorded four doubles and one home run while drawing two walks and stealing two bases. Savannah State pitcher Bynton Edge earned “Pitcher of the Week” honors.

Albany State storms back to edge rival Georgia Southwestern

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

AMERICUS — Albany State saved its best baseball for the final two innings Tuesday night.

Trailing by three runs late and battling through what head coach Scot Hemmings described as “too many free passes” early in the game, the Golden Rams rallied for four runs over the final two innings before reliever Luke Hayes slammed the door shut in dramatic fashion to secure an 8-7 victory over rival Georgia Southwestern.

Hayes struck out the Hurricanes’ No. 1, 2 and 3 hitters in order in the bottom of the ninth, preserving Albany State’s comeback win and improving the Golden Rams to 9-4 on the season.

Albany State trailed 7-4 entering the eighth inning after issuing walks and hit batters that repeatedly gave Georgia Southwestern scoring opportunities.

The comeback began when the Hurricanes walked the bases loaded to open the inning.

Luke Addison, Tyler Turner and Ty Grover each reached via walk before Georgia Southwestern turned to reliever Cooper Sain. The change did little to slow Albany State’s momentum.

Sain walked Emory Stephens to force home Addison, and Isaiah Haygood followed with a sacrifice fly that cut the deficit to 7-6 heading into the final inning.

The Golden Rams completed the rally in the ninth. Former Worth Coun-

ty standout Chip Cooper opened the inning with a single to left field and moved to second when Aiden Payne executed a perfectly placed bunt single. Addison followed with another single to load the bases.

Turner then lifted a fly ball to right field that scored Cooper to tie the game before Mylon Uribe delivered the biggest hit of the night, coming off the bench to drive in the go-ahead run.

Albany State’s bullpen made sure the lead held.

Colin Loeffler, Chase Ledger and Hayes combined for five hitless innings of relief against a Georgia Southwestern lineup entering the game hitting .343 as a team.

“Yes, it was a great win,” Hemmings said. “I did not think we played well early as we had too many free passes and gave GSW a lot of chances to score. What I was proud of was Colin Loeffler, Chase Ledger and Luke Hayes came in and did not give up a hit in five innings of work.”

Hemmings also praised Uribe’s continued development after delivering the game-winning hit.

“I was really proud of Mylon Uribe coming off the bench and having the game-winning hit,” Hemmings said. “He is really playing well and I am enjoying watching his progress.”

The victory pushed Albany State to 9-4 and sent the Golden Rams into a key SIAC road series this weekend at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama, where they face one of the conference’s top contenders.

Lee County season ends in loss at Woodstock

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

WOODSTOCK — The Lee County Trojans fought until the final horn Wednesday night.

In a tough road environment against a seasoned Woodstock squad, Lee County saw its season come to an end with a 70-53 loss in the opening round of the Class AAAAA state playoffs.

Woodstock (25-3) set the tone early, building a 38-23 halftime advantage behind sharp shooting and defensive pressure that kept the Trojans from finding rhythm in the first two quarters.

Lee County (17-11) didn’t go quietly.

Senior TreCori Green sparked a third-quarter surge, scoring 10 of his game-high 20 points in the period as the Trojans attempted to claw their way back into contention. Josiah Franklin added 19 points, and TJ Williams contributed 10 as Lee County trimmed the margin in the second half.

But momentum proved difficult to



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Lee County senior TreCori Green scored 10 third-quarter points and finished with 20 total as the Trojans tried to mount a late comeback Wednesday night in Woodstock.

sustain.

In the fourth quarter, Lee County was whistled for 11 fouls, compared to just one on the home team, limiting the Trojans’ ability to build a consistent rally and sending Woodstock to the free-throw line repeatedly to close out the game.

Despite the loss, head coach Kirven Davis praised his team’s resilience in a challenging setting.

“Tough environment, kids fought to the finish,” Davis said. “After losing 10 seniors last year, I’m proud of our guys and their growth this season. We finished as one of the Top 32 teams in AAAAA with a young team. I’m proud of our body of work as usual. The standard is the standard.”

Lee County entered the season with significant questions after graduating a large senior class, but the Trojans steadily developed chemistry and competitiveness throughout the year. The growth was evident in stretches Wednesday night, particularly during their third-quarter push.

While the scoreboard marked the end of this season, Davis’ message was clear: the program’s expectations remain unchanged.

With much of the roster expected to return, Lee County’s young core now carries postseason experience into next winter — and the belief that the climb is only beginning.

Falcons release special-teams star KhaDarel Hodge

Field Level Media

The Atlanta Falcons have informed Pro Bowl special-teams star KhaDarel Hodge that he is being released, NFL insider Jordan Schultz reported Wednesday.

The 31-year-old wide receiver spent the past four seasons with the Falcons, making the Pro Bowl in 2024 and catching 37 passes for 596 yards

and two touchdowns in 63 games (eight starts).

Hodge's release will save Atlanta \$2.64 million against the 2026 NFL salary cap.

Undrafted in 2018, Hodge has recorded 67 receptions for 1,026 yards and two scores in 118 games (10 starts) with the Los Angeles Rams (2018), Cleveland Browns (2019-20), Detroit Lions (2021) and the Falcons.



Special Photo: Kyle Terada-Imagn Images

Atlanta's Pro Bowl special-teams star KhaDarel Hodge said that he is being released to open more room under the salary cap for the Falcons.

College football player dies of carbon monoxide poisoning

Field Level Media

A football player at Rhode Island's Division III Salve Regina was found unresponsive in his car during Monday's historic blizzard and later died at a hospital, with his passing attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Joseph Boutros, 21, was found in a snow-covered vehicle Monday night while charging his cell phone, police in Newport, R.I., said in a statement released Tuesday.

He was taken to the emergency room at Newport Hospital and pronounced dead Monday night.

A record 34 inches fell in

Newport during the storm, and the tailpipe of his car was blocked by snow.

"This tragic incident was accidental and a reminder to be vigilant to keep exhaust pipes clear of snow and debris when vehicles are idling," the police news release said.

Boutros was an offensive lineman from Bohemia, N.Y., on Long Island.

"The Salve Football family mourns the passing of Joseph Boutros," the university said in a statement. "His contagious smile, selfless spirit, and the way he showed up for his brothers every day made our program better in every way."



Special Photo: Benjamin Chambers/Delaware News Journal
A record 34 inches of snow fell during the storm, and the tailpipe of the player's car was blocked by snow.

Tony's Take: Nothing brings America together like sports

By Tony Duckworth

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'Merica. I have admired Mike Tirico's broadcasting style for several years. Tirico is humble, classy, knowledgeable, and authentic. He is an above average play-by-play broadcaster, but he excels in the studio as a host. If you missed it, and you love sports, take the time to listen to his comments during the closing of the Winter Olympics.

While Tirico said more, this excerpt sums up what sports fans around the USA feel. "Our country loves sports and it brings us together unlike anything else."

Ice Hockey is a sport I have little interest in watching. During my four years in St. Louis, I froze several times watching the NHL St. Louis Blues match-up on the ice. I have nothing against the sport, but it generally isn't my cup of tea.

Fast forward to the Winter Olympics every cycle, and like Sunday, I found myself in front of the television. Per-

haps it was the hockey slugfest in 2025 when USA and Canada experienced three fights in the opening nine seconds. It may have been the allure of watching our team compete for gold. Maybe it was my social media feed that highlighted ice hockey over the weekend. By the way, the men in stars and stripes won the Gold for the first time since the Miracle on Ice in 1980.

Whether you like hockey or not, one thing is certain: Tirico is right when he stated nothing brings 'Merica together like sports.

Acuna. Atlanta Braves Manager Walt Weiss announced that Ronald Acuna Jr. will be at the top of the lineup during the upcoming MLB season. When injuries forced the Braves to adjust last season's lineup, Acuna dropped in the lineup in the hopes of increasing the club's RBI stat line. It didn't help.

As a fan, I felt that was a mistake, and I'm pleased Weiss will place Acuna as the leadoff hitter again. I felt dropping him in the lineup drained energy from the squad, fans in the stands, and it impacted Acuna's offensive productivity.

Talking heads can make the argument that the leadoff batter is only guaranteed the leadoff spot one time per game. However, I'm a big believer in mindset and that you can win or lose a game in the beginning, just like you can down the stretch. Acuna is one of the most

dynamic players in MLB, and may go down as one of the greatest of all-time. Acuna's energy and talent sets the tone when he steps in the box. If I'm moving around the house when the Braves are on, and I know Acuna is coming to the plate - I will stop what I'm doing, anticipating something great may be on the horizon.

Acuna leading off gives the Braves the best opportunity to get on the board early, whether its a leadoff homerun, or he draws a walk and steals a bag. Buckle up when Acuna is in the box. He is a generational talent.

Penix. Poor coaching has set back Michael Penix Jr. back further the past two seasons more than his injury.

Afterall, you need more than vertical routes and a strong arm to consistently succeed in the NFL. Why is a second-year starter unable to operate under center? Play action play with one of the best running backs, Bijan Robinson, in the league is a no-brainer, right?

The Falcons sound more like an NFL organization since they moved on from their GM, previous head coach, and rookie offensive coordinator.

No one knows if Penix will be a consistent high-level starter with the Birds. If it doesn't work out, recent history (Darnold and Mayfield) demonstrates the right situation can turn a young QB into a top half of the league caliber talent. Truth. In addition to of-



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ficiating GHSA and GIAA basketball, I find myself on the diamond umpiring.

I found myself waiting for my GHSA basketball state playoff assignment (which did materialize a few days later) last Saturday, umpiring a neutral-site AAAAA baseball game near I-75. I felt very good with my zone behind the plate on that windy day, but I didn't bat a thousand.

I heard one line from a fan in the grandstands that brought a smile to my face behind the mask when I called a strike off the plate away. The fan bellowed: "He would need an oar to reach that ball!". The ball wasn't that wide but the fan was right, and it was a great line.

I don't plan on making that call a habit this spring, but it was an interaction worth sharing. Remember, in baseball, game days are for the boys.

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delivered a key block in transition. Another freshman, Micah Joyner, sank a free throw and then stole the ball, feeding Marcus Heath for a layup that gave Dougherty a six-point cushion with 45 seconds left.

"It was closer than I wanted, but we made it," Trojans coach Terrance Noel said. Nine Trojans scored in the

balanced effort. Kegler and Heath led with nine points each. David Burgess and Mikel Roberts added eight apiece, Gibson had seven, and Joyner contributed six.

Now, Monroe and Dougherty meet again — this time with a trip to the Elite Eight at stake.

Saturday night in Albany just got bigger.

Sherwood to host golf tournament

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ALBANY — A new tradition is set to take flight this spring.

Sherwood Christian Academy will host the first-ever Legacy Classic Golf Tournament on March 16 at Stonebridge Country Club, a community-wide fundraising event designed to support the school's athletic programs while bringing golfers together for a day of competition and fellowship.

Registration is now open, and golfers of all skill levels are invited to participate.

Entry options include:

\$316 — Two-man team plus hole sponsorship

\$211 — Two-man team

\$106 — Hole sponsorship

\$106 — Individual entry

Sherwood Christian Academy Athletic Director Jay Flynt said the event is about more than just golf.

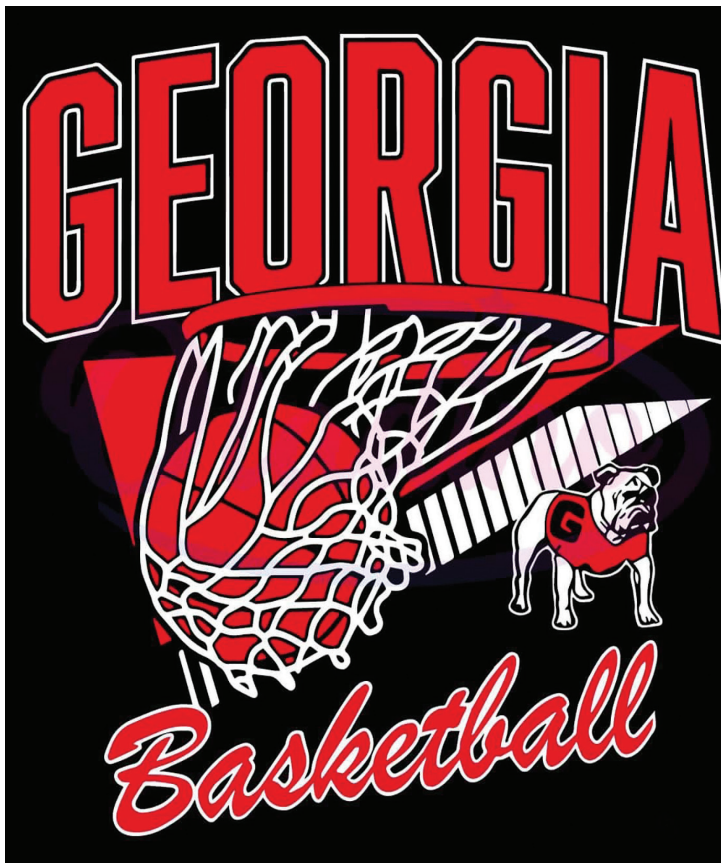
"We are excited to host the first ever Sherwood Christian Academy Legacy Golf Classic on March 16," Flynt said.

"Our athletic programs here at Sherwood Christian seek to glorify, lead, compete with excellence and model Christ. We're excited to play some golf, raise some money, so our Eagles can fly high as we continue to build our future at 1418 Old Pretoria Road."

The Legacy Classic is designed to be a signature event for the school, bringing together parents, alumni, supporters and local businesses in support of Sherwood's student-athletes. Funds raised will directly benefit athletic programs and facilities as the school continues to grow.

By establishing the tournament as an annual event, Sherwood hopes to create a tradition that strengthens both school spirit and community involvement for years to come.

Stonebridge Country Club will serve as host for the inaugural tournament, providing a competitive but welcoming setting for what promises to be a spirited day on the course.



Georgia falls to Vanderbilt, 88-80

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Georgia had enough offense to compete Wednesday night at Memorial Gymnasium.

What the Bulldogs didn't have was enough stops.

Vanderbilt capitalized at the foul line and pulled away late to hand Georgia an 88-80 loss, dropping the Bulldogs to 19-9 overall and 7-8 in SEC play.

Sophomore Jeremiah Wilkinson led Georgia with 28 points, marking his third straight game in double figures and finishing just four points shy of his season high. Kanon Catchings added 15 points, while Blue Cain chipped in 10 as the Bulldogs placed three players in double figures.

Georgia showed resilience in the second half.

A 3-point jumper from Wilkinson sparked a 10-0 run at the 12:03 mark, and Cain capped the surge with a 3-pointer that tied the game at 62-62 — the first deadlock since early in the contest.

But Vanderbilt (22-6, 9-6 SEC) answered by attacking the rim and living at the free-throw line.

Georgia struggled to defend without fouling down the stretch, a point head coach Mike White emphasized afterward.

"We had a bunch of fouls in the second half, playing from behind," White said. "When you exert that much energy, at times, young people have a tendency to make some errant decisions."

White pointed specifically to Georgia's defensive execution — or lack thereof — in key moments.

"It was probably our worst wall-up game in terms of being the first jumper off the floor with regard to falling for shot fakes," White said. "Our focus level there wasn't good enough to come on the road and win in the SEC. They lived at the foul line."

Despite the loss, Georgia's offense found success against one of the league's top defensive units. The Bulldogs scored 80 points and received a significant boost from their bench, which accounted for 41 points compared to Vanderbilt's 21.

"You come into Vandy against a top-25 defense, and you score 80, you're doing some good things," White said. "The biggest problem was just being able to generate stops defensively and keep them off the foul line."

Georgia returns home Saturday to Stegeman Coliseum to face South Carolina at 3:30 p.m. on the SEC Network, looking to regain momentum in the final stretch of conference play.

From 9A WESTOVER

held off the Indians down the stretch.

Gregory Williams led Westover with 17 points. Johnson and Daniels added 10 each, Keyvon Brady scored eight, and Jaxon Reese and Jalen Holmes chipped in seven apiece in a balanced effort.

The victory sets up a compelling contrast in Augusta: Westover's disciplined, defensive identity against a Cross Creek team that thrives in track-meet conditions.

If Wednesday night was indeed the final playoff game played inside the Boston Garden — with Westover planning to open a new facility next fall — it was a fitting sendoff. The Patriots didn't run away from the moment. They earned it.

And now, the stakes get even higher.

From 9A SWEET 16

Junior Naqwan Kegler sparked the rally with a deep three-pointer and followed with clutch free throws. With Brown sidelined, the Trojans attacked, defended, and controlled the tempo.

Freshman Jherel Gibson

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Chilling Opportunity

Florida wildlife officials euthanized more than 5,000 invasive green iguanas after a rare cold snap left thousands of the reptiles immobilized and falling from trees. The tropical lizards entered a torpor state when temperatures fell below about 45 degrees F, allowing authorities to collect 5,195 animals during a two-day cull.

Most were gathered in southern Florida, where the freeze produced the region's lowest temperatures since at least 2010.

Officials say the reptiles damage seawalls, sidewalks and native vegetation.

The same cold outbreak may have caused \$13 billion to \$15 billion in agricultural losses across the Sunshine State, including damage to about 8% to 10% of Florida's citrus crop.

Earthquakes

At least 15 people were injured and several homes damaged during a magnitude 5.8 temblor that struck southern Java.

• Earth movements were also felt in Crete, Jamaica, southeastern Cuba and the Mexican state of Oaxaca.

El Niño Odds

Japan's weather agency says there is a 60% chance that an El Niño ocean warming will develop by the Northern Hemisphere summer, with about a 50% chance of formation by spring.

Other outlooks and climate models point to warming Pacific waters and strong westerly wind bursts pushing heat eastward, key signals of a developing El Niño. Scientists say the shift could reshape global weather, potentially reducing Atlantic hurricane activity while altering rainfall patterns across the Americas, Africa and Asia.

Because ocean heat released during El Niño boosts global temperatures, some experts warn that the pattern could help drive new global heat records through 2027.

Wildfire Victims

Wildfires last month killed at least 23 people and burned roughly 247,000 acres across Chile and Argentina, including forests containing some of the world's oldest trees.

In Argentina, flames damaged parts of Los Alerces National Park, where ancient alerce trees can live more than 3,000 years.

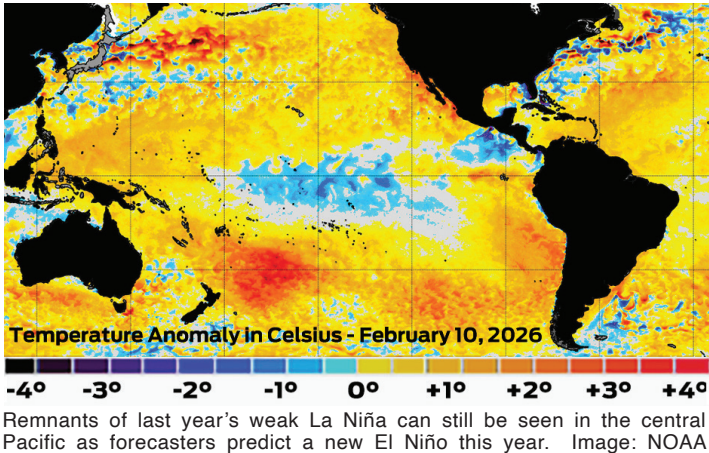
Scientists with World Weather Attribution group said climate change made the hot, dry and windy conditions that fueled the fires about three times more likely.

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Historic Rumbings

New activity inside Mexico's El Chichón volcano is a reminder that landscapes can appear quiet for decades while powerful geologic forces still move below the surface.

Although experts say the current signals do not point to an imminent eruption, memories of the volcano's disastrous 1982 eruption, which killed at least 1,900 people, keep those nearby alert and cautious.



Ape Imagination

Scientists have found evidence that great apes can engage in pretend play, a cognitive skill once thought unique to humans.

Experiments led by Johns Hopkins University researchers showed that a language-trained bonobo named Kanzi could track imaginary objects, correctly identifying the location of pretend juice and grapes in most trials.

Kanzi still consistently chose real food or drink when given the option, indicating he could distinguish imagination from reality.

The study suggests that the ability to form "secondary representations," or mental images of things that are not physically present, may date back 6 million to 9 million years to a common human-ape ancestor.

Tropical Cyclones

At least 31 people were killed by high winds and flooding when Category-2 Cyclone Gezani caused extensive damage in northern Madagascar.

• Cyclone Mitchell uprooted trees and knocked down street signs as it skirted northwestern Australia.

OBITUARIES

Loring A. Gray, Jr.

The Honorable Loring A. Gray, Jr. 78, of Albany, died Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be held at 1:00 PM this Saturday, February 28th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 North Jefferson St, Albany, GA 31702 and funeral beginning at 2:00PM. A reception will follow at The Bread House, 520 North Jefferson St, Albany, GA 31702.

Born at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, VA, June 8, 1947 to Loring A. and Virginia Gray, he graduated from Classen High School, Oklahoma City, OK in 1964, attended Austin College, Sherman, TX, and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Gulf of Tonkin during the Vietnam War.

Following his military service, he married Virginia in 1969 while attending and graduating from the University of Georgia undergraduate program. Loring then obtained his Juris Doctorate "not a MD" from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1976. He immediately began his law career as an Asst. District Attorney with the Dougherty County District Attorney's Office. He spent time in private practice, largely as a partner with Hodges, Erwin, and Gray, until Governor Joe Frank Harris appointed him to the Dougherty County Superior Court. Judge Gray was Chief Judge for most of his 30 years on the bench. He was instrumental in guiding the remodeling of the courthouse and was a beloved figure among all that worked in and around it. He was a formidable presence on the bench but often displayed his humor, wit, and compassion in unique ways. The latter was evident during his favorite, Adoption Days.

After retirement, he served as Senior Judge in the GA Superior Court system and as a private mediator. Judge Gray was a member of the Council of Superior Court Judges, GA Bar Association, Mock Trial, Gridiron Secret Society, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he taught Sunday

School, served as an usher and was on the Vestry. His altruistic persona is best embodied by the Latin motto Sic Vos Non Vobis.

When not serving in a professional capacity you could find "The Judge" orchestrating UGA tailgate parties from his condo in Athens, cycling, preparing Christmas Day brunch, and enjoying his time with family and friends. He relished quail hunting at Pebble Ridge Plantation, fishing with his friends at Calloway Gardens, and loved the opportunity to visit the chef in any fine restaurant. Loring was on the pit crew for an endurance race team, loved traveling to the Bahamas fishing with friends, and was a closet Parrot Head.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Virginia Looney Gray.

Survivors include son, Russell Gray (Lynn), daughter, Liz Gray Barfield (Matt), sister in law Cecelia Looney Jordan; grandchildren, Ansley, Will, Lilia, siblings, Mary Millar (John), Judy Robinson, Tom Gray (Cyndee), Peter Gray (Jane), Paul Gray, Susan Melaugh (John) and a host of nieces and nephews. Special thanks goes out to his loving and patient caregivers Alfreda Shelton and Terrianna Martin.

The family will receive friends in the church parish hall from 12:30 to 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 28, 2026, with services following.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St. Paul's Episcopal Church General Fund, Flint River Habitat for Humanity (2815 Old Dawson Rd, Albany, GA 31707), or the UGA Foundation (www.give.UGA.edu).

To sign our online registry, or to send condolences to the family, you may visit Mathews' website at www.mathewsfuneralhome.com.

*Those who are
in the realm
of the flesh
cannot please
God.*

Romans 8:8



Barbara Dollar Yancey

Barbara A. "Bobbie" Yancey, 86, was born on January 19, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York, to her loving parents, William C. Dollar and Jennie B. Dollar. She passed away peacefully on February 13, 2026, in her hometown of Paris, Tennessee.

Her funeral service will be at 11 AM on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at Kimbrell-Stern. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Saturday prior to the funeral beginning at 10 AM. Bobbie will be entombed at Crown Hill Mausoleum.

Bobbie was a graduate of Albany High School in Albany, Georgia. She later met the love of her life, Jerry Yancey, while working at Lockheed Martin. Their love story began there and continued as they built a life together, eventually moving to San Bernardino, California, where they owned and operated their own flooring business. After many years of hard work and dedication, they retired to Paris, Tennessee.

Bobbie and Jerry shared a deep love for country music, traveling, and especially animals. She was a faithful member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Paris, Tennessee. Bobbie was known for her warm spirit and kind heart. She was well liked by all who came in contact with her, and her memory will live on the hearts of those who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents; her devoted husband, Jerry Yancey; and her sister, Gladys Dollar of Albany, Georgia.

She is survived by her sister, Billie C. Dollar of Albany, Georgia; her sister, Agatha (Randy) Phillips of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her adopted sister, Nicki Stephens of Albany, Georgia; and her caregiver and dear friend, Susie Sims.

Did you know?

(MCC) The International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD) estimates that as much as 10 percent of the global population has irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). IBS is a gastrointestinal disorder that contributes to

abdominal pain or discomfort and alters bowel habits. Though the exact cause of IBS is unknown, the IFFGD says the disorder is not caused by stress. However, stress can exacerbate and even trigger symptoms of IBS. A visit to

a gastroenterologist can be especially helpful for anyone exhibiting symptoms of IBS, as the IFFGD estimates that between 20 and 40 percent of people who visit gastroenterologists do so seeking help with IBS.

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DEBUNKING COMMON MYTHS ABOUT METAL ROOFS

(StatePoint) Shopping for a new roof but unsure if metal is the right material for your home? Metal roofing is tougher, safer and longer-lasting than asphalt, with an expected lifespan of more than 50 years. Additionally, metal roof systems offer energy cost savings, withstand extreme weather, and boost

resale value. Despite these benefits, lingering myths sometimes prevent homeowners from opting for metal roofs. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about metal roofs to help you sort fact from fiction: **Can you walk on a metal roof?** Tin roofs that bend,

buckle or crumple are a thing of the past. Whether cleaning gutters, picking up storm debris or fetching a lost kite, you can do so on a high-quality metal roof. For example, ProVia shake, slate and barrel tile metal roofing is made with strong 26-gauge galvanized steel. Just be sure to ask your contractor or man-

ufacturer where and how to walk on the roof and never do so when it is wet or extremely dusty. **Is metal roofing heavy?** Metal panel roofing systems are heavy duty, not heavy-weight, giving you the added strength of steel without added weight. The average per-square weight for an as-

phalt shingle roof is 240-270 pounds, and for slate is 800-1500 pounds. By contrast, a metal roof system is much lighter, coming in at a per-square-weight of only 108 pounds.

Do metal roofs attract lightning? Metal is actually one of the best materials to have if your home were struck by lightning, working to disperse energy safely through the home's structure rather than allowing it to penetrate or spontaneously ignite or shock. And metal is noncombustible, so if lightning does hit, a metal roof will not catch fire.

Are metal roofs noisy when it rains? In residential structures, roofing is part of a complete system that includes attic space, the roof deck, underlayment materials that prevent moisture, and interior insulation, all of which absorb sound. When installed properly, a metal roofing system should be as quiet as any other roofing material.

Are metal roofs easily dented by hail? Metal roofs are well-known for being much more durable than other roofing materials, especially asphalt. In fact, in many areas where extreme weather can occur, metal roofs are the better choice for homes, so much so that

many insurance companies offer price breaks for metal roof systems.

Do metal roofs attract heat? Metal roofs release solar heat much more quickly than asphalt roofs, which absorb heat with their petroleum and granular composition. ProVia metal roofing reduces the heat load of your house, providing up to 30% energy savings.

Do metal roofs impact cell reception? Metal roofing allows radio signals to pass through with little disruption and is no different in this regard to other common building materials like brick or concrete.

Do metal roofs rust? Rust occurs when iron reacts with oxygen and water, causing oxidation that deteriorates the metal. That's why ProVia metal roofing panels are treated with 11 total layers of anti-corrosive coating that prevent moisture from reaching the metal, ensuring each panel is protected.

To learn more about the benefits of metal roofing, visit provia.com. "Don't let misinformation deter you from selecting your next roof wisely. Metal roofing is durable, beautiful and safe," says Chance Shalosky, ProVia Metal Roofing product manager.



Metal slate roofing combines beauty and durability.

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Now is the time to give your mower a tune-up

(StatePoint) As the weather starts to turn in early spring, giving your mower a tune-up is a must for performance, safety and efficiency.

"Before the spring season truly kicks off, take stock of your mower's maintenance needs. Paying a bit of attention to your machine now will set you up for a smooth and easy cutting season, and extend the life of your mower," says Exmark marketing manager, Lenny Mangnall.

In addition to consulting your owner's manual to determine tasks specific to your model, you can also follow this checklist from Exmark to make sure your mower is in top shape:

1. **Change the oil.** A healthy engine is a happy engine.
2. **Sharpen or replace blades.** Fresh blades cut faster, smoother and cleaner.
3. **Give the mower a deep clean.** Use a putty knife to remove caked grass from un-



Spring is the perfect time to put a fresh edge on mower blades.

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- der the deck.
4. **Replace old fuel.** Never use fuel left in the tank from the last season.
5. **Check on the tires.** Low tire pressure is a performance issue and a safety hazard.

6. **Inspect engine belts.** Check belt tension and wear to help your engine perform at its best.

7. **Replace spark plugs.** Fresh spark plugs help your mower start and run smoothly.

For additional details and instructions on each item on this checklist, read the full article "Is Your Lawn Mower Ready for Spring?" The article can be found at Exmark's Backyard Life, a unique multimedia destination focused on

helping homeowners improve their outdoor living spaces. There you can find more articles, DIY project ideas, and view Exmark Original Series videos on topics ranging from lawn and grass care to gardening, landscaping and even fishing and barbecuing.

Work smarter, not harder in your yard. Give your mower a little love at the start of the season to help ensure you get reliable performance all spring and summer.

Did you know?

(MCC) The market research experts at Business Research Insights report that the three-season sunroom market size is projected to nearly double between 2026 and 2035. BRI reports that 65 percent of homeowners prefer cost-effective sunrooms when seeking to extend their living space. The popularity of sunrooms can be traced to a number of variables, including year-round access to a home's surround-

ing landscape. That access might be hindered if the only spaces to experience nature is a patio, deck or another traditional type of outdoor living space. But sunrooms, particularly those equipped with heating and cooling, can bring homeowners in touch with nature during times of year when they might otherwise be compelled to steer clear of their outdoor living spaces due to less welcoming weather.



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‘Shed hunting’ has evolved into targeted outdoor activity

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ALBANY – Just because the Georgia Deer season has come to an end doesn’t mean the search for big antlers has to end. Shed hunting allows hunters to continue the quest.

Over the past few decades, finding a shed antler has transitioned from being an incidental occurrence to a targeted outdoor activity.

Shed hunting is the act of deliberately searching for the naturally dropped antlers from deer, elk and other cervids. Like most members of the family Cervidae, white-tail deer grow and shed a set of new antlers each year. Human attraction to antlers can be traced back to their depiction in early paleolithic art and use as tools.

A horn’s interior bone structure is covered by an exterior keratin sheath similar to the human fingernail. In comparison, an antler is attached to the skull at a point above the eyes known as a pedicle. While growing, an antler is covered by a highly vascular skin called velvet, which supplies the rapidly growing bone with oxygen and nutrients. Antler growth occurs at the tip as cartilage.

The rapid growth of this cartilage places immense nutritional demands on the buck as the antlers grow. During this period, the deer’s body will not sacrifice skeletal growth for antler growth. This is one reason that many hunters now supply supplemental feed and minerals for the deer on their property.

In late fall, when a buck’s antlers have achieved their full size as determined by a combination of factors including age, genetics, and nutrition, the cartilage converts to bone. At this point the velvet, which is no longer needed, dies and is forcibly rubbed off the now hardened dead bone, revealing the new set of antlers in their most recognizable stage.

The hardened antlers serve the buck in a number of ways.

They are a visible marker of his maturity and dominance. They are also effective weapons for self-defense against predators as well as establishing breeding dominance over other bucks.

Just as antler growth is triggered by the lengthening hours of daylight in the summer, the shortening hours of sunlight in late winter influence the hormonal changes experienced by the male deer. These changes lead to osteopenia, or bone loose, at the pedicle, allowing the antlers to fall off. This occurs earlier in the year in northern regions and later in the year in southern regions. Deer on trail cameras in southwest Georgia are currently showing evidence of shedding.

Shed hunting has become a popular outdoor activity for a multitude of reasons. A primary attraction is the beauty and utility of the antlers in their own right. They are sought today for the same form and function as they were during the paleolithic age more than 2 million years ago. Today they can be seen in floral arrangements, fashioned into chandeliers, or used as handles for knives, canes, and riding crops. Shed antlers even have a monetary value based upon their size and condition.

Beyond their beauty, the discovery of sheds can provide valuable clues for the next hunting season. First and foremost, a shed antler is physical proof that the deer sporting that chunk of bone survived the hunting season. Match the shed to the antlers on deer captured by trail cameras, and hunters know they at least have a chance of seeing that deer again next season.

This can be an important clue to the survival of a “target buck” that doesn’t look that unique on camera following the shed. The condition of a shed antler can provide a clue to deer herd health. When a hunter finds a shed antler with a base that is level with the burr or hollowed out deeper into the shed antler, it is an indication that the buck was under stress one to



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two months earlier.

Whereas a base that protrudes above the burr is an indication that the buck was healthy, a healthy buck-to-doe ratio seems to indicate chances of finding sheds would be high. However, start a dedicated search for them, and hunters will soon realize it ain’t that easy. Finding a matching set is even more difficult and can be even harder for mature bucks. Most shed hunters find only a few a year.

There are several methods recommended for hunting sheds. Some shed hunters lean toward the uniformity of search patterns. They utilize a grid pattern to ensure maximum ground coverage and a circular search pattern to locate matching sheds when a shed is found. The circular search pattern has proven to be productive in this scenario, as bucks tend to drop both antlers at about the same time. “About” being a nebulous term, as the time between the first and second antler dropping can vary significantly.

Age and health seem to be determining factors controlling the time span with older, healthier deer traveling greater distances before the buck is a skin head.

One aid in searching for the second antler is to mark the spot where the first antler was found before moving to search for its mate. Toilet paper makes a great environmentally friendly

marker. For the tech-savvy shed hunter, dropping a pin works well. It also aids in returning to the area in following years.

Some shed hunters have the sheds of the same deer, chronicling antler growth over the deer’s life span. Marking the location of sheds along a given trail also provides proof that it is used by bucks. Shed hunting has become so mainstream that many even have the image of a shed antler to use as an appropriate icon identifying a pin.

This prevalence of sheds along deer trails highlights the reason some shed hunters deviate from the search grid method, preferring to follow deer trails between known feeding and bedding locations. Following these trails so soon after the end of the hunting season can provide additional information relating to the deer herd on a given property.

Areas where scrapes and rubs are prevalent are good locations to search thoroughly. For those that have never purposefully hunted for sheds, there is the misconception that the bones will be easy to find. Spending a few hours searching leads to the discovery that this is not the case.

Successful shed hunters do not look for “whole” antlers, just as successful deer hunters seldom look for whole deer. The art of shed hunting is very similar to hunting for arrowheads. The clues to their existence in a natural setting are often re-



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Many hunters seek deer “sheds” when hunting season ends.

vealed by a glimpse of a color or shape that doesn’t appear to be natural in its setting.

Small sheds are quickly covered by falling leaves and growing brush. When they are in prime condition and still bearing their natural pigmentation, they can be almost invisible against the leafy duff on the forest floor. As they weather they become whiter, offering a slight contrast and making them a little easier to spot. Generally, you will not see the whole antler, and depending on how it lands when dropped, the profile visible to the hunter is unique.

Some hunters focus on the areas where trails cross fences, ditches and eroded areas where deer may be forced to jump and antlers may be more likely to drop. Other hunters look at the thickest cover along a trail, believing the buck may snag a loosening rack in a tangle. Some shed hunters resort to placing bungee cords and other obstructions on deer feeders, hoping to snag or snare a loose antler.

Another trick is to scan dormant fields with binoculars in hopes of catching the glint of

light of the whitened bone in contrast to the cover or weeds growing there.

Shed hunters are not the only mammals searching for dropped antlers. Field mice and squirrels seek them for the nutritional benefits they provide. Antlers are rich in essential minerals, including calcium and phosphorous, critical for the development of teeth and bones. The process of gnawing on the antler also helps keep their continuously growing incisors trimmed. Foxes and coyotes also chew on the shed antlers.

These animals locate sheds through scent and visual observation. As antlers age, the scent of the critical minerals they contain weakens. The same senses allow dogs to locate sheds. As a result, many shed hunters actually train their canine companions to assist them in the search for the elusive bones.

Regardless of the motivation to become a bone hunter, now’s the time to take to the woods and beat out the squirrels in their annual quest for these natural treasures.

When quail season ends, dog training season is just beginning

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY – When the Georgia quail season ends Saturday, savvy hunters know that they don’t have to wait eight months to enjoy working their dogs. There is no closed season for training dogs on private property in Georgia, and thanks to the efforts of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources,

year-round bird dog training is permitted on select Wildlife Management Areas. Fortunately for hunters living in southwest Georgia, El Model and Albany Nursery are two of those WMAs.

Persons training dogs for hunting are required to have a valid hunting license unless they are hunting on their own land or the land of an immediate relative. In Georgia, im-

mediate relative is defined as a spouse, child, sibling or parent, or the spouse of a child, sibling, or xx parent.

When training pointing, flushing or retrieving dogs, it is unlawful to possess firearms except handguns with blank or shot cartridges or shotguns with No.6 or smaller shot. Pen-raised quail or pigeons may be used in training. However, the dog trainer must maintain proof of purchase of the pen-raised quail.

The dog training areas managed by the DNR are managed with fire, as appropriate, and have limited vehicle accessibility allowing easy access. When using these training areas, be sure to leave them cleaner than you found them. Pick up your fired shells and any debris associated with your training sessions, including bird boxes. Harvested birds should be removed so that they do not attract predators, scavengers, or interfere with the training efforts of others.

Hunters should restrict their training exercises to the appropriate designated areas so

that they do not disturb wild game species in other areas of the WMA. The same WMAs with designated dog training areas are working to establish resident populations of wild quail, and not following this restriction is not only illegal but counterproductive to long term management efforts on the WMA.

The availability of pen-raised quail is not consistent throughout the year, so special arrangements with breeders need to be made to ensure availability for training purposes. The shooting of wild quail is illegal. For this reason, more dog trainers are reconsidering the old-school practice of raising homing pigeons for training purposes.

With a simple backyard coop, the dedicated trainer can keep a small flock of pigeons for training purposes. The benefit of training with pigeons is that they can be used anywhere and, following their release during training exercises, will generally beat you back to the house, where they will be ready to train another day.



Special Photo



Special Photo

Some wildlife management areas allow hunters to train their dogs after quail season.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices

The Dougherty County Democratic Committee will qualify Democratic Candidates for the upcoming Primary of the 2026 Election Cycle. Qualifying starts on March 2, 2026 and ends on March 6, 2026 at 12 Noon.

Qualifying will be held at 1347 Silas Lane, Albany, GA
Qualifying date and times: **By Appointment only.** Contact Benny Hand at 229- 291-2888.

Qualifying fees should be paid with a postal money order, a bank issued cashier's check, or personal check.

In notification,
Chair Barlow
Joyce Barlow

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Apt/Dupl/Con-
do/T'homes for rent

ROOM FOR RENT, male or female, \$750. Furnished. 229-244-3941.



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HUNTING LEASE LAND WANTED. Senior man/men seeking hunting lease. Size of property is flexible. Contact Bill, 352-697-9661

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Garage Sale: 4104 Radium Springs Road. 8am-4pm. bedroom/table sets, clothes, bed, sectional & more.

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ESTATE SALE
SATURDAY 8AM-2PM
222 BRENDA LANE
Off Ledo Rd.
Queen bed sets,
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rugs, lots of furniture,
spreads, kitchenware
wall décor, knick-knacks
CHOP BLOCK
Rain or shine

JOBS

Full-Time

Industrial Engineer III needed by Heatcraft Refrigeration Products LLC in Tifton, GA. Responsible for complex planning activities related to equipment layouts in plant, office, & production facilities; & conduct studies to determine most efficient sequence of operations & workflow considering the maximum utilization of production facilities & personnel, while ensuring workplace safety. To apply, email resume to ron.wieland@lennox.com. Refer to job code APOR-N.

Memorial Hospital and Manor has immediate openings for full time Medical Technologist, BS MedTech, AMT or ASCP certified, with at least 12

Full-Time

months experience as a Medical Technologist. Located at 1500 East Shotwell St. Bainbridge, GA. 39819
Send resume to: Attn: Human Resource, 1500 East Shotwell St., Bainbridge, GA 39819

Albany Legals

Adoptions

A-188
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA In Re: Adoption of Petition of BETHEENA TEEMER BAKER and ANDREW CORNELIUS BAKER, SR., for the adoption of AYANNAH RENEE FICKLIN by and NOTICE OF PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS To: GEORGE EDWARD FICKLIN, the Presumed Legal Father, of a AYANNAH RENEE FICKLIN, born in 2010. You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition for AYANNAH RENEE FICKLIN has been filed in the above-styled Court by BETHEENA TEEMER BAKER and ANDREW CORNELIUS BAKER, SR., through their attorney, Christopher A. Flowers of Smith & Flowers Law, P.C. Civil Action File No. 26A6-2. The mother of the child has consented to the adoption. Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 19-8-10 and 19-8-11 and other pertinent laws, you are advised that a hearing has been scheduled for May 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. before the Honorable Victoria S. Darrisaw. Further, you are advised that you have the right to appear at said hearing. You should contact the attorney for Petitioner, Christopher A. Flowers, Smith & Flowers Law, P.C. P.O. Box 70879, Albany, Georgia 31708/ 504 N. Jefferson Street, Albany, Georgia 31701, telephone 229-434-1070 for further information. All notices to or correspondence with the Petitioner and copies of all pleadings or proceedings you may file in any court in regard to the above-referenced Child should be served upon him. Dated this 26th day of February, 2026.

Construction/
Service Bids

INVITATION TO BID
Power Conduit & Wire
Installation Phase 3
BID REF. 26-039

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM, on March 19, 2026. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM, on February 27, at the Procurement division office. A 5% Bid Bond is required of all bidders. Documents can be obtained from the Procurement Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and at www.albanyga.gov. For additional information, contact Joshua Williams, Procurement Manager, at jswilliams@albanyga.gov.

By: Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

INVITATION TO BID
Airport Fire Station Roof
BID REF. #26-038

Sealed bids will be received by City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM on March 27, 2026. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on March 4, at 3905 Newton Road, Ste. 100, Albany, GA 31701. A 5% Bid Bond is required of all bidders if the bid exceeds \$250,000. Bid documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Ricky Gladney, Buyer, at rgladney@albanyga.gov.

By: Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

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, March 24, 2026, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project Title:
Water Meter Replacement
CDBG No. 24p-x-019-2-6372
CITY OF CALHOUN
ARLINGTON, ARLHOUN AND
EARLY COUNTY, GEORGIA

The project consists of: Replacement of approximately 512 - ¾" water meters, 4 - 1" water meters, 20 – 1 ½" water meters, 3 – 2 1/2" water meters and 1 - 4" water meters with AMI read water meters and data collection system for operation.

The specifications and other contract documents may be examined at:

SOWEGA Engineering, LLC
158 East Lee Street
Dawson, Georgia 39842

Copies may be obtained at the office of SOWEGA Engineering, LLC, P.O. Box 735, Dawson, Georgia 39842, upon payment of \$250.00 for each set. No refunds will be made.

The time of performance will be 150 days.

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

Construction/
Service Bids

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 lowincome 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.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. The bid security should be at least five (5%) of the bid.

All bids will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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

Corporations

A-153
NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

Notice is given that Articles of Incorporation, which will incorporate ZIVA 0123 CORP have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 3126 Cane Mill Drive, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia 31721. The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is KRUPALI BODAR.
February 21, 28, 2026

Debtors &
Creditors

A-145
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTIN JEREMY LYNCH, Deceased.
All creditors of the estate of MARTIN JEREMY LYNCH, Estate number 2025-ES-454 late of Dougherty County, deceased, 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.
This 9th day of February, 2026.
John George Mansour, Esq.
Administrator
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC
675 Seminole Ave, Suite 301
Atlanta, GA 30307
404.806.7384
mansour@ayoubmansour.com
February 14, 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 2026

A-177
GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of **SHERYL YVETTE HANIF**, Deceased, to submit an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
SALAHUDDIN H. HANIF, Petitioner
5615 Oak Borough Ln.
Albany, GA 31721
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-123
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Gary Wayne Rogers, 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 2nd day of February 2026.
Kelly Ann Rogers
Executrix of the Estate of Gary Wayne Rogers
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

Debtors &
Creditors

A-183
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
RE: ESTATE OF SARA JAMES BENSON, DECEASED
All creditors of said estate are notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Juanita Jennifer James, Executor
c/o DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson St
Albany, GA 31701
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-152
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of **Melvyn R. Cooper**, late of said County, are hereby notified

to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 2nd day of February, 2026.
Barbara Ann Cooper, Executor of the Estate of **Melvyn R. Cooper**, Deceased c/o Kathryn Fowler Moore Gatewood, Skipper, Rambo & Moore, P. C. Post Office Box 488 Americus, Georgia 31709
February 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 2026

A-124
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Rhonda Vaughan Lambert deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 2nd day of February, 2026.
Artis Matthew Miller
Administrator of the Estate of Rhonda Vaughan Lambert
730 Youngblood Road
Sylvestre, GA 31791
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-120
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the ESTATE OF **DARLENE WILBANKS MUSE** deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 7th day of February, 2026.
Carol Griffin Boyd,
Administrator of the Estate of Darlene Wilbanks Muse
470 US Highway 82
Leesburg, Georgia 31763
Hall & Williamson, P.C.
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-144
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of **WILLIE B. CORBETT**, SR. deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 9th day of February, 2026.
Willie B. Corbett, Jr.,
Administrator of the Estate of Willie B. Corbett, Sr.
3209 Harvest Lane
Albany, GA 31721
February 14, 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 2026

A-174
NOTICE

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Robert Simon Croak, 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 23rd day of February, 2026.
Heide Marie Fallin, Executor
Kirbo & Kirbo, P.C.
P. O. Box 70519
Albany, GA 31708-0519
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-118
NOTICE

GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of George Dixon, deceased, to present an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Queen Moses, Executrix of the Estate of George Dixon
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-162
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Samuel Roy Swihart 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 17th day of February, 2026.
Amy Jeanne Swihart, Executrix of the Estate of Samuel Roy Swihart
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701
February 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 2026

A-161
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

State of Georgia,

Debtors &
Creditors

County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2025-ES-078
All creditors of the Estate of Christine Crumbley, 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.
Carolyn Townsell
Administrator of the Estate of Christine Crumbley
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
February 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 2026

Divorces

A-129
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: LaShona Kirk
v.
Respondent: Darrel Kirk
Civil Action Case Number: 26-SU-CV-48

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Darrel Kirk, Respondent Named Above:
This notice has been published to let you know that a Complaint for Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on January 21, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on January 28, 2026. 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 816 Northside DR., Apt 1, Moultrie, GA 31768. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Petition for Complaint For Divorce. This the 28th day of January 2026.
Judge, Joseph W. Bent
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-185
Dougherty COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Sarah Hilliard
V.
Respondent: Damon Hilliard
Civil Action
Case Number SUCU 2025001262

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Damon Hilliard ,Respondent Named Above:
This notice has been published to let you know that a Complaint for Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on December 12, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on February 11, 2026. 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 610 Johnson Rd., Lot 09, Albany, GA 31705. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Complaint for Divorce. This the 11th day of February, 2026.
Joseph W. Dent
Judge of Dougherty County Superior Court.
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-176
THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA
LAWRENCE BROWN, Plaintiff,
vs. **DEBRA EDWARDS**, Defendant.
Civil Action No. SUCV2026000166
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT BY PUBLICATION
To: **DEBRA EDWARDS**
By order of the Court for Service by Publication dated the FEBRUARY 23rd, 2026, you are hereby notified that on the 18th day of February 2026, **LAWRENCE BROWN**, filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Christopher A. Flowers, at P.O. Box 70875, Albany, Ga. 31708 an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the 28th day of February 2026. You are advised that a hearing has been scheduled for May 20, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. by Webex at www.webex.com Meeting number: 2555 237 4082 Password:Y2535d3SRz before the Honorable Victoria Darrisaw. Further, you are advised that you have the right to appear at said hearing. WITNESS, the Honorable Victoria Darrisaw of Dougherty County Superior Court. This the 23rd day of February, 2026.
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

Grand Jury
Presentments

A-187
DOUGHERTY COUNTY GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT JANUARY TERM 2026

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. 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 Sheriff's Office, and the Albany Dougherty Special Investigative Unit (ADSIU), and specifically ADSIU Investigator Jontrevius Keith who provided us

Grand Jury
Presentments

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 bailiffs, Clarence Lanier and Vernon Fowler.
We further thank Corporal Lashana Hudson, Albany Police Department, and Tiesha Howard and Desmond Cook, Aspire Behavioral Health, for providing us with information on the REACH Co-Response Team ("Responding, Engaging, and Cultivating Hope").
We further appreciate Clerk of Court, Phyllis Johnson, for providing us with information about the Board of Equalization and the duties assigned to that Board as well as the qualifications and the appointment process for its members. The Grand Jury hereby approves the appointment of Charles T. Pike and the reappointment of Mary Linda Cotton and Warren Hohl to the Board of Equalization for a three-year term each.
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.
The Grand Jury was presented with 66 Indictments, 65 were returned as True Bills and there was 1 No Bill. An additional 21 were filed by the District Attorney for Accusation.
The Grand Jury makes the following recommendations:

- We recommend that the County and City increase funding and manpower to support expansion of the Flock safety system to include additional license plate readers in high crime/traffic areas, implementation of Flock gunshot/crash audio detection devices, and strategically placed automated Flock Drones as First Responders. We further recommend research into the potential use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to augment manpower limitations to maximize effectiveness of such systems.
- We encourage local law enforcement to maximize the use of available federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) resources to combat illegal gun crimes and gang activity in the area. We further recommend agencies continue to use Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) and maximize the resources of the Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs) as well as increase opportunities for joint operations with the ATF to provide cost effective gun/gang crime reduction for our community.
- We recommend the Dougherty County Sheriff's Office utilize a social media platform or some other public website to notify the Dougherty County citizens of challenges, constraints, and needs facing the Sheriff's Office. We would also suggest the Sheriff's Office identify opportunities for private citizens to participate in, improve, or otherwise assist with the Sheriff's Office endeavors.
- We recommend the City and County leaders create new or expanded tax incentives to attract industry and new businesses to the area. We believe the creation of new industries and businesses will provide additional employment opportunities that will help reduce crime in the area.
- We recommend that the Sheriff's Office upgrade its Information Technology (IT) assets (operating systems) to ensure the systems are supported by the vendors. We believe such upgrades are vital for privacy and the protection of inmate personal identifiable information.
- We recommend the City and County establish a volunteer-based or court-ordered community service litter patrol. We have observed a significant litter problem in the community, and we believe a litter patrol will help reduce roadside trash and promote a cleaner, more attractive environment.
- We recommend the City and County remove county-wide contracted school zone cameras but instead improve the visibility of school zones by using advanced warning lights.
- We recommend the courts, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office, utilize contempt proceedings for citizens who fail to appear in court pursuant to summons for jury duty. We have observed that too many citizens have to be summoned to ensure that sufficient numbers appear to meet jury selection requirements. Using contempt proceedings or other available options to address citizens who fail to appear for jury duty will send the message that receiving a court summons is a serious legal event that requires immediate attention. Ignoring a summons can accelerate legal consequences that can permanently impact a person's finances and freedom.
- We encourage the development of more City and County sponsored youth activities such as sports leagues, parks, and skating rinks, etc.
- We recommend the City and County enforce building and maintenance code violations to include city, school, and privately-owned properties. We believe strict enforcement of building and maintenance codes will improve the appearance of the community and the value of properties.
- We recommend the County increase funding for Sheriff's Office personnel to be competitive with surrounding jurisdictions to ensure we are able to attract the best possible candidates. Respectfully submitted on the 25th

Grand Jury
Presentments

day of February 2026.
Jeffrey Wade Sanders - Foreperson
Jennifer Nell Napier -Vice Foreperson
Chaka Rayne Cobb - Secretary
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY:
THE GRAND JURORS, selected, chosen and sworn for the County of Dougherty, to wit:
1. Jeffrey Wade Sanders -Foreperson
2. Jennifer Nell Napier -Vice Foreperson
3 Chaka Rayne Cobb - Secretary
4. Tyra Jenkins Appling- Sgt. At Arms
5. Kayla Renee Summers
6. Andrea Teresa Dauphinais
7. Melanese Deloris Roberts
8. Emarlo Rofuri Williams
9. Andrea Carol Isler
10. Mary Simpson Mcree
11. Drew Bailey Allen
12. San-Toy Sharetta Briley
13. Mari De'Andrea Mills
14. Edward Burton Newcomb
15. Jonterrias Dejuan Hope
16. Henry Rhodes Hancock
17. Michella Hawkins
18. Takira D. Williams
19. Susan Strickland Cooper
20. Johnnie B. Morris Jr.
21. Daffne Elizabeth Woodard
22. Linda Hall King
23. Franklin Eugene Bell Jr.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: JANUARY TERM GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS
ORDER
The Grand Jury concluded its service today and made its written and oral presentations in open court. Same shall be filed by the Clerk of Court and published in the legal organ as required by state law. So, ordered, this 25th day of February 2026..
Judge of Superior Court
Dougherty Judicial Circuit
February 28, 2026

Juvenile Court

A-131
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF: O.M. B/M 06/19/2024
To: all unknown biological fathers, putative fathers, legal fathers, or any other individuals alleging custody or any other individuals who might be the father of O.M. B/M 06/19/2024 born to mother Rhonique Myers on the aforementioned date
To: Rhonique Myers, biological mother and any other individuals alleging custody or any other individuals who might be the mother of O.M. B/M 06/19/2024 born to mother Rhonique Myers on the aforementioned date
A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Manager on the 2nd day of February 2026. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks petition for guardianship. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Room G-7, Ground Floor, Albany, Georgia, 31701, phone 229-431-2162.

By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on or about the 14th day of November, 2025, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, located at 225 Pine Avenue, Room G-7, Ground Floor, Albany, Georgia, 31701, within sixty (30) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 17th day of March, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.

You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, William Godfrey. Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.

Witness the Honorable Herbie L. Solomon, Judge of said Court this 2nd day of February, 2026.
Tequila B. Woods, Clerk
Dougherty County Juvenile Court
Dougherty Judicial Circuit
William Godfrey
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 2321
Albany, Georgia 31702 Phone (229) 573-7225/wigodfrey@wigodfrey.com
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

Miscellaneous

DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Tameca L. Smith
vs.

Respondent: Quincy Harper
Civil Action Case Number: 23CV1145-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Quincy Harper
Respondent Named Above:

This notice has been published to let you know that a Contempt case was filed against you in the Superior Court on November 11, 2023. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on February

Miscellaneous

23, 2026. 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 2216 Stuart Ave., Albany, GA 31707. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything she asked for in the Petition for Contempt.

This the 23rd day of December, 2025.

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

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC MEETING

The Albany-Dougherty Historic Preservation Commission will conduct a public meeting on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.** (In-Person) Historic Preservation Commission meetings are open to the public. Please note, there is also a virtual option. The meeting will take place at the following location.

240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, GA 31701

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/95219225113?pwd=VU94ZzNpbFdtS2dMMN04YUz1lYWx6UT09>
Meeting ID: 952 1922 5113
Passcode: 515128
One tap mobile
+16465588656,95219225113#,,, *51 5128# US (New York)

26-015 HISTORIC – 310 W Tift Ave: COA request by Jody Widner for the installation of porch railing.

Exact description of the property is on file at the Planning & Development Services Department, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 300, and may be reviewed along with any other information regarding this request between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone number is (229) 438-3901

As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Albany does not discriminate based on disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The Human Resources Department has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided there, is available at the office of Human Resources.

The City of Albany will assist citizens with special needs given proper notice (7 working days). Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in any open meeting, program, or activity of the City of Albany, Georgia should be directed to Paul Forgey, AICP, Director, Planning and Development Services, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, Georgia, 31701, (229) 438-3901.

Name Changes

A-139
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Penny Cooper Spence
Civil Action File No.
26-SUCV-121

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Dougherty County Notice is hereby given that Penny Cooper Spence petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 13th day of February, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Penny Cooper Spence to Penny Velainea Cooper Spence. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 13th day of February, 2026
Penny Cooper Spence
Petitioner
February 14, 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 2026

Probate Court Administration

A-083
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: PATRICIA DIANNE BROOKINS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-024
Susan Marie Ruckman has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate **PATRICIA DIANNE BROOKINS**, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **March 23, 2026**.

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
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-155
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: DELMAR MAURICE KENISON - FILE NO: 2025-ES-364
MARY ANN KENISON - FILE NO: 2025-ES-365
Jon Parish Parker has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of both

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estates for the Deceased of said County, listed above. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **March 16, 2026**. 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.
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February 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 2026

A-171
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: REBECCA WANGEN KIMSEY
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-332
Donald Kimsey, Jr., has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate **REBECCA WANGEN KIMSEY**, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **March 23, 2026**.

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.
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Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-156
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: GREGORY SCOTT CRIBB
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-050
Nicholas Scott Cribb has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate **GREGORY SCOTT CRIBB**, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **March 16, 2026**.

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.
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A-165
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: Z'ARIAH DEASIA WARD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-039
Gracie Watts has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate **Z'ARIAH DEASIA WARD**, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **March 23, 2026**.

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.
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February 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-165
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: Z'ARIAH DEASIA WARD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-039
Gracie Watts has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate **Z'ARIAH DEASIA WARD**, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **March 23, 2026**.

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.
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Probate Court 12 mth Support

A-114
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: PRICILLA LYNN TERRY
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-329
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Todd Evan Whitehead** for a year's support from the estate of **PRICILLA LYNN TERRY**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any,

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on or before **March 2, 2026**, 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.
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February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-154
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: BILL SHEDD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-055
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Kathleen Roberts Shedd** for a year's support from the estate of **BILL SHEDD**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **March 16, 2026**, 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.
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A-160
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: RICHARD M. MARKHEIM
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-055
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Jane Ann Markheim** for a year's support from the estate of **RICHARD M. MARKHEIM**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **March 23, 2026**, 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.
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A-160
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: RICHARD M. MARKHEIM
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-055
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Jane Ann Markheim** for a year's support from the estate of **RICHARD M. MARKHEIM**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **March 23, 2026**, 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.
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Albany, GA 31702
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February 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

Probate Court Discharge

A-169
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2025-ES-127
PETITION OF LAUREN H. WILLIAMSON, ESQUIRE
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT JAMES SPAN, II
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 11, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
LEISA G. BLOUNT, PROBATE JUDGE
Dougherty County Probate Court
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Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102
February 28, 2026

A-168
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2025-ES-075
PETITION OF MICHAEL PAUL HERRIN, JR., and TAMARA LYNN MONTOYA
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE ESTATE OF: MICHAEL PAUL HERRIN
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 11, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for

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any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
LEISA G. BLOUNT, PROBATE JUDGE
Dougherty County Probate Court
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(229) 431-2102
February 28, 2026

A-082
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2024-ES-385
PETITION OF WILLIAM HARVEY ELLIS
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA ANNE GARDNER
TO: MACAYLA GRACE GARDNER AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 2, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-167
NOTICE
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2025-ES-187
PETITION OF ROBERT A. WILSON
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: KATIE L. WILSON
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 11, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
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February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-167
NOTICE
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2025-ES-187
PETITION OF ROBERT A. WILSON
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: KATIE L. WILSON
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 11, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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February 28, 2026

A-169
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2025-ES-127
PETITION OF LAUREN H. WILLIAMSON, ESQUIRE
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT JAMES SPAN, II
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February 28, 2026

Public Hearings

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - STREET CLOSING
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 56-142 of the Code of the City of Albany, Georgia, that the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany, Georgia, will give consideration, at its Regular Meeting to be held on the March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to the closing of the following:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in a portion of Land Lot 201 of the 1st Land District in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a point which is the intersection of the south R/W of U.S. 82 (Clark Avenue) and the west R/W of Marie Road which is the Point of Commencement; thence run S88deg59'55"W along the south R/W of U.S. 82 (Clarke Avenue) for a distance of 85.18 feet to a point; thence run S89deg15'44"W for a distance of 64.86 feet along the south R/W of U.S. 82 (Clark Avenue) to a point which is on the east R/W of the Alley, which is the Point of Beginning; thence run S00deg29'40"W along the east R/W of the Alley for a distance of 292.53 feet to a' point; leaving the east R/W of the alley, thence run N89deg30'20"W a distance of 20.00 feet to a point on the west R/W of the Alley; thence run N00deg29'40"E along the west R/W of the Alley a distance of 291.95 feet to a point which in the intersection of the west R/W of the Alley and the south R/W of U.S. Highway 82 (Clark Avenue); thence run S89deg37'07"E along the south R/W of U.S. Highway 82 (Clark Avenue) a distance of 20.00 feet to a point which is the Point of Beginning.

Said Tract contains 0.13 acres.

A public hearing will be held at 8:30 a.m. on March 17, 2026, in Room 100, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia with respect to same.

This 28th day of February, 2026.
Michael M. Custer
City Attorney
222 Pine Ave., Suite 560
Albany, Georgia 31701
229.431.2805
mcuster@albanyga.gov

February 28, March 7, March 14 and March 21, 2026

Public Sales/ Auctions

Public Sales/ Auctions

A-088
Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Monday, March 16, 2026
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
136 Amy Griffin: Dryer, flooring & misc.
449 Tamika Barkley: Washer & Dryer, dresser, TV, bed, end tables & misc.
712 Amy Griffin: Chairs, table, boxes, shelves & misc.
February 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 2026

A-158
Abandoned Motor Vehicle Advertisement Notice
Vehicle Make - Chevy
Year 2019
model-sonic
Vehicle ID# - 1G / JG 6 SB 7K 4 1 1 8794
Vehicle License # - CZG8368
State - Ga
February 21, 28, 2026

You are hereby notified in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19.1 (B) (2) that the above referenced vehicle are subject to a lien and a petition has been 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 dept. The Vehicle is currently located at 313 N Jefferson St, Albany GA 31701. Anyone with an ownership interest in this Vehicle should contact the following business immediate at Miles Towing & Recovery 313 N Jefferson St, Albany GA 31701 or Call 899-431-2949. Thanks
February 21, 28, 2026

A-182
UNKNOWN VEHICLES PAINT PRO TOWING, LLC

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

1.) Mini Bike
Towed 2/4/26
South Mock/Short Rd.
February 28, March 7, 2026

A-178
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT
You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: PAINT PRO TOWING, LLC
Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's Office or on n l i n e at:www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

1.) 2013 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGCRR2F31DA255760
Case # 2026-43AV

2.) 2017 Dodge Journey
Vin # 3CP4PDCABXHT556996
Case # 2026-45AV

3.) 1976 Ford F-150
Vin # F15BNA02409
Case # 2026-44AV

4.) 2013 Nissan Altima
Vin # 1N4AL3AP2DC103102
Case # 2026-40AV

5.) 2015 Nissan Altima
Vin # 1N4AL3AP9FC579608
Case # 2026-42AV

6.) 2010 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGCSP1B80AA013375
Case # TCK4640

7.) 2011 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGPCP2F65BA112534
Case # 2026-41AV
February 28, March 7, 2026

A-180
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. The vehicles are currently located at Professional Locators and Recovery, Inc. 1107 Centennial Ave. Albany, GA 31707. The vehicle(s) subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

2018 Nissan
Maxima/VIN:1N4AA6APXJC384956/
TAG:SKW3934 GA

2010 Acura
TSX/VIN:JH4CU2F6XAC01721/TA
G:SAS7865 GA

2015 Jeep
Compass/VIN:1C4NJDEB2FD20749
4/TAG:BR23337 CT

2021 KIA
Soul/VIN:KNDJ23AU4M7762908/T
AG:CRJ3709 GA

2003 Chevrolet Suburban/VIN:
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Premises now or hereafter existing, and all amendments, renewals and extensions thereof (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Leases"); All present and future guaranties of the performance of any lessee under any of the Leases and all letters of credit issued, and all other collateral granted, as security for the obligations of any tenant arising under or in connection with any of the Leases; All monies, deposit accounts, furniture, equipment, inventory, fixtures, accounts, accounts receivable, chattel paper, documents, investment property, trademarks and all trade name agreements, logos, licenses, instruments, contract rights, insurance proceeds, commercial tort claims, franchise agreements, software, letter of credit rights, and general intangibles (including payment intangibles) in which Grantor now or hereafter has an interest, individually or with others, and which are located upon, used in connection with, related to or arising out of the Premises, and all additions, accessions and accretions to, replacements and substitutions for, products of and proceeds from any of the foregoing, and any and all types of personal property in which a security interest may be perfected by filing in the Office of the Recorder of Dougherty County, Georgia; All insurance policies relating to the Premises and all claims and rights to payment of proceeds and other sums payable thereunder or in connection therewith; All awards, compensation and settlements in lieu thereof made as a result of the taking by power of eminent domain of the whole or any part of the Premises, including any awards for damages sustained to the Premises, for a temporary taking, change of grade of streets or taking of access; All present and future deposits and revenues relating to the Premises, including without limitation security deposits, replacement revenue escrows, tax and insurance escrows and working capital reserves or escrows, and all funds of Grantor from time to time on deposit with Lender; All present and future building permits, operating permits, variances, licenses, governmental permits and approvals, utility permits, certificates of occupancy, and other permits, approvals and authorizations now or hereafter issued in connection with the development, construction, equipping, maintenance or operation of the Premises; All present and future contracts or agreements relating to the design, development, construction, furnishing, equipping, operation, use or maintenance of the Premises, including without limitation all construction contracts and subcontracts, architectural contracts, engineering contracts and other design contracts and purchase agreements; All present and future contractor's, subcontractor's and supplier's warranties, guarantees of performance and undertakings with respect to services or materials furnished in connection with the design, development, construction, equipping, operation, use or maintenance of the Premises; All present and future service and other agreements relating to the operation, management, maintenance and repair of the Premises or the buildings and improvements thereon, whether now owned by Grantor or hereafter acquired or arising, including without limitation any present or future management agreement relating to the management or operation of the Premises; All present and future plans and specifications, surveys, site plans, soil reports, drawings and papers relating to the Premises and the development, design, construction and equipping of the improvements on the Premises, whether now owned by Grantor or hereafter acquired or arising; All present and future contracts and agreements providing for financial incentives, grants, tax credits, loans, infrastructure development by third parties or other financial support in connection with the design, development, construction, equipping, operation, use or maintenance of the Premises, including without limitation all tax increment financing agreements, bond financing agreements, tax credit allocations and awards, agreements for payment in lieu of taxes and other governmental project agreements; All building supplies and materials ordered or purchased for use in connection with the construction and equipping of the improvements on the Premises, whether now owned by Grantor or hereafter acquired or arising; All proceeds and contract rights and payments payable to Grantor under any loan commitment for financing of the Premises; Any contract or agreement previously or hereafter entered into by Grantor (but specifically excluding any of Grantor's obligations or liabilities arising in connection with in any such contract or agreement) which is an interest rate protection agreement, foreign currency exchange agreement, commodity price protection agreement, or other interest or currency exchange rate or commodity price hedging arrangement, including without limitation any contract or agreement relating to a rate swap, basis swap, forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, equity or equity index swap, equity or equity index option, bond option, interest rate option, foreign exchange transaction, cap transaction, floor transaction, collar transaction, forward transaction, currency swap transaction, cross-currency rate swap transaction, currency option or any other similar hedging arrangement or transaction; All present and future purchase and sale agreements for the purchase of any portion of the Premises or other property located on the Premises, including without limitation, security deposits, earnest money deposits, association fees or assessments, and related escrows; and All additions, accessions and accretions to, replacements and substitutions for, products of and any and all cash and non-cash proceeds from any of the property described above.

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.

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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 Holder and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Holder 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 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. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the owner of the Premises is the Grantor and the party or parties in possession of the Premises is the Grantor or tenants of the Grantor.

MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIANA
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February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt, Security Agreement and Assignment of Rents (Facility A) from The Gables North, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (the "Grantor") to and in favor of Merchants Bank of Indiana (the "Holder") dated July 29, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 5005, Page 58 and re-recorded in Deed Book 5030, Page 289, Dougherty County, Georgia records, as transferred and assigned (as assigned, amended and/or modified, the "Security Deed"), securing that certain Promissory Note (Facility A) dated July 29, 2022 in the original principal amount of \$8,391,000.00 executed by Grantor payable to Holder (as amended and/or modified, the "Note"), there will be sold at public outcry by Holder, as attorney-in-fact for Grantor, to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours for sale before the Courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia, on March 3, 2026, the following described land, improvements and appurtenances (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Premises") to: **926 Lippitt Drive, Albany, GA 31701**
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the northeast corner of the intersection of Slappey Drive and Lowe Road and go north 0 degrees 30 minutes west a distance of 1167.9 feet to a point; thence run north 87 degrees 30 minutes east a distance of 774.2 feet to a point and the point of beginning; from this point of beginning run north 87 degrees 30 minutes east a distance of 340 feet; thence run north 2 degrees 30 minutes west a distance of 427.9 feet to a point; thence run south 87 degrees 30 minutes west a distance of 340 feet to appoint; thence run south 2 degrees 30 minutes east a distance of 427.9 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being a part of Land Lot 361 in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia.

ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS:
All that tract or parcel of land and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the northeast corner of the intersection of Slappey Drive and Lowe Road and go north 01 degrees 32 minutes 37 seconds east a distance of 1187.90 feet to a point; thence run north 89 degrees 38 minutes 37 seconds east a distance of 774.20 feet to a point and the point of beginning; from this point of beginning run north 89 degrees 38 minutes 37 seconds east a distance of 340.00 feet; thence run north 00 degrees 21 minutes 23 seconds west a distance of 427.90 feet to a point; thence run south 89 degrees 38 minutes 37 seconds west a distance of 340.00 feet to a point; thence run south 00 degrees 21 minutes 23 seconds east a distance of 427.90 feet to the point of beginning. Said property being part of Land Lot 361 in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia.

TOGETHER WITH, All of the present and future estates, interests and rights of Grantor in and to (i) the Real Estate, (ii) all real estate in which Grantor may now or hereafter acquire an interest by reason of any accession or accretion with respect to the Real Estate and (iii) all real estate situated within the rights-of-way of any streets, alleys and roads adjoining the Real Estate; All buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures (including but not limited to all lighting fixtures and mechanical equipment) now or hereafter erected or placed in or upon the Real Estate or now or hereafter attached to or used in connection with the Real Estate to the extent such items may be considered part of the Real Estate under applicable law; All tenements, hereditaments, easements, appurtenances and other rights and privileges thereunto now or hereafter attaching and belonging, or in any way appertaining to the Real Estate, including without limitation (i) all surface and subsurface soils, (ii) all minerals, elements, oil, gas, and other commercially valuable substances which may be in, under or produced from any part of the Real Estate, (iii) all air rights, and (iv) all water and water rights;

All rents, issues, profits, income, cash, proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, instruments, letter of credit rights, insurance proceeds, deposit and other accounts, contract rights and general intangibles arising of or from the Real Estate or the improvements from time to time located thereon, including but not limited to the rents, income and profits arising from the operation of

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any business and all fees, charges, accounts or other payments for the use or occupancy of rooms and other public facilities in any hotel, motel, or other lodging properties located on the Real Estate (funds obtained as such rents, income, profits, fees, charges, accounts or other payments and held in any reserve, account or credit balance shall retain the character of such rents, income, profits, fees, charges, accounts or other payments); All interests, estates or other rights and claims, arising in law or in equity, which Grantor now has or may hereafter acquire in any of the foregoing, including without limitation any greater estate Grantor may hereafter acquire in the Real Estate or improvements located thereon (the interests, estates and other rights and claims described in paragraphs A through F are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Premises"); All leases, subleases, subtenancies, licenses, occupancy agreements and other agreements for the leasing, use, occupancy or enjoyment of any portion or all of the Premises now or hereafter existing, and all amendments, renewals and extensions thereof (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Leases"); All present and future guaranties of the performance of any lessee under any of the Leases and all letters of credit issued, and all other collateral granted, as security for the obligations of any tenant arising under or in connection with any of the Leases; All monies, deposit accounts, furniture, equipment, inventory, fixtures, accounts, accounts receivable, chattel paper, documents, investment property, trademarks and all trade name agreements, logos, licenses, instruments, contract rights, insurance proceeds, commercial tort claims, franchise agreements, software, letter of credit rights, and general intangibles (including payment intangibles) in which Grantor now or hereafter has an interest, individually or with others, and which are located upon, used in connection with, related to or arising out of the Premises, and all additions, accessions and accretions to, replacements and substitutions for, products of and proceeds from any of the foregoing, and any and all types of personal property in which a security interest may be perfected by filing in the Office of the Recorder of Dougherty County, Georgia; All insurance policies relating to the Premises and all claims and rights to payment of proceeds and other sums payable thereunder or in connection therewith; All awards, compensation and settlements in lieu thereof made as a result of the taking by power of eminent domain of the whole or any part of the Premises, including any awards for damages sustained to the Premises, for a temporary taking, change of grade of streets or taking of access; All present and future deposits and revenues relating to the Premises, including without limitation security deposits, replacement revenue escrows, tax and insurance escrows and working capital reserves or escrows, and all funds of Grantor from time to time on deposit with Lender; All present and future building permits, operating permits, variances, licenses, governmental permits and approvals, utility permits, certificates of occupancy, and other permits, approvals and authorizations now or hereafter issued in connection with the development, construction, equipping, maintenance or operation of the Premises; All present and future contracts or agreements relating to the design, development, construction, furnishing, equipping, operation, use or maintenance of the Premises, including without limitation all construction contracts and subcontracts, architectural contracts, engineering contracts and other design contracts and purchase agreements; All present and future contractor's, subcontractor's and supplier's warranties, guarantees of performance and undertakings with respect to services or materials furnished in connection with the design, development, construction, equipping, operation, use or maintenance of the Premises, including without limitation all tax increment financing agreements, bond financing agreements, tax credit allocations and awards, agreements for payment in lieu of taxes and other governmental project agreements; All building supplies and materials ordered or purchased for use in connection with the construction and equipping of the improvements on the Premises, whether now owned by Grantor or hereafter acquired or arising; All present and future contracts and agreements providing for financial incentives, grants, tax credits, loans, infrastructure development by third parties or other financial support in connection with the design, development, construction, equipping, operation, use or maintenance of the Premises, including without limitation all tax increment financing agreements, bond financing agreements, tax credit allocations and awards, agreements for payment in lieu of taxes and other governmental project agreements; All building supplies and materials ordered or purchased for use in connection with the construction and equipping of the improvements on the Premises, whether now owned by Grantor or hereafter acquired or arising; All proceeds and contract rights and payments payable to Grantor under any loan commitment for financing of the Premises; Any contract or agreement previously or hereafter entered into by Grantor (but specifically excluding any of Grantor's obligations or liabilities arising in connection with in any such contract or agreement) which is an interest rate protection agreement, foreign currency exchange agreement, commodity price protection agreement, or other interest or currency exchange rate or commodity price hedging arrangement, including without limitation any contract or agreement relating to a rate swap, basis swap,

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forward rate transaction, commodity swap, commodity option, equity or equity index swap, equity or equity index option, bond option, interest rate option, foreign exchange transaction, cap transaction, floor transaction, collar transaction, forward transaction, currency swap transaction, cross-currency rate swap transaction, currency option or any other similar hedging arrangement or transaction; All present and future purchase and sale agreements for the purchase of any portion of the Premises or other property located on the Premises, including without limitation, security deposits, earnest money deposits, association fees or assessments, and related escrows; and All additions, accessions and accretions to, replacements and substitutions for, products of and any and all cash and non-cash proceeds from any of the property described above.

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 Holder and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Holder 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 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. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the owner of the Premises is the Grantor and the party or parties in possession of the Premises is the Grantor or tenants of the Grantor.

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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 DENNIS DAVID GRAF AND PANDA GRAF to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR AB&T , dated 09/01/2017, and Recorded on 09/07/2017 as Book No. 4444 and Page No. 284 299, AS AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION AGREEMENTS BOOK 5040, PAGE 227 235 AND BOOK 5111, PAGE 245 254, 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 \$89,381.00, 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 March, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LAND LOT 223 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 17 OF LORETTA HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 127 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B 35), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE 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, 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 **931 BARRAGALE AVE, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31705** is/are: **DENNIS DAVID GRAF AND PANDA GRAF** 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

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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 DENNIS DAVID GRAF AND PANDA GRAF. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010652436 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398. February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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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 SYLVIA MOFFETT to CONSECO FIANCE SERVICING CORP , dated 06/20/2000, and Recorded on 07/10/2000 as Book No. 2109 and Page No. 042 048, DOUGHERTY County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTRY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005 HE1 (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$52,250.00, 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 March, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 225, EAST TOWN SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2 ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAME AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 33, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA; BEING 1019 INVERNESS ROAD ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF ALBANY, GEORGIA. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, 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). WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTRY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005 HE1 holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTRY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005 HE1 (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, NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING may be contacted at: NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, 601 OFFICE CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, 866 825 2174. 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 **1019 INVERNESS RD, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31705** is/are: SYLVIA MOFFETT or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. T h e sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL OR BANKING CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE COUNTRY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005 HE1 as Attorney in Fact for SYLVIA MOFFETT. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010691285 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398. February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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Notice of Sale Under Power
State of Georgia, County of Dougherty
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kyra J. Waldron to Rocket Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC (the Secured

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Creditor), dated February 21, 2025, and Recorded on February 27, 2025 as Book No. 5273 and Page No. 111, Dougherty County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$50,875.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Dougherty County, Georgia Records, 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 APRIL, 2026, the following described property: **All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 46 in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 3 of Hill Estates, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 175 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-65), in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.**
Tax ID: 00124/00001/14F
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. 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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Rocket Mortgage, LLC 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, Rocket Mortgage, LLC may be contacted at: 800-508-0944 or by writing to 1050 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. 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 **4911 HILL ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31705** is/are: Kyra J. Waldron 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 Security Deed 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. §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. Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC". Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Kyra J. Waldron. Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 25-47077
January 31, 2026, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026, April 4, 2026

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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 blvck bvllvd investments limited liability company to Angel Oak Prime Bridge LLC, dated April 13, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 4504, Page 252, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on April 14, 2023 in Book 5080 Page 159 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 Ninety Thousand Four Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$90,400.00), 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 March 3, 2026, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 85 OF PLANTATION HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 80 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B-56), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance, L.P. they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5 th Floor, Suite 500, Coppell, Texas 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid

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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 Blvck Bvllvd Investments LLC or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **3413 Plantation Dr, Albany, GA 31721**. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for blvck bvllvd investments limited liability company. Brock & Scott, PLLC 4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road Suite 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S file no.: 25-00147
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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Mattie Frost to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. dated November 2, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 4462, Page 55, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, fka Quicken Loans, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$49,999.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, **March 3, 2026**, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

Land situated in the County of Dougherty in the State of GA
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 32 OF EVERGREEN SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, ACCORDING TO A MAP OF PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 251, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.
Said property is known as **1700 Spruce Lane, Albany, GA 31721**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor. The property is or may be in the possession of **Mattie Frost, successor in interest or tenant(s). Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Mattie Frost**
File no. 25-083256 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP^a Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535 https://www.logs.com/ "THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE." January 24, 31 2026, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Leon E Modeste and Cornelia Modeste to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, Inc. dated July 17, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 4434, Page 102, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to BankUnited N.A. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$78,992.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 9, DUNBARTON PLACE SECTION II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE PROPERTY AS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B-97, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.
BEING THE SAME WHICH LEON E. MODESTE BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AND RECORDED OCTOBER 23, 2015 IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA IN BOOK

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4264, PAGE 253 CONVEYED UNTO CORNELIA MOORE MODESTE.

Said property is known as 2037 Stuart Ave, Albany, GA 31707, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of The Representative of the Estate of Leon Modeste, The Representative of the Estate of Cornelia Modeste and Samuel Shingles, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Bank United N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Leon E Modeste and Cornelia Modeste
File No. 21-078115

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NOTICE OF SALE

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford to Flint River Habitat for Humanity dated December 13, 2012, recorded on December 20, 2012 in Deed Book 3970, Pages 106-113, and re-recorded on April 1, 2013 in Deed Book 4003, Pages 220-227 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Security Deed had been given to secure that certain Promissory Note dated December 13, 2012 between Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford and Flint River Habitat for Humanity in the original principal amount of Seventy-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00), as well as all extensions, renewals, and modifications thereof, together with any and all other indebtedness, of any type or description, then or thereafter owing by Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford, there will be sold by the undersigned, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 2, Woodland Oaks Subdivision, Section one according to a map or plat of said subdivision as recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide C-51B in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This property is known as 904 Ashland Court, Albany, Georgia by the current numbering system of the City of Albany.

Notice is given that Flint River Habitat for Humanity, ATTN: Teresa Stanfield, 2815 Old Dawson Road, Albany, Georgia 31707, telephone number (229) 446-8199, is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the above-referenced Security Deed.

The indebtedness secured by the aforementioned Security Deed has been and is hereby declared immediately due and payable in full because of the failure of Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford to preserve and maintain the property in accordance with its terms. Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford remaining in default, this sale shall be made for the purpose of paying such indebtedness, as well as all expenses of this sale, including attorneys' fees.

The above-described property will be sold as the property of Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford, their heirs, successors or assigns and will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning and subdivision ordinances and/or regulations; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or an inspection of the property; all liens for solid waste and the like; all real property ad valorem taxes or assessments, which may constitute liens upon said property; all liens which, under applicable law, would take priority over the Security Deed described above; and all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, security deeds or other encumbrances of record which have priority over the referenced Security Deed.

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

Flint River Habitat for Humanity, as Attorney-In-Fact for Willene Ford and Lashonda Ford
DREW, ECKL & FARNHAM, LLP
By: DAVID W. ORLOWSKI
Georgia Bar No. 554325
Attorneys for Flint River Habitat for Humanity
Post Office Box 607
Albany, Georgia 31702-0607
(229) 431-3036

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Margaret Ann Headden to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. its successors and assigns, dated 11/18/2010 and recorded in Deed Book 3761 Page 98 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Trust Bank, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$35,000.00, 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

March 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month); the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PART OF TRACT 79 IN SUBDIVISION 1 OF THE ORIGINAL FLINT RIVER ORCHARDS COMPANY'S PLAT AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 7, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 79 AND GOING THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT A DISTANCE OF 291 FEET TO A POINT; GO THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT FOR A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT; GO THENCE WEST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT FOR A DISTANCE OF 291 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT; GO THENCE SOUTH 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE PROPERTY BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ROBERT G. HEADDEN AND MARGARET C. HEADDEN BY DEED CREATING A JOINT INTEREST WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 372, PAGES 554-555, SAID CLERK'S OFFICE. ROBERT C. HEADDEN DIED IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA ON DECEMBER 17, 2000, AND MARGARET C. HEADDEN IS THE

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SOLE OWNER OF SAID PROPERTY AS SURVIVOR OF SAID JOINT TENANCY. 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 624 Barstow Dr, Albany, GA 31705 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Margaret Ann Headden or tenant or tenants. Trust Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Trust Bank Mortgage Loan Servicing P.O. Box 2467 Greenville, SC 29602-2467 1-800-827-3722 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Trust Bank as agent and Attorney in Fact for Margaret Ann Headden Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1207-137A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1207-137A.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Commercial Deed to Secure Debt, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing and Assignment of Leases and Rents from WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantor"), to and in favor of Pacific Private Money, Inc., a California corporation, dated May 11, 2022, and recorded May 16, 2022 in Deed Book 4976, Page 210, Dougherty County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), securing that certain Commercial Promissory Note dated May 11, 2022 in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 (the "Note"); as assigned to Saluda Grade Mortgage Funding LLC, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Commercial Mortgage, Security Agreement, Fixture Filing and Assignment of Leases and Rents, dated as of May 24, 2022, recorded November 22, 2023, in Deed Book 5145, Page 278, aforesaid records; and as assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1 ("Lender") pursuant to that certain Assignment of Security Deed/Mortgage, recorded January 16, 2024, in Deed Book 5157, Page 1, aforesaid records (the "Last Assignment"); which Last Assignment as affected by that certain Scrivener's Error Affidavit, indicating the assignee originally and incorrectly identified in the Last Assignment, Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2021-RLT1, should have instead been Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1, recorded February 8, 2024, in Deed Book 5163, Page 161, aforesaid records; there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in March 2026, 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-RLT1, 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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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 Josh Hopewell, Sole Ownership to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Colony Bank, dated 09/30/2024 and recorded 10/04/2024 in D2024005670, in Book 5233, Page 293-306, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded on 09/22/2025 BK: 5336 PG: 219 DOC# D2025-005355 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$216,015.00, 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 03/03/2026, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In Land Lots 34 And 35 In The Second Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, And Being All Of Lot 24 Of Byron Lake Estates, Section II, According To A Map Or Plat Of Said Subdivision As Same Is Recorded In Plat Book 3, Page 230, (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-3), In The Office Of The Clerk Of Superior Court Of Dougherty County, Georgia. This conveyance is made subject to all zoning ordinances, easements and restrictions of record affecting said bargained premises. 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 fee 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: Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC they can be contacted at 866-978-2622 for Loss Mitigation Dept. or by writing to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC 9726 Old Bailes Rd Ste 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis and 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 Josh Hopewell, Sole Ownership or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 4805 Millbrooke Road, Albany, GA 31721. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Josh Hopewell, Sole Ownership. First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving TX 75063 866-429-5179 GA2500293552

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CITATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

v. 0.0036 acres of land; and FD Retail Properties, LLC.

The said named persons and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to the lands hereinafter described, and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across, over and under said land are hereby notified, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the State of Georgia, or any of its subdivisions, or by any county of such State, as follows:

That the above stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter described, was filed in said Court on the 19th day of February, 2026; That, in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code, a Declaration of Taking, duly authorized and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for State-aid public road purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Department of Transportation; and, in pursuance of such authority, the Department of Transportation has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County \$3,600.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons claiming such fund or any interest therein, are hereby required to make known their claims to the Court;

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Plaintiff-Condennor has prayed the Court for Immediate possession of said property, and all persons having any interest in or claim against such property, as above set forth, are required by the Order of the Judge of said Court to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation no later than 30 days from filing of the Declaration of Taking.

That in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 32-3-13 through 32-3-19, if the owner, or any of the owners, or any person having a claim against or interest in said property, shall be dissatisfied with the compensation, as estimated in the Declaration of Taking and deposited in Court, such person or persons, or any of them, shall have the right, at any time subsequent to the filing of the Declaration and the deposit of the fund into Court but not later than 30 days following the date of service as provided for in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-8 through 32-3-10 to file with the Court a notice of appeal, the same to be in writing and made a part of the record in the proceedings.

The said property, as thus affected, is described as follows: SEE PAGE 20-A FOR DESCRIPTION This 19 day of February, 2026. /s/ Phyllis N. Johnson Clerk Superior Court DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROJECT NUMBER: P.1. 0017843 DOUGHERTY COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER: 4

attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF LOT 105 OF ADDITION TO BRIERWOOD SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 67, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Said property may more commonly be known as 513 JOHNSON ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31705 Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. 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. LoanCare, LLC is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed, and it may be contacted at: Address: 3637 Sentara Way, Suite 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 Phone: 757-893-1300 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be EDRIANNA WILLIAMS, or tenant(s). Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Please note that if any borrower or obligor has received a discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, no personal liability will arise from this foreclosure action against that individual. This foreclosure action is being pursued solely against the real property to enforce the lien created by the Security Instrument. Respectfully, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 925 Addison, TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.A-4863735

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING OF RECORD IN THE COUNTY OM WHICH THE LAND IS LOCATED ANY RIGHT TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY: TAKE NOTICE:

The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 15-19, lying and being in the Third Land District, City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia described in Deed Book 36, Page 372, Calhoun County, Georgia Deed Records, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 71 Old Newton Road. will expire and be foreclosed and barred on and after March 30, 2026.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated November 5, 2024 and is recorded in Deed book 227, Page 187 in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court of Calhoun County, Georgia.

The property may be redeemed at any time before March 30, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address 4041 West Main St., Leary, GA 39862.

Eula Richardson

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CITATION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

v. 0.0036 acres of land; and FD Retail Properties, LLC.

The said named persons and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to the lands hereinafter described, and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across, over and under said land are hereby notified, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the State of Georgia, or any of its subdivisions, or by any county of such State, as follows:

That the above stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter described, was filed in said Court on the 19th day of February, 2026; That, in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code, a Declaration of Taking, duly authorized and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for State-aid public road purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Department of Transportation; and, in pursuance of such authority, the Department of Transportation has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County \$3,600.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons claiming such fund or any interest therein, are hereby required to make known their claims to the Court;

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Plaintiff-Condennor has prayed the Court for Immediate possession of said property, and all persons having any interest in or claim against such property, as above set forth, are required by the Order of the Judge of said Court to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation no later than 30 days from filing of the Declaration of Taking.

That in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 32-3-13 through 32-3-19, if the owner, or any of the owners, or any person having a claim against or interest in said property, shall be dissatisfied with the compensation, as estimated in the Declaration of Taking and deposited in Court, such person or persons, or any of them, shall have the right, at any time subsequent to the filing of the Declaration and the deposit of the fund into Court but not later than 30 days following the date of service as provided for in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-8 through 32-3-10 to file with the Court a notice of appeal, the same to be in writing and made a part of the record in the proceedings.

The said property, as thus affected, is described as follows: SEE PAGE 20-A FOR DESCRIPTION This 19 day of February, 2026. /s/ Phyllis N. Johnson Clerk Superior Court DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROJECT NUMBER: P.1. 0017843 DOUGHERTY COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER: 4

Foreclosures

REQUIRED R/W: 0.0036 acres of land

RECORD OWNERS: FD Retail Properties, LLC
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 268 of the 1st Land District and/or 945 Georgia Militia District of DOUGHERTY County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: Required Right of Way/Fee Acquisition:

Beginning at a point 77.54 feet left of and opposite Station 65+27.03 on the construction centerline of East Oglethorpe Blvd on Georgia Highway Project No. 0017843; running thence N16°30'15.70"W a distance of 6.20 feet to a point 83.22 feet left of and opposite station 65+24.63 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 520 BUEAST OGLETHORPE RD; thence N07°19'48.74"E a distance of 6.78 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 65+24.65 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 520 BUEAST OGLETHORPE RD; thence S57°05'55.93"E a distance of 29.23 feet to a point 77.47 feet left of and opposite station 65+50.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 520 BUEAST OGLETHORPE RD; thence N82°16'00.63"W a distance of 23.87 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.00360 acres more or less.

The title, estate, or interest in the above-described land, required by condemnor and now taken by condemnor for public use is as follows: Fee simple title to all the land described above and shown on the plats dated May 15, 2024, last revised on September 19, 2025, (Sheet No. 60-0015), attached hereto as Annex 1-A.

February 28, March 7, 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING OF RECORD IN THE COUNTY OM WHICH THE LAND IS LOCATED ANY RIGHT TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY: TAKE NOTICE:

The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 15-19, lying and being in the Third Land District, City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia described in Deed Book 36, Page 372, Calhoun County, Georgia Deed Records, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 71 Old Newton Road. will expire and be foreclosed and barred on and after March 30, 2026.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated November 5, 2024 and is recorded in Deed book 227, Page 187 in the Office of Clerk of Superior Court of Calhoun County, Georgia.

The property may be redeemed at any time before March 30, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address 4041 West Main St., Leary, GA 39862.

Eula Richardson

February 14, 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 2026

Calhoun Co. Legals

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDDIE JAMES HAYNES, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2025P22

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF

Calhoun Co. Legals

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Roderick Haynes and Tiffany Haynes and to whom it may concern: VIRGINIA ANN HAYNES has petitioned for Virginia Ann Haynes to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of EDDIE JAMES HAYNES deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 9, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Annie Doris Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 87/31 Court St., Suite C
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115

February 14, 21, 28, 2026, March 7, 2026

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1 Plant with edible sprouts

8 Boulderling spot

13 Kemper of “The Office”

18 Pointed beards

19 Homes for the higher-ups?

21 Eerie haunted hayride sounds

22 Part of the hiring process for stenographers?

24 Take illegally

25 Brings together

26 Horror film subjects, maybe

27 Brit’s bathroom

29 Three-pointer

30 Supermodel Beckford

31 Blather on and on

32 Like some jeans

34 Party hard

36 Stage production about the lives of autoworkers?

40 Wire service co.

43 Chest muscle, briefly

45 Swindle

46 Kitchen set

47 Need for the queen of hearts to get past security?

52 Candy from a novelty dispenser

54 Waxy compound

55 “Aida,” for one

56 Sherbet serving

58 Way in

60 PC maker

61 Glossy fabrics

63 Antihistamine target, perhaps

65 Fair-hiring org.

67 Overhead trains

68 Picture-perfect brioche?

73 Make calls?

76 Corporate symbol

77 “Eh, ___ difference”

78 Fixes, as loose ends

82 Stain on Santa’s suit

84 King of cinema

86 Sound of impact

89 Heavenly food

90 Bleak

92 “___ we good?”

94 Escape capsules for rent?

96 Word on some film awards

98 Clairvoyance, e.g.

100 White lie

101 Spam sender

102 Investigation into how E.T. got away?

106 “Well, shoot!”

109 English noble title

110 Did a fall chore

112 Poetic feet

116 Molt

118 Armed conflict

119 Do the dishes?

120 Release

121 Eagle’s claw

123 Silicon Valley game changers, or an alternate title for this puzzle

126 Back street

127 More pale

128 Stepped inside

129 Silly one

130 Razz

131 Whatsits

3 Consideration

4 Greek goddess of 118-Across

5 “We should!”

6 Tina of “Only Murders in the Building”

7 According to

8 House in “Encanto”

9 Ferrari Formula One driver

10 Bargain basket items, for short

11 Old-timey “Darn you!”

12 “You doing all right?”

13 Flightless

14 Australian bird

15 Slowed down

16 Bay leaf source

17 Memo phrase

20 Covered in white, in a way

22 Disapproving sound

23 Storm rescue op

28 Potpourri ingredient

31 House of Lords members

32 Like bowling alleys

33 “___ that precious?”

35 College app datum

37 Bucket partner

38 Coral island

39 Shouts

40 Sci-fi craft

41 Family nickname

42 “Law & Order: SVU” co-star

44 Atlanta-based govt. agency

48 Actor Bana

49 Lock setting

50 Sioux City state

51 Self-starters

53 Rapper of “KPop Demon Hunters”

57 Court

59 Above, poetically

62 Exceptionally attractive person, slangily

64 Bay on Florida’s west coast

66 Ascend

69 Teamwork inhibitor

70 Novelist Jaffe

71 Cold cuts counter

72 Jump

73 Graphic that typically has two insets

74 Sponge

75 Mushroom that can be a burger

79 Snooty one

80 Click a backward arrow, maybe

81 Erstwhile

83 Twisters

85 Say hello to

87 “Woof”

88 Car in a Beach Boys song

91 Oracle

93 F1 neighbor

95 Org. with Bulls and Bucks

97 Beethoven composition

99 St. Patrick’s Day events

103 Least

104 Much political humor

105 Scrapes (out)

107 Like some car windows

108 Wiley of “The Handmaid’s Tale”

111 Scored an own goal

113 Called on a dairy farm

114 Stocks partner

115 Org. with a big returns department

116 Alone

117 Nativity headgear

119 Seed in some healthy smoothies

120 “What are you ___?”

122 Dec. 31

124 Michael of “SNL”

125 Low Spanish number

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by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ T Z V M O G V N O F Z T R B O F F O H B I J L O H F Z V J P R P V B Y O D V P R O T B V D U F Z O F T G O F I G V U O T F R Z I H F O H . ” — Y B V T R O S V R D V B

Previous Solution: “The minute you start feeling like you’ve got it down, you know what you’re doing, you’re dead in the water.” — Vincent D’Onofrio

TODAY’S CLUE: d sjenbe s

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ W J Z L C N Y E O J J B H D N Z O H J K S Z E X H L K . . . B J Z ’ H Y D C E G E C X K J W L E K Z N Z O R S H G N H D J S H Y L I I N Z O C J S K Y J S I . ” — R J I C G G J B Y H E K Y D E D K S U D U D E Z

Previous Solution: “I have made this letter longer than usual because I lack the time to make it shorter.” — Blaise Pascal

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ANSWER TO TODAY’S PUZZLE

What to watch SATURDAY

February 28, 2026

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

57th NAACP Image Awards

BET & CBS, 8 p.m. Live

Black excellence in entertainment, podcasting, literature, journalism, the creative arts and more is honored at this ceremony at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium in California. Cynthia Erivo, DoeChii, Kendrick Lamar, Michael B. Jordan and Teyana Taylor are nominated for Entertainer of the Year.

Kingdom

BBC America, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

This behind-the-scenes look at *Kingdom* introduces the conservationists working to protect South Luangwa and its precious wildlife. From rapid response units using chili bombs to control elephants to rangers searching out lethal snares and guns, explore the amazing efforts by scientists, anti-poaching teams and filmmakers that made this series possible.

CATCH A CLASSIC McCabe & Mrs. Miller

TCM, 11:45 p.m.

Robert Altman puts the American West to striking use in this excellent period piece about the origins of American greed. Enlisting Warren Beatty as half of the titular duo, this 1971 film flips the genre on its head by casting Hollywood’s favorite doofus in the role of a Western antihero, a man who exploits the vices and gullibility of a small, impressionable town for his own gain. Altman presents him as the all-too-probable villain, leaving destruction in his

Romance at Hope Ranch

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Hope Morgan (Alison Sweeney) sets out to begin a new chapter of her life — fulfilling her childhood dream of running a ranch in the picturesque town of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and reviving the beloved Giddy Up Gala. Gabriel Hogan, who is part of the *Hannah Swensen* family, is Sweeney’s costar.

Pushed Off a Plane and Survived

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Following the success of Lifetime’s *Buried Alive* and *Survived*, this gripping new movie inspired by real stories reunites the original creative team and cast and follows Jaynie (Eva Marcille, *All The Queen’s Men*), who miraculously cheats death after her husband Cole’s (Tyler Lepley) betrayal. A skydiving trip turns into a nightmare when she plummets 4,000 feet from the sky ... only to survive against all odds.

Storage Wars

A&E, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The hunt is back on! A&E’s hit series returns, and the competition has never been fiercer as fan-favorite treasure hunters dive back into the action. Auctioneers Dan and Laura Dotson fire up the crowd, Brandi Passante keeps everyone guessing with her snarky comments and seasoned instincts, and Dave Hester picks up right where he left off, being a menace to the other buyers. Plus, Ivy Calvin keeps

EVERETT COLLECTION

wake, including the quiet devastation of Julie Christie’s Mrs. Miller, in a career-best performance.

A&E

grinding, traveling all over the southland in search of tools and household gold. Kenny Crossley fights an uphill battle, staying determined even as bids soar against him. Lisa DeLarios finally finds her footing — or so she thinks. Lupe and Dusty merge her fashion savvy with his storage know-how, becoming a nearly unstoppable duo. And newcomer Emily Pokoj is ready to prove she can compete with the best. But everything gets turned upside down with the return of Mary Padian, popping in from Texas to stock her online store and sending shock waves through the buyers.

Saturday Night Live

NBC, 11:25 p.m. Live

Connor Storrie (*Heated Rivalry*) hosts *SNL* with English folk rock band Mumford & Sons performing songs from their new album *Prizefighter*.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE

SONY PICTURES

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi (1983, Science fiction) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford **AMC, 6 p.m.**

In & Out (1997, Comedy) Kevin Kline, Joan Cusack **MGM, 6:25 p.m.**

Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga (2024, Action) Anya Taylor-Joy, Chris Hemsworth **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Jerry Maguire (1996, Romance-comedy) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. **MGM, 8 p.m.**

The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy-drama) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway **Encore, 8 p.m.**

Enemy of the State (1998, Suspense) Will Smith, Gene Hackman **SYFY, 9 p.m.**

The Equalizer (2014, Action) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas **VICE, 9 p.m.**

Major League (1989, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen **IFC, 9:30 p.m.**

Grown Ups (2010, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James **Comedy Central, 10 p.m.**

Top Gun (1986, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis **Paramount, 10 p.m.**

Liar Liar (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney **MGM, 10:20 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017, Action) Tom Holland, Michael Keaton **FX, 11 p.m.**

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What to watch SUNDAY

March 1, 2026

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Marshals

CBS, 8 p.m. ■ **New Series**

This new *Yellowstone* spinoff promises the spirit of the hit series, but is completely new with Luke Grimes reprising his role as youngest Dutton sibling Kayce, picking up 15 months later. With the Yellowstone Ranch behind him, Dutton joins an elite unit of U.S. marshals, combining his skills as a cowboy and Navy SEAL to bring range justice to Montana. Kayce and his teammates — Pete Calvin (Logan Marshall-Green), Belle Skinner (Arielle Kebbel), Andrea Cruz (Ash Santos) and Miles Kittle (Tatanka Means) — must balance the high psychological cost of serving as the last line of defense in the region’s war on violence with their duty to their families, which for Kayce includes his son Tate (Brecken Merrill) and his confidantes Mo (Mo Brings Plenty) and Thomas Rainwater (Gil Birmingham) from the Broken Rock reservation.



SONJA FLEMING, CBS

Family Guy

FOX, 8 p.m.

Meg (voice of Mila Kunis) pursues an unlikely friendship with an NFL great in the new episode “Bringing Up Brady.”

Industry

HBO, 8 p.m. ■ **Season Finale**

The drama series set in London’s world of high finance concludes Season 4. Myha’la, Marisa Abela and Kit Harington star.

Tracker

CBS, 9 p.m. ■ **New Episodes**

The drama returns from winter hiatus with the new episode “The Fallout.” Injured and framed for a string of murders, Colter (Justin Hartley) must rely on unexpected ally Billie (returning guest star Sofia Pernas) to stop a relentless assassin, uncovering a murky truth where justice and vengeance blur.

Disaster:

The Chernobyl Meltdown

CNN, 9 p.m. ■ **New Series**

Marking 40 years since the world’s worst nuclear disaster, this four-part documentary series premieres with the first two episodes tonight. Spanning the scope of the catastrophic collapse of the reactor, the Soviets’ calculated coverup and the present-day fallout, *Disaster: The Chernobyl Meltdown* reveals a tragedy still reverberating across history.

American Classic

MGM+, 9 p.m. ■ **New Series**

This heartwarming comedy introduces us to the ridiculously self-absorbed Broadway star Richard Bean (Kevin Kline), who suffers a spectacular public meltdown and returns home to the family theater where he first became aware of his own brilliance. Once there, chaos follows for his brother (Jon Tenney) and Richard’s ex-girlfriend (Laura Linney), who’s now married to his brother. Old loves resurface and buried secrets emerge.

DTF St. Louis

HBO, 9:05 p.m. ■ **New Limited Series**

He’s come a long way from his days on *Little House on the Prairie* and *Arrested Development*. Jason Bateman is a TV and movie powerhouse who is spicing things up in this provocative, seven-episode series. When Clark (Bateman) and Floyd (David Harbour) believe both their marriages have stalled, they begin to explore a new dating app for extramarital affairs. A love triangle forms, which ultimately leads to one of them ending up dead.

Watson

CBS, 10 p.m. ■ **New Episodes**

In “The Tunnel Under the Elms,” Watson (Morris Chestnut) and the fellows race against the clock to save a man and his pregnant wife from a terrifying sinkhole.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



STEPHANIE BRANCHU

Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning (2025, Action) Tom Cruise, Hayley Atwell **MGM, 6:10 p.m.**

Tommy Boy (1995, Comedy) Chris Farley, David Spade **CMT, 6:15 p.m.**

The Incredibles (2004, Children) Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter **Freeform, 6:35 p.m.**

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (2017, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **FX, 7 p.m.**

Cadillac Records (2008, Drama) Adrien Brody, Beyoncé Knowles **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Murder at Highland Manor (2026, Suspense) Brooke Burfitt, Megan Lockhurst **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

Taken (2008, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace **SYFY, 8 p.m.**

Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Courteney Cox **CMT, 8:30 p.m.**

Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993, Comedy) Cary Elwes, Richard Lewis **BBC America, 9 p.m.**

The Wish Swap (2025, Romance) Emily Tennant, Jake Foy **Hallmark, 9 p.m.**

Little Girl in the Woods (2025, Suspense) Alana Hawley Purvis, Camille Atebe **Lifetime, 10 p.m.**

Kindergarten Cop (1990, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Penelope Ann Miller **Sundance, 10:30 p.m.**

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TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

CATCH A CLASSIC

31 Days of Oscar: Oscar Goes Dancing

TCM, beginning at 6:15 a.m.

Turner Classic Movies celebrates the golden age of movie musicals with a marathon that proves why dancing on film became an art form. The day begins with 1944’s **Hollywood Canteen**, a wartime morale booster where stars like Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, Jack Benny and the Andrews Sisters all play themselves entertaining servicemen. But the real showstopper arrives later today with 1961’s **West Side Story (pictured)**, which won 10 Academy Awards including Best Picture.



UNITED ARTISTS

This electrifying adaptation of Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet* transforms New York’s Upper West Side into a battlefield where the Jets and Sharks dance out their territorial rivalry. Jerome Robbins’ revolutionary choreography — which earned him an Oscar for Best Director alongside Robert Wise — changed movie musicals forever, proving that dance could tell a story as powerfully as dialogue.



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What to watch MONDAY

March 2, 2026

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Valley of the Dolls

MOVIES!, 8 p.m. ■ **Catch a Classic**

The campy 1967 drama, based on the best-selling novel by Jacqueline Susann, shared the less glamorous side of fame in the 1960s. The film follows a group of women — Patty Duke as an up-and-coming singer, Sharon Tate as a talentless actress, and Barbara Parkins as a secretary at a theatrical law firm. The women experience highs and lows in their lives and work — from drinking too much and taking too many pills to heartbreak and tragedy. Famed movie critic Roger Ebert called the now kitsch classic “a dirty soap opera ... dirty because it intends to be, but it is a soap opera only by default.” Immediately following is 1970’s *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls*.

The Neighborhood

CBS, 8 p.m.

In the new episode “Welcome to the Hood-wink,” Tina (Tichina Arnold) grows concerned about Malcolm’s (Sheaun McKinney) romantic choices, and Calvin and Dave’s (Cedric the Entertainer and Max Greenfield) street smarts are put to the test.



HGTV

Extracted

FOX, 8 p.m.

Players compete in a wilderness scavenger hunt, and a family at HQ makes a strategic choice that pushes one survivalist to the edge in the new episode “Bitter Cold Consequences.”

Bachelor Mansion Takeover

HGTV, 8 p.m. ■ **New Series**

HGTV joins forces with ABC’s *The Bachelor* franchise to give the famous Bachelor Mansion a long overdue makeover. Over six episodes, host Jesse Palmer will work with former *Bachelor*, *Bachelorette*, *Golden Bachelor* and *Golden Bachelorette* contestants in weekly elimination challenges. In each episode, the competitors will take bold design risks, form alliances and face shocking eliminations, all while being evaluated on their creativity and craftsmanship by Tayshia Adams and Tyler Cameron, the series’ judges, for their shot at winning \$100,000.



COLUMBIA PICTURES

public relations man for his newest fighter, Argentinian Toro Moreno (Mike Lane), he takes the opportunity and quickly learns the seedier side of the industry. Cinematographer Burnett Guffey earned the film’s only Academy Award nomination, for Best Cinematography, for his pulpy and stylistic black-and-white treatment.

St. Denis Medical

NBC, 8 p.m.

Alex’s (Allison Tolman) husband gets treated by Bruce (Josh Lawson) in the new episode “A New Best Friend.”

DMV

CBS, 8:30 p.m.

Barb (Molly Kearney) leaves Ceci (Gigi Zumbado) in charge, but when Ceci improves the DMV, Barb sabotages the progress. Former WNBA player Renee Montgomery guest-stars as herself in the new episode “Power Shift.”

The Fall and Rise of Reggie Dinkins

NBC, 8:30 p.m.

Tobin (Daniel Radcliffe) urges Reggie (Tracy Morgan) to leave the house and face the outside world in the new episode “Put It on Your Cabbage!”

FBI

CBS, 9 p.m.

In the new episode “Daybreak,” a federal whistleblower is murdered while in FBI custody, and the team is stunned to find a familiar perpetrator has resurfaced.

Memory of a Killer

FOX, 9 p.m.

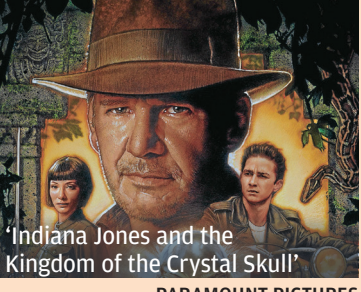
In the new episode “Uncle Jacob,” Joe (Richard Harmon) helps Angelo (Patrick Dempsey) plan a high-tech public assassination of a Russian mob accountant.

The Rookie

ABC, 10 p.m.

In the new episode “Fun and Games,” Nolan and Celina (Nathan Fillion and Lisbeth Chavez) are dispatched to a robbery call where Nolan encounters a familiar face.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Legally Blonde (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson **Paramount, 6 p.m.**

Fools Rush In (1997, Comedy-drama) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek **Encore, 6:05 p.m.**

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett **AMC, 6:15 p.m.**

Jumanji: The Next Level (2019, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **FX, 7 p.m.**

A Greek Recipe for Romance (2024, Romance) Danielle C. Ryan, Rafael Kariotakis **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

A Knight’s Tale (2001, Action) Heath Ledger, Mark Addy **BBC America, 8 p.m.**

Do Exactly As I Say (2025, Suspense) Erin Karpluk, Philip Prajoux **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Guns Up (2025, Action) Kevin James, Christina Ricci **SHO, 8:25 p.m.**

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002, Children) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint **E!, 9:30 p.m.**

Trust Her if You Dare (2025, Suspense) Jennings Rice, Katelin Chesna **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Horrible Bosses (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Charlie Day **TNT, 10:30 p.m.**

Set It Off (1996, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah **VH1, 10:30 p.m.**

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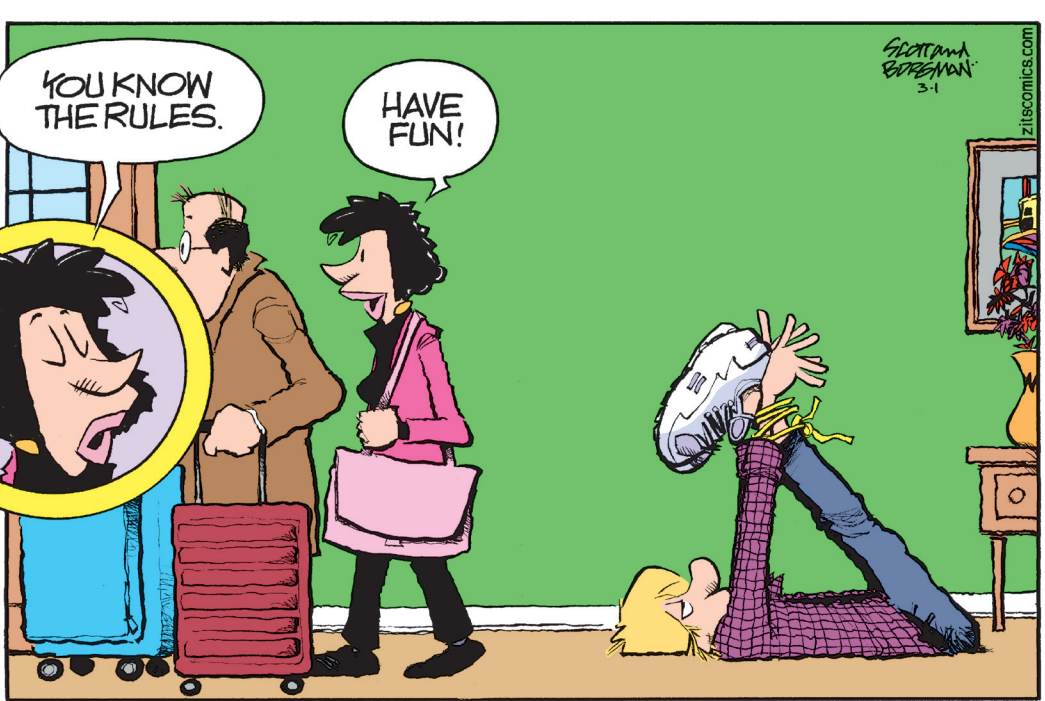
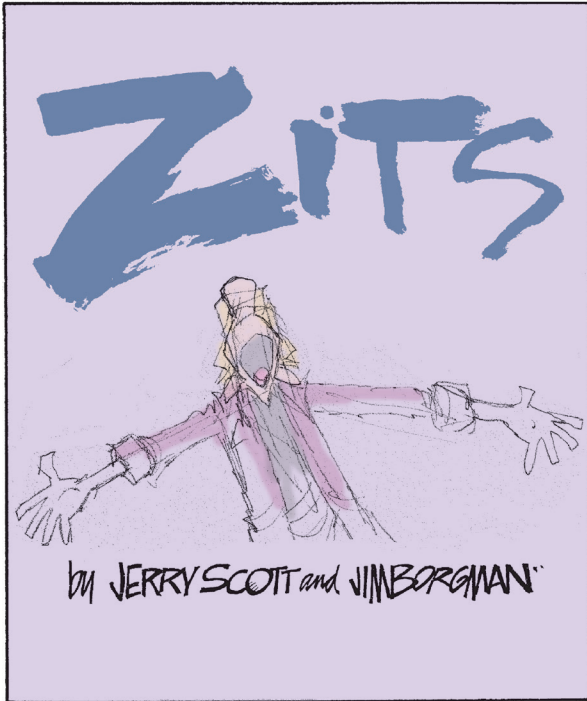
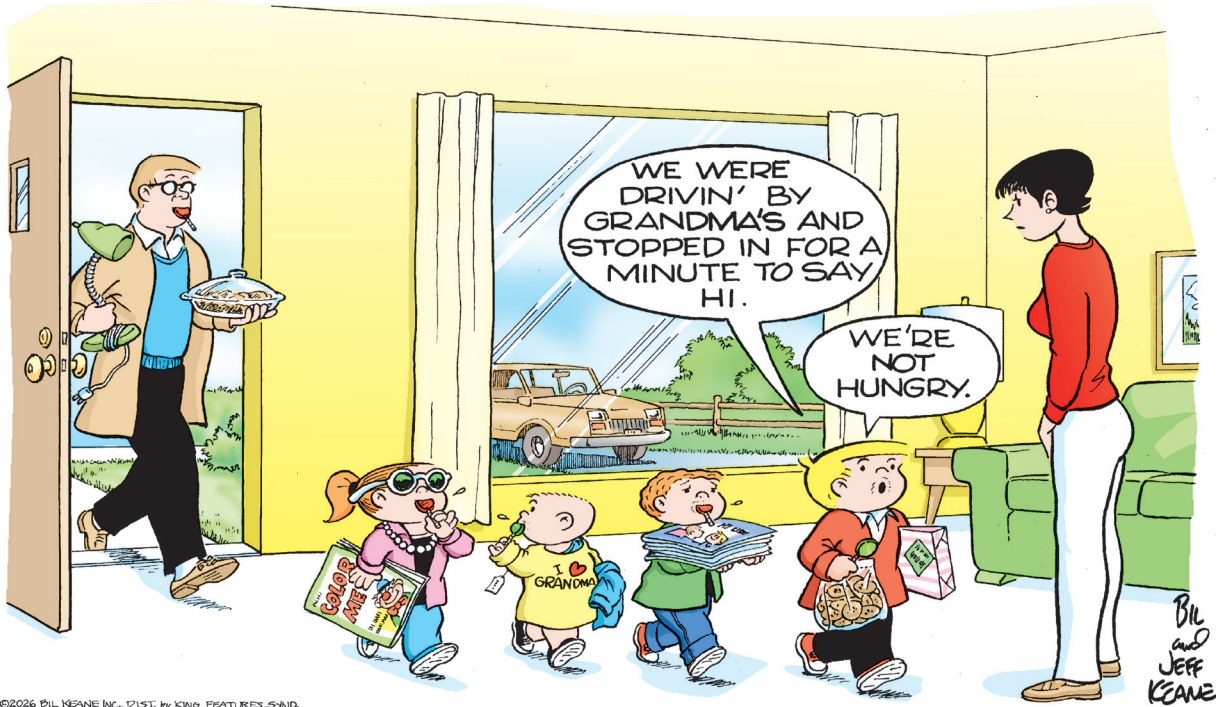
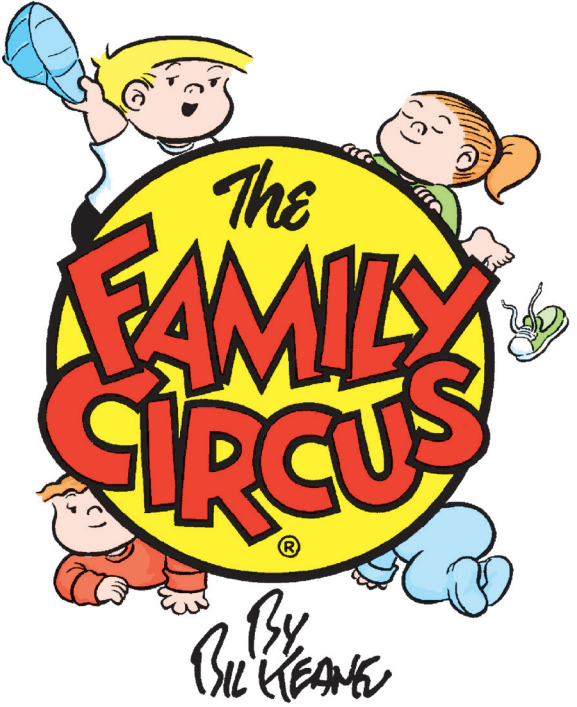
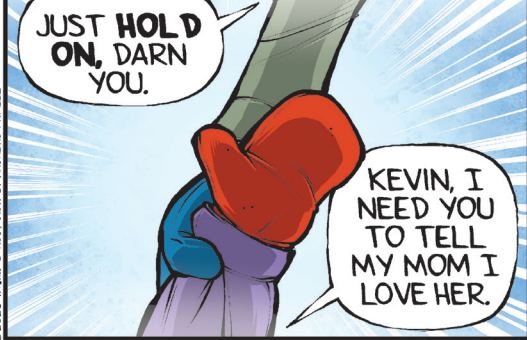
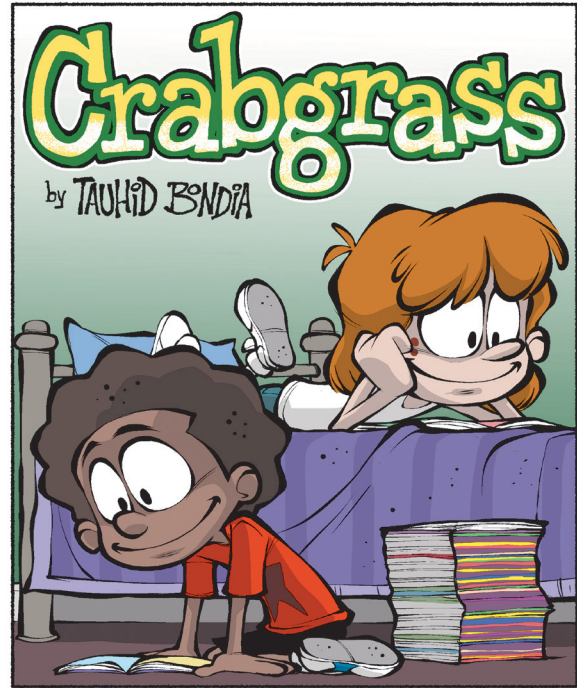
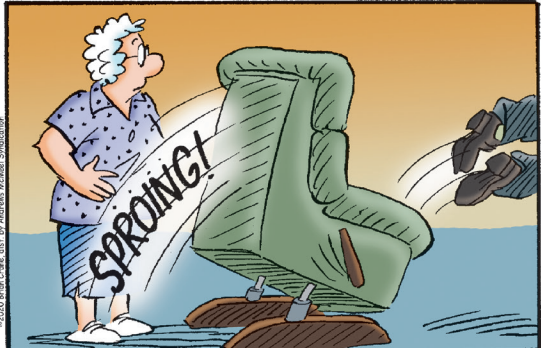
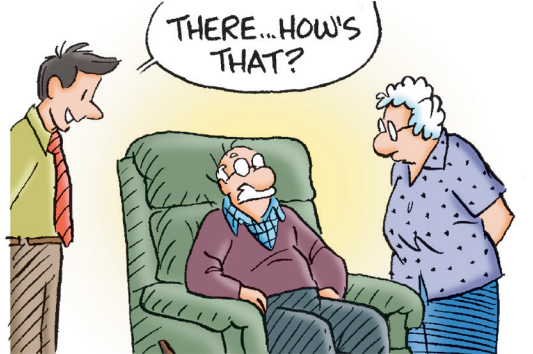
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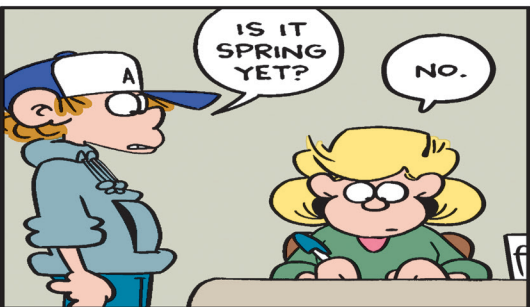
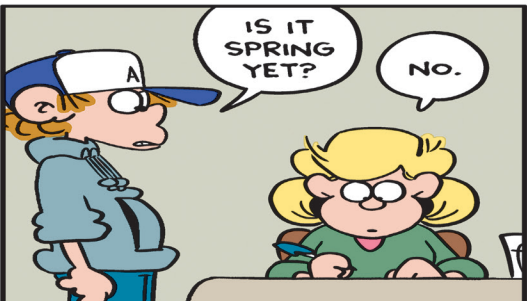
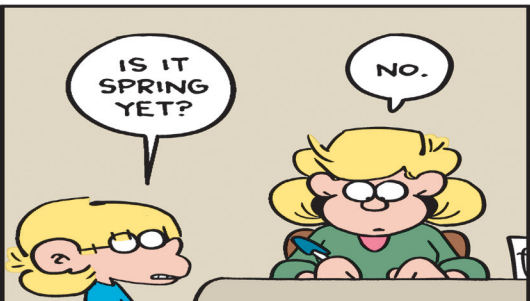
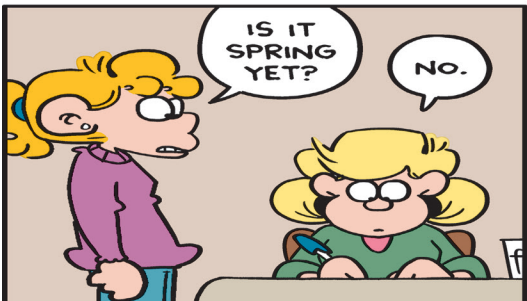
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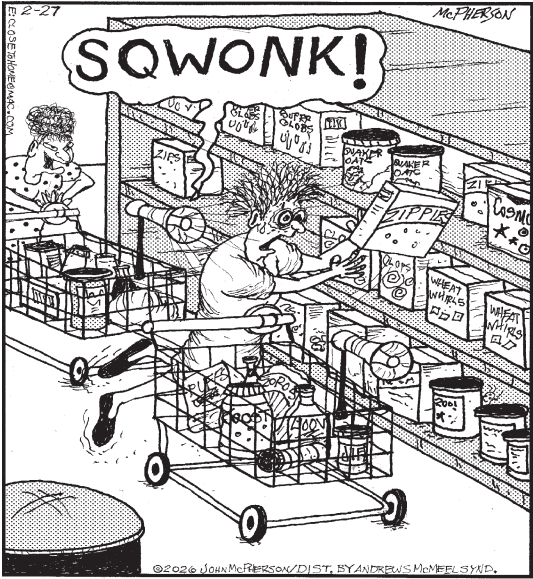


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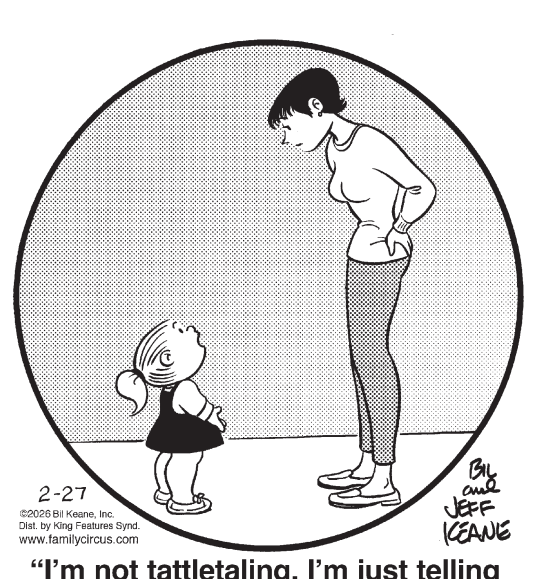


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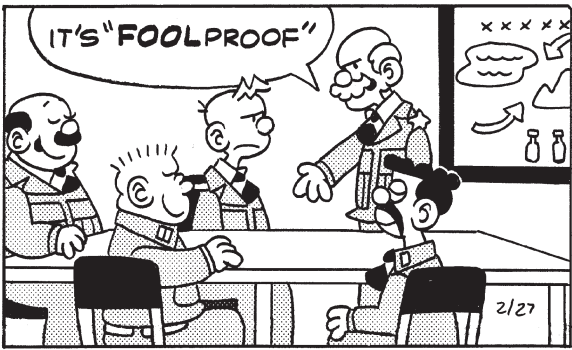
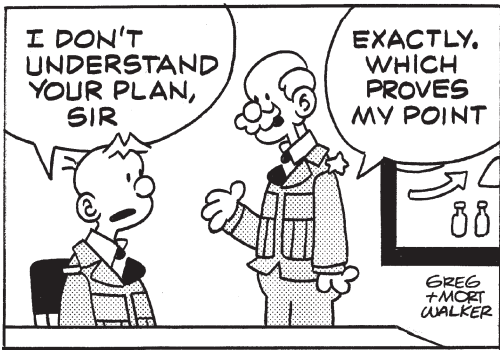
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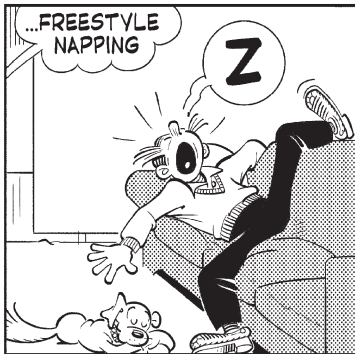


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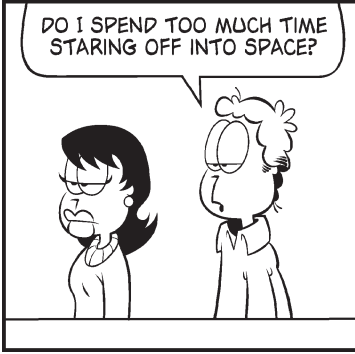
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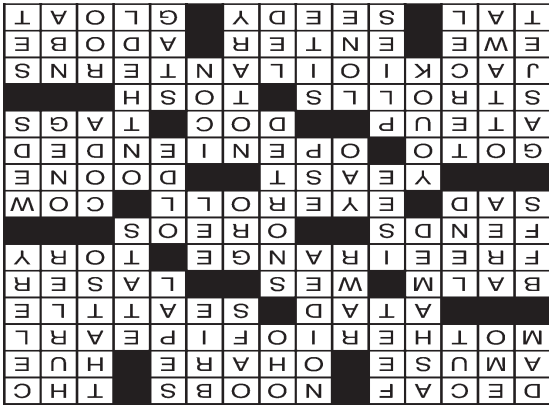


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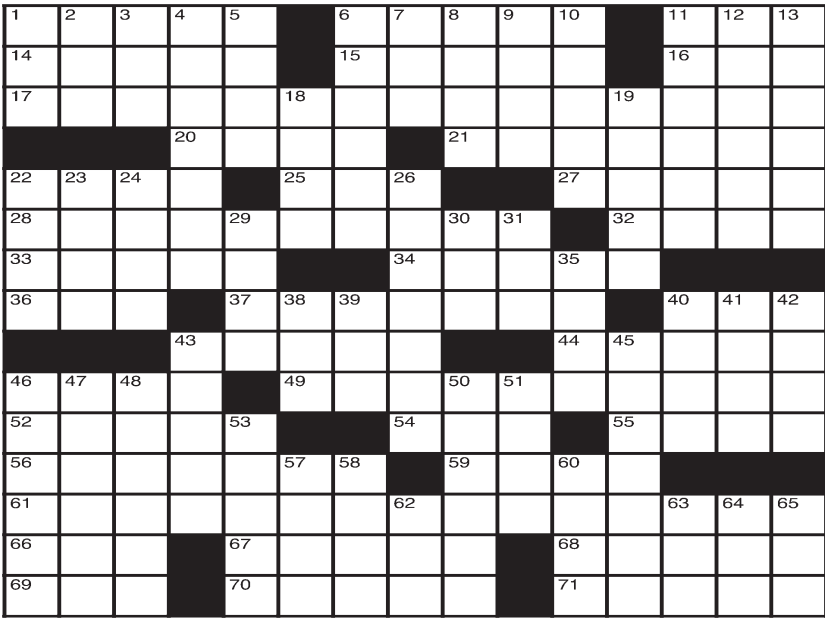
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- ACROSS**
- 1 After-dinner drink
 - 6 Players who may have to start over many times
 - 11 Cannabis compound
 - 14 Tickle
 - 15 Home of the first jet bridge
 - 16 Peach or plum
 - 17 "Inlay material, often
 - 20 Opposite of very
 - 21 "iZombie" setting
 - 22 Lip
 - 25 "The Phenician Scheme" director Anderson
 - 27 Surgical tool
 - 28 "Not cooped up
 - 32 Boris Johnson, for one
 - 33 Keeps (off)
 - 34 Treats embossed with flowers, dots, and dashes
 - 36 Blue
 - 37 Silent display of skepticism, or a phonetic hint for making sense of the answers to the starred clues
 - 40 Cash back?
 - 43 Leavening agent
 - 44 Lorna of literature
 - 46 Typical choice
 - 49 "Flexible
 - 52 Totally believed
 - 54 Rx writer
 - 55 Price points
 - 56 Moseys
 - 59 "Poppcock!"
 - 61 "Lightheaded ones?"
 - 66 Short-horned bighorn
 - 67 Key in
 - 68 Acrobat's platform
 - 69 "¿Qué ___?": Spanish greeting
 - 70 Run-down
 - 71 Rub it in
- DOWN**
- 1 Reservoir creator
 - 2 Punk subculture
 - 3 Share of the profit
 - 4 Fearing disgrace
 - 5 Stanza units
 - 6 "Ask someone else"
 - 7 Exultant cry
 - 8 Bumblers
 - 9 "The Marvels" star Larson
 - 10 Floral leaf
 - 11 "For real?"
 - 12 Starter, e.g.
 - 13 Sticks in the refrigerator
 - 18 Cutesy growl
 - 19 Divisions d'une nation
 - 22 Pair sharing halves of a heart charm, informally
 - 23 Environs
 - 24 Furnish temporarily
 - 26 Expressed contempt
 - 29 "10-4"
 - 30 Miracle—
 - 31 Serpentine creature
 - 35 Ye ___ Shoppe
 - 38 NBA legend Ming
 - 39 Predict-ability?
 - 40 Musical conclusion
 - 41 Earth's pull, for short
 - 42 Settles down, in a way
 - 43 "Just checking in"
 - 45 Discreetly, in slang
 - 46 Chemistry lab fixture
 - 47 National Gallery of Canada locale
 - 48 Old Toyota subcompact
 - 50 Public figure?
 - 51 Symbol
 - 53 Works at, as a trade
 - 57 Solitary
 - 58 Venue
 - 60 ___ beetle
 - 62 Took charge
 - 63 Joey of fiction
 - 64 "Space Jam" org.
 - 65 Fully taken care of

TODAY'S SOLUTION:



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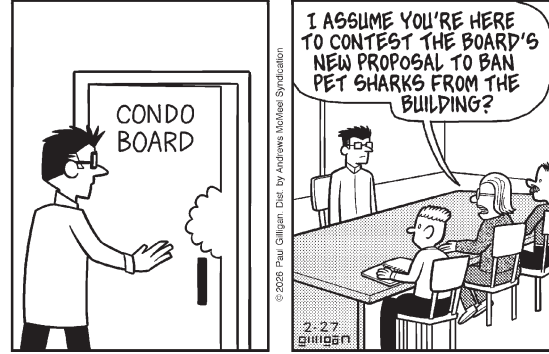
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By DAVID OUELLET

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VALENTINO (1932-2026)

Solution: 5 letters

G E Y D E N N E K S S E R D V
I N T G I A M M E T T I E I U
A G N R O R E P M E T S A L N
N O O J L M S P M M I C R I I
C L M P O A A A E G O A C T V
A O E U T R G U N N E L O A E
R C C G I G G E D W S G L L R
L I N S I O R O O E A U L Y S
O V A E V T T T U R R L I F E
D O G S H T Y A A O O O N T G
Y D E W I D E V I L L E S M O
A U L B A T A R E D S I O A W
C L E E A N O R U A M N V E N
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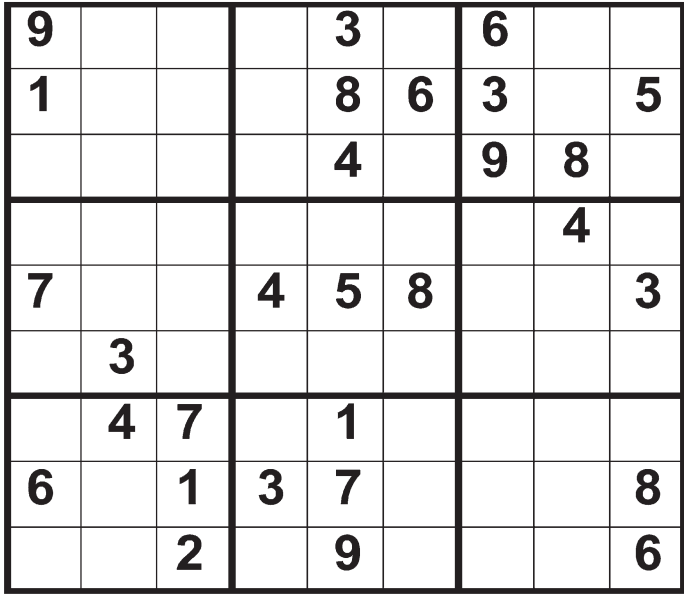
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Belt, Bruce, Château, Collins, Cologne, Designer, De Wideville, Dogs, Dress, Elegance, Florence, Garavani, Giammetti, Giancarlo, Gowns, Italy, Joan, Kennedy, Last Emperor, Life, Ludovico, Maggie, Margot, Maude, Mauro, Milton, Molly, Monte, Monty, Oliver, Paris, Pugs, Ready-To-Wear, Reds, Rome, Rosa, Suit, Tolo, Via Condotti, Vogue, V-Universe, Yacht

TODAY'S ANSWER: Shoes

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★



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WHATZIT?

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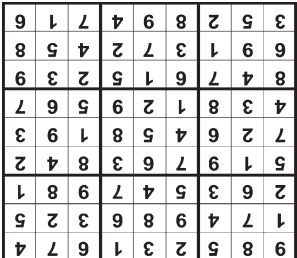


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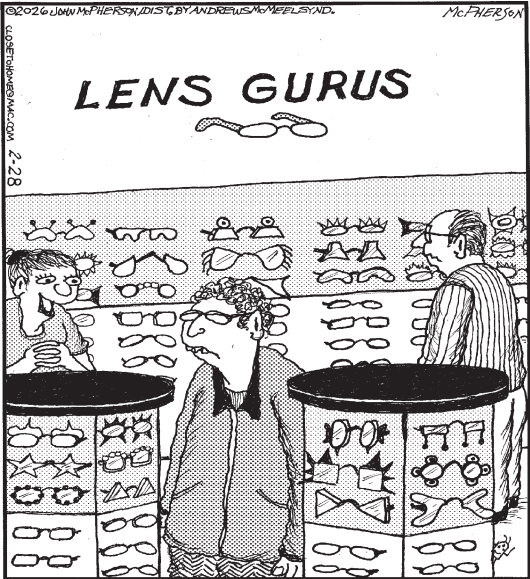
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Glass half full

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

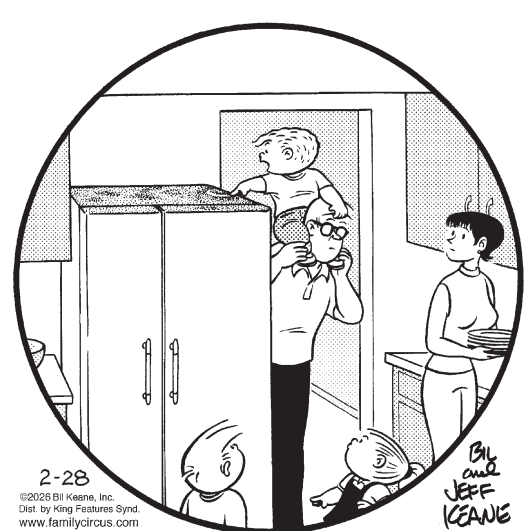


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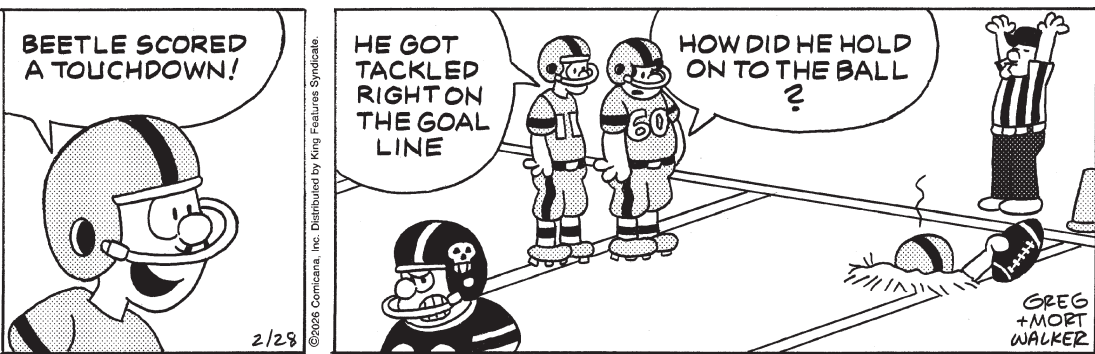
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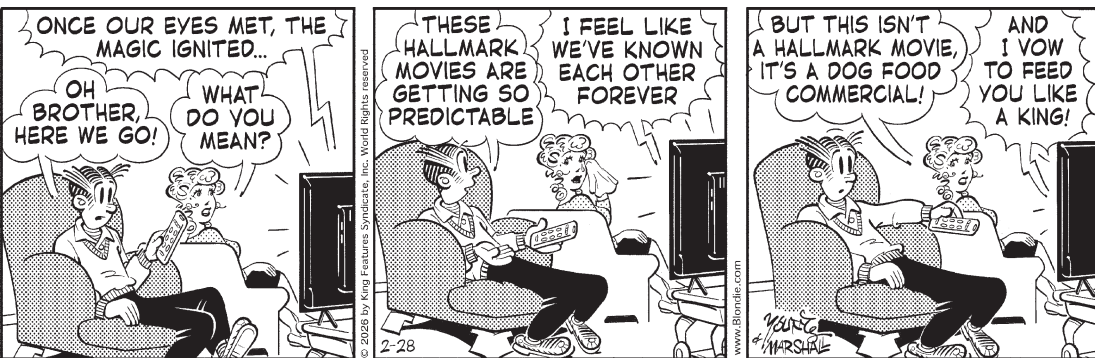


"Father Forrest said people are made out of dust. Who are we putting together up here?"

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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CROSSWORD

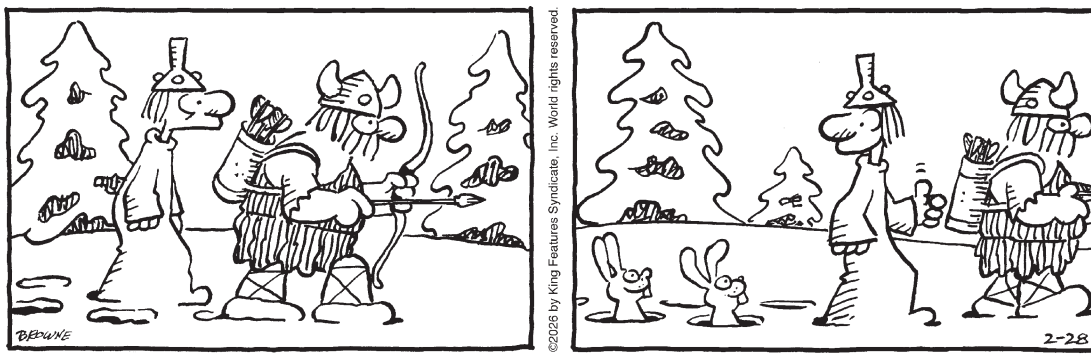
- ACROSS**
- 1 Actress — Tyler
- 4 Sherbets
- 8 Old Greek portico
- 12 "— on a Grecian Urn"
- 13 — monster
- 14 Blacken by burning
- 15 — contra
- 16 Fastener
- 17 Party giver
- 18 "Jack Sprat could — fat ..."
- 20 Loud, in music
- 21 Flow back
- 22 "Get out!"
- 24 Secret plot
- 26 Male witch
- 30 "Hannah and — Sisters"
- 31 Black
- 33 Dernier —
- 34 Nest-egg letters
- 35 Therefore
- 37 Make lace
- 38 Compelled by force
- 41 Actors' place
- 43 Possessive pronoun
- 44 Label
- 45 Paintball sound
- 48 Rule the —
- 51 Type of soil
- 52 Asian desert
- 55 "Apocalypse —"
- 56 Before (Prefix)
- 57 Actor — Bana
- 58 — Baba
- 59 Do a gardening job
- 60 Wood strip
- 61 Limb

- DOWN**
- 1 Run at a relaxed pace
- 2 Notion

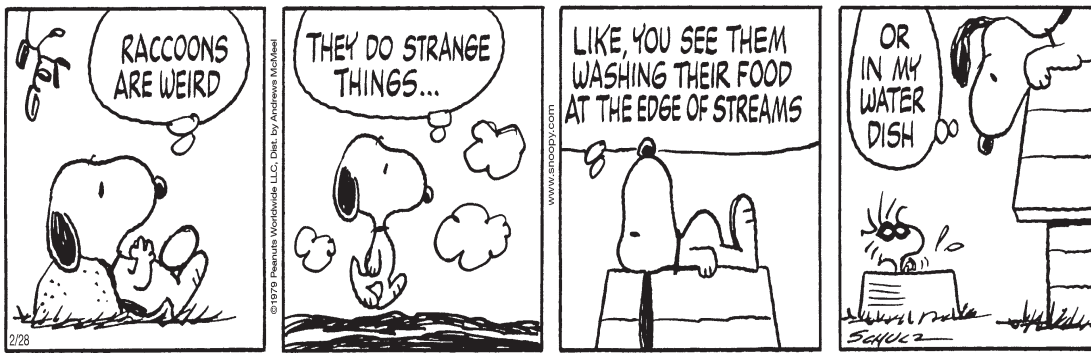
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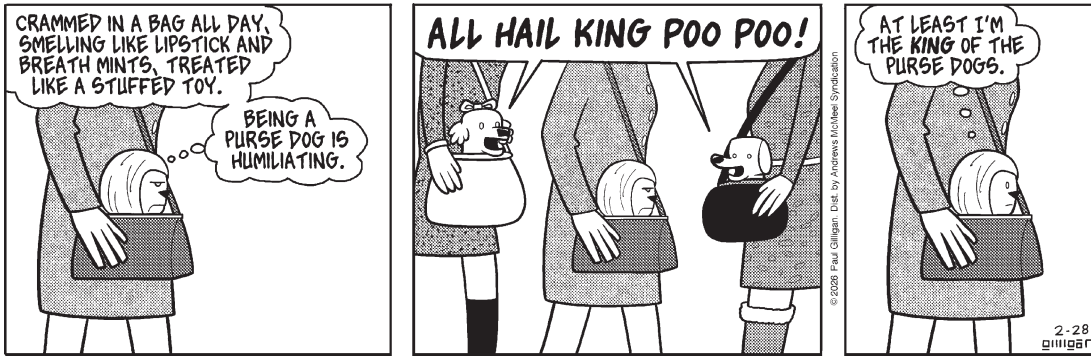
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YOUR FACE SAYS IT ALL

Solution: 6 letters

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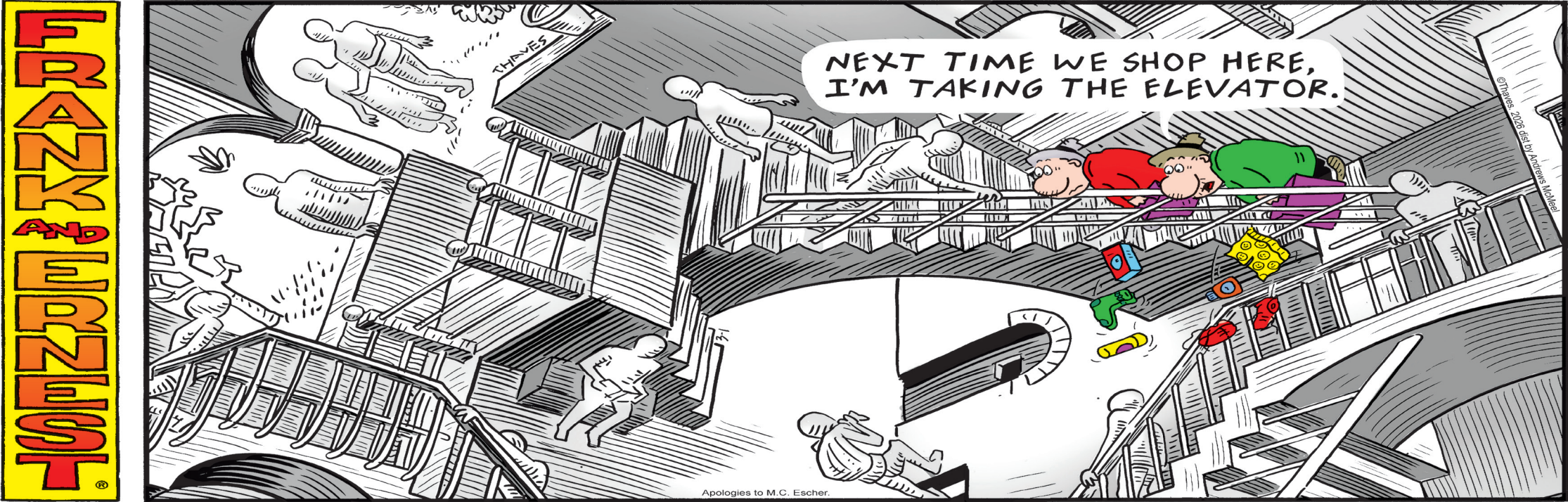
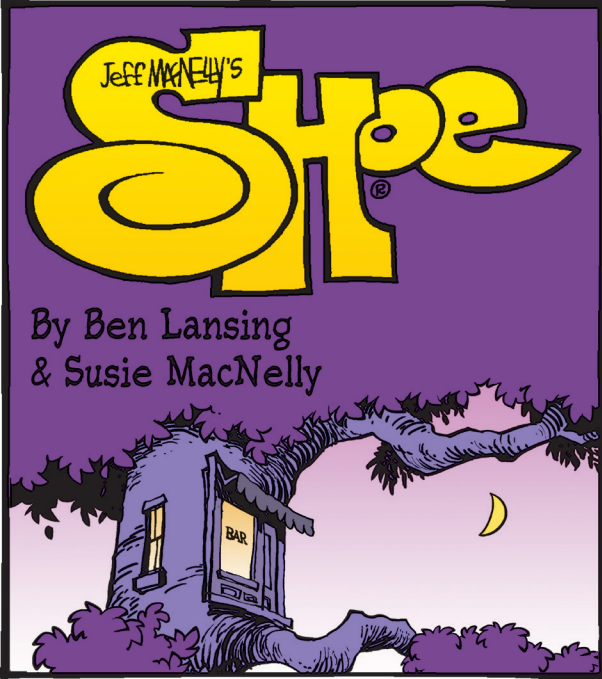
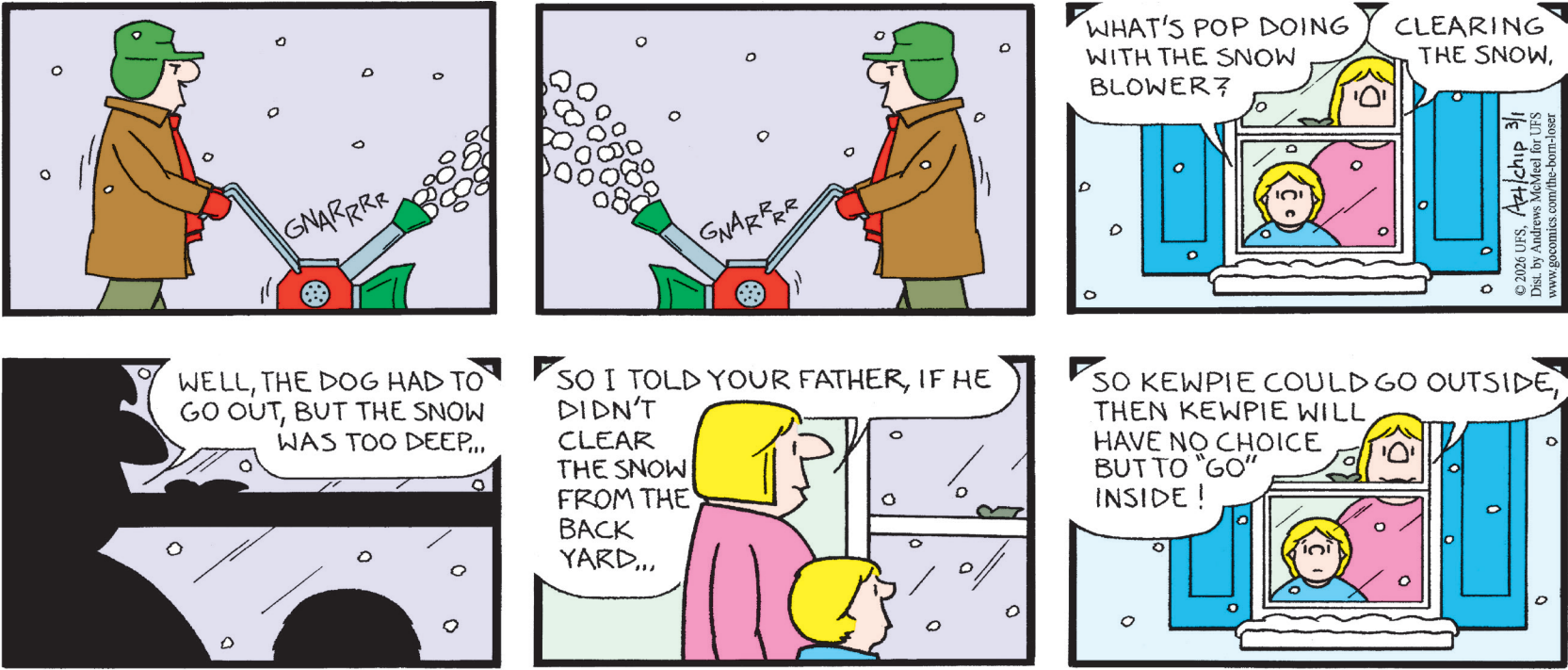
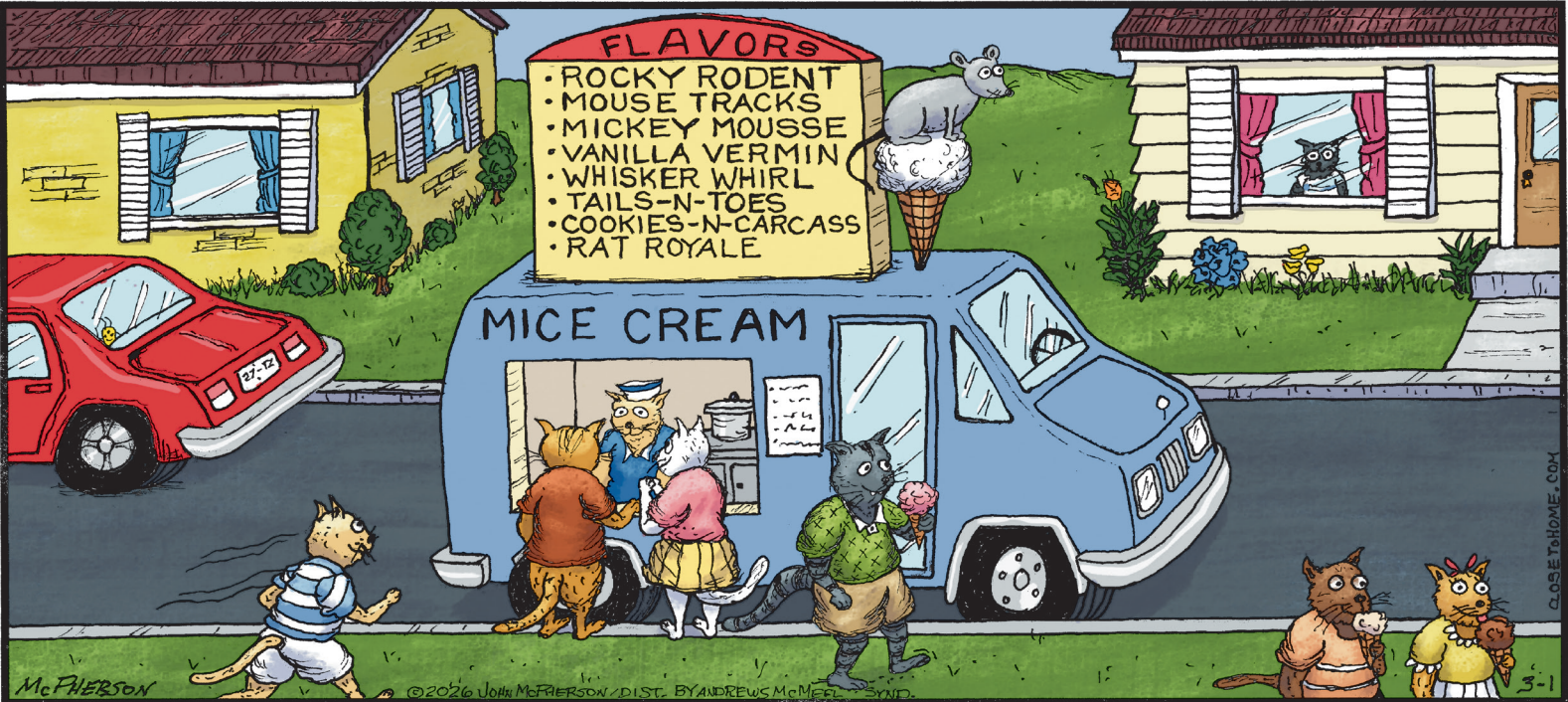
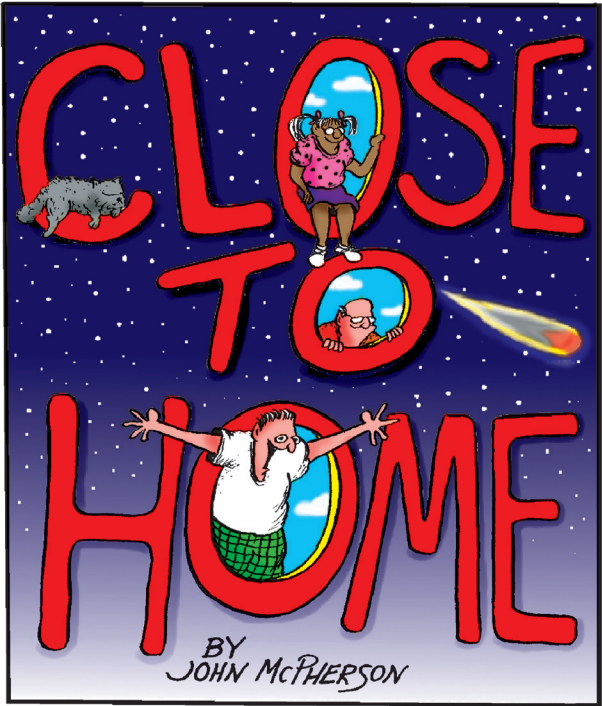
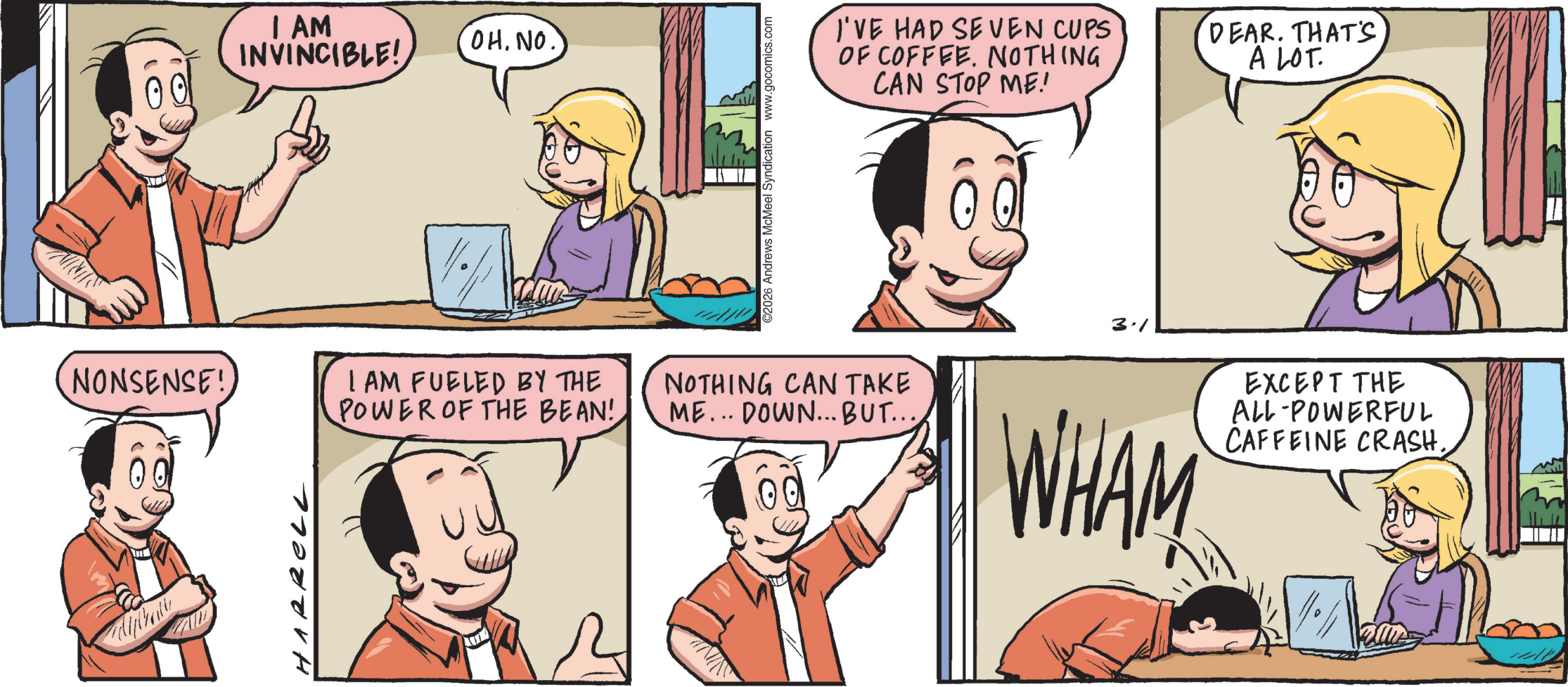
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Amazed, Amused, Angry, Annoyed, Anxious, Calm, Dazed, Down, Elated, Examining, Excited, Expressions, Eye Rolling, Eyes, Face, Fear, Flattering, Flustered, Frowning, Game, Gazing, Glare, Gloat, Glowing, Guilty, Happy, Laughing, Loving, Patient, Peaceful, Pout, Proud, Sad, Scared, Shocked, Smiling, Smug, Stern, Tears, Tense, Thinking, Timid, Triumphant

TODAY'S ANSWER: Hungry

ADAM@HOME

BY ROB HARRELL



BLONDIE

BY DEAN KURTZ & JOHN MARSHALL

SO, WHAT'S THE DAMAGE?

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, I'M NOT A MIRACLE WORKER

YOUR INVERSE COAGULATOR WAS SHOT...THAT'S \$175! AND I ROTATED YOUR HYDROGENATOR FOR ONLY \$299

HUH?

AND YOUR CRANK VALVES WERE OUT OF BALANCE, SO ADD ANOTHER \$450!

CRANK VALVES?

PLUS, I DE-SQUEAKED YOUR FAN BELTS AND GAVE YOU AN OIL CHANGE FOR \$34.99...SO YOUR TOTAL IS \$1295.99 PLUS TAX AND GRATUITY!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

ACTUALLY, YES!! HEH HEH...GOTCHA!

OH BROTHER!

WITH ALL THE ANGRY CUSTOMERS AROUND HERE, WE LIKE TO HAVE SOME FUN!!

I PROBABLY SHOULD'VE LOOKED MORE CLOSELY AT THE SIGN!

GUS'S "GOTCHA" CAR REPAIR
"We've GOTCHA Covered!!"

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

FIXING YOUR ROOF

APPARENTLY NOT

Hank Ketchum's **Dennis the Menace**
In Your Dreams

I'VE GOT SOME HORRIBLE NEWS!

MY DAD'S JOB IS TRANSFERRING HIM TO ANOTHER STATE!

REALLY? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

WE'RE GOING TO BE MOVING THE END OF THE MONTH!

I KNEW IT WAS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

ARF ARF ARF

SEE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

WHAT A DUMB DOG! HA! HA! HA! HA!

NOT HERE... OVER THERE!

REALLY?

HOW EMBARRASSING

I WAS BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE!

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

WHO'S ON YOUR PLAYLIST THERE?

GUESS WHO.

WHO?

NO.

NO WHAT?

NO WHO. GUESS WHO.

THE BAND?

NOT THE BAND. GUESS WHO.

NOW I HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOU, TOO?

WE DO LIKE U2.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?

YOU ASKED.

FOR THE NAMES OF BANDS ON YOUR PLAYLIST!

OKAY... RATT.

YES?

NO YES. RATT.

ARE YOU GONNA GIVE ME A BAND NAME OR NOT?

NO DOUBT.

THEN WHO?!

GUESS WHO.

I'M DONE GUESSING!

WHO COULD POSSIBLY ENJOY THIS COMIC?

I SURE HOPE SO.