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Albany City Commission hears update on utility fees

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ALBANY – The Albany City Commission got a clearer picture on utility fees related to credit and debit card payments this week, but the clarity did not assuage the ire of some customers who get their electricity, gas and water from the city-operated utility.

The fee on those transactions was actually approved by the Al-

bany Utility Board last year, and there was a lag in implementing the added cost for customers, City Manager Terrell Jacobs told commissioners.

The issue of that new charge and a 50-cent mailing fee were brought up during a Dougherty County Democratic Committee meeting last week.

Asked about the fees last week, Utility Board members were initially unaware that the convenience fee had already been approved, the

city manager said.

“There was a gap between when we asked for it to be implemented and when it got done,” he said. “I guess between July ‘25 to January (it was) out of sight, out of mind. Most of us forgot about it. The city of Albany has a transaction fee.”

That transaction fee is up to 3%.

Prior to that time the city had been absorbing the fees charged by vendors who process card payments. That cost the city about \$700,000

per year, Jacobs said.

Starting with the 2026-2027 budget year, those fees will be reflected in the utility budget that is part of the overall city budget, he said. The fee on mailing bills is something that would help defray some of those costs, as bills cost \$3 to mail, Jacobs said.

A couple of dozen residents who were not happy with the new fees attended the Tuesday commission meeting. Several commissioners,

particularly Commissioner Diana Brown, questioned the fees.

“I came because of others, not so much for myself,” Albany resident Laura Barnes said. “I don’t think you should expect elderly people to deal with that, to understand that. “They only charge 50 cents, but why should you have to pay to get your bill?”

Elderly and economically strug-

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NO FARM REQUIRED: How Albany’s 4C Academy is opening doors to agriculture

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ALBANY — As Georgia Agriculture Awareness Week highlights the state’s most foundational industry, one Dougherty County school is taking an unconventional approach: introducing students to agriculture not through tradition but through hands-on innovation, workforce training and daily impact.

At Albany’s Commodore Conyers College and Career Academy, a specialized charter school serving students in grades 9–12 across Dougherty, Terrell, Baker and Calhoun counties, agriculture isn’t rooted in generational farmland. Instead, with the help of technological advancements in hydroponics, it is

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Staff Photo: Kathryn Crockett

Agribusiness students in the 4C Academy’s 11th- and 12th-grade classes harvest butterhead lettuce in the onsite greenhouse.

Albany’s Fussell Hughes to assume role as national Exchange Club president

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ALBANY – In his nearly 30 years as an Exchange Club member, Fussell Hughes has worked his way up the ladder at the local, state, regional and national levels. This summer, he is slated to step to the top as the first Albanian and only the sixth Georgian to head the national organization in

its 115-year history.

“I joined the Exchange Club of Albany in 1997,” Hughes said. “When I joined, I joined because they were having fun and doing good things in the community. I had no idea I would grow into a leadership role. I enjoyed what I was doing, along with the program’s of impact.”

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FUSSELL HUGHES



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A driver prepares for a run at US 19 Dragway in Albany as smoke billows from behind, highlighting the controlled environment local track owners say offers a safer alternative to illegal street racing.

Deadly Albany crash underscores legal risks of street racing; community pushes for safer alternatives

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ALBANY — A weekend drag racing crash that killed a 4-year-old child and a 26-year-old man is intensifying public scrutiny of illegal street racing in Georgia, raising questions about enforcement, accountability and prevention.

Authorities say the crash occurred just after midnight Sunday on Krug Street, where two vehicles allegedly racing lost control and collided, striking bystanders. The victims were identified as Rickey Thomas, 26, and a 4-year-old child whose name has not been released.

Drivers Brandon King, 24, and Jacob Daniels Jr., 25, are each charged with two counts of homicide by vehicle in the first degree, along with racing on a highway and reckless driving. Under Georgia law, those felony charges carry prison sentences of three to 15 years per count.

Across the state, law enforcement has adopted a “zero-tolerance” approach, with recent crackdowns resulting in dozens of arrests, impounded vehicles and more than 100 citations in a single incident. Enforcement efforts now target not only drivers but also spectators and organizers.

Despite that, officials say the activity remains widespread. Illegal street racing occurs regularly nationwide and has increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. In Georgia, it has been linked to at least 264 crashes, 124 serious injuries and 30 fatalities in recent years.

Locally, residents have raised concerns about the frequency of racing activity, including so-called “street take-overs.” But Eraune Santos, owner of the US 19 Dragway racetrack in Albany, said from his perspective the issue extends beyond enforcement.

“In some ways, it’s a lot like dealing with the illegal

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FARM

growing inside an expansive greenhouse — and making its way onto lunch trays across the district.

Inside that greenhouse, rows of hydroponic lettuce stretch toward the light. Every two weeks, students in the school's agribusiness program harvest roughly 800 heads, many of which end up on cafeteria trays across Dougherty County and beyond.

"We grow lettuce in our greenhouse and sell it to the school system," Takandris Jordan, the agribusiness instructor at 4C Academy, said. "Students are literally feeding their own community."

It's a hands-on example of the school's broader mission.

A specialized charter high school, 4C Academy prepares students for both college and careers through industry-focused pathways, dual enrollment opportunities and technical certifications. Through partnerships with local businesses, students gain direct exposure to workforce training, including in agriculture, one of the region's most essential industries.

That importance became especially clear in recent years, when agricultural and food system workers were classified as essential, continuing to work through shutdowns to keep supply chains intact and communities fed. In southwest Georgia — particularly in Dougherty County, where roughly one in four residents lives below the poverty line — agriculture has remained one of the most stable economic anchors.

Nationally, agriculture and related industries support about 11% of U.S. employment, but locally, its value is often more immediate: accessible career pathways, hands-on skills and job opportunities that do not always require a four-year degree.

For educators at 4C, that translates into something practical — building pathways to stable employment and long-term job security in a region where both remain in high demand.

Yet for many students, agriculture isn't something they see as part of their future.

"There hasn't been a strong agricultural education presence in the district for years, so a lot of students just don't know about it," Jordan said. "A big part of what we're do-

ing is building awareness, showing them where they fit into it."

That awareness gap reflects a broader contradiction in southwest Georgia. While Albany is often classified as "rural" for funding and policy purposes, many students at 4C experience a more urban day-to-day reality. Agriculture, though foundational to the region's economy, can feel distant, even abstract.

Jordan said she sees that as both a challenge and an opportunity.

"Agriculture isn't something you can live without," she said. "You eat it, you wear it, you use it every day, whether you realize it or not."

As part of Georgia Agriculture Awareness Week, the school is working to close that gap through "Ag Futures Day," a college and career fair scheduled for Friday that all 4C students will have the opportunity to participate in.

Held in partnership with the Sherrod Institute, the event will bring together local employers and higher-education institutions — including Elite Ag, Griffin Truck Lines, Fort Valley State University and Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College — to introduce students to the wide range of

careers within the agricultural industry.

For Jordan, the idea is personal.

"I got into agriculture because I wanted to go to the Perry Fair," she said. "I joined, I went — and I've been stuck ever since."

Now, she said she hopes to recreate that moment for her own students. Ag Futures Day will combine a traditional college and career fair with a festival-style atmosphere, featuring activities such as tractor rides and dunking booths staffed by school personnel.

"This is my 'why,'" Jordan said. "Students learn better when they're having fun. If they can experience it, talk to people and see what's out there, they can start to picture themselves in those careers."

Her program is designed to make that connection tangible.

Beyond hydroponics, students grow cucumbers, strawberries and seasonal crops, while also managing a community garden that is open for business to the public. Residents can stop by the front office to purchase seasonal produce, and plans are already in motion to expand into local downtown farmers markets.

"We've done collard green

giveaways, and we're planning a large summer harvest later on in the year," Jordan said. "The community is always welcome to come out."

As the program expands, so do its ambitions. Jordan said she hopes to build stronger partnerships with private businesses — including restaurants and local food enterprises — creating new pathways for students while increasing the program's reach.

"We're not just teaching farming," she said. "We're teaching business, marketing, mechanics — agriculture touches so many different career paths."

That cross-disciplinary approach is already taking shape. Students in the program have moved directly into the work force, taking on roles ranging from agricultural mechanics to sales and marketing. Others are preparing for college programs in agricultural science, business or even law.

"I've had students go straight into the work force," Jordan said. "That's what this program is about — giving them real options."

Those options are especially important in a region where agriculture remains a key economic driver, but access to the industry has

historically been shaped by geography and family background.

At 4C, Jordan is working to change that.

"Being born into a farming family shouldn't be the only pathway into agriculture," she said. "We're creating access for students who may have never seen themselves in this field before."

That philosophy extends beyond the classroom and into the broader community.

Produce grown on campus feeds hundreds of people each day through the school system, but Jordan envisions a future where students also sell at local markets and supply area businesses — deepening both their experience and the program's impact.

"We want to build something sustainable," she said. "Something that continues to grow — for our students and for this community."

For now, that growth is already visible.

In a city where agriculture can sometimes feel like a distant concept, 4C students are proving it can be immediate, accessible and transformative — one harvest at a time.

From 1A

FUSSELL

The first Exchange Club was formed in 1911 in Detroit, and the club's focus was on communities, helping the disadvantaged and encouraging good citizenship. Its three focus areas are youth, Americanism and community service, with child abuse prevention emphasized as the national project.

In Albany, the club, founded in 1936, funds its activities through proceeds from the annual Exchange Club Fair of

Southwest Georgia, golf tournaments and sales of Boston butts.

"The Albany Club gives out approximately \$50,000 a year to support child abuse prevention work," Hughes said. "The big story is the exchange (between) the clubs and what they do in their communities.

We have programs like Project GIVEAK-IDAFLAG-TOWAVE where we go out in parades and give out flags that kids can wave."

The Exchange Club also provides funding to local organizations, including Open Arms, Liberty House and the American Legion. Other pro-



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grams are focused on youth development and offer the chance to win scholarships.

There are about 138 members in Albany, and the club assisted with the formation of the Exchange Club of Lee County, which was chartered in 2022 with 37 members. Hughes is a member of both groups, as are his wife and daughter, and he also made a donation toward the formation of a club in Americus.

From 1A

FEES

gling residents will feel the pain of the transaction fees, Brown said.

"We shouldn't put this burden on constituents," she said. "You're trying to paint over it and say you're doing what you need to do. Some of them are computer-illiterate. Some of them don't have computers. You're forcing them to use the online billing."

While officials felt those fees were necessary, Jacobs said that the city has provided a way for customers to cut down on utility usage. The advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system allows customers to check their energy usage and, if necessary, make changes

In addition to the regular clubs, Exchange also has collegiate clubs as well as excel clubs for high school students and junior excel programs for junior high students.

Nationwide there were a total of 13,840 members in the 28 districts in the United States and Puerto Rico, divided into 12 regions. Region 10 includes Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Nationally, there were 1,515

such as adjusting thermostats or using other ways to cut usage.

A customer also can program a dollar amount for monthly usage, for example \$300, and the system will alert them when they are close to that amount so that they can make those changes, Jacobs said. "We understand we have a lot of old housing stock," Jacobs said. "A lot of that stock is not insulated well. We have an energy-efficiency program."

Utility Board members also received a presentation during a retreat over the past weekend for a potential program that could benefit more Albanians, the city manager said. Customers also can avoid transaction fees by paying at the downtown utility office.



Albany City Commissioner Diana Brown, left, receives a hug from Laura Barnes at the conclusion of Tuesday's commission meeting. Barnes was one of about 20 people who showed up to hear about fees on utility bills.

From 1A

RACING

drug problems we have here — it's a resource issue," Santos said. "Law enforcement can try to control it, but they're not really going to be able to stop it alone."

Santos said the crash has shaken the local racing community, noting that he and his business partners, Marcus Glass and Travis Williams, knew the victims.

In response, US 19 Dragway will host a fundraising

event Sunday from 3-9 p.m. at 1304 Williamsburg Road. Admission is \$10, with \$5 from each ticket going directly to the victims' families. Donations from local businesses also will be raffled to help raise additional funds.

Santos said the track has long worked to provide a safer, legal alternative through low-cost, family-focused events aimed at moving racing off public roads.

"We've been really trying to engage with racers and the community alike," he said. "We just want people to know we're here and what we're

providing."

Unlike illegal street racing, sanctioned events include on-site EMTs, paramedics and dedicated emergency response capabilities, he said.

As the investigation continues, the Albany case underscores how quickly street racing can escalate from a traffic violation to a deadly crime — and the broader challenge of prevention. While responsibility ultimately rests with those who participate, the incident is also prompting questions about enforcement capacity and community-level solutions.

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Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today could feel like breaking free, whether the rules come from outside yourself or are rules you made yourself. For a time anyway, you could be done with rules. A path forward could appear in a living situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you’ve given away power, today you might see when, how and to whom, and also see ways to retrieve it for building your own best life. Be sure an impulsive message is benevolent before you open your mouth.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): True friends give standing ovations, frenemies try to cut you down to their size. Observe which is which with calm, place them in your life according to the role they play. Secret haters don’t deserve proximity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): How to relate to a power structure could sometimes feel like walking a razor’s edge if boundaries aren’t clear and egos run unchecked. Do your best to navigate. Think through a sudden urge before you jump.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Does the media you follow empower you, or feed fear, outrage, or entitlement? Good question to ask yourself. You can be in your rage, or you can be in your power, never both concurrently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be on a stronger path to financial freedom now — while a few potholes remain, so does a lot of innovation, grace, and cash flow. A surprise get-together could work out beautifully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Being controlled is never a great feeling, you could feel you’ve slipped the net today from criticism and coercion — both are hidden ways to exert control. Put your expanded heart into the world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new way to get something done could feel like a great improvement; you might also begin to feel more energetic and alive than you

have recently. Sign up after you consider, not just impulsively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Something that felt blocked could now be moving again to your relief, you could feel freer in general too. Don’t make a financial move based on emotion no matter how good it feels in the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Just a bit more patience and you could get the room to maneuver you’ve been needing, even as soon as tomorrow. Keep building your life, you can only harvest what you have planted and nurtured.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have greater clarity now and a more refined message to impart. Speak it when ready. Anxiety over someone vulnerable could be worrisome but isn’t a warning, it’s just some passing anxiety.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Hold out for understandable logic and clear facts in all money matters. Waters could still be a bit turbulent for another couple of weeks in your financial realm and the mud could obscure what is really going on.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: The next two weeks could be challenging — you could feel overly controlled but unable to break free. Other’s choices could disappoint or pinch. Do not let this lead to despair or apathy, all these influences, as difficult as they are, pass quickly. Your cup quickly returns to half-full and more. A bright new beginning, which could involve family or career, could bring powerful optimism. Focus could improve too. More money should come and keep coming. Avoid getting drawn into a no-win tangle in May. Expect an increase in media visibility, and renewed discipline. Late May could bring brief anxiety, don’t buy in or unpack. Your own yellow brick road can light up making things clearer. A windfall could drop in your lap. 2026 should bring everything you need.



1797: Nathaniel Briggs patented the first washing machine.

1886: Coca-Cola was originally invented as a patent medicine by John Pemberton.

1910: The first seaplane took off from a water runway.

1942: During World War II, the British ship HMS Campbeltown was deliberately rammed into a German-occupied dry dock in France, where it later exploded.

1963: Alfred Hitchcock’s horror classic film “The Birds” was released.

1974: Farmers in China

discovered a subterranean chamber, marking the finding of the terra-cotta army, 8,000 life-size soldiers, in the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang.

1979: The Three Mile Island nuclear accident occurred near Middletown, Pennsylvania, when a partial meltdown took place inside Unit 2.

1990: U.S. President George H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of Jesse Owens.

2024: FTX cryptocurrency exchange founder Sam Bankman-Fried was sentenced to 25 years in prison for fraud and conspiracy.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If the phone doesn't ring, it's me."

Jimmy Buffett,
singer/songwriter (1946-2023)

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SQUAWKBOX

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You marchers are wasting your time. You want to get rid of the greatest president this country has ever had because he's bending a few rules. What you can't understand is that he's doing what he's doing to make our country great. You are just making fools of yourselves.

It is very interesting to watch two political monkeys, like real monkeys, throw their poop at each other as they fight for the banana.

So ... are we great yet?

Fellow squawker, warfare of any kind, whether it's defensive or offensive in nature, is not subject to any real legal label you or anyone else chooses to apply. It's just war. In this case, it's 47 years old and in dire need of being finished once and for all. Quit your whining and support those brave troops who keep you safe 24/7, 365 days a year.

SMRs, you voted for the True President three times now you can't afford gas for your car even after getting paid on pay-day. That's something to think about.

Trump calls voting by mail "cheating." Records indicate he voted by mail in Florida;s recent special election for its 87th District statehouse seat. So if Trump did it, maybe it really is cheating. That Man Without a Family

The restaurant should build labor costs directly into menu prices to ensure a steady income for all employees.

Who fits this description: a charismatic leader who deceives the masses and demands absolute loyalty and convinces people that he alone can save them? Yes it's him, and it's also a description of the antichrist.

To say that the downtown brewery issue has been "solved" is a joke. Morgan still owes the city \$2 million-plus, and I would like to know what the city is doing to collect that money. To let someone who has generational money go on owing that much money without a payment plan, while chasing down someone who owes \$100 or less, is a crime.

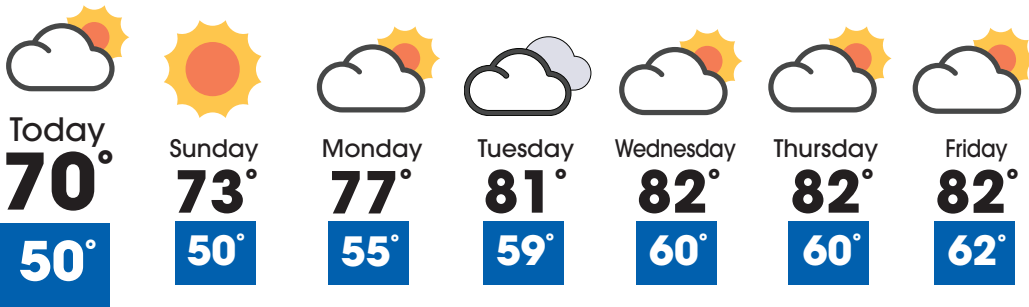
Let's see, if a group with less than a stellar reputation can get \$5 million from this corrupt group of city and county officials, two groups that have wasted a large portion of taxpayers' funding and are now in financial trouble, this once-proud community is on its way to insolvency.

Dozy Don has burned bridges with our allies.

Even with a few deadly crashes over the last couple of years, neither local law enforcement nor government "leaders" have done a thing to stop speeders in the community. Maybe it's folks "having just a little fun" -- an absurd statement if I've ever heard one -- but as the body count rises, maybe something will eventually get done. Where is the governor and our state officials when we need them?

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Daily Bridge Club

Taking the credit

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

You may get as many credit-card solicitations as I do; they come by mail, by e-mail and by annoying phone calls. I have yet

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Frank Stewart

to be offered a credit card that will let me charge things off to experience.

Against today's 3NT, West led the jack of hearts, and East captured dummy's queen and returned a heart. Then South couldn't afford to force out the ace of spades; he had to hope East had the king of clubs.

South cashed the A-Q of diamonds, led to dummy's ten and returned a club to his queen. He went to the king of diamonds and led a second club to his jack, but when he took the ace, West threw a spade. The defense won the rest for down one.

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Apparently, South lacked experience at managing his entries. When West follows with the jack on the second diamond, South

can overtake with the king. South then finesses in clubs, leads his eight of diamonds to dummy's ten and finesses in clubs. He can lead his four of diamonds to the five for a needed third club finesse.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S 10 7 H A 7 6 2 D 9 7 3 C K 9 7 4. Your partner opens one spade, you respond 1NT and he bids two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is a close case. Bid two spades, a "false preference." Partner may have five spades and only four diamonds, and he will usually do better at a 5-2 trump fit. But if I had scraped up a 1NT response with 107,A762,J73,9874, I would pass. I would not bid again and maybe give partner a chance to get too high.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Friends only want to socialize outside, not at home

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: I have two friends with whom I frequently engage in trekking; we always have great chats and fun. But I noticed when offering an invitation to come stay in our holiday home, approximately two hours' drive away, the replies were quite muted or passive but polite. Responding with their absence of enthusiasm left the moment "hanging."

Another separate friend feels I should be more specific in setting out the dates or weekends I'm offering to clarify my intentions to them. This friend feels it's not up to the invited to seek clarification on dates, et cetera, and thus explains their reluctance.

I've not had this issue with any other friends who were invited in the same manner.

What are your thoughts?

— Declined Invite

Dear Invite: This is merely conjecture, but it's possible that your friends would prefer to keep the friendship trek-only. It's not necessarily a bad thing. Perhaps they're most comfortable trekking or don't like staying at other people's homes. There's plenty of explanations. Maybe they don't feel up to the drive to a second location.

From the way you describe the situation, it seems your intentions are rather clear. So, I'm not sure that being more specific about dates or weekends is going to get you farther without first finding out if there's another reason for their reluctance.

To that end, you may want to have a no-pressure conversation about it. "I noticed you don't seem as interested in hanging out at my holiday home as you do in trekking. Am I misreading that?"

Dear Eric: For many years

my husband and I have been very generous and kind with my sister's family. We also planned many trips for them. Her husband is known as being very stingy toward us.

Now they've actually told us they are not doing nice things for us anymore. We are sick of the way they are rude, act so immature and are frankly mean. We have decided to finally just walk away from them. What are your thoughts?

— Tired of Being Taken Advantage Of

Dear Tired: That sounds like the right thing to do. From your telling, you've extended graciousness and had very little of it, if any, returned. Now, your sister's family is actively telling you they don't want to extend any graciousness to you. This is basically them telling you that they don't want to be in a relationship with you, or at least not in the way that you want.

To paraphrase a famous quote by Dr. Maya Angelou, when people tell you that they don't want to be in a relationship with you, you should believe them. It will save you a lot of stress and pain to put up an internal boundary, reminding yourself that you've done what you can to create healthy connection and that these new behaviors make that impossible.

It's also helpful to remind yourself that the generosity you extended wasn't wasted, even if it didn't produce the result you wanted. You've been living according to your values and that's important. They don't share your values — or they don't see your values in the same way. That's a shame. But you don't have to continue putting yourself in a position where your generosity is rejected.

Dear Eric: As I read the let-



Eric Thomas

ter from "Abandoned by Family", about the widow whose late husband's children from his first marriage left her out of his funeral arrangements, I realized something. The lady writing to you is almost 100 years old. She stated they got married nine years ago when they were in their 80s. Whew, imagine being almost 100 and people are still playing with your emotions. Did anyone else notice the age? I hope everything goes well for the rest of Miss Lady's days. And peace and blessings to you.

— Don't Play

Dear Don't Play: You have a way with words; I love it. No one's emotions should be played with, but certainly not someone who's had almost 100 years on Earth. Play time is over. Peace and blessings to you, too.

Dear Eric: As a widow and someone who has moved several times, I have a suggestion for "Mementos", a recent widow who wanted to downsize but whose children wanted her to keep her late husband's belongings. My suggestion is: take pictures. Memory for pictures is cheap and takes up little space. I take pictures of many things I've collected before I let them leave my house. I smile as I look at the pictures during the long winter days.

— Remembering

Dear Remembering: Thank you for this suggestion. It's a great reminder that even if we part with physical objects, we can hold on to the memories they evoke in multiple ways. This may also make letting go of the objects easier.

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HOLLY DRIVE

became one of Albany's most popular bands a generation ago



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A generation ago, as the late-'80s bled into the turn of the century, Albany, Georgia, had a thriving music scene. On any given weekend, dozens of local and area bands would perform live sets at venues that thrived by opening their doors to these modern-day troubadours. Those days, alas, have all but vanished, only a few local establishments now offering live music by a dwindling number of local musical artists. Over the next several weeks, *The Albany Herald* will look at past and present music scenes, getting feedback from artists of decades ago and those playing today, some of them whose longevity has kept them playing for both generations of fans.

ALBANY – If you're looking for a cool "origin story," few bands can match popular Albany-based late-'90s/2000s alternative rockers Holly Drive. A few east Albany buds – Chad and Brad Basko, Dusty Ashberry and Zac Etheridge – all came from musical families and started playing at early ages. As they grew older and started taking their music a little more seriously, they started looking for some-

one to front their little group. That someone turned out to be a teacher at their school, Byne Christian. "They talked with me about music, and I told them I was interested in learning to play," Kris Morrill, who would become the singer/acoustic guitarist for the collective that would be known as Holly Drive, said. "They came to my house and showed me a few chords, and since they had their instruments with them, we started messing around with a few things. "I was able to pick up a few chords, but those guys were all worlds ahead of me as guitarists." But the jam session that grew from that early meet-up was the genesis of a band that would grow into one of the most popular musical groups in southwest Georgia. "We were just amazed that Kris could play guitar and sing," Chad Basko, who played drums for Holly Drive and later, after the group's demise, provided rhythm for one of Albany's most popular and enduring bands, Unbreakable Bloodline, said. "None of us could do that. He was our man." Morrill, who now owns the dog-training business Revolutionary Canine, said he joined the band for the novelty of the experience, never

expecting much to come of it. "We'd started out – like everybody else – doing cover songs," he said. "We'd play at pool halls, neighborhood parties, anywhere anybody wanted us to play. But after a while, it kind of morphed into this thing where we built a regional following and we started doing more and more shows. "I remember going to what we were told was a festival in Valdosta, and we were told that the show was going to be at the corner of this street and that street. When we got there, there was a flat-bed trailer with one extension cord running to the site. It wouldn't even be enough power for our amp, much less all of our equipment." Discouraged, the members of Holly Drive changed tack. They went to the tiny Remerton community and found a bar that would allow them to play. "We had a guy who kind of served as our manager, and he went from bar to bar in that tiny community until he finally found one that would let us play," Morrill said. "They had a guy doing acoustic stuff inside, and they told us they couldn't pay us but we could play on their deck. I felt sorry for that guy inside, because once we set up and started playing, everyone came outside to hear us.

"The crowd bought up all of our CDs and our merch, and the next time we played down there, everyone was singing along to our songs. That kind of blew our minds." All of the members of Holly Drive except Morrill were too young to be in many of the places the band played, an issue that was solved by the make-up of the band's "road crew." "Once we finished playing at one of these bars, we couldn't hang around," Basko said. "So our parents, who handled our sound system and went to all of our shows, had to load out our equipment." Before they started playing on a regular basis, the members of Holly Drive became something of an annoyance in their neighborhoods. In fact, that's what led indirectly to the band's name. "We'd practice at Kris' house on 10th Avenue, and we'd get the cops called on us for noise complaints almost every time we rehearsed," Basko said. "And when we'd play at one of our dad's buildings on Holly Drive, the cops were called on us every night. "We decided to go with the band name Holly Drive because everyone would complain to our parents, 'Are y'all the parents of those loud Holly Drive kids? Those kids are too loud.'" Holly Drive went on to re-

cord an album of original material in Nashville, Tenn., and another they recorded at Stallion Music in Albany. The band played throughout the region, at all of the Albany and south Georgia venues and at clubs in Alabama and Florida. The music scene in the region, Morrill noted, was thriving at the time the band started to make a name for itself. "There were a lot of bands around here, and a lot of venues that loved hosting live music," he said. "Folks like the guys in Monroe Brown became good friends. We'd go see their shows, and they'd come to ours. That was the thing about it then: We were more of an alternative band and Monroe Brown played a little harder-edged music, but we all supported each other. "Back then, the club owners were willing to pay the bands. You might get the gate or 2- or 300 bucks plus a meal. There's not a lot of that now, but saying there are no live venues now is bullsh--. If you want to play, you can find a place to play. You can set up on a street corner or just set up somewhere on someone's property and play. There may not be a big scene, but you can create a scene." Life as a regional band around the turn of the century led to some interesting times, Basko said.

"There were actually a bunch of crazy times," the former drummer said. "We were signed to play a 'big party' at Panama City Beach during what we were told was 'spring break.' When we got down there, there was a flatbed, two extension cords and maybe five people. Turns out it was the week before spring break. "During that time, there were a lot of venues for bands in our area. There just aren't that many places that have live music now. Of course, during the time that we were playing, people would show up to hear live music. Not so much any more." When Morrill told his younger bandmates that it was time for him to move on into the adult world to make a living, the band members divided the money they had saved and split up amicably. The members of Holly Drive played in other bands for a short period, Chad Basko doing seven years with UBL, but they never matched the success they had with the band that became one of the region's most popular groups. Ashberry is an engineer now; Brad Basko works for Safe-Aire, and Etheridge tragically passed away a short while ago.



Special Photos
The members of Albany-based band Holly Drive, from left in left photo, Brad Basko, Zac Etheridge, Dusty Ashberry, Chad Basko and Kris Morrill became one of the most popular bands in southwest Georgia during the time of a swinging music scene.



'AEROSMITH (LEGENDARY EDITION)' celebrates five decades of rock royalty

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LOS ANGELES – Multi-Grammy Award-winning Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Aerosmith have released

"Aerosmith (Legendary Edition)." For the first time, the Boston rock legends (Steven Tyler, Joe Perry, Tom Hamilton, Brad Whitford and Joey Kramer) have assembled the definitive version of their multiplatform self-

tled debut, Aerosmith, originally released in 1973. In an effort to finally present their unfiltered vision now, Aerosmith co-founders Steven Tyler and Joe Perry have newly mixed the original recordings and tapes alongside Grammy Award-nominated producer and mixer Zakk Cervini and Grammy Award-winning producer Steve Berkowitz. As such, this fresh remas-

tered album mix of the record is the crown jewel of the robust "Legendary Edition" collection, which is available now via Capitol Records/UMe in multiple configurations, outlined in detail below, including a 5-LP box, 4-LP Slipcase, 1-LP Black/1-LP Color, 3-CD, 1-CD and digital. "Aerosmith (Legendary Edition)" also marks the first time Aerosmith's debut album is presented in Dolby Atmos. In celebration of the album's arrival, Aerosmith also have released a brand-new official lyric video for "Dream On."

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Special Illustration and Photo
Rock superstars Aerosmith have released a remastered version of their first album.



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The Albany City Commission made a wise decision in not handing the brewery property back over to the person who allowed it to be run into the ground ... and still owes the city \$2 million-plus. I will definitely support the new owners when they open.

Sunnyland Farms here in Albany has the best products available. Their mail-order business is top-notch and super-fast. I notified them I had a very minor problem with a shipment and received two personal notes from “Angie” apologizing. If you have not tried their nuts, candy, cookies, etc., you need to try their products.

Another informative column by Chad Warbington. As a taxpayer, I want to hear more about consolidation. What we really need is action on consolidation.

Sorry, not sorry: There are many very good reasons for American Islamophobia: 9/11,USS Cole, Beirut Embassy, and countless attacks by radical Islamists across our nation and many other nations. Don't lecture me about it being a “peaceful religion.”

Trump keeps digging a deeper and deeper hole with his “world domination” antics, and his true believers keep their noses firmly planted in his backside, even as we edge closer to World War III and the death of millions. This man should be in prison.

The Democrats did not rig the 2020 election. Trump keeps bringing it up, and it is almost a requirement for Republican Congressmen to, publicly, accept this lie. Trump rarely, now, even gets challenged about it, but he should. The results in Georgia, alone, refute Trump, and Georgia's Republican Governor and Republican Secretary of State repeatedly, consistently, and continually reject Trump's claim.

I refuse to ride on an airplane that helps ICE transport children to detention warehouses.

Albany law enforcement's unwillingness to combat the city's horrible street racing problem is shameful. And a measly 130 citations given for 500 traffic stops is both weak and embarrassing. Not to mention, the city desperately needs ticket revenue. We need bold, real leadership to take charge. Not this incompetence.

There are several free yard sale apps out there. I wish people would use them like they do in the larger cities. All in one place, already mapped out for you.

TSA personnel are working hard without pay due to the president and the R's government shutdown, while the president's thug force is strolling around airports looking bored and getting paid. What a joke on the flying public and the hard-working, dedicated government working TSA employees. Really sad.

Give ‘em hell, No Kings. I don't know that anything you -- or anyone -- do will ever have an impact because our elected officials are so scared of Trump, but we have to do something. And what you're doing, your activism, shows that people do care and they're tired of this convicted felon ruling America as a “king.”

COLUMNIST ■ MICHAEL FERGUSON II

Selective outrage and the illusion of equity in Albany

Albany, Georgia, is the kind of place where distance is measured less in miles and more in relationships. Six degrees of separation feels generous here — most of us are only one or two handshakes removed. Because of that, context matters.

Stories here don't stand alone; they carry history, shared experience, and the credibility of those who were present when the work was done. I offer that as necessary backstory.

Nearly two decades ago, developer Orlando Rambo and I worked together to successfully develop a first-time homebuyer community on the southside. In partnership with a local bank and HUD, we helped create a pathway to homeownership for families long locked out of the market. It was not theoretical, it was executed.

Orlando and I graduated high school together some 40 years ago. I have seen first-hand what it takes to operate as a developer without deep access to capital. The work requires persistence, relationships, and endurance that often go unrecognized in public conversations about development.

I am also old enough to remember when a program, once led by Pinky Douglass, was created to integrate minority developers into government contracting. Its intent was clear. Its outcome was more complicated.

Over time, the structure was manipulated. Representation was present, but control often was not. The resources flowed, but not in ways that built lasting capacity within underserved communities. The result was participation that did not always translate into long-term economic positioning.

When efforts were made to shift that dynamic, resistance followed. Developers from neighboring Lee County signaled legal action when the possibility of a more level playing field emerged. That response alone revealed how contested true equity can become. This is why I have long supported Affirmative Action, not as preference, but as policy grounded in correction.

Its foundation is not abstract. It is rooted in the Constitution itself. The Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery, but freedom alone

did not establish access. The Fourteenth Amendment guaranteed equal protection, yet equality under law did not automatically produce equality in opportunity.

The Fifteenth Amendment secured voting rights, though even those required continued protection to be realized. Affirmative Action was developed as a policy response to close that gap, to move constitutional promises into practical outcomes in areas like education, employment, and contracting. That framework was clear.

What followed has been less so. The language of diversity and inclusion expanded the conversation, but not always the results. In some cases, the focus shifted away from measurable outcomes toward representation alone. Presence increased, but decision-making authority and economic control did not always follow.

In a community like Albany, that distinction is not theoretical, it is visible. We are not lacking in representation. The greater challenge remains access to capital, contracts, and the ability to lead development in a way that produces lasting economic impact. Which brings us to the present. More recently, conversations around downtown development — particularly those involving the Look Again Group — have drawn increased attention. As with any project involving public interest, the expectations should remain consistent: transparency, accountability, and a clear understanding of how these developments serve the broader community.

Commissioner Chad Warbington has, at times, taken positions that reflect a familiar pattern — raising the prospect of legal action when facing scrutiny over a land acquisition involving Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, while also supporting the use of Albany Utilities refund dollars toward a development initiative connected to that same institution. More recently, the Sowega Council on Aging sold a property that received \$3.5 million in public funding for renovation intended to serve the senior community. Yet there has been little public

discussion of any formal agreement outlining protections for that investment, such as conditions, long-term use requirements, or clawback provisions in the event of a sale. That absence raises reasonable questions.

Equally notable is the difference in response. Some projects are met with heightened scrutiny and calls for fiscal restraint, while others move forward with far less public concern. The contrast is difficult to ignore.

Mayor Bo Dorough recently shared that these decisions are difficult when asked about his support for the latest downtown development. He also suggested that, as an “outsider,” I may not fully understand the complexities involved. Respectfully, I understand more than enough.

I understand what it means to be a taxpayer in this city. I understand what it means to participate in development without the advantage of excess capital. And I understand that complexity should never be used as a substitute for clarity or consistency.

There also has been a noticeable emphasis from the mayor on revisiting the failed brewery project and its previous ownership. That focus, in my view, reflects a broader pattern that does not require “inside” information to recognize.

From where many of us sit, it appears that certain projects receive more attention and alignment than others. Whether intentional or not, that perception carries weight in a community where public trust is already fragile.

It is also worth noting the acquisition of the flower shop and surrounding properties at a price that, to many observers, appeared to exceed fair market value. In an open session, it was acknowledged that the owners were personal friends. That context matters. Not because relationships are uncommon in a city like Albany, but because when public funds intersect with personal relationships, the expectation of transparency and objectivity must rise accordingly.

Even the appearance of preferential treatment can erode public confidence. And in matters

involving taxpayer dollars, perception is central to maintaining trust.

In closing, in reference to recent correspondence from Carlton Fletcher concerning these matters, there is at least one point of agreement: Our city has a track record of business decisions that warrant closer scrutiny — and that pattern must change.

In the case of the Look Again Group's proposal, it was not, in my view, the strongest submission. When asked, I shared that perspective directly with Orlando and offered recommendations on how it could be strengthened. That is what honest engagement looks like.

It is my hope that this project proves successful and helps break the cycle of underperforming investments utilizing taxpayer dollars. My past experience working with Orlando gives me reason to believe that, given a level playing field, he and his team are capable of meeting the challenge. And if there is any way I can contribute — through insight, experience, or support — I remain a phone call away.

At times, I find myself asking: Where are leaders like Jalen Johnson and Bob Langstaff when you need them? Their absence is felt, and it raises broader questions about how leadership evolves in this city: who is elevated, who is removed, and who ultimately decides. Those once labeled “outsiders” can quickly become “insiders,” while others are pushed to the margins. That cycle deserves reflection.

And to the point about “outsiders,” let's be clear. Those labeled as outsiders are, in fact, the very people who determine who is on the inside. They are taxpayers. They are stakeholders. Most importantly, they are voters.

Oversight is necessary. Accountability is necessary. But both must be applied consistently. You cannot claim fiscal discipline on Monday and abandon it on Tuesday when the deal benefits your circle. Albany deserves more than selective outrage; we deserve consistency, transparency, and leadership that does not change with convenience.

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

I know you are, but what am I?

When I was growing up, it was a common practice to call someone — particularly someone you didn't especially care for - a name. Then, regardless of what you called the other person — dummy, doofus, mama's boy — they would respond “I know you are, but what am I?”

OK, so it wasn't the wittiest comeback of all time, but it came in handy when no other option was available because the person was in fact a dummy, doofus, or mama's boy.

What reminded me of this, something I hadn't thought about since before my voice broke, is the appearance of Attorney General Pam Bondi before the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 11.

As for the purpose of the assembly, I'll just say that your guess is as good as mine. It's one thing that she avoided answering the critical questions posed to her: How many co-conspirators of Jeffrey Epstein has she indicted, did she have knowledge of Donald Trump at parties with underage girls, who approved the transfer of convicted sex offender Ghislaine Maxwell from prison to one with more comfortable living conditions, were various members of the Cabinet questioned about their ties to Epstein, etc.?

But it's another thing altogether that Bondi used her time to attack the members of Congress charged with holding her to account. It was clear from the start that she didn't want any part of it and would have preferred to be somewhere — anywhere — else.

Throughout her “testimony,” she lashed out, attacked, pointed fingers, changed the subject, pleaded ignorance, tossed out insults, and remained silent when she knew her back was against the wall.

In short, she said or did anything she could think of to save her skin. A few of the lowlights including Bondi asking Democrats if they apologized to Trump for participating in his impeachment hearings, boasting about the performance of the stock market, calling Jamie Raskin, D, Maryland, a “washed-up lawyer,” accusing Hank Johnson, D, Georgia, of lacking experience (despite being in Congress for two decades), and saying Thomas Massie, R, Kentucky, has “Trump derangement syndrome.”

And these are just the tip of a very, very deep iceberg. You'll find these — and many more - on

the internet. In one of the more cringe-worthy moments, Pramila Jayapal, D, Washington, asked Bondi if she would turn and face the Epstein survivors (who were standing at the back of the room) and apologize for what Bondi's Department of Justice was putting them

through with the unacceptable release of the Epstein files and the information they contained.

Bondi didn't budge or even so much as blink. All she had to say was, “I'm not going to get into the gutter with this woman and doing (sic) theatrics.” With that, Jayapal asked the Epstein survivors to raise their hand if they had not yet been invited to meet with Bondi or the DOJ. Every single one of them held their hand in the air.

Jasmine Crockett, D, Texas, may have said it best when she looked directly at Bondi and said, “I completely don't get how it is that you're sitting at the top of DOJ because you don't seem to be good at your job.”

Perhaps understated, but it still hit the nail on a very hard head.

So to you directly, Ms. Bondi, do you know what comes to mind



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“With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.”
Mark 10:27

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Recent drag-racing deaths do little to slow Albany drivers

I can't drive ... 55.

— Sammy Hagar

You're lying in bed, can't sleep and it's 4 a.m. Other than ambient “house noises,” the silence is complete.

Then, suddenly, as if to shatter your peaceful existence, you hear it ... MWOOOOOAAAARRR! As if Satan himself had left his dominion for a romp on Earth, the noise is startling in its abruptness and its volume. After all, you live a couple of blocks off any of the main drags in town, and you have R-13 insulation packed throughout your home.

The noise? It's one of the seemingly hundreds, probably dozens, of self-anointed street racers who force people who drive the speed limit off the roads in the daytime and really take over the streets when most people are home in bed.

Over the past weekend, two of the racers crashed in a post-midnight drag race, killing two people, including a 4-year-old child. (Of course, the logical among us would ask what kind of parent would have their 4-year-old child out at a drag race after midnight, but that's another issue for another time.)

The two racers, one of whom left the scene before turning himself in, police said, were issued a small fine and allowed to go on with their lives. The two people who died ... their lives are over.

Every week, this publication receives a dozen or so complaints from readers who say they are terrorized, annoyed, disturbed, endangered by these foolish people who try to turn every section of road – from traffic light to traffic light – into a mini race track. They weave in and out of traffic, most of them with their loud mufflers roaring, frightening drivers who are merely trying to get from Point A to B.

And while, as earlier noted, they really come out

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at night, you don't have to look hard to find these arrested development adolescents at any time on any street. Hell, sitting here in this downtown Albany office, two blocks away from the local law enforcement center, we hear these Smokey and the Bandit wannabes roaring down the streets, unimpeded, at all hours of the day.

Complainers who have encountered these speed demons note that they use daredevil tactics that endanger the lives of other drivers on the city's busiest streets, and they admit to massive frustration when they are forced out of traffic by a speeding vehicle with a law enforcement vehicle nearby, seemingly unmoved by any number of traffic violations.

The recent crash that killed two is one of a handful of speed-related wrecks that have ended with loss of life. And it's led to a rallying cry among local drivers who say enough is enough, that it's time for someone – anyone – to take action.

But as I slammed on brakes this morning to elude a dumb-a\$\$ driver who cut in front of me with inches to spare to beat me to a traffic light and execute a right-hand turn, I realized that even the death of a 4-year-old kid is not enough to slow these people down.

I've never understood the thrill of traveling at fast speeds in a 2,000-pound hunk of metal and plastic that can easily become a tomb when its careless driver wraps it around a tree or a light pole.

I don't know if our local law enforcement agencies have traffic divisions any more. It would be nice to know they still exist, that there are officers charged with stopping this kind of dangerous driving. But when someone told me – and this is only rumor – that local officers are some of the drivers who race on local streets, one thought became clear to me: The body count is only going to go higher.

COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

The geography of a miracle

In 2012, Greg Thomas was diagnosed with cancer. Stage Four. He was sent home to get his affairs in order.

Against medical advice, Greg spent his dwindling energy on renovating a 150-year-old abandoned church. He spent entire days refinishing pews, scraping paint or sanding floors. After months of labor, Greg went for a follow-up exam. The tumors had vanished. The doctors called it “spontaneous remission.” Which is medical shorthand for “What the ...?”

In 2004, a 60-year-old Japanese man named Shinshū Kōda was diagnosed with malignant lymphoma. The abdominal tumor was the size of a softball. Kōda refused chemo and retreated into meditation and prayer, sometimes for upwards of 12 hours at a time.

Months later, doctors found no tumors. The mass had liquefied. Doctors theorized this was due to a rise in Kōda's interleukin-2 levels, immune system protein levels in the body associated with prayer. Nobody knows how these proteins work, or what they are exactly.

So, doctors called it “spontaneous remission.”

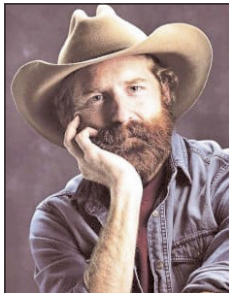
In 1986, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson was in his mid-80s. On a whim, he began a weekly tradition. Each Sunday, he would pass out crisp \$1 bills to anyone who came to visit. He would give a blessing, then the dollar. Each recipient was supposed to give his or her dollar away to charity.

One day, a man visited Schneerson. The man was scheduled for high-risk heart surgery to repair a ruined valve. He was actually on his way to the hospital when he stopped to see the Rabbi. Schneerson gave the man a dollar and told him, “The doctors are looking at the wrong map.”

One hour later, surgeons opened the man up. They found his cardiac valve wholly intact. Medical staffers checked the man's identity bracelets, certain this was the wrong patient.

But no.

The scans that had been taken only two hours prior showed a destroyed valve. But new echocar-



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diograms showed the valve had corrected itself.

On July 20, 2021, an extreme drought order was issued by Hopi Tribe Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma. The drought had caused a 100% reduction in livestock. This was not only one of the worst droughts to strike Arizona, it was one of the worst droughts ever recorded in the Southwest. Hopi elders gathered for the Butterfly Dance, a ceremony of day-long rhythmic prayer to restore balance and rain.

Critics chimed in. Onlookers laughed. Local meteorologists predicted a 0% chance of rain for the entire month. Within one hour of the ceremony's conclusion, a localized “monsoon” cell formed directly over the Hopi mesas. Meteorologists called the storm cell “unexplainable,” and “highly unusual.”

The storms dropped 3 inches of rain in a bullseye pattern not reflected anywhere else in the state.

There was significant flooding in the area. A state of natural disaster was declared. National Weather Service records report that the occurrence was an “anomalous convective event.” Which is meteorological-speak for “spontaneous remission.”

In January of '91, the Gulf War was in full swing. At around 6 p.m. Iraq launched a cavalcade of Scud missiles at Tel Aviv. Miriam Cohen was in her apartment when she felt an immediate, inexplicable, overwhelming need to pray the 20th Psalm. “May the Lord answer you in the day of distress ...”

Miriam also felt an urging to rush into the hallway and stand in a specific place between her kitchen and bathroom. This was not a location that made structural sense for safety.

The missile hit her building. The structure collapsed. Miriam's apartment was decimated. A few days later, rescue crews were digging through a mountain of rubble when they heard a voice. The workers found Miriam standing in a pocket that had been unharmed. It was the only remaining solid structure, shaped like a V. Later, engineers would call this event a “freak of physics.”

But you can call it spontaneous remission.

COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Maintaining the ‘useless and outdated’

You know what they say: “Deaths always happen in threes.” So it was, recently with three of my long-time audio-video pals. I said goodbye to my compact disc recorder, my DVD recorder, and my cassette player.

Cause of death? A combination of outdated parts and dirty, scratched heads. Sure, I could send them off to some mysterious repair service to be patched and cleaned, but at what cost? As every customer service

rep is trained to say, occasionally in English, “It would be cheaper to just buy a new one. And I have a deal for you.”

So I removed the only parts with any value (the remote control batteries), and thanked my old machines for their service. To be fair, they had high mileage. I started recording music on CDs before it became easier to do on a computer, and I'm still in the midst of a decades-long project to convert my old VHS tapes to DVD, many of which you can see on my “Chattanooga Radio TV” YouTube channel.

I shopped online for replacement devices, found some good buys, and I'm thrilled with the results. My new machines work, for now, anyway. But now comes the messy part.

While disconnecting and reconnecting all the wires and cables that go into the receivers and TV sets, I found myself with a few extras. Some came boxed with the new machines, and some of the older ones can best be described as “outdated and useless,” which is a potential title for my autobiography.

As I was throwing these artifacts into an old box that my children will someday open and immediately discard, I realized I may be the reason Radio Shack went out of business. I have most of their inventory.

While rewiring behind the TV set, I found a huge plug, tying up two spaces on my already overcrowded power outlet strip. You know, the one that investigators often refer to as “cause of fire.”

After tracing its cord through a curled, twisted jungle, I realized it had been connected to absolutely nothing since Frankie

Valli was a freshman Four Season. Just like many elderly members of Congress, it had been there for decades, no one paid attention to it, and it didn't really do anything, so it just stayed there. I thought of all the times I had needed an extra outlet. Of course, I will not throw it away, because surely I own a device that needs it. Something valuable, like an 8-track player.

Actually, a few of those old wires and cables have come in handy on occasion. I have a 90-year-old friend down the street. He's still a proud VCR owner, and he thinks I'm a genius because I know where all those cables are supposed to go. My reputation will remain intact as long as my repairs are limited to his TV/VCR connections. If he ever needs me to fix his sink or his car, he will be sorely disappointed.

My cord collection ranges from the standard RCA AV cables (good) to the 21st century HDMI (better). I've learned that the off-brand five-dollar cables deliver the same colorful picture that the big-name 50-dollar ones do. I have all sorts of male to female extensions, male to male adapters, female to female couplers, and other controversial combinations.

I have charging cables for cell-phones like the kids used on “Saved By The Bell.” I have those wide-mouth computer cables that Bill Gates phased out about 10 Windows ago. I have headphone jack adapters from an era in which a “pod” was where a pea resided. If any of these products ever make a comeback, I'm ready. In fact, if I connected all of my cords, cables and wire, and aimed them toward the White House, they would generate enough static electricity to make President Trump's hair stand on end.

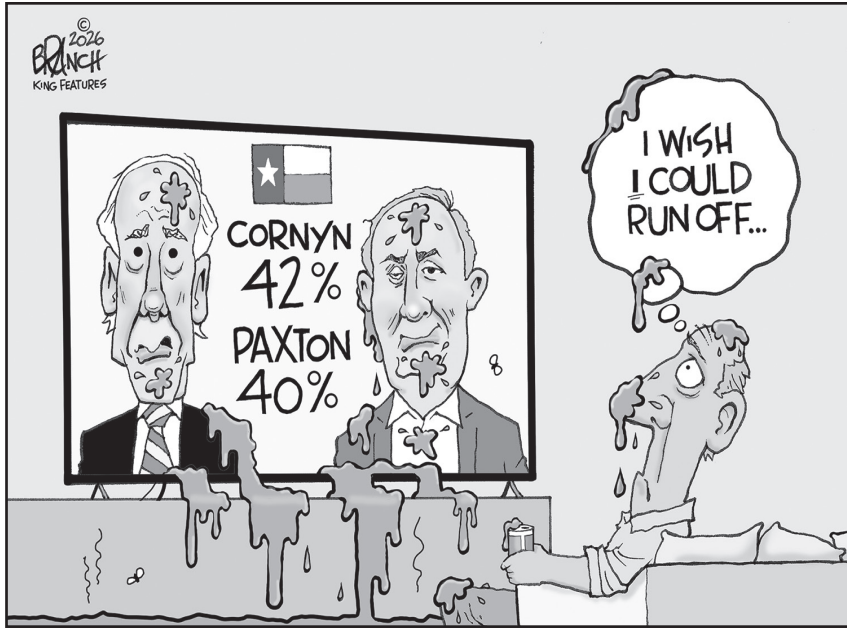
Now that I've replaced my dilapidated old machines with smooth-humming new models, what will I do with all of these old connection cables? I hear there's still a Radio Shack in Sevierville, Tenn. I have just what they need, and I will make them a sweet deal.

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Phoebe NICU baby’s legacy of hope

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ALBANY -- She weighed just 4.2 pounds, lived for eight days, and although her life was brief, Harper Grant will leave a lasting legacy.

Born at 32 weeks and four days, Harper was the miracle her parents, Lajuana Beale Grant and Antonio Grant, prayed for through years of invitro fertilization treatments. Tiny but mighty, Harper spent her brief life surrounded by parents who loved her fiercely.

During her time in the neonatal intensive care unit at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Harper received specialized care as her family held tightly to hope and faith. As her medical needs evolved, Harper was transferred to another facility for continued treatment.

Tragically, she lost her battle with necrotizing enterocolitis, a devastating and life-threatening disease that primarily affects premature infants. Her death left a void no parent should ever have to endure, but it also ignited a mission rooted in love, resilience and service.

“After years of hope, prayers and heartbreak, my husband and I were finally blessed with our miracle daughter, Harper,” Lajuana Grant said. “For eight precious days, we held her close, loved her deeply, and dreamed of the life we would share with her.”



Special Photo: Phoebe

Though she lived only eight days, Harper Grant continues to touch people’s lives through her parents’ Harper’s Fairy Foundation.

Determined to honor her daughter’s life, Lajuana founded Harper’s Fairy Foundation, transforming unimaginable grief into a gift for families facing the same fears she once knew too well.

At the heart of the foundation is a monthly basket program delivered on the 11th of every month in honor of Harper’s birthday. Each month, Lajuana personally delivers a thoughtfully curated basket to a

family in Phoebe’s NICU. Filled with comforting items for both mother and baby, the baskets offer encouragement, support, and a reminder that these families are not alone.

“Every month, on the 11th, we honor Harper by giving back,” Grant said. “This is our way of keeping her spirit alive, turning her legacy of love into hope for other families.”

Jennifer Heleski, the director of Phoebe’s Women’s and Children’s

Services, says the impact of Harper’s life, and her mother’s mission, is deeply felt.

“What Lajuana has done in the wake of unimaginable loss is a testament to the power of a mother’s love,” Heleski said. “Harper may have only been with us for eight days, but the impact of her life and of this foundation will be felt by NICU families for years to come. We are honored to be part of Har-



Special Photo: Phoebe

Mom Lajuana Grant, third from left, founded Harper’s Fairy Foundation, transforming unimaginable grief into a gift for families facing the same fears she once knew too well.

er’s legacy.”

Beyond the monthly baskets, Harper’s Fairy Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness about NEC, one of the leading causes of death among premature infants.

“One scripture carried us through our journey: ‘I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of Him,’” she reflected, quoting 1 Samuel 1:27. “Harper was our answered prayer, and her legacy now lives on through every life we touch.”

Heleski echoed the hospital’s commitment to supporting families through every stage of their NICU experience.

“At Phoebe, caring for families goes far beyond medical treatment,” she said. “When Lajuana walks through our doors each month, choosing hope over heartbreak, she reminds us all about why this work matters. Harper’s Fairy Foundation is a blessing to our hospital and to every family it touches.”

Grant said she hopes others will join her mission and help expand the foundation’s reach to more NICU families.

“Harper’s story reminds us that even the smallest lives can leave the biggest impact,” she said. “Through Harper’s Fairy Foundation, we turn our love for her into action.”

To learn more or support Harper’s enduring legacy, visit www.HarpersFairyInc.org.



Special Photo: Alander Rocha/Georgia Recorder

Atlanta Democratic state Sen. RaShaun Kemp introduces an amendment to allow high school students to use cell-phones in-between class periods during debate on a bill to ban cellphones from “bell to bell.”

Legislature approves ‘bell-to-bell’ cellphone ban in high schools

By Alander Rocha

Georgia Recorder

ATLANTA — The Georgia Senate unanimously passed a measure that would ban cellphone use on campus for high school students from the morning bell until the dismissal bell, known as a “bell-to-bell” ban.

The bill would add public high school students to the current law, which passed last year and banned cellphone use for students up to grade eight during instructional time. The bill also calls for local school boards to establish procedures for students to use a phone during “other instructional opportunities that do not occur on school grounds,” such as dual enrollment or work-based learning programs.

The bill passed the Senate Monday with a 52-0 vote and heads to Gov. Brian Kemp for final approval.

Sen. Shawn Still, a Suwanee Republican who carried House Bill 1009 in the upper chamber, said after the bill’s passage that feedback from teachers to the bill has been overwhelmingly positive, saying that students interact more during lunch and there are even fewer fights in the schools where the policy has already been implemented.

“When we think about what’s best for our children, we have to take away as many external factors as we can,” Still said on the Senate floor Monday. “We can’t legislate what happens at home, but we can control what happens at school, and that’s why this bill is so critically important.”

Atlanta Democratic state Sen. RaShaun Kemp introduced an amendment to allow cellphone use between

classes. Kemp said that a one-size-fits-all policy does not account for the needs of different age groups, saying that high school students have different needs than elementary school students. The amendment he proposed would allow each school district to adopt its own policies for allowing cellphone use during “brief transitions between classes.”

“I do not believe that we should do a blanket policy that treats 17-year-olds like 7-year-olds; these are two totally different stages in life,” Kemp said.

Kemp said that many 17- and 18-year-olds have adult responsibilities, like a job or even children, but if the school districts disagree with that position, they can still implement a bell-to-bell ban.

“I do not believe we should be forcing a 17-year-old, 18-year-old to have to go out without their phones for a whole eight hours,” Kemp said. “We don’t do it. We don’t enforce that on ourselves, so we should not enforce that on high school students.”

The amendment failed 13-38.

Peachtree Corners Republican state Rep. Scott Hilton, the bill’s original sponsor, said after the bill’s passage that Georgia’s spending on education will go even further now with this legislation. He argued that it will help not only address concerns around mental health and social media use but also increase test scores and reduce disciplinary action.

“This is a great, great win for our students in our classrooms,” Hilton said. “As much as Georgia invests in education, we’re going to see that return on investment.”

ABAC receives federal funding to enhance nursing education programs

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TIFTON — Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College has been awarded \$424,000 in federal funding to enhance its nursing education programs and expand access to high-quality health care training for rural communities across Georgia.

The funding, secured through the leadership of Sen. Raphael Warnock, reflects a strong bipartisan effort to improve rural health care outcomes and educational opportunities.

“Our nurses and health care workers are some of the best among us, but too often nurses don’t receive the resources they deserve,” Warnock said. “This new facility will have a profound impact on the Tifton community and help recruit more nurses into the field, especially in rural communities. I am proud to have worked alongside the dedicated professionals at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College to get this project off the ground.”

The investment will support advanced instructional technology, including two Anatome virtual dissection tables, one for ABAC’s

Tifton campus and one for its Bainbridge instructional site, as well as a CAE LearningSpace system to enhance simulation-based nursing education. These tools will strengthen student learning in anatomy and physiology and core nursing courses, areas that are critical to student success and workforce readiness.

“Access to quality health care remains one of the most pressing challenges facing rural Georgia, and the demand for well-prepared nurses continues to grow,” ABAC President Tracy Brundage said. “While Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College has been widely recognized for excellence in agriculture since our founding in 1908, our nursing program, now in its 60th year, has also earned strong recognition from health care employers across the state for the quality and preparedness of our graduates.

“We are grateful to Sen. Warnock and our legislative partners for their confidence in the strength of our programs and in the students who will benefit from this investment. This support will further strengthen our abil-



Special Photo: ABAC

ABAC nursing students will enjoy new additions and renovations to their learning facilities after the college received federal funds to enhance its programs.

ity to prepare nurses who are ready to serve communities across Georgia.”

Rural communities face unique health care challenges, including limited access to providers and higher rates of uninsured residents. Nurses play a vital role in bridging these gaps, often serving as the primary point of care. ABAC’s nursing graduates consistently serve in hospitals and health care facilities across Georgia, helping meet critical work force needs in both rural and regional settings.

This project is expected to directly impact more than 1,000 students annually, with long-term benefits extending to thousands of patients across Georgia as graduates enter the work force. The investment will enhance hands-on learning opportunities and better equip nursing students with the skills needed to meet the growing health care demands of rural communities.

As one of 25 institutions in the University System of Georgia, ABAC plays a key role in preparing skilled health care professionals. This federal investment underscores the importance of bipartisan collaboration in addressing work force and health care challenges in rural communities.

Founded in 1908, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College provides a personalized, hands-on learning experience for students across Georgia and beyond. With a strong commitment to academic excellence, affordability and student success, ABAC offers more than a dozen bachelor’s degree programs and is recognized for leadership in agriculture, business, humanities, nursing, sciences and education. The college serves as a vital regional resource, preparing graduates who are ready to lead in their communities and careers.

Colquitt Regional encourages prevention during Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

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MOULTRIE — In recognition of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Colquitt Regional Health System is encouraging community members to prioritize preventive screenings and learn more about the importance of early detection.

Colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer when detected early through routine screening. According to national health experts, screening can often identify precancerous polyps before they develop into cancer, allowing physicians to remove them during the same procedure.

“At Colquitt Regional, we believe education and preventive care are key to improving the health of our community,” Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney said. “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month serves as an important reminder for individuals to

talk with their health care provider about recommended screenings. Early detection can truly save lives.”

Screenings such as colonoscopies play a critical role in identifying colorectal cancer in its earliest and most treatable stages. Current guidelines recommend that most adults begin regular screening at age 45, though individuals with certain risk factors may need to begin earlier.

Sterling Physician Group Gastroenterologist Dr. Don Roberts emphasizes that many patients delay screening because they feel healthy or are hesitant about the procedure.

“Colorectal cancer often develops without noticeable symptoms in its early stages,” Roberts said. “That’s why routine screening is so important. A colonoscopy allows us to detect and remove precancerous polyps before they become cancer, significantly reducing a patient’s risk.”

In addition to screening, physicians encourage individuals to adopt healthy

lifestyle habits that can help lower colorectal cancer risk. Maintaining a balanced diet, exercising regularly, limiting alcohol consumption, and avoiding tobacco use can all contribute to better overall digestive health.

Hospital Authority Chairman John Griffin noted that expanding access to preventive care is a priority for Colquitt Regional.

“Our goal is to ensure patients in our region have access to the screenings and medical expertise they need close to home,” Griffin said. Individuals experiencing symptoms such as persistent abdominal pain, changes in bowel habits, unexplained weight loss, or blood in the stool should speak with their health care provider promptly.

For more information about colorectal cancer awareness, prevention and screening resources available through Colquitt Regional Health System, contact the marketing department at (229) 890-3552.

Search of two residences turns up cash, suspected illegal drugs

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ALBANY — Area law enforcement agencies seized marijuana, cocaine and other controlled substances, along with cash, and made three arrests during a Saturday operation.

Officers with the Albany-Dougherty Special Investigative Unit and Albany Police Department Criminal Investigative Unit executed a search warrant at 129 Mossydale Lane as part of the investigation, according to a news release issued by the SIU.

There, officers seized about 135 pounds of suspected marijuana and 12 ounces of cocaine, as well as three

grams of suspected synthetic marijuana (spice) and pills that were identified as Sildenafil, known by the brand name Viagra. In addition, \$9,804 in cash was seized, the news release said, along with two machines used for counting currency.

As a result of that search, police arrested Benelius Paige, 47, and 25-year-old Machia Morton. Each was charged with trafficking cocaine, trafficking marijuana, possession of spice, possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug-related objects. Paige also was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

During the investigation, police also searched 2745 McLain Lane, where an additional 17 pounds of suspected marijuana and 6 grams of suspected spice were seized. A small amount of suspected cocaine and suspected ecstasy pills also were found at that address, the news release said.

Viridiana Manzano, 32, was charged with trafficking marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of spice, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of drug-related objects.

The investigation is continuing and other arrests could follow.



Special Photo: Albany Dougherty SIU
Local law enforcement has executed two search warrants and seized suspected illegal drugs, nearly \$10,000 in cash and money-counting machines.



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Election officials from across the state gather for the annual Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials conference in Athens, which has a March Madness theme this year

State’s local election workers ready for midterms

By Maya Homan
Georgia Recorder

ATHENS — At a convention center in downtown Athens, the air buzzes with conversation. Vendors line the hallways, stickers and other merch are scattered across tables. Projector screens display giant basketballs alongside the American flag.

It’s not March Madness. It’s the annual conference for the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials.

Sixty miles away at the state Capitol in Atlanta, lawmakers are mulling a proposal to overhaul Georgia’s election system ahead of the 2028 presidential election. But in a ballroom in Athens, hundreds of election workers charged with implementing the laws passed by the General Assembly are preparing to uphold Georgia’s election laws, whatever those laws may be.

Until the Legislature adjourns for the year, however, it’s not entirely clear what counties can expect. Under a 2024 law, QR codes cannot be used to tally ballots starting this July, but lawmakers have so far failed to appropriate the funds necessary to make the switch. A new measure unveiled last week would postpone any changes until 2027, but it has yet to come up for a vote in the House.

One bill that would have made sweeping changes to the way Georgians vote ahead of this year’s general election failed on the floor of the Senate on Crossover Day, the mid-session deadline for bills to advance.

Lawmakers are set to gavel out for the year April 2.

Christopher Channell, who serves as the elections director of Glynn County, said the prospect of having to make major changes to Georgia’s election system halfway through the midterm election cycle has left him feeling uneasy.

“There’s a lot of apprehension and uncertainty there as to what method we’ll be using in the fall,” he said. “Having two different voting styles for the general and the primary is a little bit scary.”

The conference, which spans four days total, includes seminars on key deadlines that election administrators will need to meet, how to better communicate with the public

and how to handle any issues that arise with candidates after they have qualified for office. But one speaker also led attendees through a round of somatic exercises, which are aimed at reducing stress and muscle tension.

For many of the election workers, the annual conference provides a reprieve from the daily stresses of managing elections.

“Sometimes people forget that we’re human,” Shauna Dozier, the Clayton County elections director, said. “When we come to the conferences, we get to be around each other, learn, grow, and also just be human.”

Running an election — especially in a swing state like Georgia — can be stressful and time-intensive. Elections directors from counties across the state described dealing with limited resources, difficulty recruiting poll workers, worries about maintaining the trust of their communities and concerns about voter fatigue after a spate of recent special elections. One attendee’s wife hotspot is named “I just wanna go on vacation.”

“There’s a lot of stress, there’s a lot of moving parts,” Akyn Trudnak Beck, the elections supervisor in Floyd County, said. “The longer I’ve done elections, the more tedious elections get, and the more eyes are on the more tedious tasks.”

Noah Beck, the Polk County elections director, said he’s encouraged to see state lawmakers becoming more responsive to input from elections workers this year, and hopes future laws passed by the General Assembly will take the unique needs of different counties into account.

“What’s going to be functional in Atlanta and in Fulton isn’t necessarily going to be functional in south Georgia or northwest Georgia or in these smaller jurisdictions,” he said.

But Beck said he feels the weight of the responsibility he has to the voters in his county to ensure their elections run smoothly no matter what.

“Failure really isn’t an option, so it’s not like other jobs that I’ve had in my life,” he said. “If we fail at what we have to do, someone loses their right to vote. Someone gets disenfranchised. And that kind of failure is just not acceptable.”

Half of all Albany homes were built before 1982

Construction Coverage
Special to The Albany Herald

Today’s real estate market is a challenging one for buyers. While home prices have relaxed since their peak in the COVID-19 pandemic, the typical cost of a home in the U.S. has risen by more than 23% from early 2020 through the end of 2025. Compounding the housing affordability problem further, mortgage rates remain at elevated levels not seen since before the Great Recession. Additionally, the impacts of high rent and inflation have made it harder for many would-be buyers to save up for home purchases.

Underlying all of these conditions is the simple fact that America has been slow to add new homes to its housing supply. Estimates of the national housing shortfall range between 1.5 and 7.3 million housing units relative to the needs of the current population. One of the primary reasons is that many construction firms downsized or went out of business entirely during the Great Recession, leading to a long stretch of underbuilding.

This prolonged underinvestment has led to an aging housing stock, leaving buyers to contend with homes that often require expensive repairs, costly renovations, and higher energy bills. To better understand how and where these effects are most pronounced, researchers at Construction Coverage — a publication providing data and insight on housing costs,

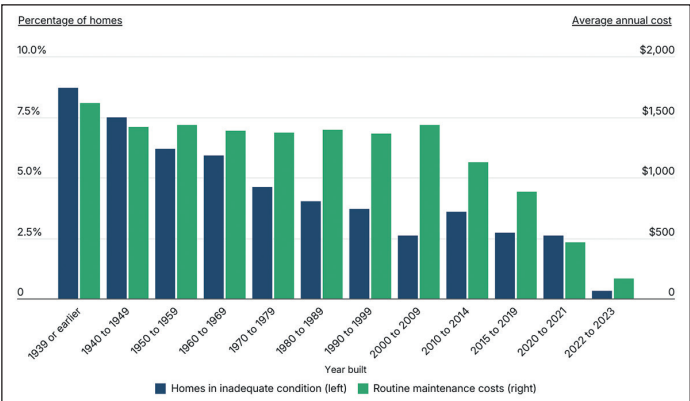


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Older homes require significantly more upkeep to maintain adequate living conditions

construction, and market dynamics — examined patterns in housing age and condition using the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

With fewer new homes coming onto the market, many buyers are increasingly competing for older homes. Over the last two decades, the median age of a home in the U.S. has increased by more than 10 years, from 30 years in 2000 to 43 in 2024.

Older homes do have some advantages for buyers. For one, they are often less expensive to purchase, making them more accessible for lower- or middle-income buyers. Old homes may also have more character, with design features and amenities that reflect the time at which they were built. And as the saying goes, “They don’t build them like they used to.” In many cases, surviving older homes demonstrate higher quality craftsmanship or the use of long-lasting materials like old-growth lumber.

The downside of older homes,

of course, is that aging homes often come with additional costs for maintenance and repairs. According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, both the likelihood that a home is in inadequate condition and the typical costs of routine maintenance increase with age. Of U.S. homes built before 1940, 8.7% are considered to be in inadequate condition, as opposed to just 0.3% of homes built since 2022. Meanwhile, the average annual maintenance costs for homes built before 1940 are \$1,615, compared with just \$164 for homes built after 2022, nearly 10 times higher.

However, the aging of the U.S. housing stock varies across geographies. At the state and local levels, many of the locations with the oldest homes used to be heavily populated, denser areas but have had stagnant or declining populations in recent years. With fewer people moving in and more limited space for new construction, these places have found it difficult to add

Sinaloa cartel member sentenced for distributing meth

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MACON — A Mexican national and member of the Sinaloa Cartel, who was involved in a major methamphetamine and cocaine distribution organization out of Monroe, and discussed his frustration with no longer receiving “busloads” of illegal drugs and preparing for a visit by the son of Sinaloa’s leader, was sentenced to serve more than 15 years in prison for his crime resulting from an Operation Take Back America investigation led by the FBI and Homeland Security Investigations.

Jose Guadalupe Favela, 68, a citizen of Mexico and legally in the United States as a resident of Riverdale and formerly of Monroe, was sentenced to 188 months in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Tilman E. “Tripp” Self III. Favela pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of methamphetamine.

“Jose Favela was a significant operative in the Sinaloa Cartel, responsible for facilitating the distribution of massive quantities of deadly drugs into Georgia,” U.S. Attorney Will Keyes said. “Thanks to the relentless efforts of the FBI and HSI, we dismantled this cartel pipeline and brought these criminals to justice.”

“Jose Favela was a key member of the Sinaloa Cartel’s drug trafficking operation, responsible for bringing deadly methamphetamine and cocaine



into Georgia,” Robert Gibbs, supervisory senior resident agent of FBI Georgia’s Macon office, said. “His actions fueled a dangerous pipeline, impacting communities across the state. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the FBI and HSI, this criminal enterprise has been dismantled, and those responsible for flooding our streets with illegal drugs will face justice.”

Favela’s co-conspirators have all pleaded guilty and been sentenced to prison for their crimes:

- Diego Garcia, 28, of Mexico and an illegal alien, was sentenced to 188 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine;
- Luis Mejina Pina, aka “La Perra,” 32, of Richmond, Calif., was sentenced to 48 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to one count of use of a communication facility to facilitate possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine;
- Juan Pablo Torres, 32, of Mexico and an illegal alien, was sentenced to 48 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to one count of use of a communication facility to facilitate possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

There is no parole in the federal system.

According to court documents and statements referenced in court, FBI and HSI agents used a confidential informant to engage in consensual monitoring of conversations with Favela at Bold Springs Road in Monroe on Dec. 6, 2021, targeting Favela, who lived at the ranch. Favela was under investigation for distributing large quantities of illegal drugs through his connections with the Durango cartel, an operational arm of the larger Sinaloa cartel, a violent Mexico-based organized crime group.

During the recorded conversation, Favela claimed he had stored up to 800 kilograms of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine between the Monroe Ranch and another location known as the Grayson Ranch, located in the Northern District of Georgia. During multiple recorded conversations, Favela discussed his many years of importing controlled substances from Mexico and shared that he was disappointed that he was no longer receiving “busloads” of illegal drugs.

At one point in late 2021, Favela was recorded saying that he and other cartel members were not actively importing and distributing illegal drugs in his area for a few weeks because they were preparing for the arrival of Ovidio Guzman Lopez, aka “El Ra-

ton,” a prominent member of the Sinaloa Cartel and son of Juakin “El Chapo” Guzman, who was then a fugitive. Favela suggested that he and others did not want to draw law enforcement attention that might lead to El Raton’s capture while he was visiting them in Georgia.

At the request of a confidential informant working with federal agents, Favela contacted co-conspirator Pina to order kilograms of “frio,” which is slang for methamphetamine. Favela wanted \$1,000 for brokering the deal and future deals between the CI and Pina. As a result, the FBI and HSI conducted three controlled purchases facilitated by Favela for methamphetamine and cocaine. During the transactions involving Favela and Pina, the other co-conspirators were involved at different times, including Pina instructing the CI to meet with Garcia in January 2022 to purchase a kilogram of methamphetamine at the Grayson Ranch. During that transaction, Garcia agreed to sell the CI up to 10 kilograms of methamphetamine and a kilogram of cocaine. Garcia communicated with Torres approximately 158 times between May and September 2022; Torres was taken into custody with Garcia on Oct. 26, 2022, during the controlled purchase of more than four kilograms of methamphetamine at a gas station in Flowery Branch.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

The Westover seniors who announced their college destinations Wednesday night were seated, from left, Devon Mack, Jordan Lassiter, Randy McAfee and Saylor Edwards. Standing from left are Prince Whitfield, Mykell Hines, Jaylen Tate and Tanner Turner.

Westover celebrates eight college football signees

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — The stage may have shifted to Merry Acres Middle School, but the message remained the same for Westover High football Wednesday night — hard work pays off.

With construction ongoing at Westover, the Patriots gathered across town for their annual football banquet, where eight seniors were celebrated for signing college football scholarships, a moment that reflected both athletic achievement and academic commitment.

Four of those seniors will stay close to home.

Linebacker Jordan Lassiter, lineman Tanner Turner, defensive end Prince

Whitfield and defensive back Jaylen Tate all signed with Albany State, continuing a pipeline from Westover to the Golden Rams program.

Wide receiver Mykell Hines will head to Savannah State, while running back Saylor Edwards signed with Benedict College. Linebacker Devon Mack will attend Central Georgia Technical College, and running back McAfee will continue his career at Clayton State.

The signings represent a significant milestone not only for Westover, but for Dougherty County Schools as a whole.

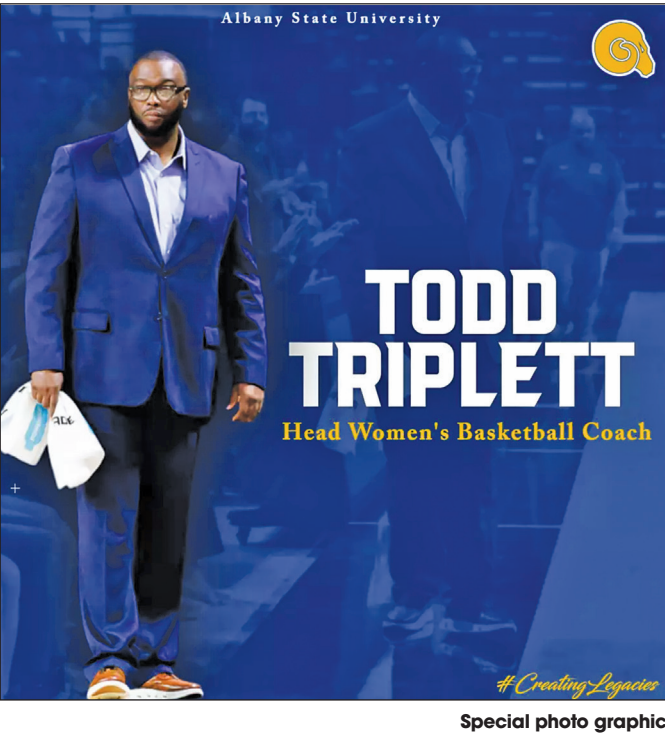
“These seniors have worked hard on the field and in the classroom,” Westover head coach Corey Joyner said. “All of that hard work is paying off. With

these players earning scholarship offers, the total for Dougherty County Schools is about 20 seniors this year.”

For Edwards, the decision to leave Georgia and sign with Benedict — a fellow SIAC program and recent conference championship contender — adds an intriguing twist. Benedict and Albany State squared off for the SIAC title this past season, meaning Edwards could soon line up against several of his former teammates.

“I wanted to go somewhere different,” Edwards said. “I saw this as a chance for better development, and I look forward to competing against my

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Albany State names Todd Triplett women's basketball coach

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ALBANY — The interim tag is gone, and for Albany State's women's basketball program, that's more than a title change — it's a signal of stability after a season that restored belief.

After guiding the Lady Golden Rams to their first winning season in nearly a decade, Todd Triplett has been named Albany State's head women's basketball coach, the university announced, with his appointment set to take effect April 1.

Triplett stepped into the role last year following the departure of former coach Akia Stanton and immediately delivered results. Albany State finished 16-12, doubling its win total from the previous season and reaching the SIAC tournament semifinals.

The defining moment came in the conference tournament, when the Lady Golden Rams knocked off top-seeded and nationally ranked Edward Waters — a breakthrough victory that underscored the program's rapid progress. Albany State's postseason run ended in heartbreak, however, with a 71-69 loss to Lane on a last-second buzzer-beater.

Still, the foundation had been set.

With a roster featuring six freshmen, Triplett built his team around defensive discipline and accountability. The Lady Golden Rams led the SIAC in defensive rebounding, averaging 26.8 boards per game, and developed a reputation for effort and physical play.

That approach translated beyond the court.

Albany State posted a 3.10 team GPA while producing All-SIAC selection Na'Haviya Paxton and All-Freshman Team honoree Sariah Johnson — key pieces in what appears to be a promising core.

“Coach Triplett distinguished himself through his leadership, the progress of the program, and his vision moving forward,” said Albany State athletic director Dr. Kristene Kelly. “He stepped into a challenging situation and created immediate momentum.”

Triplett's path to Albany includes stops across multiple levels of basketball. He has coached collegiately at Edward Waters and Clark Atlanta, led West Oaks Academy to a state championship at the high school level, and spent time coaching professionally in Mexico. A former professional player in Europe, he brings a broad perspective to player development.

“I'm proud of what our team accomplished this season, and I'm excited about what's ahead,” Triplett said. “We're going to continue to grow, compete, and represent Albany State the right way.”

For players like Johnson, the impact was immediate.

“Coach Triplett believed in us from day one and pushed us to be better every day,” she said. “He's helped set the tone for what this program can be.”



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Deerfield-Windsor senior Jack Moore ran the first leg of the 800-meter relay and then won the boys' 800-meter race Wednesday at Deerfield-Windsor in Albany.

Terrell County boys, Deerfield-Windsor girls take top spots at Wednesday meet

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Wednesday's Deerfield-Windsor Meet 3 brought together nine teams and plenty of standout performances, with Terrell County's boys and Deerfield-Windsor's girls rising to the top in a competitive day of track and field.

Terrell County claimed the boys team title with 147 points, powered by depth and several athletes delivering across multiple events, while host Deerfield-Windsor captured the girls title with 152 points behind a balanced, all-around effort.

For the Terrell County boys, versatility proved to be the difference.

Kaleb White turned in one of the meet's most impressive performances, winning the long jump with a leap of 22 feet while also placing in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Teammate Symauri Smith added a strong sprint double, finishing second in the 200 and placing in the 100, while Daniel Williford won the 200 and added points in the high jump.

In the field, Keyon Huckaby was dominant, winning both the 110-meter hurdles and the high jump, highlighting Terrell County's ability to score across multiple disciplines.

Deerfield-Windsor, which finished second in the boys standings, leaned on its distance runners and relays. Jack Moore claimed the 800-meter run, while Drew Dowdy led a strong showing in the 1600 with a runner-up finish. The Knights also captured victories in the 4x400 and 4x800 relays, showcasing their depth and endurance.

Cole Cannington added to the Knights' success with a win in the triple jump and a strong showing in the 400, while Nolan Ivey won the discus and placed in the shot put.

On the girls side, Deerfield-Windsor's team title was built on balance and multiple athletes contributing in more than one event.

Charlie Kate Rich stood out as one of the meet's most versatile performers, placing in the 100-meter dash, winning the 300-meter hurdles and adding points

in the long jump. Baileigh Taylor added a strong sprint performance, placing in both the 100 and 200.

In the hurdles, Hallie Kay Wright claimed the 100-meter hurdles title, while Reiley Pipkin contributed across events with points in the hurdles, long jump and triple jump.

The Lady Knights also dominated the field events, with Ginna Davis winning the high jump and Deerfield sweeping the top two spots in that event. Their distance group added valuable points as well, with Sydney Daniel and Sophie Logan placing in both the 800 and 1600.

Southwest Georgia's Marigrace Garcia Simmons delivered one of the top distance performances of the day, winning the 1600 and finishing second in the 800, while Terrell County's Alexis Parimon captured both the 100 and 200-meter titles to lead the Lady Greenwave.

In the throws, Southwest Georgia's KJ Spann swept the shot put and discus, adding another standout multi-event performance to the meet.

Braves' Chris Sale: "It never gets old"

Field Level Media

The Atlanta Braves began the new season with a new manager, but with a familiar face atop the rotation when they opened Friday night at home against the Kansas City Royals.

Walt Weiss takes the managerial reins from Brian Snitker, who retired in October after 10 seasons in the role. Snitker, 70, was a popular face who guided the team to the 2021 World Series championship.

Weiss had been the Braves' bench coach since the 2018 season and managed the Colorado Rockies from 2013-16.

A pair of left-handers started the opener. Atlanta's Chris Sale (7-5, 2.58 ERA in 2025) made his second straight Opening Day start, this time against Kansas City's Cole Ragans



File Photo

Atlanta lefty Chris Sale was scheduled to be the Braves' opening-day starter Friday night when Atlanta's major league baseball season opened at Truist Park in Atlanta.

(3-3, 4.67), who got the nod on Opening Day for the third consecutive year.

Sale pitched six innings in

lifetime in 36 appearances against the Royals, with a 2.66 ERA.

“I understand what it is to be an Opening Day starter, and I appreciate that they have given me the ability to do that,” Sale said. “It never gets old. It's like Christmas. I appreciate the honor that comes with it, but I'm just excited to get out of here and start the season.”

Ragans, an All-Star in 2024, is trying to recover from an injury-plagued 2025 season that saw him end up on the 60-day injured list with a rotator cuff strain. He pitched 5 1/3 solid innings in his final spring appearance, allowing three runs on seven hits — with eight strikeouts and two walks — against Colorado.

See **BRAVES**, 10A

Golden Rams sweep Player of the Week honors

Staff Reports

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ALBANY — It was a week of big swings and even bigger production for Albany State, and the conference took notice.

Golden Rams outfielder Arin Chevers and Lady Golden Rams standout Tranasia Parker were both named SIAC Players of the Week after delivering dominant performances at the plate in conference play.

For Chevers, a redshirt freshman and Westover High School graduate, the honor comes on

the heels of a breakout series against Lane that showcased both power and consistency.

Chevers hit .556 for the week, going 5-for-9 with three home runs, a double and eight RBI. He scored five runs, drew three walks and posted a staggering 1.667 slugging percentage along with a .714 on-base percentage.

More importantly, his production came in key moments, helping fuel Albany State’s offense and spark scoring rallies throughout the series.

On the softball side, Parker continued her impressive freshman campaign with a

dynamic showing against Edward Waters.

The Jones County High School product went 6-for-9 (.667) at the plate, scoring six runs and driving in four while anchoring the Lady Golden Rams’ offense. Parker added two home runs, drew a walk and finished the week with a 1.333 slugging percentage and a .727 on-base percentage.

Her performance helped Albany State continue its strong season, with the Lady Golden Rams sitting at 21-6 overall.



Tranasia Parker



Arin Chevers

Andrew College defeats No. 2 Gordon State

Staff Reports

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CUTHBERT — In a game that swung back and forth before breaking wide open late, Andrew College delivered its most impressive conference win of the season Tuesday afternoon.

The Fighting Tigers erupted for five runs in the sixth inning and never looked back, knocking off No. 2-ranked Gordon State 14-9 at Hord Athletic Complex.

Gordon State entered the matchup as one of the top teams in the GCAA, carrying an 8-3 conference record and a 24-13 mark overall, but Andrew wasted little time setting the tone.

Luke Meszar ignited the offense in the first inning with aggressive baserunning, swiping both second and third before scoring on an RBI double by Brady DeRosso to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead.

Andrew added to its advantage in the second when Meszar doubled and later scored on DeRosso’s RBI single, extending the lead to 2-0.

The Fighting Tigers also made their presence felt defensively. Right fielder Jose Massanet, who began the season in the infield, showcased his arm by throwing out a runner attempting to stretch a hit into a double, cutting down a potential Gordon State rally.

But the Highlanders responded, battling back to even the score midway through the game and setting the stage for a decisive stretch.

Andrew regained control in the sixth inning.

Cameron Kenney tied the game with an RBI single before Massanet drew a bases-loaded walk to give the Tigers the lead. Moments later, shortstop Colin Mendiola delivered the biggest blow of the day, driving a two-out, bases-loaded double off the wall to clear the bases. A wild throw into the dugout allowed Mendiola to circle the bases, turning the play into a four-run swing and a commanding 10-5 lead.

Andrew kept the pressure on in the seventh. With the bases loaded again, Kenney came through with another clutch hit, driving in two more runs to push the lead to 12-5.

Behind timely hitting from DeRosso, Meszar, Kenney, Massanet and Mendiola — along with key defensive plays — the Fighting Tigers held off Gordon State down the stretch to secure the 14-9 victory.

Jalen Johnson, Hawks outlast Pistons

Field Level Media

Jalen Johnson had 27 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds as the streaking Atlanta Hawks edged the host Detroit Pistons in overtime, 130-129, on Wednesday.

CJ McCollum also had 27 points, while Nickeil Alexander-Walker tossed in 21. Dyson Daniels added 16 points and 13 rebounds for Atlanta (41-32), which has won 14 of its last 15 games.

Jalen Duren led Detroit (52-20), which had its four-game winning streak snapped, with 26 points and 14 rebounds. Tobias Harris had 22 points, and Dan-iss Jenkins supplied 19 points and 10 assists.

Ausar Thompson contributed 18 points and Duncan Robinson added 17 for the Pistons, who had won the first three meetings between the clubs.

McCollum’s three-point play with 2:50 left in overtime gave

Atlanta a 126-123 lead. A pair of Johnson free throws extended the lead. A Robinson putback and a Jenkins jumper pulled Detroit within one.

The Pistons had two chances in the final three seconds but Harris missed from midrange and Duren’s putback attempt rimmed out.

The Hawks led by as many as 21 in the first half while racing to a 73-55 halftime lead. Atlanta had four players in double figures by the break, led by Johnson with 17 points and Alexander-Walker with 14.

The Hawks shot 59.2% from the field in the first half and made 11 of their 23 3-point attempts. Detroit was only down by six with seven minutes to go in the second quarter but the Hawks scored the next 11 points. Daniels capped it off with a steal and dunk for a 56-39 advantage.



Special Photo: Kameron Taylor

Atlanta’s Jalen Johnson scored 27 points and handed out 12 assists to help the Hawks beat the Detroit Pistons in overtime Wednesday night. The final score was 130-129.

Daniels gave the Hawks a 21-point lead in the final minute at 73-52 on a layup off a Johnson feed. Robinson answered with a 3-pointer before the teams retreated to the locker room.

The Pistons scored the first

16 points of the third quarter to climb back into the contest. From there, it was a seesaw battle which saw 10 lead changes and seven ties after halftime.

Harris hit a shot in the lane with 9.5 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

Tony’s Take: March Madness and a Thomasville phenom

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Broken. In something that has become an annual tradition, my March Madness bracket was broken after Day 1. I knew when I started games 1 and 2 at 0 - 2, my bracket was bleeding. By the end of the day, my bracket was broken.

According to ESPN, there were two perfect brackets in their 26M+ participants in their bracket challenge heading into Sunday. After Sunday’s game, there were none. The Tallahassee Democrat reports: “Typically, by the Sweet 16, a vast majority of the 30+ million submitted brackets have fewer than 10 - 12 teams correct due to the high rate of early-round upsets”.

To my disbelief, my bracket rebounded on Friday and during Round 2 over the weekend. Entering the Sweet 16, twelve of my picks are still alive, and 3 of my 4 Final 4 selections are alive, save the Gators.

SWEET. While I’m pleased to have 12 teams remaining in my personal bracket, who doesn’t enjoy a reset? I will take the remaining teams and see how my pre-Madness Final 4 matches my new selections.

DUKE has too many weapons for St. John’s despite how well Pitino’s crew defends. I’m taking Izzo’s MSU SPARTANS over the UConn Huskies and their unlikeable head coach - Hurley. The Arkansas Razorbacks ride will end against ‘ZONA. As much as I like the only remaining double-digit seed Texas for their run since the First Four, PURDUE will end the remaining “cinderella” attempt at the glass slipper. While I’m personally pulling for my guy Ben McCollum, Iowa will fall to NEBRASKA in this Bob Knight style matchup. Give me HOUSTON over the Illini due to Samson’s ability to prep his squad. MICHIGAN will turn the tide on ‘Bama. While I really want to pick Rick Barnes and the TN Vols, but IOWA STATE will advance.

Assuming my new Elite 8 plays out, I will take 2 HOUSTON over 4 Nebraska | 1 DUKE to beat 3 Michigan State | 1 ARIZONA to down 2 Purdue and 1 MICHIGAN will advance over 2 Iowa State.

I will stick with the remaining #1’s Duke, Arizona, and Michigan to join Houston in Indianapolis given the Gators failed to repeat their national championship run from 2025.

On a side note, while mid-major Cinderellas are traditionally the heartbeat of March Madness – no one can be disappointed in the upcoming Blue Blood matchup’s.

Veterans. In the era of the transfer portal and NIL, some coaches are bowing out, indicating it is time to turn it over to a younger generation. Without question, the landscape of major college basketball and football has changed.

According to AI, since 2010, the average age of Sweet 16 coaches is 53, and the age increases to 55 in the final four.

The 2026 Sweet 16 features prominent head coaches in their upper 60’s and 70’s. Five of the head coaches are Pitino (St. John’s | 73), Izzo (Michigan St. | 71), Barnes



Tony Duckworth

(Tennessee | 71), Sampson (Houston | 70), and Calipari (Arkansas | 67). These five coaches have a combined 4,057 wins, which averages 811. Pitino leads the group with 904, Barnes and Sampson are each in the 800’s, and Calipari and Izzo are in the 700’s.

Pitino and Calipari have led four different schools to the Sweet 16 while Barnes has led three different schools.

If experience is the best teacher, the above five may create problems in the remainder of the dance.

Phenom. A tradition unlike any other is right around the corner, and a South Georgia teen will find himself playing three of the world’s most famous holes at Amen Corner.

The typical high school senior will be preparing for a prom, graduation, and their last summer before matriculating to a college or university. Mason Howell of Thomasville’s Brookwood School has his sights set on those milestones, but before he finds himself donning the red and black representing UGA on the links, the 2026 Masters waits.

Howell will be the youngest amateur to ever play the major. Mason has also secured spots in the U.S. Open and the British Open. After all, that’s what he earned following winning the U.S. Amateur Championship.

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WESTOVER

teammates at Albany State.”

Edwards said he plans to study sports medicine management and hopes to become a physician assistant, keeping his connection to the game long after his playing days are over.

“I want to stay connected to the game because it is so

important to me,” he said.

While the spotlight centered on the signees, school leaders made it clear the night was about more than football.

Principal William Chunn praised the program’s academic success, noting that 35 football players earned honor roll recognition last semester.

“Westover is an academic school first,” Chunn said. “You don’t get scholarship

offers like this if you don’t make it in the classroom. To our signees tonight — a job well done.”

Several additional players, including Christian Nix and Reggie Boykins, also received scholarship offers but chose to focus on academics, underscoring the program’s broader commitment to preparing student-athletes for life beyond the field.

also missed the first half of the 2025 season for failing a PED test.

“It’s well-documented we need some bounce-backs,” Weiss said. “I feel good about our guys. It’s not wishful thinking; they’ve all done it before, so I feel great about that.”

Kansas City went 82-80 last year and finished third in the AL Central. The Royals made the playoffs in 2024, the World Series in 2015 and are eager return to the postseason.

“We can’t wait for Opening Day,” said catcher Salvador Perez earlier this week, a 15-year veteran who helped Team Venezuela win the World Baseball Classic. “It’s about turning the page and concentrating on helping the Kansas City Royals get back to the playoffs and the World Series. That’s

the goal. Everything starts right now.”

Kansas City features returning standouts Vinnie Pasquantino, a first baseman who is coming off a 32-homer season, and third baseman Maikel Garcia, who combines with shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. to create an outstanding left side of the infield.

Atlanta started the season with pitching questions. Spencer Schwellenbach, Hurston Waldrep and Joey Wentz each had surgery and will miss extended time.

Reynaldo Lopez and Grant Holmes missed substantial time with injuries in 2025. Earlier this week, No. 2 starter Spencer Strider, a 20-game winner in 2023, was placed on the 15-day injured list with a left oblique strain.

From 9A

BRAVES

“Next one counts,” said Ragans, who has faced the Braves just once in his career, giving up four runs and four hits over three innings in 2023.

The Braves are trying to recover from an injury-riddled season that resulted in a 76-86 record and missing the playoffs for the first time since 2017. It will help that many of the starters who were injured a year ago are healthy again, especially right fielder Ronald Acuna Jr., third baseman Austin Riley and second baseman Ozzie Albies. However, outfielder Jurickson Profar is suspended for the season after failing a test for performance-enhancing drugs. He

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Ice Plumes

The discovery of vast, slowly swirling structures deep inside Greenland’s ice sheet reveals a world where ice behaves less like a solid and more like a viscous fluid. This previously unseen motion, driven by subtle temperature differences, underscores how complex Earth’s frozen regions truly are, despite their outward appearance of permanence. Understanding these processes is critical because Greenland’s ice holds enough water to reshape coastlines worldwide if melted.

The new study, led by Norway’s University of Bergen, offers a clearer picture of how the ice sheet may respond to continued global warming.

Earthquakes

A tremor linked to gas wells in the northern Netherlands damaged more than 100 buildings. • Earth movements were also felt from southern Spain to northern Morocco, and in western Crete, northwestern Greece, northeastern Taiwan, far eastern Cuba and along the Pacific coast of Central America.

Shifting Stream

A northward shift in the Gulf Stream may signal that the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), a major ocean system that carries subtropical heat toward Europe, is weakening and could eventually collapse. Satellite data indicate the current has moved about 31 miles northward over the past 30 years, likely reflecting a reduction in strength of the deep cold currents that normally anchor its path. Modeling suggests that a shift of more than 120 miles north within a few years could precede an AMOC shutdown by decades. Researchers at Holland’s Utrecht University warn that such a collapse would sharply cool Europe even as global temperatures rise, possibly bringing severe winter cold to cities such as London and Oslo.

Eruptions

An ongoing eruption of Piton de la Fournaise volcano sent lava flowing into the Indian Ocean for the first time in 18 years on Réunion Island, blocking a coastal highway but not threatening any populated areas. • A moderate blast from Mount Kanlaon volcano in the central Philippines spewed ash and superheated stones that sparked forest fires below the summit on Negros Island. Kanlaon has erupted more than 40 times since 1819, mainly producing ash falls around the volcano. Dist. by: Andrews McMeel Syndication ©MMXXVI Earth Environment Service earthweek.substack.com

‘Lazarus’ Species

A tiny marsupial believed to have vanished more than 6,000 years ago has been rediscovered alive in a remote rainforests of Indonesia’s Vogelkop Peninsula in western New Guinea, making it one of the world’s latest “Lazarus species” to rise from the dead. The pygmy long-fingered possum, previously known only from fossil remains, was confirmed by researchers from the Australian Museum and other institutions. The team also identified a gliding marsupial living in the same remote region, also known only by its fossils. Local indigenous people helped Australian researchers locate the pygmy long-fingered possum, once thought to be extinct. Photo: Carlos Bocos

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Cleaner Air

Nineteen cities across Europe, North America and Asia — including London, San Francisco and Beijing — have cut dangerous air pollutants by at least 20% since 2010, with some reducing levels of fine particles and nitrogen dioxide by nearly 45%, according to new research from the Breathe Cities initiative. Measures such as low-emission zones, adoption of electric vehicles, cleaner home heating and expanded routes dedicated to cycling were credited with the gains. Beijing and Warsaw led reductions in fine particulate pollution, while Amsterdam and Rotterdam achieved some of the steepest declines in nitrogen dioxide generated by vehicle traffic.

Super Cyclone

Cyclone Narelle spun up over the northern Coral Sea and was predicted to strike far northern Australia’s Cape York Peninsula with up to Category-4 force. Narelle would be the first Category-4 cyclone of its kind to hit the Cape York region since Cyclone Mahina killed more than 300 people in March 1899.

After the penny’s demise, Georgia may round prices to the nearest 5 cents

By Mark Niesse
Capital Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Now that the government isn’t making pennies anymore, Georgia lawmakers are planning to round transactions to the nearest nickel. The penny proposal makes sense, Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, said. “It’s pretty simple,” Hufstetler said. “You round up or down to the nearest 5 or 10. It all evens out.” The Georgia Senate voted 50-0 to approve the legislation Wednesday, sending it to the House for a potential final vote. If the bill passes, Georgia

businesses would be required to round down transactions that end in a 1, 2, 6, or 7. Prices that end in a 3, 4, 8, or 9 would be rounded up. And items with costs that end exactly in a 0 or 5 would stay the same. The debate prompted senators to crack a few jokes. “Is a penny earned a penny saved still valid?” Sen. Carden Summers, R-Corlele, asked. “Is it not true that this legislation isn’t worth a dime?” asked Sen. Max Burns, R-Sylvania. The Trump administration decided last year to stop producing new pennies, which are worth less than they cost

to make. With pennies gradually disappearing from circulation, Georgia is one of several states across the country considering legislation to round transactions, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Customers would still be able to pay with exact change if they wish, according to House Bill 1112. The House previously passed a different version of the bill that rounded transactions differently. Now the House needs to decide whether to agree to the Senate’s proposal or seek further revisions.



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Special Photo



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Aerosmith singer Stephen Tyler performs at an Atlanta venue. The band has released several new iterations of its self-titled, debut album.

From 4A

AEROSMITH

The various album configurations include the limited-edition “Aerosmith (Legendary Collector’s Edition).” Housed in a stunning 5-LP deluxe box set, it boasts the original album now remastered on 180g clear vinyl, the brand-new remastered album mix, pressed on 180g translucent red vinyl, a highly sought-after live performance from Paul’s Mall back in 1973 on 180g black vinyl, a host of recently unearthed and unheard studio tracks on 180g black vinyl, and an exclusive clear UV cloud-effect 12-inch vinyl with “Dream On” (Remastered) and “Dream On” (Mix) placed atop a printed sky-blue slipmat. With creative direction and iconic images by renowned photographer Ross Halfin, with creative direction by Halfin and Shabs Mohammad, the package documents the genesis of Aerosmith with a very special hardback book featuring never-before-seen photos. Penned by author and veteran music writer Rick Florino, the liner notes tell the story of Aerosmith in the band’s own words with new interviews with all five original members as well

as perspectives, thoughts, and adoration from the likes of Dolly Parton, Corey Taylor of Slipknot, Mike McCready of Pearl Jam, Jerry Cantrell of Alice In Chains, Chris Robinson of The Black Crowes, Slash of Guns N’ Roses, Sully Erna of Godsmack, and more. The package also features an exclusive fold-out 24-inch by 36-inch poster and sticker sheet. The box itself unfolds into a 3D Aerosmith popup diorama. Additionally, two exclusive fanpacks are available for purchase. The Aerosmith – Legendary Collector’s Edition Fanpack includes the 5-LP deluxe box set and a satin bomber jacket, and Aerosmith – Legendary Edition Fanpack includes the Translucent Red Vinyl as well as a brand-new band T-Shirt. Aerosmith (Legendary Deluxe Edition) consists of 4 LPs pressed on 180g black vinyl packaged in a premium slipcase with the remastered original album, the album mix “Live At Paul’s Mall” and the unearthed and unheard studio tracks on 2 LPs accompanied by a book with the new liner notes, photos, and more. Then, there’s the 3-CD “Aerosmith (Legendary Expanded Edition).” It comprises the remastered original album, album

mix, “Live at Paul’s Mall,” and the unearthed and unheard studio tracks. The 16-page booklet features new photos. The legendary edition CD includes a 12-page booklet complete with photos, while the Legendary Edition LP is pressed on 180g black vinyl or limited-edition translucent red vinyl encased within a numbered premium tip-on jacket. Aerosmith are one of the most influential and impactful bands in history. To date, the quintet have sold more than 150 million albums globally, garnered four Grammy Awards, earned induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (class of 2001), and played to more than 100 million fans across every livable continent. From the streets of Boston, MA in 1970, they forever raised the bar for rock ‘n’ roll with soulful swagger, blues gusto, eloquent songcraft, and epic vision, inspiring generations of fans and artists to follow. As one of only four American rock bands with more than 90 million RIAA albums sold — and one of just two with 25 RIAA gold and platinum albums — their catalog includes 30 albums reaching the Billboard Top 200 and 28 songs appearing on the Billboard Hot 100.



Installing bathroom tile LIKE A PRO

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Updating the flooring can help infuse new life into tired, outdated bathrooms. For an upscale, polished look that doesn't have to break the bank, consider installing tile flooring.

Before you get started, you'll want to make some decisions about the look and feel of your flooring:

Ceramic or stone? Weigh factors such as porosity, how slippery the surface may be when wet and how well it retains heat or cold. Ultimately, your decision hinges on the needs and uses of your family.

Complement or contrast? Define the overall style you want as well as the colors and tones that will help best achieve your vision.

Big or small? Generally, the larger the tile, the fewer grout lines, and too many grout lines in a smaller space can create the illusion of clutter. However, smaller tiles can eliminate the need to make multiple awkward cuts, and small tiles are perfect for creating accent patterns or introduc-

ing a splash of color.

When you've got your overall look and materials selected, keep these steps in mind as you begin laying the flooring:

1. Prepare your subfloor. Use a level to check for uneven spots; you need an even surface to prevent cracks in the tile or grout as well as rough spots that could pose tripping hazards. Use patching and leveling material to create a consistent surface. Apply a thin layer of mortar then attach your cement backer board with screws. Cover joints with cement board tape, apply another thin layer of mortar, smooth and allow to dry.
2. To ensure square placement, draw reference lines on the subfloor using a level and carpenter square. Tile should start in the middle of the room and move out toward the walls, so make your initial reference lines as close to the center as possible. Mark additional reference lines as space allows, such as 2-foot-by-2-foot squares.
3. Do a test run with your chosen tile by laying it out on the floor. There are color vari-

ations in most tile patterns, so you'll want to verify each tile blends well with the next.

4. Mix tile mortar and use the thin side of a trowel to apply mortar at a 45-degree angle. Use the combed side to spread evenly and return excess mortar to the bucket. Remember to apply mortar in small areas, working as you go, so it doesn't dry before you're ready to lay the tile.
5. When laying tile, use your reference lines as guides. Press and wiggle tile slightly for the best adherence.
6. Use spacers to create even lines between one tile and the next, removing excess mortar with a damp sponge or rag.
7. As you complete a section of tile, use a level and mallet to verify the tiles are sitting evenly.
8. Let mortar dry 24 hours before grouting.
9. Remove spacers then apply grout to joints, removing excess as you go.
10. Allow grout to dry per the manufacturer's instructions then go back over tile with a damp sponge to set grout lines and clean grout residue.
11. Once grout has cured - usually at least a couple weeks - apply sealer to protect it.

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Ready, Set, Spring: 5 SMART EARLY-SEASON YARD TIPS

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As the days lengthen and warm air has you ready to get your patio furniture out of storage, that means it's time to give your yard a fresh start. With a little planning now, you'll be rewarded with a fuller, greener and easier-to-maintain outdoor space once spring is in full bloom.

1. **Start With a Clean Slate**
Winter leaves behind plenty of debris, including fallen branches and matted leaves. Before you start planting, take a walk around your yard and tidy up:
 - * Rake moisture-trapping

twigs and leaves that can cause fungus

- * Remove dead plants or spent annuals from flower beds
- * Sweep or power wash patios and walkways

2. **Tune Up Tools**
Digging into yard work only to find rusty shears or a squeaky mower can prolong the task. Instead, ensure your tools are in good working order:
 - * Sharpen blades on lawn mowers, shears and pruners
 - * Install fresh string on trimmers and weed eaters
 - * Replace old fuel or clean air filters on gas-powered tools
3. **Assess Your Lawn**
Early spring is ideal for no-

ticing how winter treated your grass. Dethatching and aeration can go a long way toward helping grass absorb nutrients. Set the stage for lush growth once warmer weather arrives by looking for:

- * Bare patches that need reseeding
- * Weeds making an early debut
- * Compacted soil where water pools instead of soaking in

4. **Give Plants the Right Start**
Now's the time to prep beds for new life. Before you plant:
 - * Loosen soil and mix in compost for nutrients
 - * Add mulch around perennials
 - * Plan your planting based on sun and shade patterns
5. **Hydrate Wisely**
Strong roots start with proper hydration. Even before sprigs pop up, early spring can be dry as the sun gets higher. Remember to:
 - * Water flowerbeds if rainfall has been scarce
 - * Check irrigation systems for damage
 - * Mulch lightly after soil warms to lock in moisture

Getting your yard ready early in spring isn't about perfection; it's about setting yourself up for outdoor enjoyment all season long. Find more tips to get your yard in shape at eLivingtoday.com.



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Hummingbirds are here

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY — As warmer temperatures become more prevalent across SOWEGA so do the reported sightings of hummingbirds. For those that do not keep feeders out year round its time to clean and hang em.

Although hummingbirds are known to feed on pollen, tiny bugs, and some varieties of fruit their most common food source is the nectar from flowers. Since many of the species of flowering plants have not bloomed in early spring they are readily attracted to artificial feeders.

A homemade nectar of simple sugar water is actually the healthiest alternative to fill your feeders. The most common recipe mimicking

the sugar content of flowers is a ratio 1 cup of granulated sugar to 4 cups of water. Combine the water in a sauce pan or small pot slowly bringing it to a boil. Turn off the heat and continue to stir or whisk the mixture until the sugar has dissolved and remove the pot to cool.

The cooled liquid can then be poured into your feeders. With the high temperatures typical to Southwest Georgia the nectar in feeders should be replaced at least every two weeks if not consumed. Some sources recommend this be done weekly during the cooler months.

If the mixture becomes cloudy, moldy, or contaminated with insects change it immediately. It is also recommended that you clean the feeder with fresh hot wa-

ter and a brush allowing the feeder to dry before refilling. Ironically, another indication that the feeders need changing and cleaning is if bees begin to gather on them.

One reason that clean feeders are critical is that due to their high metabolism hummingbirds are dependent on having readily available food sources. If your feeders are not empty between nectar changes consider only partially filling them so that the nectar consumed by the feeding hummingbirds is fresh.

Ants can be a problem at feeders and although they do not directly harm the birds they are a cause of contamination of the nectar. Ants can be deterred with several safe and simple methods. First, insure that your feeders are not leaking and attracting the

unwanted pests. Mint oil or petroleum jelly on your Sheppard crooks or line holding the feeders may help. Commercial ant guards or other water barriers are effective. Some hummingbird enthusiasts recommend using monofilament fishing line to hang your feeders.

Place feeders 10 to 15 feet from trees or shrubs to protect the birds from hiding predators.

It is also beneficial to place them in proximity to natural flowering food sources so that they will be available before and after the blooms are no longer available as a food source.

You may also choose to plant a garden conducive to the birds annual migrations. Planting a variety of species so that blooms are available

thought the season will hold them in your garden for a longer period. Plantings that attract small insects is also beneficial. The Georgia DNR hummingbird fact sheet is a great resource. **Hummingbirds in Your Backyard | Department of Natural Resources Division.**

Feeding hummingbirds provide excellent opportunities to photograph them. It is recommended to use fast shutter speeds to freeze their motion for a clear image. Using the continuous shooting mode or selecting a “slide shot” from a video is also an option. Shooting your picture in soft light during the early morning or late afternoon can naturally enhance their coloring and the iridescence of their feathers.

Special Photo
It's time for hummingbird lovers to break out the nectar.

2026 TURKEY TIPS

By Tom Seegmueller
news@albanyherald.com

ALBANY – The Georgia Department of Natural Resources urges hunters to take a few precautions during the 2026 Turkey Season to ensure they don't become a statistic in their hunting incident reports.

“Pursuing turkeys is an exciting opportunity, no matter how long you have been hunting, but it is important to think about safety precautions relative to your firearm and to that type of game,” advises Jennifer Davison, WRD State Hunter Education Administrator. “When you emphasize safety, you are exhibiting and teaching important lessons to those hunting with you and helping to ensure that everyone gets home safely.”

Turkey Hunting Safety Tips:

- Never wear red, white, blue, or black clothing while turkey hunting. Red is the color most hunters look for when distinguishing a gobbler's head from a hen's blue-colored head, but at times it may appear white or blue. Male turkey feathers covering most of the body are black in appearance. Camouflage should be used to cover everything, including the hunter's face, hands, and firearm.
- Select a calling position that provides at least a shoulder-width background, such as the base of a tree. Be sure that at least a 180-degree range is visible.
- Do not stalk a gobbling turkey. Due to their keen eyesight and hearing, the chances of getting close are slim to none.
- When using a turkey call, the sound and motion may attract the interest of other hunters. Do not move, wave, or make turkey-like



Special Illustration

sounds to alert another hunter to your presence. Instead, identify yourself in a loud voice.

- Be careful when carrying a harvested turkey from the woods. Do not allow the wings to hang loosely or the head to be displayed in such a way that another hunter may think it is a live bird. If possible, cover the turkey in a blaze orange garment or other material.

Although not required, consider wearing blaze orange or pink when moving between a vehicle and a hunting site. When moving between hunting sites, hunters should wear blaze orange or pink on their upper bodies to facilitate their identification by other hunters.

Beyond these hunter safety tips there are a few other things to remember that will ensure that you do not account for another DNR statistic related to violating the regulations and laws related to the legal hunting and harvesting turkeys in Georgia.

This year the bag limit for turkeys in Georgia are 2 gobblers per hunter per season, with a daily limit of 1 gobbler. Those hunting on Public Land and WMA may one gobbler per WMA, still counting toward the seasonal limit. Only gobblers may be harvested, Jakes and hens are protected. Visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources for more information.

New Georgia law designed to help control feral hog population

By Tom Seegmueller
news@albanyherald.com

ALBANY – Last Friday, the Georgia Senate passed House Bill 946 on a unanimous 46-0 vote The law, later signed by Gov. Brian Kemp, broadens the legal framework for hunting and trapping feral hogs in the state of Georgia.

The feral hog problem in Georgia is nothing new. It can be traced back to 1540 when European hogs escaped from the herd Hernando de Soto brought to the New World as a mobile food source for his expeditionary force. Historical records indicate that the escaping hogs immediately had a destructive impact on the agricultural system of the indigenous inhabitants of the region as well the natural resources that were also vital to their subsistence, a behavior that has continued unabated for more than 485 years.

It is currently estimated that approximately 9 million feral hogs are roaming across the lower 48 states and Hawaii. Only three states -- Texas (3 million), Oklahoma (1.5 million), and Louisiana



Special Illustration: Georgia DNR

(750,000) have more feral hogs than Georgia's estimated (600,000). Together, these four states account for 65% of the total feral hog population in the country.

Feral hogs have been reported in all 159 counties of the state and are responsible for millions of dollars of crop loss and other damages. In some fields in southwest Georgia, the damage by hogs has been so extensive that farmers have been forced to hire heavy equipment operators to precondition before replanting.

Agricultural and urban damage in the state is currently

so widespread that the total impact can only be estimated in an effort to better understand the problem. University of Georgia graduate student Justine Smith is now using drone technology to measure the damage and patterns of destruction to better understand the agricultural crisis. The study goes beyond investigating the volume of damage, looking for insight into patterns of destruction, including seasonal fluctuations, geographical and feeding preferences.

Two things seem to be apparent at this point. First, no crop is exempt with the

USDA estimating that damages across the country to be \$1.5 billion. Second, the only current solution to the problem is the eradication of feral hogs.

The recent actions of the Georgia legislature and governor are aimed at accelerating those effort with these key provisions:

- **Expanded hunting and trapping:** permitting hunters and wildlife control operators to target feral hogs more broadly than previous regulations: Allowing year-around hunting on private lands. Allowing hunters to take as many hogs as they encounter. Night hunting is now permitted using lights, night vision devices and thermal scopes. Baiting is allowed on private property.
- **Drone Use:** The bill explicitly authorizes the use of drones, including thermal drones to locate feral hogs, improving efficiency in locating and controlling their populations.
- **Shooting from a moving vehicle:** The bill specifically allows shooting from a moving vehicle on private property.
- **Repeal Wildlife Control Permits:** Existing requirements for wildlife control permits specific to feral hogs are removed. Simplifying the regulatory process for hunters and landowners.
- **Related Matters:** The bill includes provisions to repeal conflicting laws ensuring consistency with other wildlife management regulations.

The hogs in Georgia didn't reach their current population density by accident. They are not only an environmentally adaptive species; they are also extremely cunning. The new regulations signed into law are designed to help in the efforts to eradicate them.



Special Photo: Georgia DNR

The Georgia legislature has passed a law to try and help eradicate feral hogs.

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Construction/ Service Bids

A-201
The Dougherty County School System Logistical Services Department, located at 601 Flint Ave., Albany, GA 31701, will receive sealed Bids/Proposals for 018-PUR-2026 for Social Emotional Learning/Character Development Programs for Students K-12 on April 7, 2026 @ 11:00 AM. Bid documents may be obtained from our website at www.docoschools.org. Minority business enterprises are encouraged to submit bids. By: Sharonda Thompson, Director of Logistical Services
March 28, 2026

Corporations

A-262
Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Anchor-A-Smile (Non-Profit Organization) Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 2520 Morehouse Ln, Albany, GA, 31705 and its initial registered agent at such address is Gloria Covin.
March 28, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: ESTATE NO 2026-ES-32

All Debtors and Creditors of the Estate of Bernice Heart, 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

Debtors & Creditors

to make immediate payment.

This 16th day of March, 2026.

Angela Bowden,
Administrator of the Estate of
Bernice Heart
3412 Bellingham Lane
Albany, GA 31721

A-251
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the ESTATE OF JANIE RUTH MASSEY DORMINEY, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned according to & in the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 11th day of March, 2026.
Ronald L. Dorminey, Jr., Executor of the ESTATE OF JANIE RUTH MASSEY DORMINEY, deceased
1628 Massey Airport Rd.
Sylvester, GA 31719
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: ESTATE NO 2026-ES-110

All Debtors and Creditors of the Estate of Gregory Heart, 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.

This 17th day of March, 2026.

Angela Bowden,
Administrator of the Estate of
Bernice Heart
3412 Bellingham Lane
Albany, GA 31721

A-228
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of Patricia Dianne Brookins, deceased, of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 5th day of March 2026.
Susan Marie Ruckman
250 US Hwy 19 North
Americus, GA 31719
229-942-6618
susanruckman@gmail.com
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-257
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

State of Georgia,
County of CALHOUN
Estate No. 2026F4
All creditors of the Estate of Easter Lily Lane, deceased, late of Calhoun 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.
Terrisha Jenkins
Administrator of the Estate of Easter Lily Lane
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

A-243
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Annie Hamilton, 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 11th day of March 2026.
CHRISTINE SMITH
Executrix of the Estate of Annie Hamilton
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

A-292
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of AUDREY DENISE WALKER GRAHAM 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 28th day of March, 2026.
Lauren H. Williamson,
Administrator of the Estate of Audrey Denise Walker Graham
216 N. Westover Blvd.
Albany, Georgia 31707
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-248
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, In re Estate of Mary West Willis, Deceased, Estate No. 2026-ES-022, Probate Court of Dougherty County, **NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**, All creditors of the estate of Mary West Willis, deceased, of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 11th day of March 2026. Paul Vern Willis, Executor, 4211 Barley Ridge Trail, Cherry Valley, IL 61016
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

A-204
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the Estate of **ROBERT D. MCGIRT** deceased, late of **DOUGHERTY** County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This **24th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.**
PHYLLIS B. MCGIRT
Personal Representative for the Estate of **ROBERT D. MCGIRT**, deceased

Debtors & Creditors

4912 Hill Rd.
Albany, GA 31705
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-288
NOTICE
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Jo Ann Hagan Bates, 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 24th day of March, 2026.
William Howard Bates, III and Bronwyn Georgia Bates, Executors
Kirbo & Kirbo, P.C.
P. O. Box 70519
Albany, GA 31708-0519
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-278
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estates of Daisy Todd Horne and Donald E. Horne, Sr., 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.
Donald E. Horne, Jr., Executor of the Estates of Daisy Todd Horne and Donald E. Horne, Sr.
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-197
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Henry W. Harrell, 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.
Beverly Mae Harrell
Executrix of the Estate of Henry W. Harrell
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-276
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Alice Jackson Daniels, 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. Benjamin Jackson, Executor of the Estate of Alice Jackson Daniels
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-281
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Jacqueline Peterson Knighton, 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.
Donalene Mosely
Executrix of the Estate of Jacqueline Peterson Knighton
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-282
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Lee H. Bettis, Jr., 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.
Lee H. Bettis, III
Executor of the Estate of Lee H. Bettis, Jr.
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-277
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of John Wayne Leggett, 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.
Alfreda V. Leggett
Administratrix of the Estate of John Wayne Leggett
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-290
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of **TAMMIE GRIGGS TRUETT**, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 24th day of March 2026.
George Lawrence Truett, Executor of the Estate of Tammie Griggs Truett, deceased
c/o W. Edward Meeks, Jr.
Georgia Bar 500850

Debtors & Creditors

Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
P O Drawer 720
Leesburg, GA 31763
229-759-9111
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-232
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF PHILLIP JOHNSTON GRESHAM, JR., DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Phillip Johnston Gresham, Jr., deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Phillip Johnston Gresham, Jr.
Shelva Jean Griner Gresham, Executor of the Phillip Johnston Gresham, Jr., Estate
418 Forest Glen Drive
Albany, Georgia 31707
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DUVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727
(229) 888-3338
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

A-242
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

State of Georgia,
County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2025-ES-351
All creditors of the Estate of Cecil Morris Moore, 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.
Cecilia Moore Taylor
Administrator of the Estate of Cecil Morris Moore
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

Divorces

A-206
Dougherty COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Destiny Henderson
V.
Respondent: Devario Handerson
Civil Action Case Number: 25CV1234
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Petitioner having moved the Court for an order directing service to be made upon Respondent Devarcio Henderson in the case named above, and it appearing to the Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of such motion that Respondent is a nonresident and that the action is an action in which a Respondent may be served by publication pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-10-71, it is
ORDERED, that service upon the Respondent be made by publication as provided by law.
This 22 day of January, 2026
Victoria S. Darrisaw
JUDGE
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-294
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: JHANSI S. MUTHYALA V.
Respondent: Sudheer R. Muthyala
Civil Action Case Number: 26CV134-2
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Sudheer R. Muthyala, Respondent Named Above:
This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on 02/09/2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 02/12/2026. 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 205 Philema Rd., Apt 301; 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 he asked for in the Complaint for Divorce.
This the 13th day of February, 2026.
Whitley Williams, Dep.
JUDGE T Clerk,
Dougherty County Superior Court
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

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Whitley Williams, Dep.
JUDGE T Clerk,
Dougherty County Superior Court
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

Miscellaneous

A-284
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BEBE ANNICE WATSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ES-099
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS
NOTICE
Bandi Watson Nason has petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **April 20, 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

Miscellaneous

filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge of the Probate Court
Dougherty County Probate Court
225 Pine Ave, Suite 123
Albany, GA 31702
229-431-2102
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

Name Changes

A-234
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: SHANEQUA MONAY MAYES
Civil Action File No. 26CV210-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, SHANEQUA MONAY MAYES, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the day 6th day of March, 2026 to change my name from SHANEQUA MONAY MAYES to MONAY MAYES. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 6th day of March. 2026.
Shanequa Monay Mayes
1960 S Riverview Circle
Albany, GA 31705
478-979-3/02
March 14, 21, 28, April 4 2026

A-227
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
Patience Smith, Minor child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 26CV202-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Portrait Smith filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 5 day of March, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Patience Arianna Smith
Date of Birth: 03-18-19
Proposed New Name: Patience Arianna Brown
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 5 day of March, 2026.
Portrait Smith
Petitioner pro se
1556 Webb St Apt B.
Albany, GA 31721
229-364-5236
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-261
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren) Tylen McKenzie Linkhorn, Minor child(ren)
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Chicquia Freeman, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 4 day of March, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Tylen McKenzie Linkhorn
Date of Birth: 09-28-2023
Proposed New Name: Tylen Eric Freeman
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 10 day of March, 2026
Chicquia Freeman
Petitioner pro se
2110 Lennox St Apt 15
Albany, GA 31707
229-742-1187
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

A-270
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
Chassidy Franklin, Minor child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 26CV251-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Kayla Lewis, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 23rd day of February 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Chassidy Anaya Franklin
Date of Birth: 06-11-10
Proposed New Name: Chassidy Anaya Ware
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 23 day of February, 2026.
Kayla Lewis
Petitioner pro se
631 11th Avenue
Albany Ga
(229)537-9091
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

A-286
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: DERICK LINKHORN
Civil Action File No. 26-CV-270-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Derick Linkhorn, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 11th day of March 2026, to change my name from Derick Linkhorn to Derrick Griffin Linkhorn.
Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days after the Petition was filed.
This 11 day of March, 2026.
Derick Linkhorn
Petitioner pro se
524 American Lane
Albany Ga
229-462-2140
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-249
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Crystal Denise Wingfield,

TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD
CALL 229-888-9300
Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
(Publishes on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday)

Name Changes

Civil Action File No. 26-CV-236-4
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Crystal Wingfield, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 11 day of 2026 to change my name from Crystal Denise Wingfield to Crystal Denise Edwards. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 11 day of March, 2026.
Crystal Denise Wingfield
Petitioner
1202 W 3rd # 101
Albany GA 31707
229 319 0112
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

A-197
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren) Gabrielle LaPortia Brown
Civil Action File No. 26CV184-4
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Monique Ingram, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 27th day of February 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Gabrielle LaPortia Brown
Date of Birth: 04/30/2010
Proposed New Name: Gabrielle LaPortic Brown Ingram
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 27 day of February, 2026.
Monique Ingram
Petitioner pro se
2651 Erica Ct Apt 102
Albany GA 31707
(229) 881-1037
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

Probate Court Administration

A-233
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: THURMAN CARNEGIE, JR.
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-460
Bryan Allen Carnegie has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **THURMAN CARNEGIE, JR.**, 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 April 6, 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
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

A-186
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: BEULAH M. BRIMER
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-075
Teresa Stanton has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate **BEULAH M. BRIMER**, 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 30, 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
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: PAUL DAVID BOYD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-090
Joshua Cunningham has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **PAUL DAVID BOYD**, 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 30, 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

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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
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: MARY L. BROWN
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-075
Rebecca S. Smith has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate **MARY L. BROWN**, 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 30, 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
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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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

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

Probate Court Discharge

A-285
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2024-ES-305
PETITION OF LARRAINE L. COLON
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: THOMAS C. IANNICELLI

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 April 7, 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
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102

March 28, 2026

Public Hearings

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - ALLEY 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 April 28, 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 (Clark 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 April 7, 2026, in Room 100, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia with respect to same.

This 7th day of March, 2026.

Michael M. Custer
City Attorney
222 Pine Ave., Suite 560
Albany, Georgia 31701
229.431.2805
mcuster@albanyga.gov

March 14, March 21, March 28 & April 4, 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment for the State of Georgia's Draft Annual Action Plan FY26

The State of Georgia, in compliance with applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared a draft version of the State's Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The State of Georgia will host a public hearing and webinar to present the 2026 Annual Action Plan. This FY26 Annual Action Plan is the fourth year of the five-year 2023-2027 Consolidated Planning period. The Annual Action Plan outlines the activities that will be undertaken in the program year (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). The six federally funded HUD programs covered by the Action Plan are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). The State of Georgia encourages citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to review the contents of its draft the Annual Action Plan and to submit their written comments. A draft of the Annual Action Plan will be available for review on April 1, 2026 by 5 PM by visiting our website: <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/housing-development/community-initiatives/hud-planning/hud-planning-reporting>

The report may also be obtained upon request from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by

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emailing HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov The public hearing webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. To participate in the webinar please, please register to attend using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yfb7eyay> If you have trouble with the link, please email HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov to receive the registration link. All written comments should be submitted by email or postal mail no later than Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Housing Development Division
Attn: Homeownership Development and Preservation Division
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231
March 28, 2026

Public Sales/ Auctions

A-295
ABSOLUTE CAR AUCTION
TIME: 10:00 AM
DATE: WEDNESDAY April 15, 2026
CATION: A1 WRECKER SERVICE
213 7TH AVE
ALBANY, GA 31701
IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTION 40-11-02, THIRTY- (30) ABANDONED, WRECKED AND STOLEN VEHICLES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.
TERMS OF PAYMENT: CASH, CHASHIERS CHECK OR PERSONAL CHECK WITH LETTER OF CREDIT FROM YOUR BANK. TWENTY DOLLARE (\$20) CAR PREMIUM CHARGE ON EACH PURCHASE.

YEAR: 2003
MAKE: Mitsubishi
MODEL: Galant
VIN ID: 4A3AA46G73E043820

YEAR: 1998
MAKE: Volkswagen
MODEL: Cabrio
VIN ID: 3VWBA81E6WM808497

YEAR: 2003
MAKE: Ford
MODEL: Fusion
VIN ID: 3FAHP07Z18R221806

YEAR: 2020
MAKE: Chevrolet
MODEL: Silverado 1500
VIN ID: 3GCUYDET9LG266346

YEAR: 2017
MAKE: Nissan
MODEL: Altima
VIN ID: 1N4AL3APXHC184842

YEAR: 2024
MAKE: Mitsubishi
MODEL: Outlander
VIN ID: JA4ARU4U4RU015085

YEAR: 2004
MAKE: Chevrolet
MODEL: Monte Carlo
VIN ID: 2G1WW12E49219243

YEAR: 2016
MAKE: Nissan
MODEL: Rogue
VIN ID: JN8AT2MV8GW148437

YEAR: 2007
MAKE: Chevrolet
MODEL: Cobalt
VIN ID: 1G1AK55F677323441

YEAR: 2011
MAKE: Ford
MODEL: Fusion
VIN ID: 3FAHP0HA3BR112246

YEAR: 2017
MAKE: Nissan
MODEL: Maxima
VIN ID: 1N4AA6AP6HC449571

YEAR: 2013
MAKE: Hyundai
MODEL: Elantra
VIN ID: 5NPDH4AE1DH173496

YEAR: 2007
MAKE: Toyota
MODEL: Highlander
VIN ID: JTEGD21A270156665

YEAR: 2019
MAKE: Kia
MODEL: Optima
VIN ID: 5XXGT4L30KG368974

YEAR: 2022
MAKE: Mitsubishi
MODEL: Mirage
VIN ID: ML32AUHJ8NH008689

YEAR: 2019
MAKE: Mitsubishi
MODEL: Outlander
VIN ID: JA4AD3A3XXZ031297

YEAR: 2012
MAKE: Nissan
MODEL: Murano
VIN ID: JN8AZ1MU1CW113233

YEAR: 2004
MAKE: Lexus
MODEL: RX330
VIN ID: 2T2GA31UX4C015580

YEAR: 1998
MAKE: Honda
MODEL: Accord
VIN ID: 1HGCG5655WA084636

YEAR: 2005
MAKE: Toyota
MODEL: Scion
VIN ID: JTKDE167750055493

YEAR: 2007
MAKE: GMC
MODEL: Yukon
VIN ID: 1GKFC13J47J138631

YEAR: 204
MAKE: Nissan
MODEL: NV
VIN ID: IN6BF0KM8EN100488

YEAR: 2015
MAKE: Cadillac
MODEL: ATS
VIN ID: 1G6AB5RA7F0114922

YEAR: 2005
MAKE: Hyundai
MODEL: Accent
VIN ID: KMHCG45C95U617959

YEAR: 2001
MAKE: Oldsmobile
MODEL: Alero
VIN ID: 1G3NL52E61C262415

YEAR: 2008
MAKE: Honda
MODEL: Civic
VIN ID: 2HGFA165X8H326719

YEAR: 1999
MAKE: Chevrolet
MODEL: Silverado 1500
VIN ID: 1GCEC14V1XE213318

Year: 2006
Make: Nissan
Model: Sentra

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VIN ID: 3N1CB51D86L466201
March 28, April 4, 2026

A-275
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) (2), that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at: A-1 Wrecker Service, 213 7th Ave, Albany, GA.

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2004
Model: Trailblazer EXT
Vin ID: 1GNES16S246147655
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2026-91AV

Make: Nissan
Year: 2009
Model: Altima
Vin ID: 1N4AL21E69N404590
License: 6363807
State: GA
Case #: 2026-89AV

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2005
Model: Impala
Vin #: 2G1WF52EX59131621
License: PPU2771
State: GA
Case: 2026-90AV

Make: Ford
Year: 2008
Model: Escape
Vin ID: 1FMCU93108KA95906
License: SFE3971
State: GA
Case #: 2026-88AV

Make: Subaru
Year: 2012
Model: Outback
Vin ID: 4S4BRBLC7C3260331
License: SBG7047
State: GA
Case #: 2026-87AV

Make: Honda
Year: 2000
Model: Civic
Vin ID: 1HGEJ667XYL016857
License: RCW4946
State: GA
Case #: 2026-84AV

Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2013
Model: Cruze
Vin ID: 1G1PC5SB7D7106467
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2026-85AV

Make: Honda
Year: 2009
Model: Civic
Vin ID: 2HGFG12869H534273
License: P6652347
State: GA
Case #: 2026-86AV

March 28, April 4, 2026

A-259 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: **Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service – 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707.** Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: April 7, 2026 Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 225 Pine Ave – Albany, Ga 31701 Forms may also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

Vehicle Make: KIA
Year: 2012
Model: KIA OPTIMA
Vehicle ID#: 5XXGNA477CG054675
Vehicle License #: DCA7825
State: GA
Magistrate Court Case No.: 2026-34AV

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Business Name: Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service
Address: 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707
Telephone #: 229-496-2011
March 21, 28, 2026

A-260
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service – 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707

Vehicle Make: NISSAN
Year: 1994
Model: SENTRA E/XE/GX
Vehicle ID#: 1N4EB31P2RC776998
Vehicle License #: SIK4300
State GA

Vehicle Make: FORD
Year: 2001
Model: LGT CONVNTL'F TK
Vehicle ID#: 1FTZX17291NA53543
Vehicle License #: AAJ8XW
State: GA

Vehicle Make: TOYOTA
Year: 2007
Model: AVALON XL XLS
ID#: 4T1BK36BXU186657
Vehicle License #: SIS5872
State GA

Vehicle Make: FORD
Year: 2008
Model: CROWN VICTORIA
Vehicle ID#: 2FAFP71V98X124067
Vehicle License #: SHN2526
State GA

Vehicle Make: LINCOLN
Year: 2009
Model: MKS
Vehicle ID#: 1LNHM93R19G622922
Vehicle License #: ETC283
State GA

Vehicle Make: CHEVROLET
Year: 2012
Model: IMPALA LT
Vehicle ID#: 2G1WG5E3XC1216171
Vehicle License #: AAE2AK
State GA

Public Sales/ Auctions

Vehicle Make: KIA
Year: 2015
Model: FORTE LX
ID#: KNAFKA461F5268773
Vehicle License #: PVR1971
State GA

Vehicle Make: KIA
Year: 2016
Model: OPTIMA LX
Vehicle ID#: 5XXGT4L36GG058089
Vehicle License #: UNKN
State GA

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Business Name: Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service
Address: 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707
Telephone #: 229-496-2011
March 21, 28, 2026

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Public Auction Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Monday April 13, 2026
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

256 Betty Smith: furniture, washer & dryer

417 Felicia Williams: Totes, dresser, side table

442 Demetrice Davis: Furniture, décor & misc.

502 Jamar Lyles: Refrigerator, toys

633 Fredrick Davis: Furniture, safe microwave & misc.

662 Michael Kunde: Misc.

664 Michael Kunde: Misc.

668 Shakeita Mackey: Furniture, clothes & misc.

716 Gage Taylor: Misc.

807 Dean Harness: Furniture & misc.
March 28, April 4, 11, 2026

A-269
Miles towing & recovery
Abandon motor vehicle advertisement notice

Vehicle make - Ford
Model - Expedition
Year - 2010
Vin-1FMJUIG57AEB 67472
License # 5JF2295
State - Ga

Your are here by notified in accordance with oca 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 debt. The present location of the vehicles is: **Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service – 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31701.** Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately at miles towing & recovery at 313 n Jefferson street Albany Ga 31701, or call at 229-431-2949 thanks.
March 21, 28, 2026

A-266
Miles towing & recovery
Abandon motor vehicle advertisement notice

Vehicle make Chevy
Model - Cobalt
Year- 2010
Vin-1GAD15F52A7191558
License # TBB0822
State-GA

Your are here by notified in accordance with oca 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 debt. The vehicle is currently located at 313 n Jefferson Street Albany ga 31701. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately at miles towing & recovery at 313 n Jefferson street Albany Ga 31701, or call at 229-431-2949 thanks.
March 21, 28, 2026

A-268
Miles towing & recovery
Abandon motor vehicle advertisement notice

Vehicle make - Mercury.
Model - Grand marquis
Year - 2001
Vin-2MEFM74W01XG65572
License # 52112453
State - Ga

Your are here by notified in accordance with oca 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 debt. The vehicle is currently located at 313 n Jefferson Street Albany Ga 31701. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately at miles towing & recovery at 313 n Jefferson street Albany Ga 31701, or call at 229-431-2949 thanks.
March 21, 28, 2026

A-267
Miles towing & recovery
Abandon motor vehicle advertisement notice

Vehicle make - Kia
Model- Optima
Year - 2015
Vin-5XXAMA47XF6466998
License # SIK1575
State - Ga

Your are here by notified in accordance with oca 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 debt. The vehicle is currently located at 313 n Jefferson Street Albany Ga 31701. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately at miles towing & recovery at 313 n Jefferson street Albany Ga 31701, or call at 229-431-2949 thanks.
March 21, 28, 2026

A-254
Paint Pro Towing,LLC
2804 Wilmar Lane
Albany,Ga.31707

Public Sales/ Auctions

229-434-9800
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

1.) 1976 Ford F-150
Vin # F15BNA02409
Case # 2026-44AV

2.) 2018 Nissan Altima
Vin # 1N4AL3AP0JC143643
Case # 2026-30AV

3.) 2011 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGPC2P2F65BA112534
Case # 2026-41AV

4.) 2013 Honda Accord
Vin # 1HGR2F31DA255760
Case # 2026-43AV

5.) 2017 Dodge Journey
Vin # 3CAPDCABXHT556996
Case # 2026-45AV

6.)2015 Nissan Altima
Vin # 1N4AL3AP9FC579608
Case # 2026-42AV

7.) 2013 Nissan Altima
Vin # 1N4AL3AP2DC103102
Case # 2026-40AV

8.) 2010 Honda accord
Vin # 1HGCS1B80AA013375
Case # 2026-39AV
March 21, 28, 2026

A-271
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE:
You are hereby, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) 2, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at: Strums Elite Towing & Recovery, 2800 Phillips Drive Albany Ga 31721. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the business above.

Vehicle Data
VIN: 1G11B5SA0GF123329
Year: 2016
Make: CHEV
Model: Malibu Limited*
Trim: LS*

Vehicle Data
VIN: 5XXG64J22NG164635
Year: 2022
Make: KIA
Model: K5*
Trim: GT-Line*
March 21, 28, 2026

A-255
UNKNOWN VEHICLES
STRUMS ELITE TOWING & RECOVERY

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: STRUMS ELITE TOWING
Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before:

2022 Hyundai Translead
PRIVATE PROPERTY REMOVAL
Vin # 3H3V532K0NJ345447
310 cordele rd Albany Ga 31705
March 21, 28, 2026

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
(TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

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 1541 E Broad Ave
The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Vehicle Make: CHRY
Year: 2012
Model: 200
Vehicle ID #: 1C3CCBAB2CN131393

Vehicle License #: State GA

Vehicle Make: LINC
Vehicle ID #: 1LNL82W4TY724681

Year: 1996
Model: TOWN CAR
Vehicle License #: State GA

Vehicle Make: KIA
Vehicle ID #: KNJDJ733235052650
Year: 2003
Model: SORENTO
Vehicle License #: State FL

Vehicle Make: KIA
Vehicle ID 5XXGMA471DG153707
Year: 2013 Model: OPTIMA
Vehicle License #: State GA

Vehicle Make: CHEV
Year: 2015
Model: CRUZE
Vehicle ID #: 1G1PESSB4F7207480
Vehicle License #: State GA

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Business Name: TONY'S TOWING & WRECKER SERVICE
Address: 1541 E BROAD AVE
ALBANY, GA 31705
Telephone #: 229-405-3930
March 28, April 4, 2026

Service by Publication

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
CF 2022 TD PROPERTIES, LLC, Plaintiff
VS.

AUSTIN DANIEL, JOHN DANIEL, CARLA DANIEL AND DAVID DANIEL AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: LOT 212, SECTION 3 DOUBLEGATE SUBDIVISION, ALSO KNOWN AS 2800 DAVENPORT DRIVE, ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, Defendants.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2024000950
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
By Order for Service by Publication dated the 6th day of March, 2026,

Service by Publication

you are hereby notified that on the 15th day of October 2024, Plaintiff filed suit again the Defendants *a Petition for Quia Timet Against all the World to Establish Title to Real Property.* You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, TIMOTHY O. DAVIS, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication. WITNESS, the Honorable JOSEPH W. DENT, Judge of this Superior Court.
This 10th day of March, 2

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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 and 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. 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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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 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 April 7, 2026, the following described land, improvements and appurtenances (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Premises") to wit:
Property Address: **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 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 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);
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,

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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 and 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. 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,

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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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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

A-202
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 MALCOLM DONTREZ CLEVELAND to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC D/B/VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS , dated 08/24/2023, and Recorded on 08/24/2023 as Book No. 5119 and Page No. 72 85, 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 \$150,500.00, 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 April, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING PART OF LOTS 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 46, OF RAWSON CIRCLE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17, (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A 39) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 3, WHICH POINT IS THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MCINTOSH ROAD AND NORTH HARDING STREET AND RUN THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST MARGIN LINE OF NORTH HARDING STREET A DISTANCE OF 206.7 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE WESTERLY SEVENTY NINE (79) FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTHERLY A DISTANCE OF 149.5 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH MARGIN LINE OF MCINTOSH ROAD; RUN THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH MARGIN LINE OF MCINTOSH ROAD A DISTANCE OF 191.3 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS AND OTHER EASEMENTS, VISIBLE AND/OR OF RECORD, AFFECTING THE CONVEYED PROPERTY; TO ANY VALID AND ENFORCEABLE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY AND TO THE VALID AND ENFORCEABLE LAWS, ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE USE OF THE CONVEYED PROPERTY. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, 3043 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 200, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361, 866 549 3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **1900 MCINTOSH RD, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31701** is/are: MALCOLM DONTREZ CLEVELAND or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. PENNYMAC

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LOAN SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for MALCOLM DONTREZ CLEVELAND. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010745644 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 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 RONALD J. BREEDLOVE, AN UNMARRIED MAN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC. , dated 12/30/2016, and Recorded on 01/25/2017 as Book No. 4387 and Page No. 293 310, DOUGHERTY County, Georgia records, as last assigned to ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$39,150.00, 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 April, 2026, the following described property: TAX ID NUMBER(S): 000MM/00017/003 LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY IN THE STATE OF GA BEING ALL OF LOT 1 OF HILLTOP ACRES SUBDIVISION, SECTION "1" ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAME AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 101 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B 58) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: **1901 STUART AVE, ALBANY, GA 31707**
1705 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). ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. (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, ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC may be contacted at: ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, 635 WOODWARD AVE., DETROIT, MI 48226, 800 508 0944. 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 **1901 STUART AVE, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31707** is/are: RONALD J. BREEDLOVE, AN UNMARRIED MAN 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. ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. as Attorney in Fact for RONALD J. BREEDLOVE, AN UNMARRIED MAN. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010578482 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from CORRINE E. APONTE-WALKER and ROHAN WALKER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR COLONY BANK, dated April 26, 2024, recorded April 30, 2024, in Deed Book 5185, Page 125, and re-recorded September 18, 2025, in Deed Book 5336, Page 16, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Six and 00/100 dollars (\$221,906.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County

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Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in April, 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 DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK "A", DESIGNATED AS A-11 IN THE SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SECTION NO. 1 OF RADIUM SPRINGS, INC., ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 282, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.
Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **121 REDBUD RD, ALBANY, GA 31705**.
The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is CORRINE E. APONTE-WALKER, ROHAN WALKER, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: LoanCare, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, Telephone Number: 800-909-9525. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC as Attorney in Fact for CORRINE E. APONTE-WALKER, ROHAN WALKER
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. LNC-25-03715-2 riselaw.com/property-listing
February 7, 2026, March 14, 21, 28, 2026, April 4, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from RICARDO CORTEZ BANNISTER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR RENASANT BANK, dated June 7, 2019, recorded June 13, 2019, in Deed Book 4609, Page 221, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$65,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL OF LOT 6, BLOCK 46, RAWSON CIRCLE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 17, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1915 N HARDING ST, ALBANY, GA 31701**.

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

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

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

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

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The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3043 Townsgate Road Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, Telephone Number: 1-866-549-3583. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for RICARDO CORTEZ BANNISTER
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. PNY-25-03924-4 riselaw.com/property-listing
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from WILLIE JAMES LEWIS to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, dated September 15, 2006, recorded September 20, 2006, in Deed Book 3217, Page 248, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$95,600.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 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 LAND LOT 86 IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 5 OF THE "PROPERTY OF C.C. BRANCH" ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 290 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-73) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.
LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO TEH COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AS PER THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY DEED DATED MARCH 7, 1971 AND RECORDED IN APRIL 12, 1971 IN DEED BOOK 446 PAGE 225-227, DOUGHERTY COUNTY LAND RECORDS.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **432 BRANCH RD, ALBANY, GA 31705**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is WILLIE JAMES LEWIS, WILLEASE C LEWIS, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Regions Mortgage, Loss Mitigation Dept., 6200 Poplar Avenue 4th Floor, Memphis, TN 38119-4713, Telephone Number: 800-748-9498. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE as Attorney in Fact for WILLIE JAMES LEWIS
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. REG-22-04231-3 riselaw.com/property-listing
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from CORENE J JONES AKA CORENE J GLOVER to GENERATION MORTGAGE COMPANY, dated June 4, 2010, recorded June 22, 2010, in Deed Book 3714, Page 220-230, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$82,500.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security

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Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2026-1, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in April, 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 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOT 65, SOUTHGATE SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 155, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK, OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **2811 NEWCASTLE LN, ALBANY, GA 31701**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is CORENE J JONES AKA CORENE J GLOVER, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CORENE JONES, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: GITSIT Solutions, LLC f/k/a Kondaur Capital, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 333 South Anita Drive Suite 400, Orange, CA 92668, Telephone Number: 888-566-3287. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2026-1 as Attorney in Fact for CORENE J JONES AKA CORENE J GLOVER THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992

Case No. KCP-26-00423-1

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from JANET B THOMAS JANET BAXLEY THOMAS and ROBERT N THOMAS, III to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., dated August 25, 2009, recorded September 11, 2009, in Deed Book 3639, Page 65, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$81,500.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL OF THE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 15 OF ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 1696 PAGE 255, DATED 05/13/1997, RECORDED 05/13/1997, DOUGHERTY COUNTY RECORDS.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **3001 LONESOME RD, ALBANY, GA 31721**.

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority;

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matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JANET B THOMAS JANET BAXLEY THOMAS, ROBERT N THOMAS, III, TYLER W. THOMAS, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, Loss Mitigation Dept., 7105 Corporate Drive, Plano, TX 75024, Telephone Number: 800-846-2222. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

as Attorney in Fact for JANET B THOMAS JANET BAXLEY THOMAS, ROBERT N THOMAS, III THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992

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**A-224
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY****NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Rossie Batten III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for LendUS, LLC dated March 9, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 4950, Page 206, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$152,192.00, 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, May 5, 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 Land Lot 206 in the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 80 of College Park Subdivision, Section 6, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide C-9, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia.

Said property is known as **2522 Toni Lynne Lane, Albany, GA 31705**, 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 Rossie Batten, III, successor in interest or tenant(s).

NewRez LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Rossie Batten III

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"THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from REBECCA SIMMONS to GENERATION MORTGAGE COMPANY, dated January 29, 2010, recorded February 11, 2010, in Deed Book 3680, Page 325, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$67,500.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in April, 2026**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: LOT 87, ACCORDING TO A PLAT ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION OF PART OF A. MCJONES PROPERTY" AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 90, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

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Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1617 MCARTHUR STREET, ALBANY, GA 31701**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is REBECCA SIMMONS, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF REBECCA SIMMONS , or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PHH Mortgage Corporation, Loss Mitigation Dept., 1661 Worthington Road Ste 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409, Telephone Number: 866-503-5559. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

as Attorney in Fact for REBECCA SIMMONS THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992

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03/21/2026, 03/28/2026, 04/04/2026

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NOTICE OF SALE**

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from LIZZIE BLUE to CITY OF ALBANY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT dated March 5, 1998 and recorded in Deed Book 1799, Pages 274-276 with an Amendment to Security Deed dated May 5, 2016 and recorded May 11, 2016 in Deed Book 4316, Pages 250-251 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Deed to Secure Debt has been given to secure that certain Promissory Note dated May 5, 2016 between and LIZZIE BLUE JACKSON f/k/a LIZZIE BLUE and CITY OF ALBANY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in the amount of Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 03/100 Dollars (\$30,289.03), 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 LIZZIE BLUE JACKSON f/k/a LIZZIE BLUE, there will be sold by the undersigned, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door at Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2020 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and more particularly described as all of Lots E and F of the Carrie Oliver Property according to a plat of said property recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 61 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

The described tract is known as **533 Alice Avenue** according to the present system of numbering streets in the City of Albany.

Notice is given that City of Albany, Department of Community and Economic Development, ATTN: Betty Jackson, P.O. Box 447, Albany, Georgia 31701, telephone number (229) 483-7650, is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the above-referenced Deed to Secure Debt.

The indebtedness secured by the aforementioned Deed to Secure Debt has been, and is hereby declared immediately due and payable in full because of the failure of LIZZIE BLUE JACKSON f/k/a LIZZIE BLUE to maintain payments upon said indebtedness owing to CITY OF ALBANY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in accordance with its terms. Said indebtedness remaining in default, this sale shall be made for the purpose of paying such indebtedness, as well as all expenses of this sale, including attorneys' fees.

The above-described property will be sold as the property of LIZZIE BLUE JACKSON f/k/a LIZZIE BLUE, her 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 Deed to Secure Debt described above; and all easements, restrictions,

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rights-of-way, security deeds or other encumbrances of record which have priority over the referenced Deed to Secure Debt.

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

CITY OF ALBANY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, as Attorney-In-Fact for LIZZIE BLUE JACKSON f/k/a LIZZIE BLUE DREW, ECKL & FARNHAM, LLP BY: DAVID W. ORLOWSKI Georgia Bar No. 554325

Attorneys for CITY OF ALBANY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 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 Eddie Beale Jr to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Titan Mutual Lending Inc, its successors and assigns dated 3/5/2022 and recorded in Deed Book 4952 Page 23 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$252,340.00, 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 April 7, 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 SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 294, 1ST DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL OF LOT 129 OF RIVER POINTE PLANTATION, PHASE FIVE, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAME RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE C-48H. A.P.N.: 00135700002/129 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 **1411 River Pointe Drive, Albany, GA 31701-4773** 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): Eddie Beale Jr or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsgate Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 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. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Eddie Beale Jr Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1120-5301A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY****NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

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

as Attorney-in-Fact for DOROTHY C BROOKS ROBERTSON, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Phone: 470-321-7112 Firm File No. 26-393501

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

**A-220
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,**

DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to

the Power of Sale contained in a

Security Deed given by Evelyn C

Hylick to Worth Funding

Incorporated dated 8/12/2002 and

recorded in Deed Book 2442 Page

298 Dougherty County, Georgia

records; as last transferred to or

acquired by U.S. Bank Trust

Company, National Association, as

trustee, as successor-in-interest to

U.S. Bank National Association, in its

capacity as Trustee for MASTR

Asset Backed Securities Trust

2002-NC1 Mortgage Pass-Through

Certificates, Series 2002-NC1,

conveying the after-described

property to secure a Note in the

original principal amount of

\$68,425.00, 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 April 7,

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 Dougherty County, Georgia

and being more particularly

described as all of Lot 128 of

SHERWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION

as shown on that plat of subdivision

recorded in Plat Book 2, page 215 in

the Office of the Clerk of the Superior

Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

The debt secured by said Security

Deed has been and is hereby

declared due because of, among

other possible events of default,

failure to pay the indebtedness as

and when due and in the manner

provided in the Note and Security

Deed. The debt remaining in default,

this sale will be made for the purpose

of paying the same and all expenses

of this sale, as provided in the

Security Deed and by law, including

attorney's fees (notice of intent to

collect attorney's fees having been

given). Said property is commonly

known as **2320 Pembroke Drive,**

Albany, GA 31707 together with all

fixtures and personal property

attached to and constituting a part of

said property, if any. To the best

knowledge and belief of the

undersigned, the party (or parties) in

possession of the subject property is

(are): Estate and/or Heirs of Evelyn

C. Hylick or tenant or tenants. PHH

Mortgage Corporation is the entity or

individual designated, who shall have

full authority to negotiate, amend and

modify all terms of the mortgage.

PHH Mortgage Corporation 1661

Worthington Rd Suite 100 West Palm

Beach, FL 33409 (800) 750-2518

Note, however, that such entity or

individual is not required by law to

negotiate, amend or modify the

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property for sale in the event no reasonable bid is received and accepted. In that event, the property may be re-offered for sale at a day and time as determined, and as publicly announced at the public sale on **April 7, 2026**.

The proceeds from the sale will be used for payment of that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **BRITTANY JEFFERSON MOORE to STANLEY LILLY**, both principal and interest, insurance premiums, taxes, late charges, and expenses, and attorney's fees for which property notice has been given, and the balance, if any delivered as provided by law. Said property will be sold subject to taxes for the years 2025 and any prior unpaid taxes, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants of matter of record superior to the security deed first set out above.

The property described above shall be sold subject to any right of the United States of America to redeem the aforesaid property within 120 days of the above-referenced foreclosure sale date to pay Federal Tax Liens.

STANLEY LILLY has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

This 3rd day of March, 2026.
BY: /s/ Stanley Lilly
STANLEY LILLY
Prepared by:
MATTHEW T. SHINER, P.C.
207 E. WASHINGTON STREET
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA 31792
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-207
NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 56, Block 7, Maple City Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001265, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being part of Lot 56 in Block "F" of Maple City Subdivision according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 3 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

Starting at the intersection of the west right-of-way of Central Street and the north right-of-way of Mulberry Avenue, go west 262.4 along said north right-of-way of Mulberry Avenue to the POINT OF BEGINNING: Continue west along said right-of-way 52.5 feet to a point; continue north 105 to a point; thence go east 52.5 feet to a point; thence go south 105 to the point of beginning.

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

The improvements thereon being known as: **1219 Mulberry Avenue, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 00EE/00024/07A.
Current Owner: Woodrow Wilson Mitchell.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2012 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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A-209
NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 10 and Part of Lot 9, Muse-Redfern Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001267, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and being Lot No. 10 and the North half of Lot No. 9 of the Muse-Redfern Subdivision in the City of Albany, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the Southeast intersection of Park Avenue and Muse Street, thence East along Park Avenue 103.5 feet, thence South 105

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feet, thence West 104.81 feet to Muse Street, thence North along the East side of Muse Street 105 feet to the point of beginning, being known as 712 Muse Street, and being the home property of J. C. Terry. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **712 Muse Avenue, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 000CC/00010/001
Current Owner: James Turner Terry

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2016 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 9, Muse and Redfern Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001268, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the city of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 8 and the south one-half of Lot 9 of Muse and Redfern Subdivision according to a map or plat of said Subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 116, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Said property, upon information and belief, according to the present system of numbering in place in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, is currently known as 706 Muse Avenue.

The above-described Property is conveyed subject to any and all easements and restrictions of record. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **706 Muse Avenue, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 000CC/00010/002
Current Owner: James Turner Terry.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2016 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot One, Muse-Redfern Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001269, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All of lot number One (1) of the Muse-Redfern subdivision as recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Plat Book No. 1, Page No. 116.

Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax

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maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed. The improvements thereon being known as: **711 Muse Avenue, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 000CC/00009/009
Current Owner: G. O. Terry and Marion Turner Terry

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2016 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 4, Block S, Avalon Subdivision, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001270, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot 4, Block "S" of Avalon Subdivision, according to map or plat of the Resubdivision of Block "S" and "U" of Avalon Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 124, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **1506 Lincoln Avenue, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 0000H/00035/015
Current Owner: Greenleo Residential Rental, LLC

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2023 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 52, Forest Park Subdivision, Addition #2, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001271, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All of Lot 52 of Forest Park Subdivision Addition #2 according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 189, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Subject to restrictions and easements of record.

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

The improvements thereon being known as: **2412 Habersham Road, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 00214/00005/007
Current Owner: Madeline G. Hamilton

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2008 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses

of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 5, Block M, Radium Springs, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001272, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lot 5-B, Block M, of Radium Springs, Inc. Subdivision, Section 2, according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 35 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-42) in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Together with all rights, title, and interest running with the above-described property but not taxed under a separate tax reference number as delineated on the tax maps of the petitioner for the year(s) for the taxes being foreclosed.

The improvements thereon being known as: **110 S. Rosewood Drive, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 00010/00008/006
Current Owner: Williams and Sons Realty and Management

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2022 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Part of Lot 37, City of Albany, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001273, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as: Begin at the northwest intersection of Jefferson and Society Street and run west along the north side of Society Street a distance of 159 feet to point on the north side of Society Street and from this as a starting point, run thence north 120 feet; thence west 70 feet, thence south 210 feet; thence east 70 feet to the point of beginning. Said lot being further known as 407 Society Avenue and being part of City Lot 37 on Society Avenue.

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

The improvements thereon being known as: **407 Society Avenue, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 000CC/00012/007
Current Owner: Greenleo HR Properties, LLC

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2023 and 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests

appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 226, Rawson Park, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001274, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of Lot 226 of Rawson Park according to a plat of same recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 72 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, same being improved property having a dwelling located thereon numbered 1211 North Madison Avenue, Albany, Georgia, according to the present system of numbering in the City of Albany, Georgia.

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

The improvements thereon being known as: **1211 N. Madison Street, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 00077/00024/008
Current Owner: Greenleo Residential Rental, LLC
The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2023 and 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

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NOTICE OF IN REM
FORECLOSURE SALE
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Pursuant to Order entered by the Dougherty County Superior Court on January 30, 2026, in the case of Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia, Plaintiff, versus Lot 9, Block 4, Lincoln Memorial Park, et al, Case No. SUCV2025001266, Shonna Colley Josey, Tax Director, Dougherty County, Georgia and Ex Officio Sheriff, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81 and applicable law, will sell the real property described herein, its improvements, buildings, fixtures and appurtenances, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Dougherty County Courthouse, 225 Pine Ave, Albany, Georgia, at the usual hour and location for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday of April, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (April 7, 2026), to wit:

All that certain property situated in the County of Dougherty, and State of Georgia being described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: all of Lot 9, Block 4, of Lincoln Memorial Park Subdivision, according to a map or Plat of said Subdivision as same recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 231, in the office of the clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia.

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

The improvements thereon being known as: **1400 Lee Street, Albany, Georgia**
Tax Parcel ID # 000H/0059/001.
Current Owner: First Step Transitional Living Foundation.

The above-described property is subject to a lien in favor of Petitioner for unpaid ad valorem property taxes for the years 2012 through 2024. The taxes remaining unpaid, the sale will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof to the payment of the taxes, accrued interest and penalties and expenses of the sale and all other payments provided by applicable law. The above-described property will also be sold subject to rights of redemption as described in O.C.G.A. § 48-4-81. Any excess proceeds resulting from the sale will be deposited into the Registry of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia to be distributed by the Court to the interested parties, including the owner, as their interests appear and in the order of priority in which their interests exist.

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Calhoun Co. Legals

A-287
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CALHOUN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF CYNTHIA L. STEPHENS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P14
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: Whom it may concern:
MONICA TERESA STEPHENS has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Cynthia L. Stephens, 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 April 22, 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
31 Court Street. Ste C
P.O. Box 87
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

A-272
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE

Notice is hereby given that MAI AUTO, INC., organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, with its registered office at 6855 GA Hwy 55, LEARY, GA 39862, has filed a Notice of Intent to Dissolve with the Secretary of State of Georgia Corporation Division, pursuant to GA Code 14-3-1404.1. This dissolution of the Incorporation was authorized by its officers in accordance with its Operating Agreement and the applicable state laws. This notice is published in accordance with the requirements of GA Code 14-3-1404.1.
March 21, 28, 2026

A-274
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice of the Public Hearing and Request for Public Comment for the State of Georgia's Draft Annual Action Plan FY26

The State of Georgia, in compliance with applicable U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, has prepared a draft version of the State's Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the Federal Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The State of Georgia will host a public hearing and webinar to present the 2026 Annual Action Plan. This FY26 Annual Action Plan is the fourth year of the five-year 2023-2027 Consolidated Planning period. The Annual Action Plan outlines the activities that will be undertaken in the program year (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). The six federally funded HUD programs covered by the Action Plan are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF). The State of Georgia encourages citizens, public agencies and other interested parties to review the contents of its draft the Annual Action Plan and to submit their written comments.

A draft of the Annual Action Plan will be available for review on April 1, 2026 by 5 PM by visiting our website: <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/housing-development/community-initiatives/hud-planning/hud-planning-reporting>

The report may also be obtained upon request from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by emailing HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov. The public hearing webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. To participate in the webinar please, please register to attend using the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ytb7eyay>
If you have trouble with the link, please email HUDPlanning@dca.ga.gov to receive the registration link. All written comments should be submitted by email or postal mail no later than Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Housing Development Division
Attn: Homeownership Development and Preservation Division
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231
March 28, 2026</

Puzzles4Kids

CODED RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

X I B U E J E P O F S B C C J U T B Z

U P U I F P U I F S S B C C J U ?

T P N F C V O O Z M J L F T Z P V .

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-----------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. First born | — L — — — — | Most peculiar | — D — — — — |
| 2. City of Light | — — — — I — | Hair divisions | — — — — T — |
| 3. Texas capital | A — — — — — | Actor Hoffman | D — — — — — |
| 4. Tent dweller | — — M — — — | Friendly ghost | — — S — — — |
| 5. Fake | — H — — — — | Spring bloom | — E — — — — |
| 6. Win, —, or show | — L — — — — | Cease fire | — E — — — — |
| 7. Whiten with bleach | — L — — — — | Twig | — R — — — — |
| 8. Like an empty page | — — A — — — | Eye movement | — — I — — — |
| 9. Lion's group | — — — — D — | First-class | — — — — M — |
| 10. Coast | — — — — E | Brief | — — — — T |

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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.

" C V L C Z R V F D C P K Z F Z K D L H L W O K H L M
D H L W O L S R O M L N D R V H L L T V H C M L M :
' P C F K ? , R V C S A F N O , C S E K ' P
M N H H F . ' " — T N T L D H C S G K M

Previous Solution: "A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author." — G.K. Chesterton

TODAY'S CLUE: J s p e n b e H

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 spot to surf (7)
- 2 an utter failure (4)
- 3 tears it up (6)
- 4 explorer's milieu (8)
- 5 NY's oldest university (8)
- 6 "bell ringer" (7)
- 7 head or bluff (10)

SOLUTIONS

WE	UM	SHR	ITE	FR
ST	PP	RY	BIA	MON
CLA	PRO	IER	EDS	BU
ONT	TO	BS	ER	COL

Thursday's Answers: 1. TELESCOPE 2. SPRINKLING 3. GREENLAND 4. MEETS 5. HELIUM 6. BAGUETTE 7. OTTER 3/27

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 domesticates (5)
- 2 blast from the past (9)
- 3 Earnhardt and Petty (6)
- 4 common sushi ingredient (10)
- 5 singer Springsteen (5)
- 6 New York Mets' old home (4)
- 7 Usain Bolt trait (8)

SOLUTIONS

CE	TA	LL	BA	BRU
CE	OWT	THR	ITY	RS
MES	CE	SH	YE	CK
EA	OW	AIL	RA	LER

Friday's Answers: 1. WEBSITE 2. BUST 3. SHREDS 4. FRONTIER 5. COLUMBIA 6. CLAPPER 7. FROMONTORY 3/28



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" S I L L V G L H Z J A Z J J N P N A F Z A E P A F
S U L P A Y A N F Z E L ; U P A S U S V G L H Z J
A Z J J N P N A F Z A E P A F S U L P A Y A N
S P A F L E . " — I . O . X F Z N A Z E A L G

Previous Solution: "When 'Weird Al' wants to go parody, it's not meant to make them look bad ... it's meant to be a tribute." — Al Yankovic

TODAY'S CLUE: A s p e n b e H

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RELEASE DATE—Sunday, March 29, 2026

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

"DON'T STOP NOW" BY DOUG PETERSON

- ACROSS**
- 1 Invitation letters
 - 3 Three-striper: Abbr.
 - 8 WNBA star Reese
 - 13 Archipelago parts
 - 18 Prefix with space
 - 19 "Ni _": Chinese greeting
 - 20 _ Doone cookies
 - 21 Will of "BoJack Horseman"
 - 22 "American Samoa's capital"
 - 24 Pipsqueak
 - 25 Half-baked?
 - 26 Shoulder wraps
 - 27 _ Tomé and Principe
 - 29 "Dramatic ending to a tied hockey game"
 - 31 Really annoy
 - 33 Farm buildings
 - 34 "180" from SSW
 - 35 "Mohair source"
 - 38 Instagram's parent
 - 39 Rhubarb treats
 - 40 Preppy brand
 - 41 Doomscrolling, perhaps
 - 43 "Oh, rats!"
 - 46 Program for aspiring docs
 - 49 Readily apparent
 - 51 Basic garage service
 - 54 Texting tech
 - 55 "Stranger Things" monster
 - 59 Sub meat
 - 60 Inconsequential
 - 61 Hate with a passion
 - 63 Dry-__ beef
 - 64 Striped
 - 96-Down, in Spanish
 - 67 Doorway piece
 - 70 Plastic Clue weapon
 - 71 Preppy jackets
 - 72 __ appeal
 - 73 Arizona neighbor
 - 75 Tequila plant
 - 77 In the area
 - 79 "Symbol often adorned with a 'Doodle'"
 - 82 Electric jolt
 - 85 Backslide
 - 87 Slight adjustment
 - 88 Gazpacho need
 - 90 Does better than
 - 92 Haudenosaunee Confederacy people
 - 95 Birthstone for some Scorpios

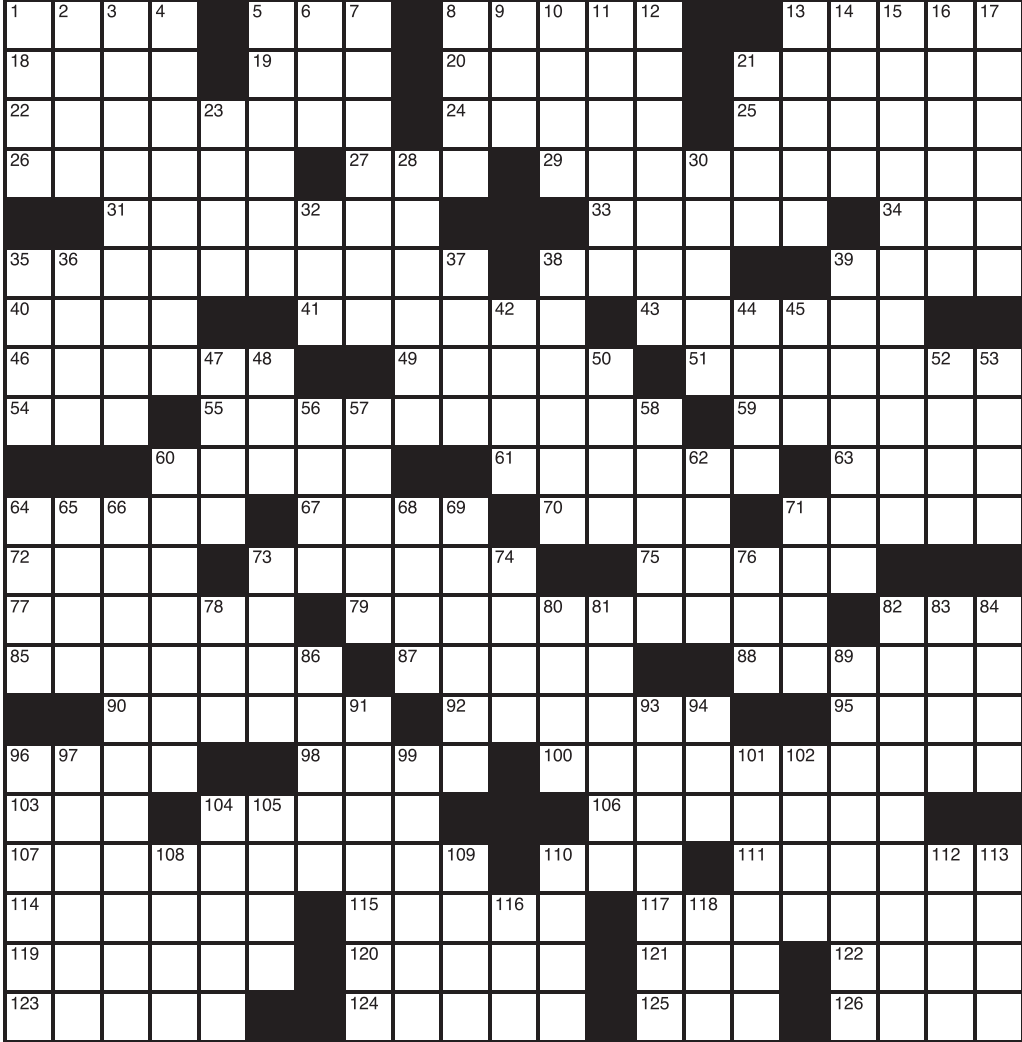
- 96 __ and hisses
- 98 Home of tennis's Italian Open
- 100 "Smugly" sanctimonious sort
- 103 " __ be nice if ... "
- 104 Canonized one
- 106 Not intended
- 107 "Wasting time"
- 110 NYC subway org.
- 111 Poet Amy who won a Pulitzer Prize posthumously
- 114 Piña __
- 115 Engine booster, for short
- 117 Make it big, or a hint to the pairs found in the answers to the starred clues
- 119 Geopolitical partners
- 120 Pioneers in Philly soul, with "The"
- 121 Feel bad about
- 122 Mauna Loa flow
- 123 Electricity pioneer Nikola
- 124 High-flying toys

- DOWN**
- 1 Performs like Kendrick Lamar
 - 2 Flight assignment
 - 3 Immersive gaming gear, briefly
 - 4 Spot for table games
 - 5 California peak
 - 6 Silly prank
 - 7 "I didn't wait long enough?"
 - 8 Voice above tenor
 - 9 This very second
 - 10 Hall of Fame pitcher Maddux
 - 11 Dress for a graduation ceremony
 - 12 City near Buenos Aires
 - 13 Clubs with metal heads
 - 14 Tight-fitting
 - 15 "Martial arts-themed toy line"

- 16 Compound in natural gas
- 17 Does salon work
- 21 Yemeni port
- 23 Fruit in fruit cocktail
- 28 Like some watches
- 30 Southern sound
- 32 Freudian concept
- 35 Slack and Signal
- 36 "Cheers" regular
- 37 Early DVR
- 38 Corporate combination
- 39 Senior clergyman
- 42 Square one?
- 44 Coating on knickknacks
- 45 Litigators' org.
- 47 Falco of "Avatar: Fire and Ash"
- 48 Lair
- 50 "Rosanna" band
- 52 Warning sign
- 53 Says "two no trump," e.g.
- 56 Magic charm
- 57 Sumatran primate, informally

- 58 Himalayan nation
- 60 Owner of the Springfield Nuclear Power Plant
- 62 Lily variety
- 64 Bygone Russian title
- 65 Memo heading
- 66 "Band with the 1998 hit 'Iris'"
- 68 Not worth debating
- 69 Look through casually
- 71 Acronym for a dressing base
- 73 Aztecs' sch.
- 74 "Peacemaker" actor Steve
- 76 Reality show hosted by Terry Crews, for short
- 78 Once known as
- 80 "Auld __ Syne"
- 81 Barely manage
- 82 Mesoamerican language family common in Oaxaca
- 83 Just barely
- 84 Roly-__
- 86 Bit of rosemary

- 89 Dance move also known as a backslide
- 91 Majorly unacceptable
- 93 Packaged foods giant
- 94 USN VIP
- 96 Jaguar or leopard
- 97 Peter of "The Lion in Winter"
- 99 "The Great Wave off Kanagawa" peak: Abbr.
- 101 Gave a sudden squeal
- 102 Hastings hoosegow
- 104 Better half?
- 105 Santa __: dry
- 108 California winds
- 109 Blunder that might be epic
- 109 Greek house
- 110 Green trunk growth
- 112 Strauss of jeans
- 113 Future atty.'s exam
- 116 "So long!"
- 118 Arles agreement



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Answers on page 6B

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CROSSWORD

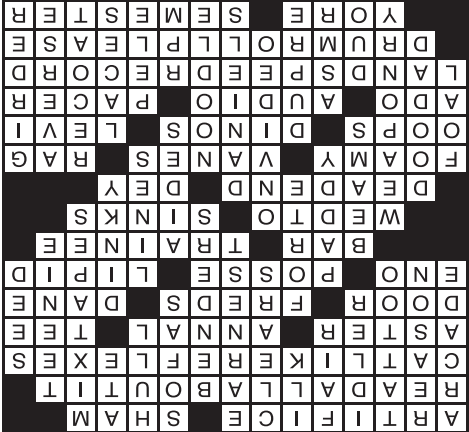
- ACROSS**
- 1 Stratagem
 - 9 Farce
 - 13 Phrase shouted after some extras?
 - 16 Critical component of fast response times
 - 18 Fall bloom
 - 19 Chronicle
 - 20 Polo alternative
 - 21 Common feature of a grandfather clock
 - 22 Astaire and Rogers
 - 23 Hamlet, for one
 - 24 Capital One's virtual assistant
 - 25 Western outfit
 - 26 Fatty compound
 - 27 Place for pints
 - 28 Intern, often
 - 30 Closely affiliated with
 - 32 Drops
 - 33 Location without an outlet
 - 35 "L.A. Law" actress
 - 36 Like cappuccino
 - 37 Wind farm structures
 - 39 Tune paired with a silent movie, often
 - 42 "My bad!"
 - 43 Raptors, e.g.
 - 44 "If This Is a Man" author Primo
 - 45 Turmoil
 - 46 Podcast medium
 - 47 Gainbridge Fieldhouse player
 - 48 Achievement last set in 1997 in Nevada's Black Rock Desert
 - 51 Dramatic introduction
 - 52 Olden days
 - 53 Two quarters, perhaps

- 2 Work (out)
- 3 Heart on one's sleeve, perhaps
- 4 One unlikely to have long to-do lists
- 5 "Good point"
- 6 Kind
- 7 Busses
- 8 From the heart
- 9 Places to lounge
- 10 Naval base
- 11 Consumed
- 12 Cassettes that may spark nostalgia
- 14 Binges
- 15 Adjective for a bikini, in a 1960s hit song
- 17 Growing need?
- 22 Specialty
- 23 Less than impressive
- 25 Rice field
- 26 Most of a stick figure
- 27 Part of a support system
- 29 Interns, often

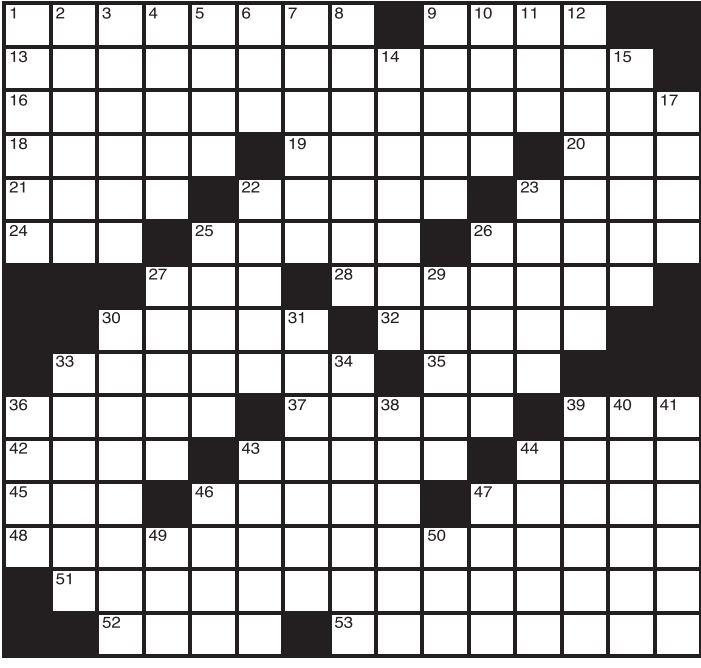
- 30 Phaser banks on the Enterprise, e.g.
- 31 Captured, in a way
- 33 Whatsit
- 34 "Dumb & Dumber" co-star
- 36 Little horse
- 38 Noggin
- 39 Apply again, as paint
- 40 Disinclined (to)

- 41 Part of a support system
- 43 British cellist
- 44 Corset tighteners
- 46 Whispery genre, for short
- 47 Brazilian soccer legend
- 49 Pair
- 50 Dashboard stat

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:



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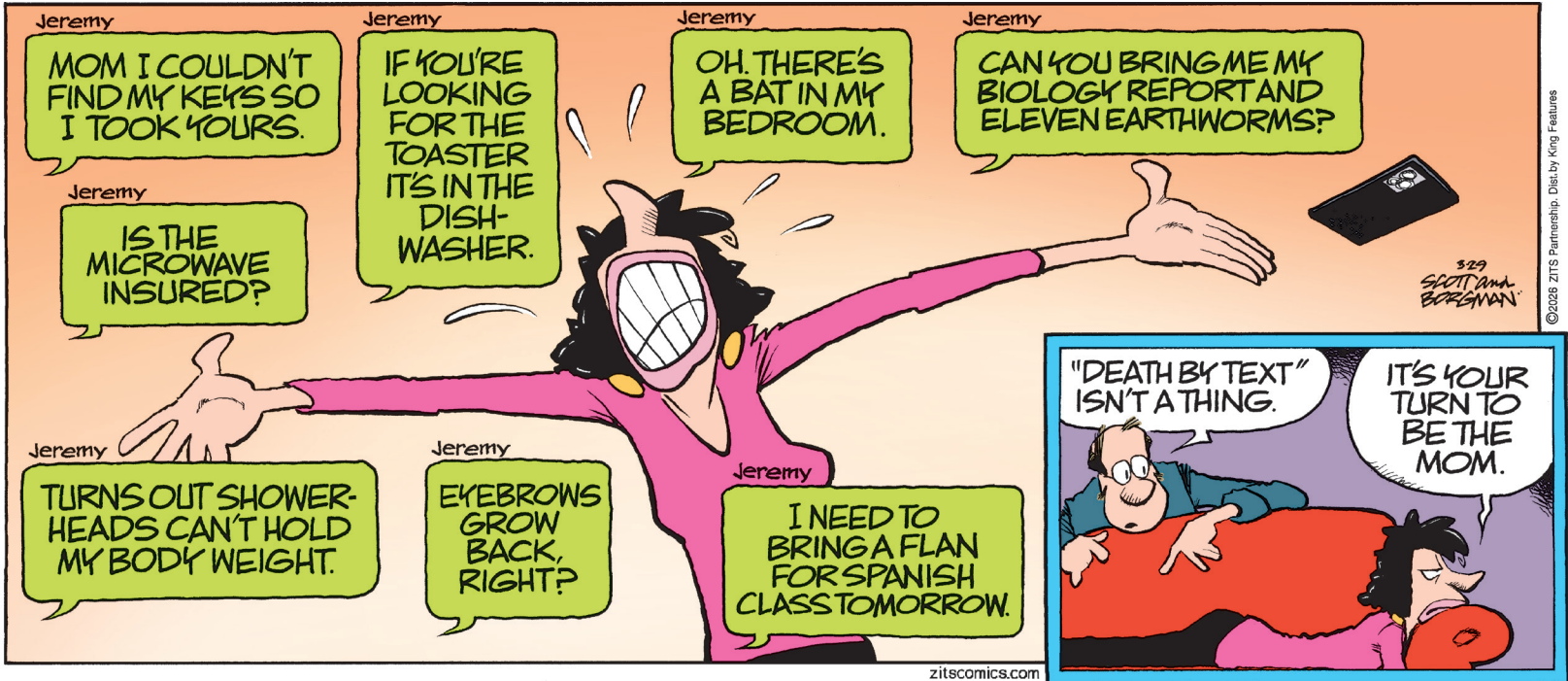
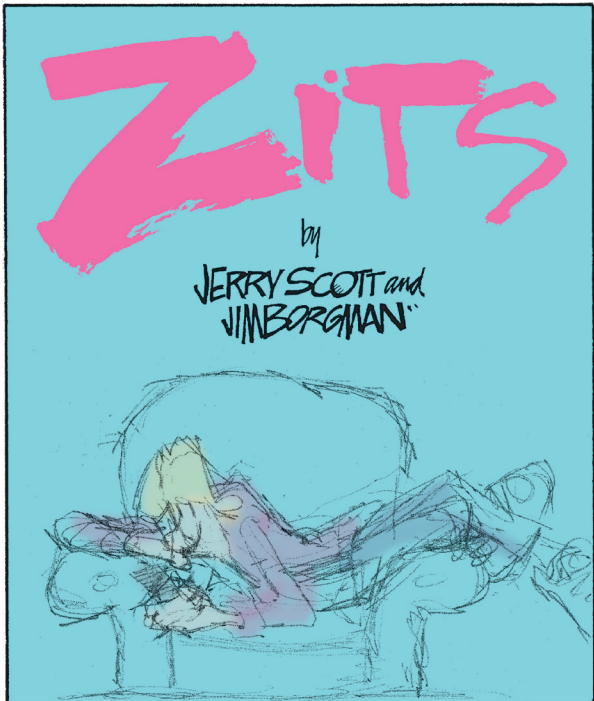
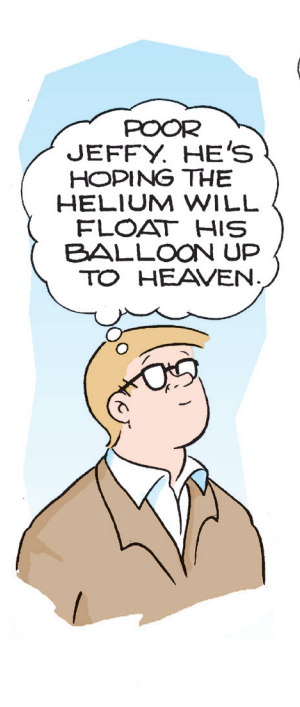
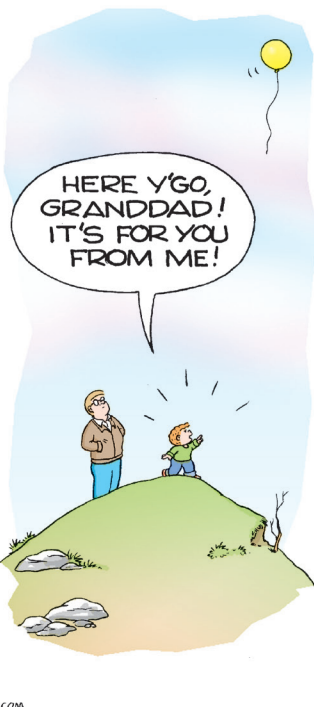
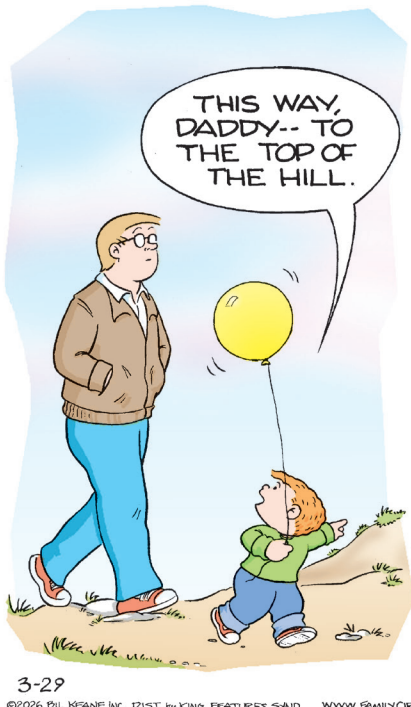
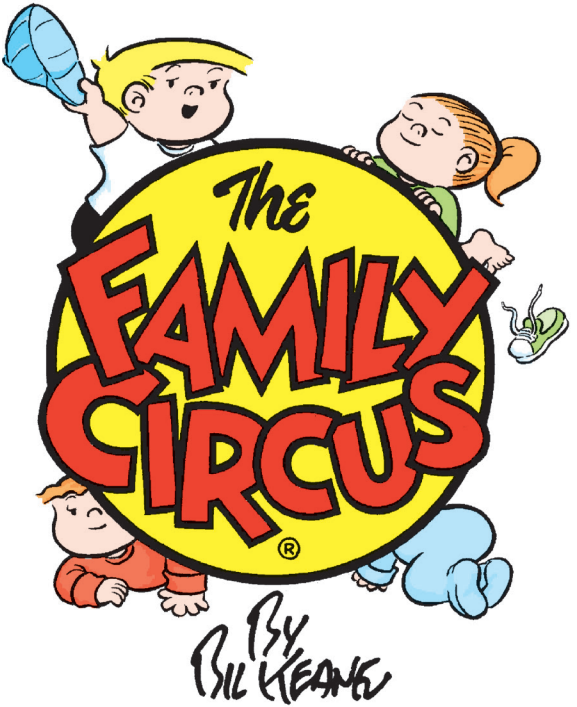
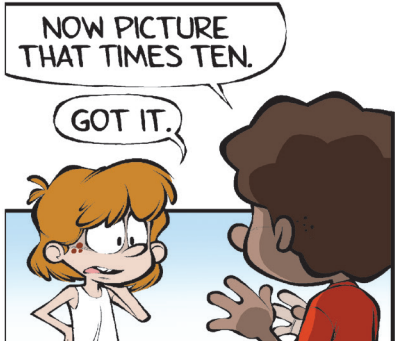
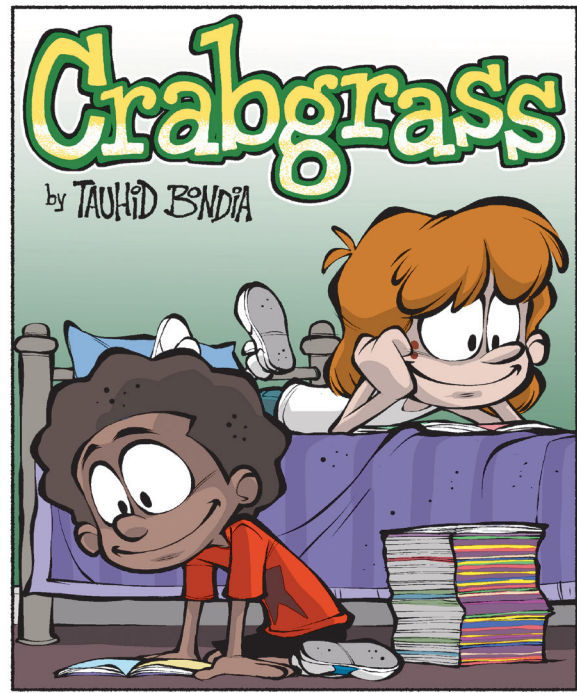
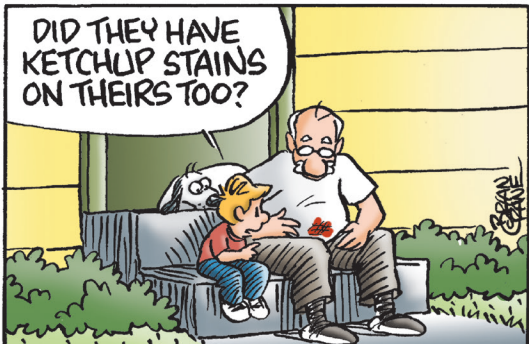
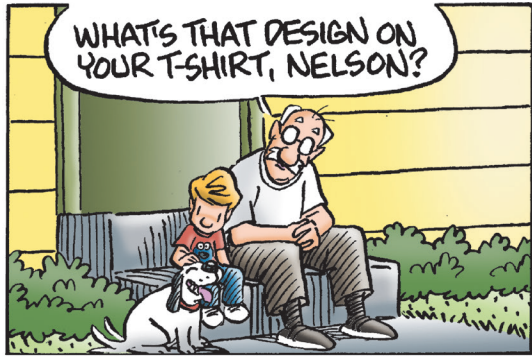
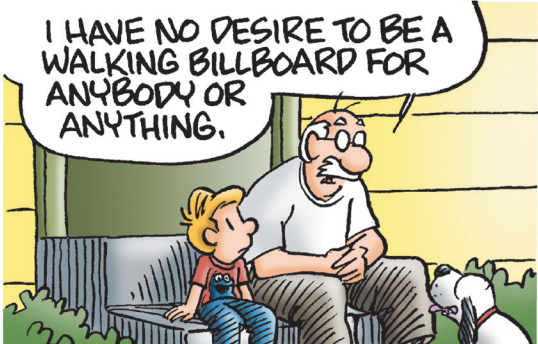
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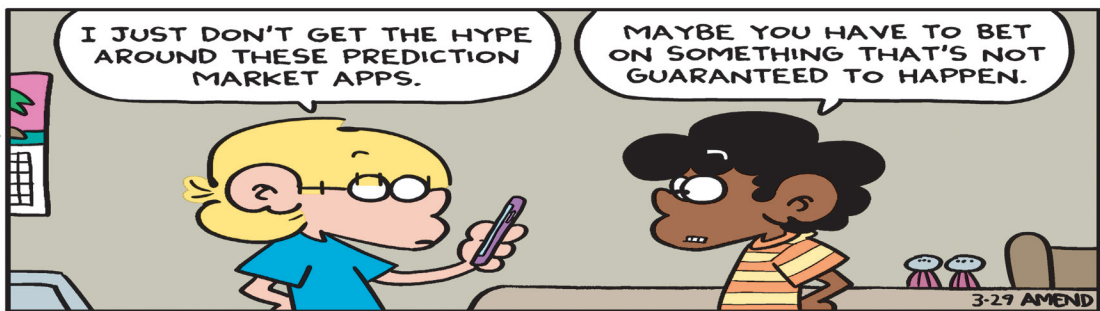
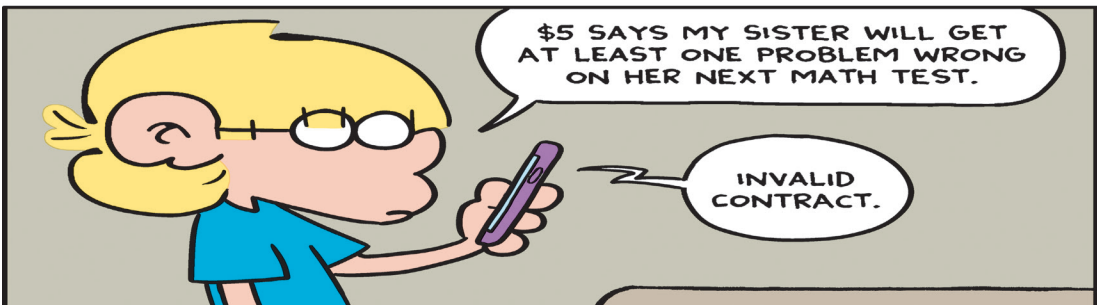
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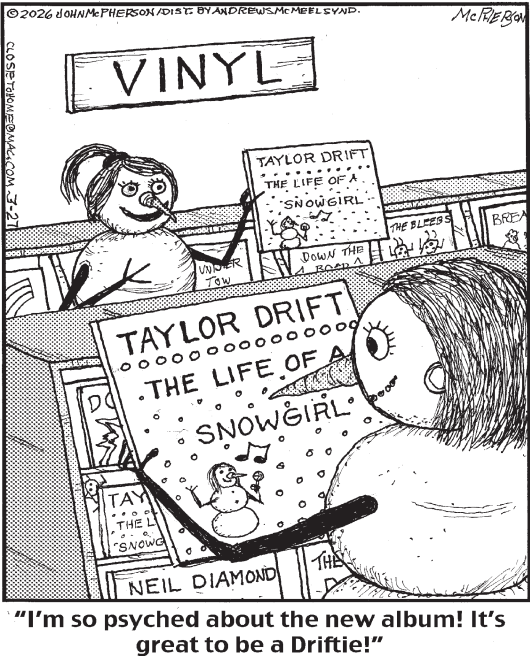


FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



BEETLE BAILEY Mort & Greg Walker



BLONDIE Dean Young & John Marshall



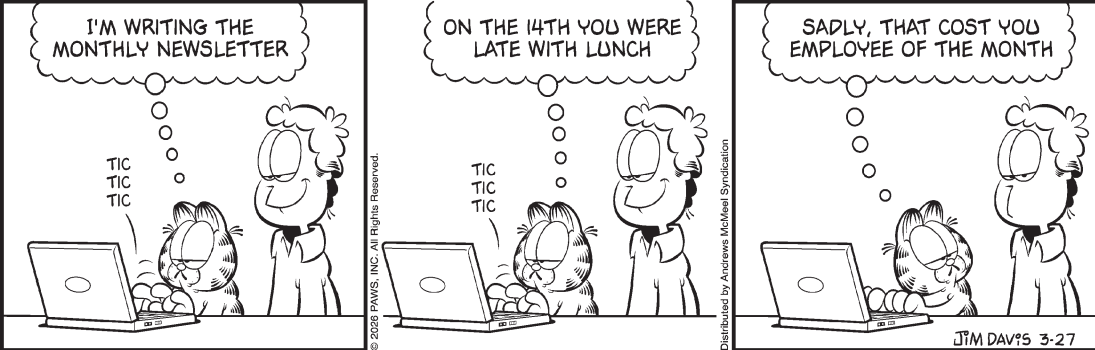
THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



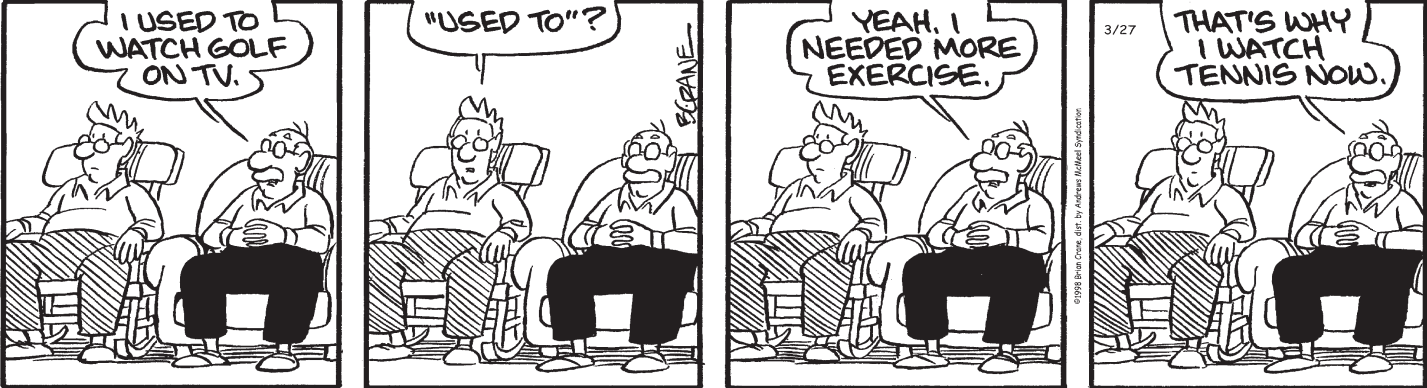
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GARFIELD Jim Davis



PICKLES Brian Crane



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DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

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WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

MOZART
SCHUBERT
HANDEL
MENDELSSOHN
BEETHOVEN

SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:
Beethoven's Fifth

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

ACROSS

1 Bring a smile to
6 Aspiring atty.'s hurdle
10 Public health org.
13 Sri Lankan language
14 Sounds of realization
15 Tart
16 Stone with a "crazy lace" variety
17 Marine animal with a cylindrical body, once processed?
19 Turn down
20 Mastercard alternative
22 Put together
23 Dearly beloved, once processed?
27 Airport security containers
28 Check a final time?
29 Words of defeat
31 Commotion
33 "I Think You Should Leave" star Robinson
36 Dolls that come with adoption papers, once processed?
40 Wane
41 Spits bars
42 " _ Burr, Sir"
43 Trampled (on)
45 Lock screen display
46 Dust Bowl-era Steinbeck novel, once processed?
52 Readied a putt
53 _ tube
54 Fix unlawfully
56 Earth's galaxy, once processed?
59 The Eras Tour venue
61 Small racing vehicle
62 Capital on the Tiber
63 Boots up, as a program
64 Messy room
65 Reach great heights
66 Was a prelude (to)

DOWN

1 Little bit
2 Hocus-pocus
3 Condiment that adds strong, rich flavor, informally
4 Reflect on, with "with"
5 Like Matt Smith's Doctor, on "Doctor Who"
6 Sudeikis role
7 Barley bundle
8 MiLB level
9 Small baking meas.
10 Journalist
11 With little inflection
12 Largest Greek island
15 " _ me!": "Comin' through!"
18 "Suuuuure"
21 April 15 org.
24 _ jockey
25 Forgets, maybe
26 Snitch (on)
29 Actor Barinholtz
30 Ad-_
31 Fashion designer Kate
32 Spigot

33 Michelin surface
34 Words of avowal
35 Bing portal
37 Wrinkle remover
38 Unpopular pet product?
39 _ Sutra
43 Bird's sound
44 Disposes (of)
45 Number of prongs on a bident
46 Short nails

47 Drum kit cymbals
48 Nail file material
49 Only U.S. president born after 1960
50 Place for a hat rack
51 Holi celebrant
55 [I'm surprised!]
57 Mos. and mos.
58 " _ hoo!"
60 Sushi topper

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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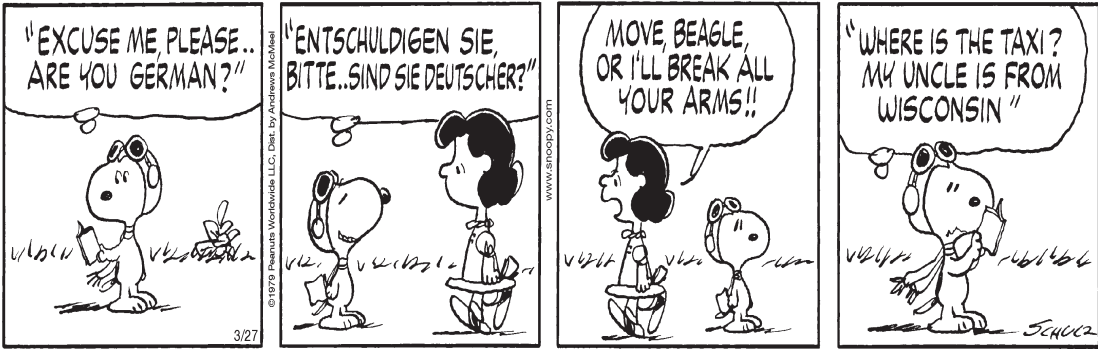
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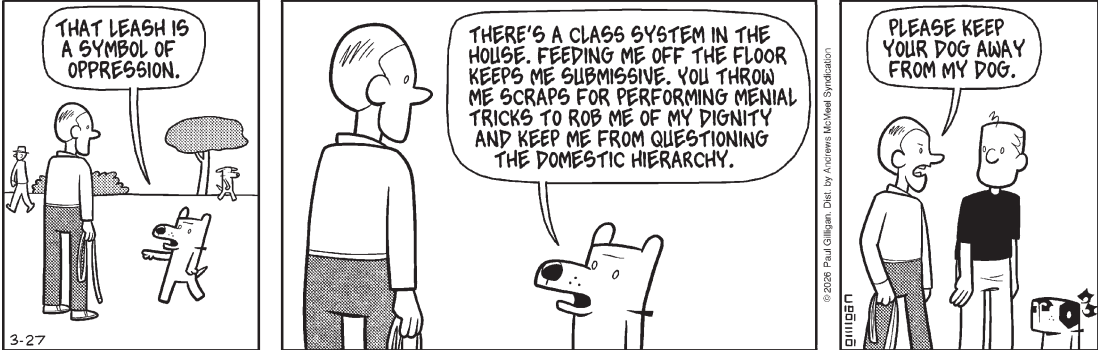
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

BATTERY COMPANIES

Solution: 8 letters

A	A	C	U	R	R	E	N	T	E	N	O	H	P	S
R	L	K	V	Y	G	R	E	N	E	O	C	T	I	B
I	E	K	A	R	B	R	A	N	D	S	R	S	E	L
N	M	Z	A	S	T	F	A	S	O	A	A	X	T	C
T	I	H	I	L	O	R	T	B	T	R	E	U	E	O
E	C	T	H	G	I	L	H	S	A	L	F	L	C	N
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S	O	L	A	R	O	E	E	E	A	I	I	①	N	U
T	V	T	X	T	V	D	N	N	H	H	②	T	O	C
A	A	O	E	E	H	A	Y	E	P	③	D	H	L	T
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Acid, Akasol, Alkaline, Anode, Bexel, Bosch, Brands, Cars, Cathode, Charge, Conductivity, Current, Electronic, Energizer, Energy, Everstart, Farasis, Flashlight, Interstate, Ions, Lithium, Maxell, Metal, Microvast, Motorcraft, Nanfu, Odyssey, Optima, Philco, Phone, Polymer, Power, Renata, Saft, Solar, Tadiran, Technology, Vehicle

TODAY'S ANSWER: Voltages

ADAM@HOME

BY ROB HARRELL

YOU HEAR THAT?

YES, KATY. SPRING IS COMING.

I CAN HEAR NATURE WAKING FROM ITS SLUMBER.

IT'S STRETCHING. YAWNING.

IT'S RUBBING THE SLEEP FROM ITS EYES.

DONNING A ROBE.

PUTTING ON THE COFFEE.

NOW IT'S BRUSHING ITS TEETH.

OKAY. I THINK THE METAPHOR HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY STRETCHED.

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HARRELL

CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON

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"I THINK DOUG IS STARTING TO TAKE THE POLAR BEAR CLUB A BIT TOO SERIOUSLY."

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THE BORN LOSER®

by Art & Chip Sansom

HEY, UMP! I NEED TO CONFER WITH MY CATCHER!

YOU WANT TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT BATTER?

I SURE DO! MASHER McGEE IS COMING UP AGAIN, AND HE'S CRUSHED EVERY PITCH I'VE THROWN!

HIS FIRST AT-BAT, HE HIT MY FAST-BALL FOR A HOME RUN! NEXT TIME, HE HOMERED OFF MY CHANGEUP! THEN THE LAST TIME, HE HOMERED OFF MY CURVE!

THE BEST THING TO DO IS JUST PUT HIM ON FIRST, SO HE DOESN'T SCORE,

YOU MEAN I SHOULD INTENTIONALLY THROW FOUR BALLS OFF THE PLATE TO WALK HIM?

OF COURSE NOT! HE HIT THREE HOMERS OFF YOU, SO MAKE HIM PAY—HIT HIM WITH YOUR FIRST PITCH!

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Jeff MacNelly's

Shoe

By Ben Lansing & Susie MacNelly

I RAN INTO YOUR EX TODAY AT THE DENTIST OFFICE.

WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT?...

IT WAS PROBABLY TIME FOR HER ANNUAL FANG CLEANING.

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FRANK, WHAT'S GOING ON IN PRO BASKETBALL?

A PHOENIX FAN HAS GONE TO EVERY GAME FOR TEN STRAIGHT YEARS.

WOW! A SUN WORSHIPPER!

IN COACHING NEWS, THE HOUSTON COACH CREATED SOME COMPLEX PLAYS.

HE'S A ROCKET SCIENTIST!

PLAYERS ARE ALSO IN THE NEWS. A SAN ANTONIO GUARD WAS NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK.

AHA! THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT!

A MILWAUKEE PLAYER BLAMED THE REFS FOR HIS BAD GAME.

OH... A BUCK PASSER!

TWO UTAH PLAYERS HAVE INCREDIBLE TEAMWORK.

A GREAT JAZZ COMBO!

ERNIE, A NEW YORK FAN JUST TEXTED TO WARN US THAT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF PANELS.

WHEW! JUST IN THE KNICK OF TIME!

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

YEP, HE'S BEEN TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS ALL DAY!

HE'S EVEN AN INSPIRATION TO THE REST OF THE CREW

IF HE CAN KEEP THAT PACE UP, HE'LL BE MY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

WOW, DAGWOOD IS REALLY ON THE BALL TODAY!

I LOADED THE BREAK ROOM REFRIGERATOR WITH ENERGY DRINKS THIS MORNING

NOW I KNOW WHY THEY DISAPPEARED SO QUICKLY

SKNX-X!!

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

BE CAREFUL, THE PIZZA IS HOT AND HEAVY

HOW AM I GOING TO GET ACROSS THIS?

I'LL TRY STEPPING ON THE PEPPERONI!

SPLOOSH

HELP!!

I WAS DROWNING IN MOZZARELLA!

NO MORE PIZZA AT BEDTIME

Hank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace
CENTER STAGE

I LOVED ALL THE BEAUTIFUL BABY CLOTHES!

AND ALL THOSE PLUSH DOLLS!

AND DON'T FORGET THAT SOLAR SYSTEM MOBILE HANGING ABOVE THE CRIB.

NO WONDER KIDS THINK THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND THEM.

THE MARTINS ARE AMAZING!

THEY BOUGHT SO MUCH FOR THEIR NEWBORN!

WELL, DON'T IT?

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

HE'S COMING! HE'S COMING!

WHO? THE EASTER BEAGLE?

NO, NOT THE EASTER BEAGLE!

WHO? THE GREAT PUMPKIN?

NO, NO, NO!! NOT THE GREAT PUMPKIN!

WELL, THEN, WHO?

WHO'S COMING? WHO'S COMING?

THE APRIL FOOL!!

WHY CAN'T I HAVE A NORMAL DOG LIKE EVERYONE ELSE?

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

MY REMINDER NOTES FROM YEARS AGO...

PICK UP DRY CLEANING

Buy anniversary card.

9:00 am Meeting w/ HR

DENTIST APPOINTMENT TOMORROW MORN

Get birthday gift for Bob

GROCERY LIST:
① EGGS
② MILK
③ BANANAS

MY REMINDER NOTES NOW...

AVOID THE NEWS.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH.

ONE DAY AT A TIME.

This too Shall pass.

DON'T PUNCH ANYONE

SORRY... THAT LAST ONE'S MINE.

WHATEVER HELPS.