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Ed Brown responds to residency challenge

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ALBANY -- Edward Brown, who handily won the Senate District 12 seat that is being vacated by long-time Sen. Freddie Powell Sims, has responded to claims by challenger Corey Morgan that Brown is ineligible to hold office.

"Ed Brown is and has been a proud resident of Dougherty County, Georgia," a statement

from Brown's attorney, Chris Cohilas, said. "He was born here. He was raised here. Following his education and work in Washington, D.C., he chose to return to his hometown and serve.

"He meets all of the legal requirements for residency and candidacy. Any assertion otherwise is simply false and designed



EDWARD BROWN

to undermine the legitimacy of the overwhelming victory that Dr. Brown achieved over his opponents."

The statement continued: "To be clear, on May 19 the voters of Senate District 12 resoundingly chose Dr. Brown to be their next Senator. Dr. Brown that won by more than 3,700 votes in this historic

election. "The unfortunate reality is that Dr. Brown's opponent has not accepted that the voters of District 12 chose Dr. Brown and not himself. Dr. Brown's defeated opponent has now chosen to level baseless accusations via a very inflammatory social media campaign and through a series of staged publicity stunts. This is disappointing, but not unexpected

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Rain delayed the 75th National Day of Prayer in Albany, but the make-up was held on Thursday to a group that was enthused by the annual gathering.

Albany, Dougherty County look at downtown park security

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ALBANY -- For the city of Albany, when it gets dark in the park, that means it's time to leave, while Dougherty County's downtown park hours can be longer, and depending on the time of year, that means city property and a nearby county park can have a big gap in the times of closing.

That, Albany Mayor Bo Dorough said, is creating some confusion as the two governments have parks in close proximity on North Front Street.

The mayor brought up the topic during Tuesday's Albany City Commission meeting, looking to seek some kind of conformity between the city-operated Ray Charles Plaza and the county's Riverfront Park, which are separated by

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Isabella Stillwell slides down the slide at the play park at RiverFront Park on Thursday. The city of Albany and Dougherty County are looking at additional security measures at the downtown attraction.

Fundraiser for Ruth's Cottage tops \$100,000 for victim services

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TIFTON -- Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House's recent 22nd annual Champions of Hope Sporting Clays event raised \$102,844.19.

"We are so grateful for our

community's support in making this year's Champions of Hope event a success," Nancy Bryan, the executive director of Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House. "We would not be able to raise this amount without our community's con-

tinued support through event sponsorships and in-kind donations."

The money raised from this event will be used to help Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House provide services to vic-

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National Day of Prayer in Albany brings community together

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ALBANY -- Albany's 75th National Day of Prayer, delayed by two weeks due to inclement weather, brought the faithful to downtown Albany Thursday to offer prayers for the community and nation.

The experience of diverse togetherness was a big draw for Nadine Oliver, who was among the several dozen who turned out.

"Although I pray all the time, it is so powerful when all the people come together," she said. "In this city, in this nation, in this country, we all need prayer. God hears our individual prayers, but he loves it when all his children come together."

Asked how the gathering differed from services on Sunday, Oliver said the group that was at the Government Center was inspiring.

"In Sunday school, I tell them Sunday morning is the most segregated time of the

week," Oliver said. "I challenge each and every one of his children to do this."

The Day of Prayer included speakers the Rev. Harriett S. Gainer, Dr. Price Corr and Dougherty County Sheriff Terron Hayes. It also included songs from the Rev. Charles Jones.

After the speakers addressed the crowd, attendees broke into smaller groups to pray together.

"(I came) to worship the Lord and pray for our country," Dawson resident Ann Garland said. "I was just so thankful that our country had it."

Bill Davis, a "prayer warrior" at Sherwood Baptist Church, was attending his first Day of Prayer and said that he would have liked to have seen more people take part.

"We need all the prayers for this country we can get and to keep singing songs raised in glory," he said. "This was a blessing. It's an encouragement to me."



Photo courtesy of Sarah Johnson of Sarah John Photography. A shooter takes aim at Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House's Champions of Hope Sporting Clays Tournament.

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City of Albany apprentice lineman dies in accident

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ALBANY — City of Albany officials announced Thursday the passing of 20-year-old Caiden Gibson, an apprentice lineman, who died following an on-the-job accident.

Gibson was a father and was engaged to be married. A release by the city said officials with the city are providing support to Gibson's family.

Gibson began his career with the city's Utility Operations Department in September of 2024.

City officials are investigating the accident and are ensuring that support resources are available to all staff members and their families during this difficult time.



Thomasville History Center receives 1772 Foundation grant

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THOMASVILLE — The Thomasville History Center has been awarded a \$10,000 matching grant through the 1772 Foundation in partnership with the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation to support exterior rehabilitation of the historic Metcalfe Courthouse.

The award is part of \$125,000 in preservation funding distributed this year to 14 nonprofit organizations across Georgia maintaining historic sites and community landmarks.

Located on the History Center's campus at 725 N. Dawson St., the Metcalfe Courthouse represents the civic history of one of Thomas County's early railroad communities. Metcalfe, located 8 miles southeast of Thomasville, was founded in 1889 as a lumber- and agriculture-based boomtown that developed around its rail depot.

By 1892, residents petitioned Thomas County to construct a courthouse for magisterial purposes. Although the building was never used for

formal court proceedings, it became the civic heart of the community and served for generations as a public gathering place and voting precinct until 2002.

In 2003, after years of deterioration, the structure was placed up for auction by Thomas County. The Thomas County Historical Society (now the Thomasville History Center) successfully acquired the building and relocated it to the History Center campus in 2004, along with original contents including benches, ballot boxes, and voting materials, to ensure its long-term preservation.

Grant funding will support exterior stabilization and restoration work, including repair and replacement of deteriorated wood elements, surface preparation and repainting, reglazing of historic windows, and other measures intended to protect the building from moisture intrusion and long-term deterioration.

For more information, including tour tickets and event details, visit www.ThomasvilleHistory.org.

Photo by History Center staff. The Metcalfe Courthouse on the Thomasville History Center campus in November 2025.



From 1A BROWN

given Dr. Brown's defeated opponent's own personal history. It is this defeated opponent who was legally disqualified from seeking office in 2017 and legally removed from office in 2023--because he did not live where he claimed to live."

The statement said Brown will defend his election vic-

tory against the smear campaign being conducted by Morgan and his supporters. "Any formal challenge to Dr. Brown's qualifications will be vigorously defended and defeated," the statement said. "Dr. Brown qualified to run. He is and has been a proud resident of the state of Georgia and Senate District 12. None of the false narratives advanced by Dr. Brown's defeated opponent on social media and/or elsewhere will change that."

VOTERS WHO WISH TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL FOR THE JUNE 16, 2026, GENERAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION RUNOFF MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPLICATION PROVIDED BY THE GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE ELECTIONS OFFICE, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702.

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Dawson DDA's funding crisis exposes structural failures

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DAWSON — The Dawson Downtown Development Authority has found itself in an increasingly paradoxical position: owing thousands of dollars to the very city government that employs its only staff member, while operating without a formal city-funded budget, no dedicated operational funding stream and little clarity over who is ultimately responsible for its financial structure.

The situation, which surfaced publicly during this month's Dawson City Council meeting, has exposed deeper questions about governance, accountability and the city's long-term vision for downtown economic development. At the center of the issue is a utility billing dispute that city officials acknowledged originated under a previous administration but which remains only partially explained publicly.

According to documents obtained through an open records request, the DDA was erroneously billed on at least two occasions in 2025 — once for \$2,715.18 and another time for \$1,778.80. Both charges were later reversed back to the account without a formal public explanation. Interim City Manager Roxie Powell said she was not serving in the role when the billing problems occurred and was unaware of any documented meter-reading errors during that time.

Powell explained that when unusually high utility charges appear, standard procedure would typically involve halting automatic bank drafts while the account is investigated. In this case, the DDA's automatic payment withdrawals were stopped, but DDA officials said they were never informed the autodraft had been disabled.

Compounding the confusion, utility services continued uninterrupted for approximately 10 months despite nonpayment on the account. Because services remained active and the DDA had historically relied on automatic withdrawals, DDA Director Stephanie Johnson said the authority did not realize payments had ceased processing.

During the council discussion, Powell suggested the city should effectively reset the account altogether.

"My recommendation would be to just wipe it out and restart fresh," Powell said. But while the utility dispute drew immediate attention, the

larger issue discussed during the meeting was structural: what exactly is the Downtown Development Authority expected to be?

Johnson repeatedly emphasized that the DDA does not operate with a formal city-funded budget despite functioning as the city's primary downtown economic development entity. The city pays Johnson's salary, but the authority otherwise funds itself through revenue generated from events, rentals and downtown programming.

"We do not have a budget or any backing," Johnson told council. "We can only utilize what we have."

Johnson also noted that she does not receive mileage reimbursement or overtime compensation despite technically being a city employee.

The DDA remains current on its other financial obligations, excluding mortgage payments owed to the South West Georgia Regional Commission, which holds the note. However, officials acknowledged that sustaining operations has become increasingly difficult without consistent funding, staffing or clear policy direction. Information regarding how far behind the authority is on those payments, as well as the specific ownership structure and long-term responsibilities tied to the theater operated by the DDA, was not available during the public meeting.

However Councilwoman Walker did highlight the contradiction during the meeting, noting the DDA building itself remains city-owned and covered under city insurance.

"This is a city building that is maintained on city insurance," Walker said. "The DDA does not have a budget to reference when it comes to paying bills."

Mayor Aaron, however, repeatedly stated that the authority was intended to sustain itself



Staff Photo: Kathryn Crockett
Questions surrounding the downtown Theatre's ownership responsibilities, unfinished rehabilitation work and long-term financial sustainability have emerged as the DDA faces ongoing funding and operational challenges.

financially.

"My understanding is that you can support and sustain yourself," Aaron said during the exchange. "The main thing is to kind of sustain yourself. Otherwise we will have to start paying on other bills that we really can't afford. And we really want you guys to be self-sufficient," he continued.

That expectation has created what some observers describe as an almost impossible operational structure.

Downtown Development Authorities are generally intended to function as economic development arms of local government — supporting small businesses, revitalizing commercial districts, coordinating tourism and events, attracting investment and creating public-private partnerships intended to stimulate broader economic activity. Traditionally, many operate with some level of municipal funding support because their role is not necessarily to generate profit for themselves, but to generate growth and commerce for the community.

In Dawson, however, the DDA increasingly appears caught between two competing identities: a government-supported economic development authority and a quasi-independent business expected to generate enough revenue to fund its own operations.

That ambiguity has created operational paralysis — though much of the authority's recent progress has continued only because DDA Director Stephanie Johnson has effectively subsidized programming herself through uncompensated labor, personal time and unreimbursed expenses in order to keep downtown events and initiatives moving forward despite the lack of financial structure and support.

Johnson repeatedly told council that she has sought guidance and clearer direction from city leadership regarding financial accountability, governance structure and long-term sustainability, but that uncertainty continues to hinder the authority's ability to effectively support downtown merchants and events.

"With me being very transparent, it takes a team effort to fulfill these things," Johnson said during the meeting. "Whether I meet with Roxie or not, if we don't have something completely sustainable going on, it's not going to move forward."

"I would rather meet with more than just me and Roxie. This needs to be a group effort," Johnson said.

The tension underlying the debate is not simply financial. It is philosophical.

If the DDA is expected to become fully self-funded through events, rentals and programming revenue, critics argue the authority risks being forced into direct competition with the very downtown businesses it was created to support. Rather than serving solely as a facilitator for commerce and revitalization, the DDA could effectively become another market participant competing for entertainment dollars, venue rentals and event traffic.

At the same time, downtown stakeholders and residents have continued showing strong support for downtown revitalization efforts, community events and redevelopment programming.

That community enthusiasm has made the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the DDA's structure even more frustrating for some involved in the process.

Despite the public tensions exposed during the meeting, officials on all sides appeared to acknowledge that the current arrangement is unsustainable.

From 1A FUNDRAISER

tims of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault as well education and outreach on prevention tactics.

"While our organization does receive grant funding and donations throughout the year, we rely on the money raised at this event," Bryan said. "The money raised helps us to continue providing services like our domestic violence emergency shelter, legal advocacy services for domestic

violence victims, services to child abuse victims and their families through The Patticake House, sexual assault advocacy work with sexual assault victims, and continued outreach and education throughout our community. These are life-changing and lifesaving services that we know make a positive impact on our community."

While the money raised at the annual fundraiser will help Ruth's Cottage and The Patticake House continue providing vital services to Tift, Turner, Worth and Irwin

counties, Bryan said because of changes in federal grants and the recent vetoes by Gov. Brian Kemp in the state budget for victim-serving organization, RCPCH is still projected to be several hundred thousand dollars short of previous budget years.

"Funds for victim-serving programs have become unstable at a time when we are steadily growing in serving victims," Bryan said. "We need our community's support now more than ever. If we want to continue to keep our programs running, con-

tinued to add programs and services that will help us to better serve our communities through direct prevention or outreach and education, we need our communities' help."

Those interested in donating to RCPCH can do so online at www.stopthehurtga.org/donations/, through Venmo with the username @ruth-scottage_thepatticakehouse, mailing a check to P.O. Box 2727, Tifton, Ga. 31793, or by bringing checks or cash in person to the RCPCH Administrative Building, located at 211 Chesnut Ave. in Tifton.

and library buildings. The officers also patrol the area, including the riverfront, on a four-wheeler.

The county's budget item, if approved by the commission and with agreement from the city to split costs, would bring an expanded patrol that would include the nighttime hours. It would include the downtown and park areas as well as patrolling the paved river trail that stretches from Cox Landing to the southern end of Albany State University.

"That was kind of a step in the process," Brooks said of the daytime patrols.

Currently, the sheriff's office operates and monitors cameras in the Riverfront Park area, and Albany police also have access to those cameras, Brooks said.

From 1A SECURITY

presence down there, whether it's (police) officers or community service officers, there ought to be some monitoring."

Having the different hours for closing has caused some confusion, he said.

"We ought to have meshed hours of operation," Dorough said.

The Albany Police Department does occasional checks in the area, Police Chief Michael Persley told commissioners during the Tuesday meeting.

"We do have folks who are unhouse who do sleep down there in the park up under the pavilion," he said. "You have to go down there and check to make sure nobody is sleeping."

Teenagers also make use of the park because there are few options of gathering places, the chief said.

"It's something for them (commissioners) to discuss, then we'll go from there," Persley said.

The county is willing to work with the city, Assistant Dougherty County Administrator Barry Brooks said, and there has been discussion between the two staffs in the past.

"It's in the budget for this year ... we are planning to have the sheriff's office do downtown patrols," Brooks said. "That would include the parks and cover the river and the trail."

The county has a deputy and two "blue coats" (the equivalent of the city's non-sworn resource officers) stationed to provide daytime security in the Government Center on Pine Avenue and to keep an eye on the nearby tax office, RiverFront Resource Center

Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Intuitions about your career path could be building; if there's something needing 'healing' in your job/career sector, you might have a chance soon. Working from home could become more profitable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your focus could move from the dynamics of a close relationship more toward how you handle shared resources. Money as a topic could be very much on your radar for the next few days.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Prosperity could suit you very well, but going into debt to front an image isn't the way that prosperity is built. The more you can shed dependence on outer approval, the more you can build a life truly worth living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Sometimes things just fall into place, that could be the vibe at least for a few hours today. Art and music can be catalysts for deep emotional release and subsequent healing, let yourself create.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A few days spent with your living arrangements as a primary focus could be shifting, expect an emerging desire to break out of the for walls four freedom and play. Consider a financial deal with a friend if all checks out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your career could be staged to take a big leap, or at least you could see improved compensation. Alternatively, you may be productively working out a new gig. Keep your heart at home now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Exchange useful intel but also speak your truth straight from your soul. This isn't a pass to be unkind, just encouragement to put down the people-pleasing and pick up the authenticity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your gut may know truths your wishful thinking tries to ignore. While emotions aren't the right show-runner for action, gut-level understanding can be. Discern what's driving you before

you take action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your warm and nurturing personality can be a big draw, everyone wants a piece of sunshine. You may be able to negotiate a financial settlement that is fair and beneficial those concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Build a circle of community and all can rise together. Contribute time, energy and funds to things that are wholesome and supportive. Delving into your shadow could be especially revealing for the next few days.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): When you express yourself fully, that's one kind of true wealth. You might also find a way to monetize something you love and would almost do for free. Check in with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sometimes exactly what you've been seeking arrives at your doorstep, don't be surprised if something wonderful lands now. Small expenditures around the house could add up to nice improvements.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Happy Birthday! A money opportunity could appear almost immediately. While it looks good in your stars, do all the real-world investigation the situation merits, you should have the brainpower to figure it all out. The earlier part of 2026 could have delivered plenty of challenges, you should have somewhat smoother sailing for the rest of the year. June into July should continue a cash bonanza, plus deliver some killer charm. Take the time to clarify your journey, it's likely time to refine your planned steps by factoring in new intel. You'll feel better when you have things better dialed in, and the Universe should be helping too. July could bring a big test, can you hold onto your wisdom and progress? Or will you cave to a temptation to self-sabotage? Keep yourself away from bad choices with consequences. Later, you might get a cool little bonus or windfall.

TODAY IN HISTORY

AD 70 - Titus and his Roman soldiers breach the Second Wall of Jerusalem forcing the Jewish defenders to retreat to the First Wall.

1431 - 19 year old Joan of Arch is burned at the stake in Rouen, France

1631 - The first French newspaper Gazette de France is published

1806 - Prior to becoming US President in 1829, Andrew Jackson kills Charles Dickinson in a duel

1854 - The US territories of Kansas and Nebraska are established with the Kansas-Nebraska Act

1868 - Decoration Day is observed in the U.S. for the first time by a proclamation on May 5. This was a predecessor the our current Memorial Day

rial Day

1922 - The Lincoln Memorial is dedicated in Washington D.C.

1948 - A dike on the Columbia River breaks and floods Vanport, Oregon within minutes, killing fifteen people and leaving tens of thousands homeless

1958 - The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is established in Arlington National Cemetery when the remains of two American servicemen killed in action in World War II and the Korean War are buried

1959 - The Auckland Harbour Bridge in Auckland, New Zealand, is officially opened

1974 - The Airbus A300 aircraft enters service

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Like so many Americans, she was trying to construct a life that made sense from things she found in gift shops."

Kurt Vonnegut,
writer (1922-2007)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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I went down to the Dougherty County Tax Office to renew my handicap parking sticker a month and 4 days ahead of its expiration date only to be informed that I have to come back next week because they have a rule that you cannot renew until 30 days before expiration. This stupid rule ranks right up there with the post office on Meridith Drive not having a drop box and forcing hundreds of people each day to park, get out of their car and go inside to mail a letter.

City of Albany officials: When are you going to clean up that huge trash pile off Stuart? It's unsightly, and I'm sure the Northwest Library and Deerfield are getting rats from this disgusting mess. Do your jobs!

Report: 45% of Georgia births are paid for by Medicaid. Let that sink in. Hard-working Georgia taxpayers are paying for almost half of the births in our state. That is ridiculous. Things really need to change.

I was told Strom Thurmond was deceased, then I saw Lindsay Graham speaking on one of the Sunday morning news shows. Once again, proof that some of those wrapping themselves in the American flag and holding a Bible aren't really patriots or Christians, but they are good actors.

Gloria Gaines leaves bread crumbs to find her way home, and she is one of seven people making decisions on how our tax money is spent?

City and county commissioners wonder why taxpayers are angry. But nothing is done about litter. The police don't come when you call. No discussion about constant reckless racing. Half of the people in the Government Center have no idea how to do their jobs. Taxes just keep going up. Meetings are uncivilized. Private-sector investors are scared out of town. Should I continue?

You are seeing in real time why Trump companies went bankrupt. This guy is incapable of making a deal or a meaningful decision. He pretends he knows everything, but he's proven time and again he knows little or nothing about business or governing.

Are we great yet?

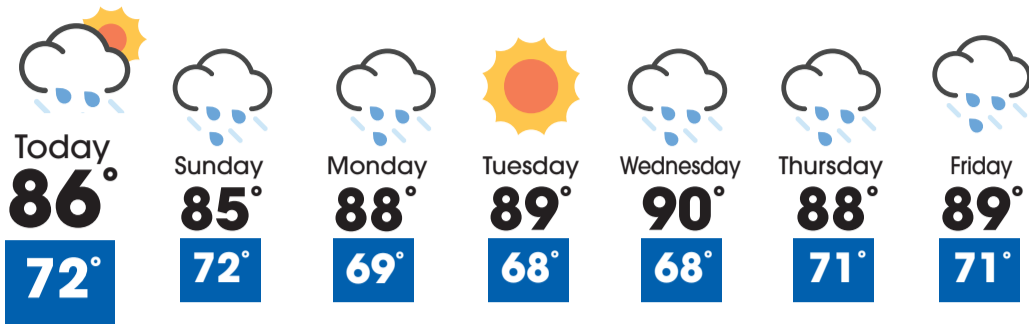
Littering is out of control. But there are no enforcement efforts and zero citations written? Flock cameras and surveillance cameras are everywhere. What is your plan, Lorenzo?

Democrats aren't always wrong about everything, but they are nearly always wrong about the important stuff. So are RINO Republicans.

The Democrats have no vision, strategy or game plan on helping the American people or the economy. Their only agenda is going after President Trump and has been since Day 1 of his presidency.

Dougherty County's "Mini-Me" commission chairman may have won his election (against a Trump-like convicted felon), but his slate of candidates he encouraged to run against people he opposed (read that white people) went down in flames. So much for being a king-maker.

Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

By Frank Stewart
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Simple Saturday columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

As today's South, you think

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Frank Stewart

you have a game when North opens the bidding. When he raises your one-spade response, you may belong at four spades; but since North might have raised with three-card support, 3NT might be better. When you try three clubs, he jumps to four spades; he has a maximum single raise, four cards in spades and a little shape.

When West leads the ten of diamonds, it's hard to say which game you should have bid. East takes the K-A and leads a third diamond to your queen; dummy discards a heart. When you take the A-K of trumps, East-West follow low.

HEART LOSER

You have lost two tricks, have a trump to lose and also have a heart loser. Do you give up?

With luck, you can make the heart loser vanish. Take the A-K of hearts and your club tricks and exit with a trump. West wins and, as it happens, has no more hearts. No matter what he leads, you ruff in dummy and pitch your last heart.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S J 8 3 2 H A K 8 5 D 6 3 C A Q 9. The dealer, at your right, opens two diamonds (weak). You double and your partner bids three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner's jump response ("advance") is invitational, not forcing; he has about nine points and maybe only four cards in hearts. You asked him to bid, and he would have bid two hearts with a terrible hand. You have no extra strength for your double; a pass is your disciplined call.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Memory issues threaten relationship with hairstylist

By Eric Thomas
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Dear Eric: As I am getting older (mid-60s), appointments occasionally slip my mind and I am not very disciplined about writing them on my calendar. Luckily, medical appointments come with email or phone reminders.

However, my hairstylist does not do reminder calls (and I don't expect her to).

I have missed several appointments in the past year and just realized I missed another one recently. For the previous ones I tipped her double, offered to pay for the missed appointment or brought her coffee and a donut.

But now I am so embarrassed that it happened again and I'm not sure what to do. Should I call to make another appointment or just slink away to another salon? Should I pay for the missed appointment even if she says it's no big deal? Send her an email acknowledging my error and leave it up to her to call me and reschedule or "fire" me from her services?

- Foiled Again

Dear Foiled: Don't give up on this relationship just yet. Paying for the time you reserved is a good start. Even if she was able to slot another client in, it's still a good faith gesture that acknowledges you understand the economics of her business model and don't take her for granted.

When scheduling again, you can also be up front about the memory issues you're experiencing and propose a new way of working together that can help you keep track of the appointments. For instance, you could ask her, "if you remember, when I schedule, could you remind me to put it in my

calendar?" Or you could see about the possibility of booking a series of appointments and writing them all down at the same time.

Though you feel embarrassed, try not to beat yourself up too much. Yes, it's inconvenient for her (and for you). But it's not completely within your control. On your own, consider making adjustments to your habits that will help you better keep track of important events. Talk to your doctor about the memory slips and ask for guidance on how to remedy or cope with them. It might also be helpful to write a note next to the hair appointment that reads, "remember to write down the next appointment before you leave." Little accommodations can go a long way.

Dear Eric: I have four sons who are all married; some have children. The oldest son has two adult children, one of whom is engaged. When we have a family dinner or celebration and all are here, the oldest son's wife and her daughter and her daughter's fiancé always sit at the end of the table together. They talk amongst themselves and rarely join in with the rest of the conversations with everyone else.

After everyone has finished dinner and left the dining room, those three remain at the table talking sometimes and don't come and join the rest of us. When they do leave the table, they usually come into the family room but sit on the sofa together and continue their conversations there or look on their phones.

I think this is very rude. The mother isn't setting a good example for her daughter, and I'm concerned she's not teaching her how to be sociable.



Eric Thomas

I'm not sure how to handle this. Is there something I could or should say or do or just leave it be?

- Family Dinner

Dear Family: If I'm reading this correctly, we're talking about your daughter-in-law, granddaughter and the granddaughter's fiancé. Forgive me if the family uses other terminology or has other relationships that I'm not seeing here. A generous interpretation suggests that maybe they really enjoy each other's company and see the family dinners as a time to catch up, or the fiancé doesn't have as strong a connection to the rest of the family and your daughter-in-law and granddaughter are helping acclimate. I have no way of knowing for sure.

If you want them to be a part of the conversation, start with an invitation. You can say something like "I've noticed you don't talk very much to the whole group. I want to make sure you're comfortable joining in if you want. Is there something I can do to help?"

The response might be, "Oh, I'm more of a one-on-one conversation person." That's OK. Group conversation can be a lot for many people, and everyone's social batteries have different capacities. Gatherings work better when responsive to the needs and specifics of the people gathered. That doesn't mean that you can't ask them a direct question if you want to know about them or invite their opinion or participation. But try not to do this as a response to perceived rudeness. Instead, root it in a desire to know your family better.

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Your weekend article on litter in Albany reminds me of noticing litter in other towns also. Two or three times a year, I drive to Natchez, Miss., on Highway 84. I enjoy the small towns and slow driving. I do the same several times a year on Highway 82 to Greenville, Miss. I assure you I can guess the demographics of each small town I drive through on those trips by the litter in those towns and communities. Sad, but true.

So: If you like lying presidents who are serial sexual predators, frauds, convicted felons and greedy cheats, stealing from Americans, starting wars and destroying America's standing in the free world ... vote Republican.

APD's parking lot downtown is full of patrol cars all day. The same for many Public Works and Code Enforcement vehicles. I haven't seen KADB patrolling in years. Well-paid employees doing nothing. That is why an illegal trash dump exists in the middle of town, 100 yards away from the Northwest Library, and is discovered by concerned taxpayers.

Trump is bogged down in Iran. He must do whatever is required to open the straight to get back on track. Negotiations will never solve this; it will require military action. Iran negotiates only to delay.

Thomas Massie has about as much a chance of winning the 2028 presidential nomination as Donald Trump has of every Democrat embracing him and telling how much they love him.

As long as not all laws are equally enforced, people will continue to ignore the law. Time for a "broken-window policy" to be in effect and teach respect for the law as written. Hire the judges and officers to carry out this policy and build tent camps to house the offenders.

Corey Morgan is accusing Ed Brown of residency impropriety? That's rich, coming supposedly from a clown who lied about his address while illegally serving in Camilla. Of course, this is the work of snakes like Winfred Dukes, Gloria Gaines and Lorenzo Heard. I'm not black, but if I were I'd be ashamed of people like this despicable trio.

If anyone tells you that there isn't enough affordable housing in Albany, that person is a scam artist and you should immediately walk away. That crook just wants to steal taxpayer money and build a shoddy apartment complex. It's been done by crooked pastors for years, and sadly the real victims are the people that live there. It's long overdue for Albany to wise up to these con artist scams.

As the MAGA turns: Dozy Don has diminished American power in unimaginable ways.

Ever since that garbage heap behind the Northwest Library was pointed out by The Herald, I've driven by that site every day. Trash is still there. I called to inquire about what action the city is taking and was given nothing but the runaround.

Answer unknown phone numbers "Caller, identify yourself and verify you are not a scammer." Before you repeat it the third time, scammers hang up. Legitimate callers will identify themselves.

COLUMNIST ■ THOMAS KNAPP:

War with Iran: Plausible explanations call for corrective action

On May 25, U.S. President Trump went back to war with Iran, launching strikes in the southern part of that country on a laughable claim of "self-defense."

The previous phase of the war was stupid, evil and illegal, as is this phase.

It was and is stupid because even given Trump's constantly shifting (and mostly themselves stupid) objectives, there was no way to "win" it other than nuking all of Iran's major cities and sending in a massive occupation force for the foreseeable future.

It was and is evil because war is always evil. Noncombatants are killed, injured, and impoverished, purposely or accidentally. There are seldom any "good guys" on the "leadership" level of any side — it's merely a street gang turf rumble writ large, with regular people caught in the violent middle.

It was and is illegal because there was no declaration of war, and the attack didn't even meet the minimal requirements of the War Powers Resolution. Additionally, even if that resolution was constitutional (it wasn't), Trump had 60 days to get congressional approval for continuing the operations (he didn't — and no, the clock did not magi-

cally "reset" just because he took a brief break).

Wars usually aren't really "won" in any meaningful sense of the word, but in this war the U.S. regime — and the American people — have clearly lost, no matter the military outcome. It's already impoverishing us considerably, and we're only seeing the early impact of a situation that will drag on for a long time regardless of what happens next.

The most obvious indicator, of course, is the price of gasoline at the pump, but the shortages of petroleum products and fertilizer components that usually pass through the Strait of Hormuz will soon become very real in the prices we pay for consumer goods and groceries.

So here we are: Instead of taking his lumps, letting the war end, and hoping for an economic upturn before the midterm elections mangle his party's present projects and future prospects, Trump is doubling down.

There are three, and only three, plausible explanations:

Explanation One is that he's evil, hates America, and is doing his damndest to destroy the U.S. economy. If that's the case the

House of Representatives should impeach him and the Senate should convict and remove him. His illegal war clearly meets the standard of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

Explanation Two is that he's stupid — whether by nature or due to his obvious cog-

nitive decline — and just doesn't know what he's doing or understand its moral, political or economic implications. If that's the case, the vice president and a majority of the cabinet should, per the 25th Amendment, "transmit to the president pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the president is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office," after which the vice president can become "acting president" and put a stop to this nonsense.

Explanation Three is that Trump — again, possibly due to the obvious cognitive decline he's publicly and frequently displayed since before his second inauguration — isn't in charge; The presidency is effectively controlled by other people who happen to be evildoers. If that's the case, and if

the 25th Amendment isn't invoked because those evildoers also control — or consist of — the vice president and cabinet, then it's the public's job to shut the war machine, and the regime controlling it, down.

That might look like a general strike, or even a revolution. It wouldn't be pretty. But Trump clearly must be removed from power, and a popular uprising would likely be less ugly than the alternative, which is that U.S. military commanders cease obeying Trump's unlawful orders and depose him themselves. A junta is a lateral move on the evil and stupidity metrics, not an improvement on either.

There's no question of "winning" the war. The war is lost, and lost it shall remain. The questions are about how much longer it lasts, how many more people are killed, maimed, displaced, and impoverished, what the terms of the U.S. surrender look like, and what comes after. The sooner Trump loses the power to babble non-answers and act on them, the better.

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COLUMNIST ■ B.J. FLETCHER

Removing the nation's stumbling blocks

On Memorial Day, America remembers those who gave everything so future generations could walk in freedom. But freedom alone does not guarantee direction.

Every person, every family, and every nation eventually faces the same question: What stumbling blocks are keeping us from moving forward?

Some stumbling blocks are obvious: violence, addiction, corruption, division. Others are quieter, less obvious: Pride that

refuses correction, bitterness that poisons relationships, fear that keeps us from truth, a society that talks more than it listens.

We live in a time where knowledge is everywhere. Technology and artificial intelligence can teach us facts faster than ever before. But facts alone cannot build character. Wisdom still

requires honesty, humility, discipline and love for one another.

A healthy nation is not built only by strong economies or powerful governments. It is built by people willing to remove the obstacles that keep families broken, communities angry and neighbors divided.

Sometimes the greatest act of courage is not fighting an enemy overseas. Sometimes it is confronting the stumbling blocks within ourselves.

Memorial Day reminded us that others sacrificed so we could continue walking forward. The least we can do is make sure we are not tripping over the very things we refuse to remove!

A nation moves forward one step at a time — but only after it removes what keeps making it fall.

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COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

Getting away with murder - Part 2

(Continuing with the satire.)

I've heard from a number of people since "Getting away with murder" appeared in the newspaper. To refresh your memory, it was a satire outlining nine suggestions to help pull off the perfect crime. They were based on watching countless episodes of true crime on television.

According to some who've contacted me, I left out a few things the first time around. As to how certain people knew about these other recommendations that escaped me, I'll just assume it's because they watch a lot more television. To entertain the thought of there being another possibility ... well, that would be downright criminal, if you catch my drift.

I have to admit, though, that the submission ending with the letters IYKYK seemed a bit suspicious. That being said, consider this an addendum to that earlier column. Allow me to present, in no particular order, other recommendations to take into consideration for those who hope to get away with the perfect crime:

1. Consider wearing shoes, boots, or sandals of a size other than your own in case you leave any footprints at the scene of the crime.

You might even consider intentionally leaving footprints just to throw off the authorities. You can always find an inexpensive pair of footwear at Dollar General that you can easily dispose of afterwards — anywhere, of course, except the Dumpster behind the store where you bought them.

2. If a vehicle is needed, don't use your own. Beg, borrow or steal if you have to. And remember that automobiles can leave footprints, too. And I just don't mean tread patterns. Rather, I'm referring to digital footprints. Today vehicles can be tracked via built-in cellular systems, a hidden GPS device, a Bluetooth tracker or a smartphone.

Four words to remember: Eye in the sky.

3. If at any time you become hungry — either before, during, or after the commission of the crime — pay for your food and/or drink with cash. Credit cards, while not having distinguishable tread patterns like tires on a vehicle, will still leave a digital trail. If you find something to eat or drink at the scene of the crime, take it with you for later. You don't want to leave a DNA

sample on a bottle of Corona you just happened to find in the refrigerator.

4. Refrain from posting and/or messaging about your criminal plans or activities on social media. And don't think that deleting them later is going to cover your tracks. Once you post or send a message, you may as well have carved it in stone.

5. If at any time you're taken into custody by the authorities, remember you have the right to remain silent. That privilege exists for a reason, so don't get careless and stick the much-too-big size 13s you walked out of Dollar General with in your mouth.

There's one last thing I failed to mention in my first column, although apparently no one noticed. Remember how most true crime episodes begin? That's right, with the next-door neighbor saying that the perceived suspect "seemed like such a normal person."

So if you think that one day you might need to get away with it — whatever "it" may be — you might want to start planning now to get a jump on things. You can start by

laying the groundwork that you're only knitting with one needle. How exactly? Simple. By shouting "Bingo!" in the middle of the sermon at church. Engaging in a rather loud sock-puppet conversation with your hand while sitting on an airplane. Pouring the contents of a salt shaker into your mouth at a fancy restaurant.

You get the idea; now use your imagination. Then, all you have to do is adhere to these five tips and the nine others from the previous column. After that you can pat yourself on the back because you just pulled off the perfect crime. The big downside, of course, is that you can never tell anyone about it. Because if you happen to slip up and tell someone, trust me: you'll end up on Dateline.

The upside, of course, is that we can all learn from your mistakes and plan accordingly.

(Again, this is a satire and should not be tried at home. Only a criminal would think otherwise.)

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Deuteronomy 6:5

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Yeah, I'm rock and roll ... but I'm still a little bit country

Country roads, take me home.

— John Denver

For many of us, it takes a certain coming of age – a full-circle experience, if you will – to realize that the way we grew up is vital to the persons we become as we navigate the various stages of life.

I put myself in this group.

There are plenty of more important factors that helped mold the person I've become, but I heard one of my favorite old country songs the other day and realized that, while I became something of a music snob as the years passed, assuring any who would listen that the music I chose was the only music worth listening to, those songs of my youth had carved out a place in my heart.

Songs by people like Johnny Cash, George Jones, Flatt and Scruggs, Merle Haggard ... even Buck Owens.

Growing up in rural Irwin County in the '60s, the hierarchy of a family was much different than it is today. During that time, what the adults in the room said was law, no matter how much you might have disagreed. (Compared to today, where children are in charge of what's on the TV, what radio stations are acceptable in the car, what activities their parents are allowed to take part in ...)

And at the Fletcher hacienda, that meant listening to country music. Nothing else. (It was the kind of place where "Hee Haw" was a must-watch ... even if Owens' horsey teeth scared you.)

But once The Beatles, Stones, Animals, Kinks, etc. took over pop music and were suddenly everywhere except country radio, I grew a strong disdain for country. Sure, I felt that I was betraying my parents just a little, but how can you compare "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail" to "Ticket to Ride"? You can't.

But as the years have passed, one of the lessons I've learned is that people who ascribe to the theory that THEIR music is the only music that matters – yes, like me back when – are really pretty much jerks, I've come around full-circle and spent a good bit of time listening to the country music I grew up on. And, with a wife who spent a considerable time in her career as a DJ playing country music, I've come to realize how good a lot of that music – and some that's been released in the last few years – was and is.

I say all that to lead into what I'll call a Semi-Reformed Country Music Hater's Top 30 List ... or, as Hank Williams would say, "I Saw the Light."

He Stopped Loving Her Today – George Jones. One of the saddest songs ever written, and one my dad would play almost every time I visited as an adult.

Springsteen – Eric Church. A tribute to one of

rock's great singer/songwriters served with a heaping helping of country sentiment.

I've Always Been Crazy (But It's Kept Me From Going Insane) – Waylon Jennings. For the longest time, this was the only country record I owned; it was just always a great song.

Universal Sound – Tyler Childers. One of several songs written and sung by one of modern country/Americana's greatest artists.

Chattahoochee – Alan Jackson. Listen to this and try not to dance. It's impossible to resist and impossibly catchy. One of the most fun songs ever.

Cover Me Up – Jason Isbell. Dare I say it ... Yes. This man is in the same league as Dylan, Lennon/McCartney, John/Taupin as a songwriter.

Copperhead Road – Steve Earle. Everybody classifies this great artist as country, so I'll buy it. But this song was so cool, it was played by Atlanta's 96 Rock during the '70s. High praise.

Fast as You – Dwight Yoakam. The master of the Bakersfield Sound, this great artist is one of country's greatest trend-setters.

(TIE) Jolene – Dolly Parton. Rolling Stone's No. 1 country pick shows off this country queen's amazing vocals.

Nobody Knows Me Like My Baby – Lyle Lovett. The best (of several songs on the "Lyle Lovett and His Large Band" album that may be the best country album ever).

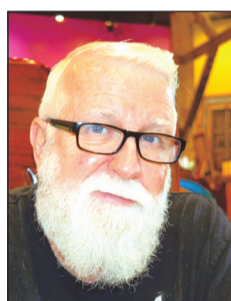
Lonely at the Top – Jamey Johnson. One of the most clever songs ever written; a perfect put-down anthem for those who complain about everything.

That's a pretty strong list, but my affection for country doesn't stop with just this excellent handful. Others on my list include:

No. 11: I Walk the Line – Johnny Cash; 12. King of the Road – Roger Miller; 13. 16 Tons – Tennessee Ernie Ford; 14. Pineola – Lucinda Williams; 15. Sunday Mornin' Comin' Down – Kris Kristofferson; 16. El Paso – Marty Robbins; 17. Ring of Fire – Johnny Cash; 18. All I Have to Offer You Is Me – Charlie Pride; 19. I Hope You Dance – Lee Ann Womack; 20. Swinging Doors – Merle Haggard.

Also: 21. Drink Canada Dry – David Allan Coe; 22. You Never Even Called Me By My Name – David Allan Coe; 23. Act Naturally – Buck Owens; 24. A Bar Song (Tipsy) – Shaboozey; 25. Flowers on the Wall – The Statler Brothers; 26. Before the Next Teardrop Falls – Freddie Fender; 27. Your Cheatin' Heart – Hank Williams; 28. Wichita Lineman – Glenn Campbell; 29. Good Lord, Lori – Turnpike Troubadours; 30. Friends in Low Places – Garth Brooks.

You got others? Let me know.



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COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Desperately seeking good news

I keep hearing that people want more good news. This, despite TV ratings that consistently show viewers flocking to the cable anger-tainment networks. One notorious channel was absolutely livid during the years their preferred political party did not occupy the White House. Yet when their chosen candidate won the presidency, their "news" hosts got even angrier. If I didn't know better, I'd think that rage and hostility translate into higher ratings and more advertising dollars.

Often, I find myself in a sleepless funk, unsuccessfully trying to ignore the weirdness that dominates the news cycle. Many of us have forgotten what "normal" is supposed to be. Politicians who once observed the rules of decency now ask, "What can I get away with today?" They're like toddlers who push the limits of acceptable behavior. They say, "Well, I ripped one page out of the Constitution yesterday, so I'm going for two today." And with no responsible adults supervising the playpen, they will likely succeed.

People also tell me that they hate negative political ads. This year, it is hard to watch an Atlanta Braves game, because of the Georgia governor's race commercials. Evidently, all the candidates are criminal lowlifes, according to their opponents, who belong to the same party.

So I'm devoting the remainder of this column to some nuggets of good news, humor, and hope.

ITEM 1: Cursive writing is making a comeback in many schools. After several years in hiding, the loopy letters of bygone centuries may soon be cool again. This will surely be disastrous news to younger parents who never learned cursive and can't read it to this day.

More than half of U.S. states now "strongly encourage" schools to teach students to read and write in cursive, according to Education Week magazine. I'm not sure how effective that will be. My parents

"strongly encouraged" me to add broccoli and asparagus to my plate, yet somehow macaroni and cheese became my side item of choice.

I'm proud to have grown up in the cursive era. My handwriting will never be compared with calligraphy, but at least I am able to read historical documents and write a check. Experts say cursive writing hones our fine motor skills. That may be true, but no one who has seen me work with my hands ever said, "Dude, have you ever thought about becoming a surgeon?"

ITEM 2: In the aftermath of Tennessee legislators re-drawing Congressional districts to ensure 100% Republican representation statewide, an incumbent Democratic member of the state's U.S. House delegation announced he would not seek another term. Upon learning of his departure, a Facebook user commented, "Good riddens!" (Purely by coincidence, Tennessee ranks last in the nation in money spent per-student in public schools.)

ITEM 3: Beware of Phone Acne. Just when you thought there was nothing left to fear, we now learn that millions of Americans are overlooking a huge bacteria source touching their face every day. Their phone.

Some dermatologists say smartphones carry 10 times more bacteria than a toilet seat. Obviously, these dermatologists have never visited the rundown convenience stores at most interstate exits.

Still, they have a point. Dirty screens may contribute to clogged pores, irritation, and the dreaded acne that can often appear along the jawline. A new phone hygiene wipe product called Swypes has been developed to help prevent phone acne.

So here's a word to the wise: Whether it be a nasty phone screen or the bathroom at the Gulp 'n Go at Exit 112, y'all be careful where you press your cheeks

COLUMNIST ■ CHAD WARINGTON

Albany Utilities and data centers – Part 2

This is a second OpEd I've written on the topic of Albany Utilities and data centers. As our pastor always does with his Sunday sermon series, let me cover some highlights from the first op-ed so we can build on this topic of utilities.

– Albany Utilities has the ninth-lowest electric rate in the state out of hundreds of electric providers. Albany does not have an electric rate problem. We have a high usage problem from our older housing stock. Don't believe the high utility rate narrative.

The state of Georgia has one of the best electric grids in the country. Georgia is seeing a lot of data center interest because of our robust power generation and distribution systems. Our nuclear power plant fleet in Georgia is the envy of the country.

– Data centers are seeing tremendous growth because we as consumers are asking for more and more data. From social media, to cloud storage, to movie streaming and now all the AI algorithms running, data centers are simply responding to society's demands. Local, state and national leaders have to quickly figure out how to allocate precious resources required for data center operations without giving away the farm. Data centers must be held accountable by local communities, and they must pay their fair share and then some.

So to build on the electric utilities topic, citizens may wonder how and why Albany got into the electric utility business. Why are other cities not in the utilities business, and why is it important for the city of Albany to grow and respond to trends in the electric power industry?

The city of Albany started providing electric utilities to citizens in 1912. That's right, for 114 years Albany Utilities has been in the electric utility business. Through various local generators powered by steam and coal (and other materials that would burn), citizens and businesses in Albany were able to use this new luxury of electricity. While larger cities like Atlanta and Savannah had early power plants and distribution grids, the only way Albany could provide power to its citizens initially was to build its own.

While Albany had a major agriculture economy, I believe the decision by our forefathers to get into the electric power business was one of the most important early economic development advantages for Albany and led to the city becoming a major economic and industrial hub for southwest Georgia.

In the 1930s, the Rural Electrification Act created the existing EMC's as we know them today, and electricity started being built into the rural areas of Georgia, primarily for homes. The city of Albany had already been providing electricity to its citizens for 20 years when this federal government legislation happened, and at this point Albany had significant investments in local power generating and distribution assets.

Georgia Power built the Flint River electric dam in 1925 (still in operation today), and the company built the coal-fired Plant Mitchell in 1948 (retired in 2016). By the 1950s, most of Georgia was electrified and had access to power. With the popularity of modern-day electric appliances and electric heating/air conditioning, overall power demand drastically began increasing. Our lifestyles and desire for modern conveniences drove electric companies to increase power supply.

At this point, the city continued to provide power to citizens and was able to source wholesale power from Georgia Power, which was building most of the power-generating assets in the state. Some cities, like Atlanta and Savannah, had already sold their entire city electric business to Georgia Power. However, there remained numerous cities throughout the state, like Albany,

that decided to stay in the electric business and not sell out to the big, well-funded power company, which was close to becoming a utility monopoly in the state.

By the 1970s, Georgia had an electric supply market dominated primarily by Georgia Power, along with a bunch of EMCs in the rural areas and around 50 cities providing retail electricity to their citizens. In

1975, 47 cities banded together and the Georgia legislature enacted legislation to form MEAG (Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia).

Albany was one of the instrumental cities in that group pushing to form MEAG.

The MEAG co-op basically allowed the 47 cities to co-own power plants and distribution so that each city could then sell that power individually to their citizens. I believe it was one of those pivotal moments in Georgia's history (and Albany's history) that stopped a monopoly utility situation from happening and allowed cities and their citizens to control their own electric utility future.

Competition always brings lower prices and better services, and at this point in history the formation of MEAG created a large electric power entity with 47 cities that could now not just sell power but produce it and distribute it on a statewide power grid along with Georgia Power.

In the '90s, the entire United States was grappling with the possibility of deregulating the electric power industry. On one hand, electric power customers should be able to choose which company they wanted to buy power from. On the other hand, electric power is very capital intensive, and when a utility company builds long-term power generating plants and runs power lines and transformers serving customers, there has to be some level of certainty of return on their investments.

All states handled it differently, but the state of Georgia did not deregulate its electric power business, instead holding to "territory maps" where various power companies had built out power grids and set 900kW as a threshold for competitive electric power choices. If a new customer establishes a service above 900kW, they have a one-time choice to pick any provider to serve them power. However, once they make a choice, they cannot change and must stay with their initial choice of electric power provider.

In my opinion, this decision was sort of a hybrid customer choice market that balances the desire for choice and the large capital investments needed for electric supply. Albany, with our large utility business and being part of MEAG, is right in the middle of this power boom, and we must take strategic and wise actions. We can't stick our heads in the sand and just say we are against any and all data centers. Realize, if Albany misses the current data center power boom, our electric utility business and property tax base will miss out and could be harmed for decades.

If the right data center comes to Albany and we set clear requirements, clear safeguards and strong financial protections, Albany could see significant property tax relief and significant electric utility rate relief for decades. Albany could even have additional financial resources to upgrade city infrastructure needs. However, if we rush it through, underestimate the infrastructure impact, give tax abatement incentives and allow data centers not to invest in the community, Albany could be harmed as a community and our future financial stability put at risk.

Let's not sit on the sidelines and watch other cities and counties engage in the data center trend. Let's get in the game ourselves; let's set the rules of the game for Albany's benefit and control our own destiny.



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Dougherty County seeks applicants for board positions

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ALBANY – The Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County soon will make appointments to the following listed boards.

Potential candidates should submit a letter of interest and/or resume by 5 p.m. June 17 to Bristeria Clark Hope, Dep-

ty County Clerk at bclark@dougherty.ga.us.

Possible appointees are asked to call (229) 431-2121 (extension 0) or visit the county's Government Information page at <https://www.dougherty.ga.us/government/board-appointments> for additional details about each board position.

Appointees are being sought for:

- **ALBANY-DOUGHERTY LAND BANK:** One appointment, application required.
- **ELECTRICAL BOARD:** Four appointments with eligibility requirements
- **ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD:** Two appointments with eligibility requirements
- **FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD:** One appointment
- **CHEHAW PARK AUTHORITY:** One appointment
- **GAS BOARD:** One appointment with eligibility requirements
- **DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:** One appointment
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– Mediacom Communications has announced the selection of two Monroe High School seniors and one Terrell Academy student as recipients of the company's World Class Scholarship Program.

The \$1,000 scholarships recognize the regional students for excellence in leadership, community involvement and academics. The selected winners are Monroe students Knia Gullett and Antonio Guest and Terrell Academy's Aulden Gosa.

"Mediacom understands the importance of investing in future leaders," Mediacom Regional Vice President Mitch Arnevik said in a news release. "I'm proud that our company annually commits financial support to talented local students with the Mediacom World Class Scholarship Program. We congratulate all Class of 2026 graduates and celebrate our scholarship recipients for their outstanding achievements so far."



Antonio Guest

"Our corporate philosophy extends beyond business success," Giuseppe B. Comisso, chairman and chief executive officer of Mediacom Communications, said. "We are committed to investing in the next generation, because supporting students today is essential to building a stronger, more innovative, and more prosperous future for all."

This year marks the 25th consecutive year Mediacom has funded World Class Scholarships for students who live in areas where the company delivers high-speed broadband services. Mediacom plans to extend the World Class Scholarship Program to 100 graduating seniors in 2026. Each winner has received a \$1,000 scholarship to support his or her continued education. Upon receiving the scholarship, recipients must attend an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or technical school within the United States.

Georgia Democrats eclipse Republican voting in primaries

By Ross Williams

Georgia Recorder

ATLANTA – Last week's primary elections didn't feature any races with both a Democrat and a Republican on the ballot, but Georgia Democrats still feel like they won.

If you are one of the more than 2 million Georgians who cast a ballot, you will likely recall the poll worker asking you to choose a Democratic, Republican or nonpartisan ballot.

In all, Democrats pulled more than 1 million ballots to Republicans' nearly 940,000, or about 52.6% to 45.4%.

Democratic Party of Georgia Chairman Charlie Bailey said that margin is the biggest for Democrats since 1998 and shows that voters are ready to line up in November behind candidates like U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff and former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, the Democratic nominees for U.S. Senate and Georgia governor.

"It's just another piece of evidence of growing Democratic momentum, the work of the party, the strength of Jon Ossoff, the strength of Keisha Lance Bottoms coming into this governor's race," Bailey said. "People are fed up with (Republicans), and what those numbers in the primary tell you is that that momentum is building toward November, when they're going to vote these Republicans out."

In 2018, a midterm year with President Trump in the White House and an open race for Georgia governor at the top of the ticket, Republicans pulled more ballots than Democrats by about 52% to 48%.

Comparing the number of ballots drawn is not a perfect measure. Some people choose the other party's ballot because they live in an area dominated by that party and they want to have a say in local races, or because they want to promote a weaker opponent for their candidate in the general election.

Still, the discrepancy spells good news for Democrats looking ahead to the Nov. 3 election, says Emory University



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political science professor Andrea Gillespie.

"What it connotes or implies is that Democratic candidates are capturing the imagination of voters in ways that, if this energy can be sustained, could be helpful for them in terms of flipping seats nationally, and in Republican states like Georgia, narrowing those margins between Democrats and Republicans, even in contests where Republicans are the odds-on favorite," she said.

The difference in ballots is even more notable because Republicans had more high-profile races, said University of Georgia political science professor Trey Hood. No Democrat challenged incumbent U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, while Republicans had competitive races for U.S. Senate and Georgia governor at the top of the ticket.

Hood said it's also notable that Republicans who voted on Election Day did not outnumber Democrats by a large margin. Republicans had only about 4,000 more voters on Election Day than Democrats, about 508,000 to 504,000. Hood said that might signal a shift in GOP voter behavior, with more conservatives preferring to cast a ballot during Georgia's three weeks of early voting.

"I don't know that we can expect to necessarily see a huge surge in Republican turnout on Election Day anymore," he said.

Results also show demographics that tend to favor Democratic candidates in Georgia had a strong showing. Statistically, black voters in Georgia

largely favor Democrats, and they made up nearly 32% of the vote.

"If black turnout was 31% in a general election, yeah, that would be probably a good Democratic year," Hood said. "I mean, before now, the highest it's ever been is about 29%. And the more black turnout as a percentage of the total electorate, the less of the white share of the vote you have to draw off as a Democrat. So if that pattern held and black turnout was 31% in the general, it would be big."

Data from the secretary of state's office also shows that the electorate was nearly 57% female and 43% male. That number is likely boosted by high turnout among black women, who are registered to vote at

a higher rate than black men. Still, the high Democratic turnout was not enough to land a pair of Democratic-aligned candidates on the state Supreme Court, and not everyone thinks the numbers show the wind is at Democrats' back.

Georgia Republican Party Chairman Josh McKoon said turnout in primary elections does not correlate with general election turnout.

McKoon said he chalks up the ballot discrepancy to the typical midterm backlash to the party in the White House and Democrats having a competitive field for governor for what he said was the first time in more than two decades.

"It was Mark Taylor and then it was Jason Carter, then it was Stacey Abrams twice," he said. "Now, this time they actually had a wide-open primary, and a lot of people ran. And so, yes, it's not surprising that they had more than their usual turnout because usually they don't have anything to turn out for."

McKoon said Georgia Republicans won't be resting on their laurels, but he's confident that their messaging will resonate with voters come the fall.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Dougherty County Board of Education will hold public hearings of the FY 2027 school system budget.

The dates for the public hearings are:
 May 26, 2026 at 12:00 pm
 June 4, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Location:
 Dougherty County School System
 Administration Building, Room 120
 200 Pine Avenue
 Albany, Georgia

All interested stakeholders are welcome to attend.



DOUGHERTY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TENTATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE - 7/1/2026	34,912,040	-	58,773,627	-	5,154,925	98,840,592
ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE:						
LOCAL TAXES AND/OR APPROPRIATIONS	46,011,063		19,181,385			65,192,448
OTHER LOCAL SOURCES OF REVENUE	5,760,000	340,000			799,703	6,899,703
STATE SOURCES	125,358,761	4,880,899	10,677,594		332,016	141,249,270
FEDERAL SOURCES	15,000	23,598,808			12,878,341	36,492,149
OTHER SOURCES	50,000					50,000
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,500,000	1,518,747	250,000	5,284,742		8,553,489
TOTAL REVENUE ANTICIPATED	178,694,824	30,338,454	30,108,979	5,284,742	14,010,060	258,437,059
TOTAL REVENUE AVAILABLE	213,606,864	30,338,454	88,882,606	5,284,742	19,164,985	357,277,651
OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES:						
INSTRUCTIONAL	1000	100,185,691	17,910,479			118,096,170
PUPIL SERVICES	2100	10,736,487	5,540,068			16,276,555
IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	2210	12,267,518	3,096,653			15,364,171
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES	2220	2,894,371				2,894,371
FEDERAL GRANT ADMINISTRATION	2230		1,715,035			1,715,035
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	2300	4,037,117	1,279,558			5,316,675
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	2400	12,279,149	373,681			12,652,830
SUPPORT SERVICES - BUSINESS	2500	3,605,384				3,605,384
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF PLANT SERVICES	2600	18,519,698	330,527			19,100,225
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY	2660	2,490,340				2,490,340
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	2700	6,767,892	92,453			6,860,345
SUPPORT SERVICES - CENTRAL	2800	6,227,384				6,227,384
OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	2900					-
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NUTRITION SERVICES	3100				14,445,650	14,445,650
ENTERPRISE OPERATIONS	3200				411,076	411,076
COMMUNITY SERVICE OPERATIONS	3300					-
FACILITIES ACQUISITION/CONSTRUCTION	4000					-
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	5000	1,768,747	5,284,742			7,053,489
CAPITAL PROJECTS			46,119,762			46,119,762
DEBT SERVICE				5,284,742		5,284,742
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	181,779,778	30,338,454	51,654,504	5,284,742	14,856,726	283,914,204
USE OF FUND BALANCE	3,084,954	-	21,545,525	-	846,666	25,477,145
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE - 6/30/2027	31,827,086	-	37,228,102	-	4,308,259	73,363,447

The Dougherty County Board of Education will revise this proposed FY 2027 budget as necessary. The budget will be considered for final adoption by the Board of Education on **June 11, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**, Dougherty County School System Administration Building, 200 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia, Room 120.

The Dougherty County Board of Education will hold two public hearings on the FY 2027 budget prior to adoption. The dates of the public hearings are **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**, Dougherty County School System Administration Building, 200 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia, Room 120.

Dr. Fred Morpeth is joining Southwell Ear, Nose and Throat in Tifton.

Southwell Ear, Nose & Throat adds new physician

Staff Reports

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TIFTON – Southwell has announced that Dr. Fred Morpeth is joining Southwell Ear, Nose and Throat.

A board-certified otolaryngologist, Morpeth will work alongside providers Dr. Dontre' Douse, Lacey Childress, DeAnna Thompson and audiologist Julie Lambert.

Morpeth's services will include ear, hearing, and balance care; nasal, sinus, and airway conditions; pediatric ENT care, and surgi-

cal treatment of otolaryngology disorders.

Morpeth earned his medical degree and completed otolaryngology residency training at the Medical College of Georgia, now Augusta University. With more than 31 years of experience, he most recently practiced with Hughston Medical Group in Columbus.

New patients are being accepted and may call (229) 353-4ENT to make an appointment. Southwell Ear, Nose and Throat is located in Tifton at 39 Kent Road, Suite 2.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper files lawsuit over muddy water at construction site

By Alander Rocha
Georgia recorder

COLUMBUS – The Chattahoochee Riverkeeper has filed a federal lawsuit against the owner and developer of an apartment complex in Columbus that alleges ongoing violations of the Clean Water Act.

The lawsuit, filed last week against Phenix City, Ala.-based developer SCorUSA and apartment complex Aspire at Old Guard in Columbus, alleges the companies failed to follow regulations intended to protect waterways from muddy stormwaters during the construction phase.

“The failure to implement and maintain basic pollution controls has destroyed the neighboring creeks and aquatic life downstream,” Jason Ulseth, the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper’s executive director, said in a statement.

“Given the gravity of these violations and the defendants’ refusal to work collaboratively on a solution, CRK is moving forward with our lawsuit.”

The Chattahoochee Riverkeeper first notified Columbus officials in 2025 after muddy stormwater had been released into the Chattahoochee River system due to “broken and insufficient pollution controls.” Despite the city requiring developers to fix the problem, the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper found that the situation had worsened by early 2026 after heavy rainfall that the environmental group said caused the pristine stream that is normally teeming with life to be filled with sediment from the muddy waters flowing from the construction site.

The lawsuit comes after the riverkeeper filed an open records request in February for site inspection reports that

showed the 25-acre development had been poorly managed and the problem had gotten significantly worse. The city issued a stop-work order shortly after that and again in early May, which Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Deputy Director Henry Jacobs said in an interview demonstrates that city officials are more engaged. But Jacobs said the group moved forward with the federal lawsuit because they argue local officials haven’t done enough to hold the developers accountable.

Jacobs said that the runoff from the construction site impacts “everything living in the creek,” as well as surrounding properties and downstream users.

“If the creek is full of mud and it can’t hold as much water, the risk of flooding can increase,” he said. “Property values are being impacted, es-

pecially farther downstream, where you have private ponds, and then Lake Oliver, and then the river itself.”

Messages seeking comment were left with Steven W. Corbett and Dan Nibblett, who were named in the lawsuit as being associated with SCorUSA, LLC and Aspire at Old Guard LLC, as well as a spokesperson for the Columbus Consolidated Government.

The Chattahoochee Riverkeeper sent a 60-day notice of intent to sue, which is required in these cases, to the developers in March, but the developers never replied to the notice. Jacobs said it is “very rare that an entity does not respond to us during those 60 days.”

The lawsuit asked the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia for an injunction to prevent further damage and to require the



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developer to restore the tributaries. They also seek civil penalties of \$68,445 per day for each violation of the Clean Water Act, which would be paid to the U.S. Treasury, as well as the costs of bringing the lawsuit.

“Our biggest concern is all of the mud and sediment that has already been dumped into the creek over the past year,” Jacobs said. “We want this developer to clean up the creek and mitigate any further damages.”

Congress Votes

By Targeted News Service
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WASHINGTON -- Here’s a look at how Georgia’s members of Congress voted over the previous week.

Along with roll call votes this week, the Senate also passed TREY’S Law (S. 3966) to prohibit the enforcement of certain contractual clauses that restrict disclosure of sexual abuse of minors; the Stop Stealing our Chips Act (S. 1473) to establish a whistleblower incentive program and provide protections to whistleblowers; the Expanding Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act (S. 4631), and the Safe Cloud Storage Act (S. 3023) to limit liability for certain entities storing child sexual abuse material for law enforcement agencies.

HOUSE VOTES:

NATO FUNDING: The House has rejected an amendment sponsored by Rep. Gregory Steube, R-Fla., to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 8469) that would have shifted \$482 million from a North Atlantic Treaty Organization security program to military construction efforts. Steube said tax dollars should be devoted to “strengthening America readiness, improving our base infrastructure, supporting our servicemembers and their families, and advancing our national security.” An amendment opponent, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., said the NATO spending was needed both “to deter aggression from our adversaries but also to directly support U.S. troops stationed in Europe.” The vote, on May 15, was 80 yeas to 333 nays.

NAYS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), McBath

D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th), McCormick R-GA (7th)

YEAS: Clyde R-GA (9th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), Collins R-GA (10th)

VA AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION SPENDING:

The House has passed the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R. 8469) sponsored by Rep. John R. Carter, R-Texas. The bill would provide about \$481 billion for Fiscal 2027 spending at the Veterans Affairs Department and for construction programs at the various divisions of the military. The vote, on May 15, was 400 yeas to 15 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), Williams D-GA (5th), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

The House has passed the amended version of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (H.R. 6644) sponsored by Rep. J. French Hill, R-Ark., to establish numerous federal housing mortgage, regulation, and other policies, with the general goal of increasing the supply of affordable housing. The vote, on May 20, was 396 yeas to 13 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

REVIEWING NEW BANKS:

The House has passed the American Access to Banking Act (H.R. 4544) sponsored by Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., to change procedures for regulatory reviews of applications to form new banks and credit unions. The vote, on May 20, was 405 yeas to 4 nays.



Austin Scott



Jon Ossoff



Raphael Warnock



Sanford Bishop

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

BANK DEPOSITS: The House has passed the Community Bank Deposit Access Act (H.R. 5317) sponsored by Rep. J. French Hill, R-Ark., to stop treating as brokered deposits funds placed at insured banks that have less than \$10 billion of assets, so long as the bank meets federal financial soundness standards. The vote, on May 20, was 393 yeas to 16 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

ST. LOUIS VA FACILITY:

The House has passed the Fiscal Year 2025 Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Authorization Act (S. 2393) sponsored by Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., to authorize up to \$1.77 billion of spending on extensive changes to the St. Louis VA Medical Center, including adding a new bed tower and new clinical buildings. The vote, on May 20, was 405 yeas to 5 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

SHARK ALERTS: The House has passed Lulu’s Law (S. 1003) sponsored by Sen. Katie Britt, R-Ala., to require a Federal Communications Commission order permitting government agencies to send shark attack alerts to mobile phones. The vote, on May 20, was 401 yeas to 6 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS:

The House has passed the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Commemorative

Coin Act (H.R. 1993) sponsored by Rep. Dan Goldman, D-N.Y., to have the Treasury Department mint and sell coins to commemorate the Sept. 11 terror attacks, with part of the sale proceeds going to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center. The vote, on May 20, was unanimous with 415 yeas.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

GENDER AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

The House has passed the Parental Rights Over the Education and Care of Their Kids Act (H.R. 2616) sponsored by Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Mich., to condition federal funding for public elementary and middle schools on the schools obtaining parental consent in order to change sex-based accommodations or gender identifications for a given student. The vote, on May 20, was 217 yeas to 198 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

WOMEN’S HISTORY:

The House has rejected the Smithsonian American Women’s History Museum Act (H.R. 1329) sponsored by Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, R-N.Y., to authorize construction of a museum about women’s history on the National Mall in

Washington, D.C. The vote, on May 21, was 204 yeas to 216 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th)

NOT VOTING:

Williams D-GA (5th)

BACKGROUND CHECKS ON VETERANS:

The House has passed the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act (H.R. 1041) sponsored by Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., to bar the Veterans Affairs Department from sending information about a fiduciary for a given veteran to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for firearms purchases. The vote, on May 21, was 216 yeas to 201 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th)

NOT VOTING:

Williams D-GA (5th)

BENEFITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS:

The House has passed the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act (H.R. 6047) sponsored by Rep. Tom Barrett, R-Mich., to increase various benefits for certain classes of

veterans, including a supplemental monthly allowance for veterans with a disability connected to their time in the military. The vote, on May 21, was 235 yeas to 179 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th)

NOT VOTING:

Williams D-GA (5th)

SENATE VOTES:

CONFIRMING NOMINEES:

The Senate has passed a bill (S. Res. 690) sponsored by Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., to confirm, en bloc, the nomination of 49 different nominees to executive branch positions, including ambassadors and U.S. attorneys and marshals for state districts. The vote, on May 18, was 46 yeas to 43 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

IRAN WAR AUTHORIZATION:

The Senate has agreed to a motion to discharge from its Foreign Relations Committee a bill (S.J. Res. 185) sponsored by Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., that would require the cessation of military action against Iran absent Congressional authorization. The vote to discharge, on May 19, was 50 yeas to 47 nays.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-81-5(g), a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in room 100 of the Government Center Building located at 222 Pine Ave., regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.

Any citizen wishing to be heard on the proposed budget may appear. The meeting will be broadcast live via the City’s website and Cable Channel 16. The Proposed Budget is available for inspection on the City’s website www.albanyga.gov.

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The Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia will make appointments to the following listed Boards. Candidates should submit a letter of interest and/or resume by 5:00 p.m. June 17, 2026 to Bristeria Clark Hope, Deputy County Clerk at bclark@dougherty.ga.us.

Please call 229-431-2121 X0 or visit the Government Information page at <https://www.dougherty.ga.us/government/board-appointments> for additional details about each board.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALBANY-DOUGHERTY LAND BANK One (1) appointment. Application required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELECTRICAL BOARD Four (4) appointments with eligibility requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASPIRE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD – Two(2) appointments with eligibility requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT REVIEW BOARD One (1) appointment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEHAW PARK AUTHORITY – One (1) appointment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAS BOARD - One (1) appointment with eligibility requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES – One (1) appointment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOUGHERTY COUNTY HEALTH BOARD - One (1) appointment with eligibility requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION One (1) appointment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOUTHWEST GEORGIA HOUSING TASK FORCE – One (1) appointment



Staff Photo: Joe Whiffield

Lee County tight end Carter Blackwell rises above a defender to haul in a touchdown catch during the 2025 season. After his recruitment exploded following his junior year, Blackwell committed to Clemson University over 26 other scholarship offers.

Carter Blackwell chooses Clemson

By Joe Whiffield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — Before Christmas, Carter Blackwell had three scholarship offers and plenty of uncertainty about where his football future might lead.

Five months later, the rising Lee County Trojans football senior is headed to one of college football's premier programs.

Blackwell, a 6-foot-4, 224-pound tight end rated as a three-star prospect and the No. 42 overall recruit in Georgia by 247Sports, announced Tuesday that he has committed to play college football at Clemson University.

The commitment capped a whirlwind recruiting rise that saw Blackwell's offer list explode from three schools before Christmas to 27 by the spring, including offers from Miami, Florida State, North Carolina, Duke and Central Florida.

"My recruitment really started blowing up this spring," Blackwell said. "I think

I got six offers in two days. I started putting my film out there a little more, and Coach Fabrizio helped me by putting in a good word for me with these coaches. I had coaches texting me, and I was picking up a lot of offers."

Before announcing his decision Tuesday, Blackwell narrowed his choices to Clemson, Duke, North Carolina, Florida State, Miami and Central Florida.

In the end, he said Clemson offered far more than football.

"At Clemson it's more than just about football," Blackwell said. "Clemson supports the player, the family, the education and the faith. That was really important to me. Because for me it's more than football. I think Clemson will help me become the man that I want to be."

Blackwell said he plans to major in business or agribusiness at Clemson while possibly pursuing a minor in finance or mathematics.

Lee County head coach Dean Fabrizio said Clemson is getting far more than just a talented athlete.

"I'm really excited for Carter," Fabrizio said. "Clemson is getting not only a great player, but a great person as well."

Blackwell's commitment is the latest sign that Lee County remains one of Georgia's premier football pipelines. The Trojans are loaded with Division I prospects entering the 2026 season and are expected to once again rank among the state's top teams when summer workouts begin June 1.

Despite the recruiting attention now surrounding him, Blackwell said his focus remains squarely on helping lead Lee County through what could be a special season.

"My goal is to lead my brothers to be the best we can be, on the field and

See **BLACKWELL**, 10A



File Photo

Georgia football coach Kirby Smart speaks during a news conference last season in Athens. Smart said Tuesday at the SEC spring meetings that the conference may eventually need to create and enforce its own rules if national NIL legislation continues to stall.

'I'm not afraid': Kirby Smart supports SEC creating its own rules

By Joe Whiffield
Sports Editor

DESTIN, Fla. — Georgia coach Kirby Smart doesn't sound interested in waiting around much longer for college athletics to clean up its own mess.

Speaking Tuesday at the SEC's annual spring meetings, Smart backed recent comments from University of Georgia president Jere Morehead suggesting the conference may eventually need to create and enforce its own rules if national solutions continue to stall.

"I've been a huge advocate that if we can't find the rules that everybody plays by, then we should play on our own," Smart said. "I'm not afraid of that."

Smart's comments came just days after Morehead openly questioned whether the SEC would need to develop its own structure for regulating college athletics after another week passed without federal legislation addressing NIL and athlete compensation.

"All we heard all week long was that there would be a bill introduced in the Senate this week," Morehead said Friday. "Now we're at Memorial Day weekend and no bill was introduced.

That, to me, is telling the SEC we're going to have to come up with our own solution."

The growing frustration within the SEC centers on what many administrators and coaches see as an increasingly unstable landscape, one where lawsuits routinely override NCAA authority and where enforcement has become nearly impossible.

Smart said the issue isn't simply creating rules. It's finding a way to enforce them.

"There's been circumvention of the rules the entire time," Smart said. "What's happened with litigation is there are no guidelines. I'll just go to court, I'll just go to court, I'll just go to court on everything."

The veteran coach argued that every challenge to enforcement weakens whatever governing structure exists.

"It's a lawsuit away from everybody backing down," Smart said. "They stripped the power from any regulatory agency that we would put in place. At some point you've got to be able to say, 'How do we want to do this?'"

SEC commissioner Greg Sankey has repeatedly urged Congress to provide national

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Former Deerfield-Windsor star part of Georgia Tech's Omaha push

By Joe Whiffield
Sports Editor

ATLANTA — The crowds will be packed into Russ Chandler Stadium this weekend, the pressure turned all the way up and Georgia Tech's march toward Omaha officially underway.

Somewhere inside the Yellow Jackets' deep pitching staff, Albany freshman Charlie Willcox is waiting for his opportunity.

The No. 2 national seed Yellow Jackets (48-9) open NCAA Regional play Friday as hosts of the Atlanta Regional, welcoming Oklahoma, Illinois-Chicago and The Citadel to a sold-out postseason atmosphere that feels much bigger than an ordinary weekend in May.

For Willcox, it is exactly the kind of stage he envisioned when he turned down professional baseball to come to Georgia Tech.

"I had been watching Tech since I was a junior in high school, and I knew they were only going to get stronger," Willcox said. "I really liked

the coaches and the guys at Georgia Tech. That's the reason I felt Tech was the right place for me."

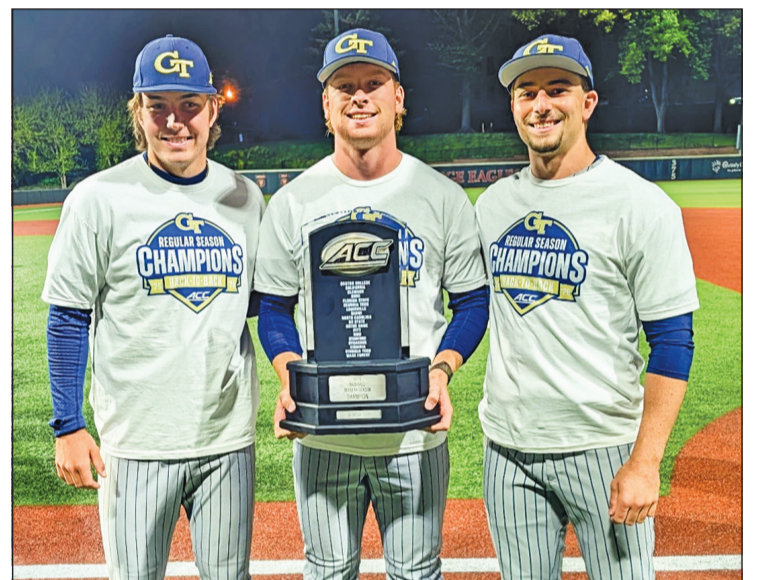
The son of Jason and DeeDee Willcox, the former Deerfield-Windsor standout attended school in Albany from pre-kindergarten through the middle of his sophomore year before transferring to South Walton High School in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

By the end of his prep career, major college programs and professional scouts were calling. From a long list of scholarship offers — along with the possibility of signing an MLB contract — Willcox chose college baseball and a Georgia Tech program he believed was building toward something special.

Turns out, he was right.

The Yellow Jackets enter the postseason as one of the nation's hottest teams, loaded with future draft picks and legitimate College World Series aspirations.

"We've got seven or eight guys that will be drafted this year," Willcox said. "We have three semifinalists for the



Special Photo: Submitted

Georgia Tech freshman pitcher Charlie Willcox, center, poses with teammates Judson Hartwell, left, and Riley Hasenstab after the Yellow Jackets captured the ACC regular-season championship last week in Charlotte, N.C.

Golden Spikes Award."

But Willcox insists Georgia Tech's biggest strength isn't just talent.

"There have been a lot of teams with great talent that didn't make it because the team didn't gel," he said. "At Tech we are all friends. We click. We get along real well. Even when it's not time for prac-

tice or a game, we're hanging out together — playing cards or wiffle ball or something."

That chemistry has helped fuel one of the best seasons in school history.

Still, Willcox knows the postseason can humble even elite teams.

See **STAR** 10A

Texas Tech QB Brendan Sorsby may turn to NFL

By: Jason La Canfora
Sportsboom.com

Texas Tech quarterback Brendan Sorsby lost a request for reinstatement by the NCAA after being stripped of his eligibility for gambling on games, setting up a potential move to the NFL in July.

Sorsby, who has been released from a rehab program for his gambling addiction, would prefer to return to Texas Tech.

The school is appealing the NCAA decision, hoping to be able to have the star on the field this season. If that fails, Sorsby could look to try to play in another league, like the Canadian Football League, which would already be underway, or most likely, he would apply to enter the NFL's supplemental draft.



File Photo

Texas Tech quarterback Brendan Sorsby's request for reinstatement was denied by the NCAA after he lost eligibility because of gambling violations, potentially opening the door to the NFL supplemental draft.

Sorsby has until June 22nd to declare for that, and his gambling addiction would absolutely give NFL teams pause, and the NFL would

have to approve him to take part in the process.

But multiple executives said that Sorsby's talent would lead him to be selected; a team that

took Sorsby in a particular round in the supplemental draft would forfeit that pick in the 2027 spring draft.

How Do NFL Teams Rate Sorsby's Play?

Sorsby has ideal NFL size at 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, more than sufficient athleticism, and good straight-line speed. He isn't a true runner with loose hips who will make defenders miss laterally, but he is big, strong and fast enough.

One scout said the quarterback projected to be in the top five QBs eligible for the 2027 draft if not for the gambling issues, believing he can be a "dependable starter with upside," at the NFL level, noting, "it's an NFL arm, no question about that."

Sorsby's decision-making

See **SORSBY** 10A

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Lynx power past Dream

Field Level Media

Courtney Williams scored 25 points on 10-for-15 shooting, and the Minnesota Lynx pulled away for a 96-81 win over the Atlanta Dream on Wednesday in Minneapolis. Natasha Howard finished with 22 points and eight rebounds for Minnesota (5-2), which avenged a season-opening loss against the Dream. Olivia Miles finished with 16 points and eight assists, Nia Coffey scored 14 points and Kayla McBride chipped in 12. Allisha Gray scored 21 points on 7-for-11 shooting to lead Atlanta (4-2). Naz Hillmon finished with 15 points, and Angel Reese recorded 10 points and eight rebounds. A 13-0 run helped the Lynx

take a commanding lead in the third quarter. The Dream trailed 44-40 after Gray made a 3-pointer off an assist from Reese with 8:56 left in the third. Williams answered with a 3-pointer that started Minnesota's big run. McBride added a layup, Williams made two free throws and Howard sank three consecutive layups to put the Lynx on top 57-40 with 5:28 left in the quarter. By the start of the fourth, Minnesota led 70-56. The Dream trailed by double digits the rest of the way. Minnesota led 23-14 at the end of the first quarter. The Lynx set the tone by scoring the first seven points of the game. Coffey made a 3-pointer and followed up

with a turnaround jump shot, and Williams added a pull-up jump shot to finish the 7-0 run. Minnesota pushed its lead to 20-7 later in the first quarter on a layup by McBride. The Dream scored the final five points of the first quarter on a 3-pointer by Rhyn Howard and a running layup by Sika Kone. In the second quarter, At-

lanta outscored Minnesota 23-19 to further trim the Lynx's lead. Gray and Jordin Canada drained back-to-back 3-pointers to open the period, and Gray and Kone buried back-to-back 3-pointers less than three minutes later to tie the score 26-26. However, the Lynx regrouped and led 42-37 entering half-time.



Special Photo: Jesse Johnson-Imagn Images
Minnesota Lynx guard Olivia Miles celebrates after a basket during the Lynx's 96-81 victory over the Atlanta Dream on Wednesday night in Minneapolis.

Falcons' James Pearce Jr. accepts 1-year intervention program

Field Level Media

Atlanta Falcons linebacker James Pearce Jr. agreed to participate in a one-year intervention program that, if completed successfully, will result in the dismissal of three felony charges, according to multiple reports Tuesday. Pearce, 22, was arrested on Feb. 7 in Doral, Fla., on multiple criminal charges, including felony counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, fleeing police and resisting arrest and a misdemeanor stalking charge. He allegedly crashed his vehicle into a car driven by WNBA player Rickea Jackson, his ex-girlfriend. Jackson accused Pearce of abuse on multiple other occasions and was granted a temporary protective order following his arrest. Pearce accepted the offer



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Atlanta Falcons linebacker James Pearce Jr. has agreed to participate in a one-year intervention program that could result in the dismissal of three felony charges stemming from his February arrest in Florida. Pearce was selected by the Falcons in the first round (26th overall) of the 2025 draft. He finished third in Defensive Rookie of the Year voting after recording 10.5 sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five passes defensed and 26 tackles in 17 games (three starts).

confirmed in February it would review the case according to the league's personal conduct policy, under which a player can receive a baseline of a six-game suspension for acts involving assault, battery or domestic violence. The NFL and the Falcons have not commented publicly on the latest court agreement or the status of the investigation into Pearce's conduct. Pearce's attorney, Yale Sanford, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Tuesday, "He's looking forward to getting back and competing." Pearce was selected by the Falcons in the first round (26th overall) of the 2025 draft. He finished third in Defensive Rookie of the Year voting after recording 10.5 sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, five passes defensed and 26 tackles in 17 games (three starts).

From 9A BLACKWELL

in the classroom," Blackwell said. "I want to push my teammates to be their very best so that we can have a successful season." As for his own offseason goals, Blackwell said he continues working to improve one thing every high-level football player covets — speed. "I want to be faster, because usually the faster guy wins," Blackwell said. "If I can beat that defensive lineman off the

ball, I have a better chance." But after a recruiting rise that carried him from three scholarship offers before Christmas to Clemson by spring, Blackwell already understands that success requires more than speed alone. For Lee County's newest Clemson commit, the path forward is about football, faith, education and becoming the kind of leader he believes his teammates — and his future program — can count on. Carter is the son of Whitney and James Blackwell of Leesburg.

From 9A STAR

"You can't count anybody out," he said. "You look at what happened with Murray State last year and you understand that. Oklahoma is really good. They have a great pitching staff and they are always strong." Personally, the transition to college baseball has been tougher than expected. Willcox made 10 appearances during the regular season, pitching 13 innings without recording a decision. For a pitcher accustomed to dominating hitters throughout high school, the adjustment has tested him mentally as much as physically. "I had a good fall, but this spring has been hard," Willcox admitted. "There have been some ups and downs. Lots of downs. I've never had a season like I had this spring, but I've learned so much since

I've been here." The freshman said veteran teammates have helped younger players navigate those struggles. "One of the great things about being here is that we have older, more-experienced players helping us," Willcox said. "They're checking on us and trying to keep us positive." Now comes the postseason, where pitching depth suddenly becomes critical and opportunities can arrive without warning. "The thing about the playoffs is that you're playing a lot of games," Willcox said. "It's going to come down to the arms. Guys are going to have to step up and step into their roles." And if Georgia Tech needs another arm this weekend, the freshman from Albany who once turned down professional baseball might finally get the moment he came to Atlanta chasing.

From 9A SEC

standards for NIL and athlete compensation. But with proposed federal legislation continuing to stall, conference leaders increasingly sound prepared to consider alternatives. Smart made clear that any future model must protect more than just football. One of his strongest messages Tuesday centered on preserving Olympic sports and maintaining the broader

mission of college athletics. "We fund Olympic sports with our program," Smart said. "We develop Olympians." Smart pushed back against what he described as a growing belief that college athletes are no longer truly students. "I still think the best thing for a young student is to go get a degree and train to be a professional while also training to be a professional athlete," Smart said. "We're going to lose that if we keep spending because not everybody can spend at the rate that we're spending."

From 9A SORSBY

on and off the field is something teams will want to explore, and he has been used almost exclusively in shotgun formations. But another evaluator noted: "It's like getting him a year early (instead of the 2027 building), and no one who takes him is going to expect him to play (in 2026). He's a big kid with an accurate arm and a quick release who can

push the ball down the field." Getting another year to develop in college and try to show he has put his gambling issues behind him (at least for some period of time) would help his overall draft status and could help him max out as a second or third round pick, the scouts thought. He would go later than in the supplemental draft, but it's hard to see all 32 teams passing on him for the totality of that seven-round process. No player has been selected in the supplemental draft since 2019.

Braves' slugger Bob Horner dead at 68

Field Level Media

Bob Horner, a former No. 1 overall pick who went straight to the big leagues and once hit four home runs in a game, died Tuesday at the age of 68. A Kansas native, Horner was drafted first overall by the Atlanta Braves in the 1978 amateur draft out of Arizona State and made his big-league debut about a week later on June 16 at the age of 20 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Horner homered that day off future Hall of Famer Bert Blyleven. Horner hit .266 in 89 games with 23 home runs and 63 RBIs that year and was named the National League Rookie of the Year, beating out of future Hall-of-Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith. On July 6, 1986, Horner blasted four home runs at



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Atlanta Fulton-County Stadium during the Braves' 11-8 loss to the Montreal Expos. Horner is one of 21 players to accomplish that feat and only

Plagued by injuries throughout his career — he appeared in 120 games or more in just five of 10 big-league seasons — Horner, who played most of his career at third base, still managed to hit 218 home runs and slug .499. He was an All-Star in 1982, when he hit 32 home runs with 97 RBIs to help lead the Braves to the National League West Division title. Horner spent nine seasons with the Braves (1978-86) and one year with the St. Louis Cardinals (1988) after playing 1987 with the Yakult Swallows of the Japan Central League, where he hit 31 home runs and batted .327 in 93 games. Horner's passing comes weeks after the loss of former Braves manager Bobby Cox, Horner's first manager, and former owner Ted Turner.

Tony's take: Braves slump, Wemby's rise and lessons from long lines

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Reality. As I sit in a VRBO in Orlando, I am looking forward to a family vacation following my first anniversary at the Albany Area YMCA. My son's two-year-old daughter and the recent gender reveal of our second grandchild will serve as a distraction from running a non-profit. The Braves own the best record (37-18) in MLB and lead the NL East by 8.5 games. It has been a remarkable season to date, but Atlanta fans need to prepare for rough stretches. The MLB season is a marathon and not a sprint, and the Braves have been sprinting since the first pitch of the season. Monday will serve as my back to reality when I return to my office on Gillionville. Following the Nationals series, the Braves may have come back to reality. Atlanta has only lost two series this season to prove this team is mortal. I'm not one to panic, but it will be interesting to see how the Braves respond to recent poor performances at the plate. The Braves own the best team batting average (.260) in MLB, and according to mlb.com, Atlanta is among the highest-scoring teams in baseball, buoyed by their league-leading overall hit rate. For a team that has produced runs at a furious pace, the Nationals limited the Braves' offense to a run in games two and three of the

series. Game two of the series was the fourth shutout of the season, and three of these shutout losses have occurred during a recent scoring slump between May 14th - 24th. The Red Sox, Reds, and Blue Jays are the next three opponents for Atlanta. Only the Reds are playing .500 baseball, so there is an opportunity for Atlanta to get back on track in the win column and ideally begin swinging their sticks as they have most of the season. Despite the recent offensive woes, the Braves' pitching staff has been remarkable this season, despite entering the season with several starters down. According to Baseball-reference.com, Atlanta currently possesses the best pitching staff in MLB, pacing the entire league with a dominant 3.04 Team ERA. The Braves' pitching staff across both the rotation and the bullpen is outperforming the MLB averages in nearly every major statistical category. Towioceo. I know I sound like a broken record. We are experiencing a generational NBA talent. Wemby, Wemby, Wemby - he is from France - not SW Georgia, but now I have your attention. This 22-year-old 7'4" prodigy continues to rewrite the record books. Wemby (the Alien) is the youngest player to ever win the Defensive Player of the Year award; he is also the only unanimous choice for the award. Russell, Rodman, Mutombo, Olajuwon, "the glove", and Wallace - you get the point.

Wemby has now etched another noteworthy statistic as the first player since Bill Walton ('77) to accumulate 300 points | 150 rebounds | 50 blocks in their first post-season since the block became an @nba stat in 1974, reports @espn Michael Wright. Tune into the Western Conference finals. Bold. Theme parks can be loads of fun while creating memories of a lifetime. When our children were young, we made trips to Orlando multiple times. During that time, we opted to stay on-site, which afforded us quick access to the entrance and, more importantly, guest passes as part of the package, bypassing excruciatingly long lines. We could ride multiple times in the time it would take most to ride once. There was a particular roller coaster I had not ridden in 41 years. Two of my sons and I were 10 minutes from boarding when the ride shut down due to mechanical issues. Following a 90-minute wait for the most popular ride at the park, we went back to try again. After a few minutes in line, I encountered a park staffer. I politely told them our experience, and they should consider allowing guest quick access to the front of the line. To our surprise, she scanned our tickets, which allowed us to walk past several hundred people to cut our wait by 50 minutes. I told my sons there is a lesson in this experience. "Fortune favors the bold". I hope they will apply this lesson in life.

FROM THE FIELD: ===== What code inspectors wish homeowners knew

(StatePoint) When homeowners doing work on their property consider a cheaper route, for example, hiring a contractor who doesn't want to pull permits, they may not realize the risk they are taking. But they should know that there is no "undo" button on a disaster.

That's one reason behind the International Code Council (ICC) Building Safety Month, a campaign that reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes, and helps communities understand what it takes to create safe, sustainable structures. As part of the campaign, two seasoned building safety professionals are sharing some important basics they wish homeowners knew.

EGRESS

Albert Joseph Rocco Jr., the deputy building official in the Building Division for the City of Kissimmee, Florida, says one of the most important safety concepts is the "The Path of Egress." Codes require bedroom windows to be a specific size so occupants can escape a fire, and so firefighters can get in while wearing their equipment. "Any modification, like adding bars to windows or changing a floor plan, must preserve that clear path to the outside."

Rocco also recommends keeping the area around bedroom windows clutter-free. "In an emergency, time spent removing items from the exit

something people don't think about until it collapses.

"If you see the wood deteriorate, if it feels soft or is cracking, have a professional check

deck can handle. Homeowners intending to place a hot tub on their deck should check with a licensed professional to verify if additional sup-

porting to Rocco. A tiny drip can lead to structural rot and toxic mold before a spot on the drywall appears. Another is foundation drainage. If soil settles and slopes toward the house, water will eventually undermine the foundation, leading to costly structural failure.

"Beyond structural damage and harmful mold, water intrusion can damage electrical systems, increasing the risk of fire or shock, and it often goes undetected until significant harm has already occurred," says Ryan Smith, the building official for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota.

proved building project. "We don't know if requirements are met, what materials are used, or if there's proper ventilation. Going beyond the scope of what's approved is dangerous," says Smith.

PRODUCTS

"We're seeing products being purchased from Amazon sellers that don't meet minimum code requirements," says Smith. From luxury sinks to bogus smoke detectors, homeowners should ensure any product they purchase is UL listed and approved for use in their jurisdiction.

INTERNATIONAL CODES

ICC's codes and standards play an important role in creating safe, affordable and sustainable structures. Homeowners can read up on I-Codes and consult with a local professional before starting a project to avoid violations.

"When it comes down to it, most people assume that because their home is standing, it is safe. The truth is, electrical systems age, wood rots, and safety devices expire. The most dangerous home is the one where the owner assumes 'it's fine because it's always been that way,'" says Rocco.

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path are valuable seconds that might make the difference."

DECKS AND BALCONIES

Rocco notes that one often-ignored at-home maintenance task is inspecting exterior deck and balcony framing integrity. Deck ledger boards often fail because the connection to the house rots or was never flashed correctly. This is

it out. Basically, if it doesn't look safe, it's probably not," he says. "And pay attention to deck railing to ensure it's not loose. The last thing you want is for a guest to lean on it during a BBQ and fall through to the ground, however far that is."

Rocco also warns that decks must be used safely. For example, a hot tub filled with water may be heavier than a

port will be needed. Also, it's not recommended to cook on decks with roofs. "BBQ fires can happen easily if left unattended. If those flames get hot and high enough, your steak won't be the only thing burnt," says Rocco.

WATER INTRUSION

Slow plumbing leaks are the biggest "snowball" culprits, ac-

VENTS

Smith reminds homeowners that snow buildup on the side of the house can plug up vents and turn off the furnace. "You have to clear snow around the furnace vents – and if they turn off, that is the first place to check."

SCOPE

Homeowners should never go beyond the scope of an ap-



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Stay safe at home: Expert tips from building safety professionals

which can cause carbon monoxide buildup inside the home," said Flynn. "Check and see if it's knocked over or contact a mechanical contractor to check it out."

2. Follow Applicable Building Codes. Following building codes during DIY projects can prevent costly safety issues. Ashley Bassoco has seen a lot of questionable DIY projects as a Code Enforcement Officer I for the City of Yucaipa, California. She recalls visiting homes in which the owner added or moved a gas line using regular PVC material and ran it across their backyard to an unpermitted accessory dwelling unit (ADU). She also once had to "red tag" a home (indicating it's no longer safe for occupancy) after discovering a crutch holding up one side of an unpermitted garage. Some of the biggest dangers came when reluctant property owners neglected to make necessary repairs.

"I've seen people who don't want to fix a leak, but then it turns into mold," said Bassoco. "Then one night, their whole ceiling falls in on them."

3. Check Every Filter. Most people know that they need to regularly change their furnace filter, but they may not realize their home has other filters that need changing.

"The equipment in your home may be substantially different from another house. Knowing

how your house works is important," said Don Sivigny, Supervisor of Education, Rules, Codes and Grants programs at the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

4. Don't Remove Fire Separation Walls. Jonah Michaels, Commercial Plans Examiner for the City of St. George, Utah, saw what might happen if a homeowner expanded their living space into an attached garage without understanding building codes and without the assistance of building safety professionals. "Their hybrid car caught fire and the owner had taken down the fire separation wall," Michaels recalled. "Everyone made it out safely, but the fire caused damage to both the house and the garage."

The fire separation wall wouldn't have stopped the fire, but it could have helped contain it, potentially minimizing the overall damage.

5. Don't Tap into City Power Lines. Most people are unqualified to install new electricity lines, but there are some who try or simply don't want to spend money hiring a professional.

"I've seen people tap into city power lines and put in their own power source," said Bassoco. "I've seen them hold up the power lines with blocks in the backyard or across the roof and tie those lines into backyard lights. This is seri-

ous because an electrical issue can kill everyone in a house."

6. Have an Unobstructed Escape Route. This is an easy one to overlook, especially when staying somewhere temporarily. Whether bunking with a friend, staying in a hotel, or moving into a new dwelling, quickly familiarize yourself with your environment.

"Everybody's tendency is to go out the way they came in. Knowing other ways out, and the quickest way out, can make a huge difference," said Sivigny.

7. Don't Let Unpermitted ADUs Ruin Your Home. Building safety professionals agree you must get a permit for every ADU and advise against buying properties containing unpermitted ADUs.

"When buying a house, contact the local building department and find out if any past permits for the house were pulled for any additions or remodels. It's good to know if the house has an unpermitted addition with potential issues," Michaels advised.

8. Don't Take Shortcuts. Be sure to use quality products intended for the task at hand. According to Bassoco, the money you save today could be far less than the cost and hassle you'll incur tomorrow.

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Preventing sunburn starts with limiting UV exposure. You can do this by spending less time in direct sun, using broad-spectrum sunscreen, and wearing protective clothing.

ATONEMENT FOR THE 'SINS' OF BEING OUTDOORS

By Tom Seegmueler
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ALBANY – If you believe the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and spend time outdoors in southwest Georgia during the summer, you may wonder why Pope Gregory I stopped at seven deadly sins. If he had added sunburn, cataracts, heat stroke, dehydration, itching, and drowning, the list would total 13 hazards to avoid.

Unfortunately, many Baby Boomers and Gen X adults are now experiencing the consequences of years spent in the sun without protection. Younger generations are generally more aware of the risks. We now know that repeated sunburn causes more than temporary pain and redness.

Sunburn occurs after excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) light. Mild to moderate cases can cause redness, pain, and skin that feels hot to the touch. Symptoms usually begin to improve after about three days or so. However, the long-term effects can include premature wrinkles, age spots, and a higher risk of skin cancer.

Preventing sunburn starts with limiting UV exposure. Outdoors enthusiasts can do this by spending less time in direct sun, using broad-spectrum sunscreen, and wearing protective clothing. If possible, avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when UV exposure is strongest. Apply broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher to all exposed skin 15 to 30 minutes before going outside.

Whenever possible, do outdoor activities in natural shade. When shade is not naturally available, consider using umbrellas and other portable sun

shelter to reduce direct UV exposure. Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, and wide-brimmed hats instead of caps to protect the face, ears, and neck from direct UV exposure.

Many brands of outdoor clothing now include broad spectrum UV protection. Clothing is measured by Ultraviolet Protection Factors (UPF). A UPF factor of 50+ blocks UV radiation. The clothing offers numerous benefits over sunscreen, including 100% coverage. It does not need to be reapplied and continues to offer protection when wet.

Beyond wrinkles and skin cancer UV exposure is one of the leading and most preventable environmental risks associated with cataracts. Long-term exposure to UVB accelerates the breakdown of lens proteins in the eye, leading to earlier cataract formation.

Heatstroke is a serious condition that occurs when the body overheats. This generally happens due to exposure to high temperatures or prolonged physical exertion in conjunction with high temperatures. Heatstroke happens when core body temperature reaches 104° F. If it's not treated, heatstroke can cause damage to the heart, brain, kidneys, and muscles.

Signs of heatstroke include confusion, agitation, irritability, slurred speech, and seizures. Nausea, flushed skin, change in perspiration including dry skin, headache, and rapid pulse or breathing are also signs of heat stress or heatstroke. Extreme cases can result in unconsciousness or coma.

The best way to prevent heatstroke is to keep the body from overheating by staying cool, shaded and paying attention to early warning signs. Avoid

working during the hottest periods of the day. Wear lightweight, loose clothing, and avoid dark colors. Avoid sunburn as this affects the body's natural cooling process. Acclimate to working in summer temperatures by gradually increasing the workload over a period of time. Staying hydrated so the body can produce sweat to regulate temperature is essential.

Dehydration occurs when a body loses more fluids and electrolytes than it is capable of replacing. Symptoms of dehydration are similar to heatstroke, and it is especially dangerous in children and older people. The best way to avoid dehydration is to drink plenty of fluids.

A body is also losing critical minerals and electrolytes through these processes, and they must be replaced as well. A healthy diet is necessary for adequate replacement, and this can be supplemented by sports drinks, gummies, and other dietary additives.

Drink fluids throughout the day, beginning with a cup of water before exertion and another half-cup every 10-15 minutes while working or exercising. However, avoid or limit alcohol and caffeinated drinks as they are diuretics that accelerate actual fluid loss, increasing the process of dehydration. These practices will also help regulate your heart rate and body temperature.

Although not generally associated with life threatening consequences, itching can lead people to wish they were dead. Insects and poisonous plants are the two main causes of itching related to outdoors activities. Wearing light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants are effective in reduc-

ing the itching associated with both causes.

Mosquitoes, horseflies, deer flies, ticks, and other insects can cause varying levels of pain and suffering to individuals participating in summer outdoors activities. Although gnats do not sting, their ability to irritate people are dramatically disproportionate to their size. Clothing treated with permethrin can now be purchased for added protection under a number of labels. Additional protection can be achieved using a variety of natural and chemical spray repellents.

Poison ivy is the most prevalent cause of plant-based itching and is so insidious that a popular song by the Coasters pays homage to the plant. Poison oak also contains urushiol, the same toxin found in poison ivy. Exposure to either is one outdoors calamity that does not require a doctor's diagnosis. The rapidly spreading rash with blisters is self-evident and will generally go away on its own after two to three weeks.

However, the itching will force affected individuals to seek relief through a variety of over-the-counter remedies. Cortizone 10 and Calamine lotion are two topical applications offering relief.

Drowning accounts for approximately 75 to 80% of boating deaths annually in the United States. In Georgia, the statistics are about the same with between 15 and 20 boating-related drownings annually. Unfortunately, the ability to swim does not guarantee survival in boating accidents. Most of these deaths were avoidable if the boaters who died had been wearing a personal flotation device.

Registration for quota hunts in Georgia starts June 1



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ALBANY – The Georgia Department of Natural Resources provides hunters with the opportunity to hunt more than a million acres of public land. If that isn't impressive enough, DNR has a way of sweetening the pot.

"Having quota hunts allows us to offer a wide variety of high-quality hunts year after year," Tina Johannsen, the assistant chief of the DNR's Game Management Section, said.

Electronic registration for the 2026-2027 quota hunts begins on June 1.

Quota hunts are scheduled events held on Wildlife Management Areas or other state-managed properties during which a limited number of hunters are allowed to participate. Quota levels, such as the number or type of hunters who can participate and the harvest limit, are carefully set to provide a quality hunt, minimize crowding, and pro-

tect game populations.

Selected hunters must be properly licensed to participate in a quota hunt. To apply, potential participants should visit GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, select "Quota Hunts" and follow the steps to complete an application. Applicants should be sure their email is current and correct to receive quota updates, confirmations or any further notices about quota hunts.

Those with additional questions may call (800) 366-2661 to receive assistance.

Application deadlines vary depending on the hunt type. The first deadlines are July 15 for alligator, Aug. 15 for dove (including adult/child hunts), and Sept. 1 for most types of deer hunts (including youth hunts). Youths must be 15 or under to apply for youth quota hunts.

For all quota hunt deadlines, selection odds and more, visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/hunting/quota.



Special Photo

Saltwater fishermen and duck hunters have been drawn to Darien for decades.

Historic Darien on the Georgia coast has something for everyone

By Tom Seegmueler
news@albanyherald.com

DARIEN – Saltwater fishermen and duck hunters have been drawn to Darien for decades. The recent addition of boutique hotel accommodations, a local brewery and diverse dining and entertainment opportunities have increased this working waterfront community's appeal as a unique travel destination on the Georgia coast. While Savannah, which was established in 1733, boasts of being Georgia's oldest city, the citizens of Darien boast of an earlier hold on the Georgia coast when Fort King George was established 12 years earlier on the colonial Spanish border at the location now known as Darien.

The town was founded in 1736 by Scottish Highlanders recruited by Gen. James Oglethorpe to settle the region and protect it from the forces of France and Spain as well as their Native American allies. The Scottish settlers would go on to build several forts in the area, including Ft. Fredrica on St Simons Island.

Anyone interested in Colonial, Antebellum, and Civil War history and architecture

can find evidence of these periods throughout Darien and the surrounding coastal region. Whether adventurers are looking for a weekend getaway or a base of operations for a longer stay on the Georgia coast, Darien has a lot to offer.

In the early part of the 19th century, the city was one of the wealthiest towns on the East Coast due to the rice and timber industries established there. As a result, it had political and economic influence well beyond its size and population.

On June 11, 1863, Union troops stationed on St Simons Island looted and destroyed much of the town and evidence of their actions are still clearly visible today.

Activities in and around Darien range from exploring antiques shops and art galleries to boat tours and fishing. Historic sites include Fort King George, Butler Island Plantation, Ashantilly Center, and the Old Jail Art Center & Museum as well as trips to the nearby barrier islands in the region.

For more information go to <https://darienmcintoshchamber.com>.

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Estate Sales

Mortgage for Sale. This is the last asset in an old estate and the out-of-state Executor wants to sell it, so that he can close the estate. It is a 2023 mortgage and has always been paid on time. The monthly payment is \$800 and the outstanding balance now is approximately \$79,500. The interest rate is 9.5%. We have a recent appraisal of the residence for \$91,400. More details will be available to a serious possible buyer. If you need more earnings on your savings than a 3.6% savings account, contact Michael Hall, Hall & Williamson, attorneys for the estate at 229-888-6872.

Good Things to Eat

BLUEBERRIES U-Pick \$10
 We Pick \$20 per gal. 2730 Leary Rd, Albany Mon-Sat 7am-7pm. May 30-July 4
 FMI 229-869-1409 Barry

Miscellaneous for sale

Attn: Bargain hunter & resalers. New & used items. Call for list & prices: 229-436-9471. Leave a message for a callback.

Albany Legals

Construction/Service Bids

A-529
 INVITATION TO BID
 DOCO HVAC Judicial Building
 BID REF. #26-059
 Sealed bids will be received, on behalf of Dougherty County, by City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM on June 29, 2026. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on June 4, at the Procurement division office. A 5% Bid Bond is required of all bidders. Bid documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Destin Adams, Buyer I, at dadams@albanyga.gov. \byl Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer
 May 30, 2026

A-505
 INVITATION TO BID
 DOCO HVAC Health Department
 BID REF. #26-058
 Sealed bids will be received, on behalf of Dougherty County, by City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM on June 22, 2026. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on May 29, at the Procurement division office. A 5% Bid Bond is required of all bidders. Bid documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia

Construction/Service Bids

Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Destin Adams, Buyer I, at dadams@albanyga.gov. \byl Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer
 May 30, 2026

Alcoholic Beverages

A-488
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR, BEER AND WINE LICENSE
 Notice is hereby given that **Ranjanbaeini N. Patel**, doing business as **Shivnarayan 2026 Inc.**, located at **17636 N Highland Avenue, Arlington, GA 39813**, has made application for an **Alcoholic Beverage License** for the **on-premises consumption sale of beer** for consideration and approval by the appropriate governing authority.
 Citizens wishing to give written or oral comment should be present at the Council meeting at the Jimmie C. Harpe Community Center on 2nd Tuesday of the month, June 9, 2026 at 7:00pm.
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR, BEER AND WINE LICENSE
 Notice is hereby given that **Parizianz Lounge**, doing business as **Parizianz Lounge**, located at **1900 Liberty Expressway, Albany, GA 31705**, has made application for an **Alcoholic Beverage License** for the **on-premises consumption sale of beer** for consideration and approval by the appropriate governing authority.
 This notice shall be published in the Albany Herald on May 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 2026, in compliance with applicable law.
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

A-438
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Sarah Johnston 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 1st day of May, 2026.
 Joyce Johnston Sadler
 Delores Johnston Zeigler
 Administrators of the Estate of Sarah Johnston
 c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
 314 W. Residence Ave.
 Albany, GA 31701
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-450
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Vernon Carson Williams 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 6th day of May, 2026.
 Vernadette Marisa Williams, Executor of the Estate of Vernon Carson Williams
 c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
 314 W. Residence Ave.
 Albany, GA 31701
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-498
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Kenderion Hill 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 19th day of May, 2026.
 Tango Hill, Executor of the Estate of Kenderion Hill
 c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
 314 W. Residence Ave.
 Albany, GA 31701
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-514
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Bebe Annice Watson 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 26th day of May 2026.
 Bandi Watson Nason, Administrator of the Estate of Bebe Annice Watson
 c/o S. Tanner Lowe, Esq.
 314 W. Residence Ave.
 Albany, GA 31701
 May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2026

A-481
NOTICE
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 NOTICE is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Lucy Hoffman Miller, 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 12th day of May, 2026.
 Stephanie Miller Kosloske, Executor
 Kirby & Kirby, P.C.
 P. O. Box 70519
 Albany, GA 31708-0519
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

A-491
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 IN RE: ESTATE OF RANDY MICHAEL HENRY, DECEASED

Debtors & Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Randy Michael Henry, 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 Co-Executor of the Estate of Randy Michael Henry
 This 15th day of May, 2026.
 Amanda Sue Moore, Co-Executor of the Randy Michael Henry Estate
 PO Box 324
 Tuscarawas, Ohio 44682
 or
 Brandi Michelle Henry, Co-Executor of the Randy Michael Henry Estate
 PO Box 66
 Sale City, Georgia 31784
 or
 Joshua Carl Henry, Co-Executor of the Randy Michael Henry Estate
 15 Covey Cave Drive
 Dawson, Georgia 39842
 or
 MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
 2829 Old Dawson Road
 Post Office Drawer 71727
 Albany, Georgia 31708-1727 (229) 888-3338
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-496
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
 All creditors of the estate of SUSIE LYNNETTE JORDAN MULLINS, deceased, late of said State and County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor.
 This 19th day of May, 2026.
 To be published: Four consecutive Saturdays
 Julie Hamby, as Executor of the Estate of Susie Lynnette Jordan Mullins, deceased c/o Perry & Walters, LLP
 Post Office Box 71209
 Albany, Georgia 31708
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-486
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA,
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 All creditors of the Estate of Roger L. Drake, Sr. deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
 This 13th day of May, 2026.
 Christopher Drake and Ray D. Drake,
 Successor Co-Executors of the Estate of Roger L. Drake
 1701 Lowell Ln.
 Albany, GA 31707
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

A-382
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Ganiyu Titilayo Oladunjoye, DECEASED
 All creditors of the estate of Ganiyu Titilayo Oladunjoye, 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 me.
 Busurat K. Oladunjoye, Administrator of Ganiyu Titilayo Oladunjoye, deceased
 3907 Edith Drive
 Albany, GA 31721
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-485
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA,
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 All creditors of the Estate of Annette Harris Bullard 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 13th day of May, 2026.
 Charita Bullard,
 Executrix of the Estate of Annette Harris Bullard
 2368 Hannon Hill Dr.
 Tallahassee, FL 32309
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

A-457
 STATE OF GEORGIA,
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 All creditors of the Estate of Edwina Drinkwater 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 6th day of May, 2026.
 Valerie Powell,
 Administrator of the Estate of Edwina Drinkwater
 1705 Lowell Rd.
 Albany, GA 31707
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-504
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA,
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 All creditors of the Estate of Edwina Drinkwater 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 23rd day of May, 2026.
 Michael C. Hall,
 Administrator of the Estate of Robert Wayne Skaggs P.O. Drawer 70639
 Albany, Georgia 31708-0639
 Hall & Williamson, P.C.
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-493
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
 All creditors of the estate of LOUIE LAMB, SR., late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law,
 and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 18th day of May, 2026
 Louie Lamb, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Louie Lamb, Sr., deceased
 c/o David W. Orlovski
 1604 W. Third Avenue
 Albany, GA 31707
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 18th day of May, 2026
 Louie Lamb, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Louie Lamb, Sr., deceased
 c/o David W. Orlovski
 1604 W. Third Avenue
 Albany, GA 31707
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-447
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
 All creditors of the Estate of Anne C. Wilson, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 5th day of May 2026.
 Georgeanne K. McPeters
 Executrix of the Estate of Anne C. Wilson
 c/o DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
 600 N. Jackson Street
 Albany, GA 31701
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-446
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
 All creditors of the Estate of John L. Glover, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 5th day of May 2026.
 Becky E. Dixon and Mavis L. Dunahoo
 Executors of the Estate of John L. Glover
 c/o DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
 600 N. Jackson Street
 Albany, GA 31701
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

Divorces

A-477
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
HERLINDA CARRETO DIAZ, Petitioner VS. MIGUEL ESCOBAR CABRERA, Respondent.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: SUVCV2025001281
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
 To: Miguel Escobar Cabrera Guatemala
 By Order for Service by Publication dated **22nd** day of **April, 2026**. You are hereby notified that on the 22nd day of December 2025, the Petitioner filed suit against you for Divorce.
 You are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, and to serve upon the Petitioner Herlinda Carreto Diaz at this address: 211 Pine Bluff Rd Lot 72, Albany, GA 31705, and answer to the Petition for Divorce within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of notice.
 Witness the Honorable **Denise Marshall**, Judge of this Court. This **22nd** day of **April, 2026**.
 Phylis N Johnson
 Clerk, Superior Court of Dougherty County
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

A-437
Dougherty COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
 Petitioner: Patricia Davis V.
 Respondent: Quavan Davis
 Civil Action Case Number: 26-CV-369-7
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
 TO: Quavan Davis, Respondent
 Named Above:
 This notice has been published to let you know that a Complaint For Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on April 16, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on April 22, 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 200 Arbor Ct Albany, GA 31705. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Complaint for Divorce.
 This 22nd day of April, 2026.
 Whitney Williams, Dep.
 Dougherty County Superior Court
 State of Georgia
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-436
 SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
 Case No. S26B1012
 March 17, 2026
 The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.
 The following order was passed:
IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH PRYOR DURHAM, JR.
 Joseph Pryor Durham, Jr. (State Bar No. 235524) died on March 4, 2026, and has no partner, associate or other appropriate representative available to notify his clients of his death and protect their interests. As such, Durham is an Absent Attorney as defined in Bar Rule 4-228(a). On March 13, 2026, the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia petitioned for the appointment of a receiver pursuant to Bar Rule 4-228. Under that rule, the appointment of a receiver is appropriate, and it is therefore ordered that Beau Tillman Shrable (State Bar No. 453977), who is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing, be appointed as a receiver of Durham's client files and records, trust and escrow accounts, any other accounts containing clients funds, and that he notify Durham's clients about how to retrieve their files and funds. It is further ordered that Shrable be granted immunity from suit for any conduct undertaken in the course of his official duties, such immunity being the type of immunity ordinarily granted to a receiver under Bar Rule 4-228(j).
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
 Clerk's Office, Atlanta
 I certify that the above is a true

Miscellaneous

A-506
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION AIR PROTECTION BRANCH
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
 NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT
 To All Interested Parties:
 The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue a Title V Air Quality Operating Permit to The Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company, Albany (P&G). The facility is located at 512 Liberty Expressway SE, Albany, Georgia. The primary purpose of this permit is to identify and consolidate existing State and Federal air requirements applicable to P&G and to provide practical methods for determining compliance with these requirements. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is preparing Title V Operating Permits in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.
 P&G manufactures... retail paper products, such as tissue paper and paper towels, through pre-supplied pulp.
 The draft permit and all information used to develop the draft permit are

Miscellaneous

available for review. This includes the application and all other relevant materials available to the permitting authority. This information is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. All visits to EPD's offices are by appointment only. To set an appointment, email askped@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies of the draft permit, explanatory narrative, and associated permit application may also be requested by contacting Steve Allison, steve.allison2@dnr.ga.gov. Copies of the draft permit, narrative, and permit application will be available through our internet site https://epd.georgia.gov/draft-title-v-permits/amendments. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia.
 You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Title V Air Quality Operating Permit. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Title V Operating Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address, or via email [preferred] to air-permits.comments@dnr.ga.gov (email comments must include the facility name and "Air Permit" in subject line). Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper before close of business at 4:30 p.m. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Title V permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.
 Any requests for a public hearing must be made within the 30-day public comment period. A request for a hearing should be in writing and should specify, in as much detail as possible, the air quality related issues that constitute the basis for the request. Where possible, the individual making the request should also identify the portion(s) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and/or the Federal Rules that the individual making the request is concerned may not have been adequately incorporated into the draft permit. If a public hearing on the draft Title V Operating Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided in a subsequent, separate public notice. At that hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft Title V permit. During the Division's decision-making procedures to issue the Title V permit, any information received during a public hearing will be considered together with information received during the comment period. The Division conducts public hearings in "virtual" format using Zoom meeting applications.
 Following this 30 day public comment period, the draft permit will undergo a 45 day review by U.S. EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA's review period can be found on their website at http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/georgia-proposed-title-v-permits. After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue the Title V Operating Permit. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, comments received, EPD's responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review at the office of the Air Protection Branch by appointment only. A summary of comments and any changes made to the final permit will be found in an addendum to the narrative. A copy of this narrative and the final Title V permit will be added to the information already available at the internet address given above.
 For additional information, contact the manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information. You can sign up to receive weekly emails regarding Air Public Notices at https://epd.georgia.gov/subscribe-air-protection-branch-updates.
 May 30, 2026

A-476
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
 TyLeyn Kior Hamilton., Minor child(ren)
 Civil Action File No. 26CV354-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 I, Shakiera L Hammond, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 10th day of April, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
 Current Name of Child: TyLeyn Kior Hamilton
 Date of Birth: 12-11-25
 Proposed New Name: TyLeyn Kior Hammond
 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 10th day of April, 2026.
 Shakiera L. Hammond
 Petitioner pro se
 2519 Crescent Drive
 Albany, GA 31705
 229-583-5813
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In re the name change of:
 Catlina Leon Loud
 Civil Action File No. 26SUCV443-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 I, Catlina Leon Loud, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 11th day of May, 2026 to change my name from Catlina Leon Loud to Leon Catlin Loud. 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 May, 2026.
 Catlina Loud, Petitioner
 1409 Greenbrier Court
 Albany, GA 31705
 229-815-6959
 May 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 2026

A-449
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
 Mauro Perez Cabrera Jr., Minor child(ren)
 Civil Action File No. 26CV-423-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 I, Mauro Perez Gomez, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 5th day of May, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
 Current Name of Child: Mauro Perez Cabrera Jr.
 Date of Birth: 03-23-23
 Proposed New Name: Mauro Jr. Perez Cabrera
 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 5th day of May, 2026.
 Mauro Perez Gomez
 Petitioner pro se
 211 Pinebluff Road Lot 227
 Albany, GA 31705
 229-349-3696
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-489
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, IN RE: the name change of the child, THIAGO ELIAM VAIL DIAZ, a minor child, Civil Action File No.: SUVCV2026000375 V.J.
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD.
 BRENDA ARACELY VAIL DIAZ and RUDY ANSELMO CHE XOL, filed this Petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, on the 23rd day of June, 2026, to change the name of the minor child as follows: Current Name of Child: THIAGO ELIAM VAIL DIAZ, Year of birth: 2025; Proposed New Name: THIAGO ELIAM CHE VAIL. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. §19-12-1(f)(2) and (3). This 14th day of May, 2026. Brenda Aracely Vail Diaz and Rudy Anselmo Che Xol, Petitioners.
 By Kimberly D. Lamb
 Brimberry Kaplan & Brimberry, P.C.
 P. O. Box 1805
 Albany, GA 31702
 (229) 436-0537
 May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-436
 SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA
 Case No. S26B1012
 March 17, 2026
 The Honorable Supreme Court met pursuant to adjournment.
 The following order was passed:
IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH PRYOR DURHAM, JR.
 Joseph Pryor Durham, Jr. (State Bar No. 235524) died on March 4, 2026, and has no partner, associate or other appropriate representative available to notify his clients of his death and protect their interests. As such, Durham is an Absent Attorney as defined in Bar Rule 4-228(a). On March 13, 2026, the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Georgia petitioned for the appointment of a receiver pursuant to Bar Rule 4-228. Under that rule, the appointment of a receiver is appropriate, and it is therefore ordered that Beau Tillman Shrable (State Bar No. 453977), who is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing, be appointed as a receiver of Durham's client files and records, trust and escrow accounts, any other accounts containing clients funds, and that he notify Durham's clients about how to retrieve their files and funds. It is further ordered that Shrable be granted immunity from suit for any conduct undertaken in the course of his official duties, such immunity being the type of immunity ordinarily granted to a receiver under Bar Rule 4-228(j).
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
 Clerk's Office, Atlanta
 I certify that the above is a true

A-448
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: KEITHRICK DONELL WILLIAMS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-065
 Crystal N. Williams has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **KEITHRICK DONELL WILLIAMS**, 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 **June 8, 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

Probate Court Administration
A-500
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: BARBARA TURNER
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-180
 Shamille "Nichole" Edmonson has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of **BARBARA TURNER**, 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 **June 22, 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

Miscellaneous

extract from the minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.
 Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto affixed the day and year last above written.
 Thrice S Banne
 Clerk
 Shrable Law Firm - (229) 349-6291
 May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

Name Changes
A-476
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
 TyLeyn Kior Hamilton., Minor child(ren)
 Civil Action File No. 26CV354-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 I, Shakiera L Hammond, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 10th day of April, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
 Current Name of Child: TyLeyn Kior Hamilton
 Date of Birth: 12-11-25
 Proposed New Name: TyLeyn Kior Hammond
 Any interested or affected party has

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or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you were served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia 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 no objection is 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

May 30, June 6, 2026

Probate Court Misc.

A-460
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBBIE ANN HORNE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ES-163
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS
NOTICE
Leonard E. Horne, III, 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 **June 8, 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. Leisa G. Blount Judge of the Probate Court Dougherty County Probate Court 225 Pine Ave, Suite 123 Albany, GA 31702 229-431-2102 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

Probate Court 12 mth Support

A-443
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: MILLIE NEAL PAGE
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-397
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of Heidit Neal Page for a year's support from the estate of MILLIE NEAL PAGE, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **June 3, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Leisa G. Blount Judge, Probate Court Dougherty County, GA P.O. Box 1827 Albany, GA 31702 (229) 431-2102
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-429
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: JAMES ARTHUR COX
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-154
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of Elizabeth Ann Cox for a year's support from the estate of JAMES ARTHUR COX, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **June 2, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Leisa G. Blount Judge, Probate Court Dougherty County, GA P.O. Box 1827 Albany, GA 31702 (229) 431-2102
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

A-458
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: RONALD B. BURKE
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-166
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of Wylean M. Burke for a year's support from the estate of RONALD B. BURKE, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **June 8, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed

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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
May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

Public Hearings

A-507
Notice of Regional Hearing
Please be advised that the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission will host a regional hearing to brief the public on the Regional Work Program to update contents and allow the public to comment on the proposed draft. The public hearing will be held Friday, June 5, 2026, beginning at 10:00 AM, in the Large Conference Room at: Southwest Georgia Regional Commission 181 East Broad Street Camilla, GA 31730 A copy of the draft Community Work Program is available for review on our website at www.swgrc.org/regional-plans. Please feel free to contact Barbara Reddick at breddick@swgrc.org if there are any questions or comments.
May 30, 2026

A-518
PUBLIC HEARING
June 30, 2026
In compliance with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations, the Housing Authority of the City of Albany will be holding a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the draft Annual Public Housing Agency Plan for FY2026. The Plan will be made available for public review on June 9, 2026, via hard copy format at our office located at 521 Pine Avenue, Albany, GA Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. The proposed changes and policies will be effective August 1, 2027 upon approval by the Board of Commissioners during their regularly scheduled meeting to be held in July 2026.

The period for submitting written comments about the proposed policy is June 9, 2026 and ending at 9:00am on June 23, 2026 during regular business hours. The public hearing is scheduled for June 30 at 5:00pm at: HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, GEORGIA ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ATTN: Chief Executive Officer 521 PINE AVENUE ALBANY, GA 31702 Questions may be addressed to Deneshia Taylor-Nance at (229) 434-4500 or dnance@albanyha.com
May 30, 2026

Public Sales/ Auctions

A-508
Miles towing & recovery Abandon motor vehicle advertisement notice
Vehicle make- GMC Model- Acadia Year 2017 Vin-16KK0LSTH7227936 License # V3702 V State- NY
Your are here by notified in accordance with oga 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.
May 30, June 6, 2026

A-404
Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Monday, June 15, 2026
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
117 Lonnie Green: Boxes, kids battery car, tools, tires & misc.
324 Ann Hicks: Boxes, furniture, cooler, chest & misc. 329 Ann Hicks: Boxes, dolly, totes & misc.
331 Janet Jediny: Furniture, refrigerator, exercise bike, boxes & misc.
740 Baily Earnest: Mattress, boxspring, chair, appliance & misc.
May 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-509
Paint Pro Towing, LLC
2804 Wilmar Lane
Albany, Ga. 31707
Wednesday, June 10, 2026
10:00-2:00
1.) 2019 Hyundai Tucson Case # 2026-94AV
Vin # KM8J23A49KU914983
2.) 2005 Subaru Forester Case # 2026-93AV
Vin # JF1SG67685H74397
May 30, June 6, 2026

A-502
PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION
6-15-2026 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Strums Elite Towing & Recovery 2800 Phillips Dr ALBANY, GA 31721 229-319-5924
IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTION 40-11-02, FIFTY-FOUR (54) ABANDONED, WRECKED AND STOLEN VEHICLES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. TERMS OF PAYMENT: CASH, CASHIERS CHECK OR PERSONAL CHECK WITH LETTER OF CREDIT FROM YOUR BANK. 7% CAR PREMIUM CHARGE ON EACH PURCHASE. ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE: You are hereby, in accordance with

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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.

Year: 2025
Vehicle: Freightliner
Model:Cascadia
Vin: 3AKJHHDR1SSVZ3791

Year: 2015
Vehicle: Jeep
Model:Cherokee
Vin: 1C4PJMCB4FV687862

Year: 2021
Vehicle: MATERIAL HANDLING OF GEORGIA
Model:Car Carrier 20'
Vin:4M9BU2021MA152780
Type: Trailer

Year: 2022
Vehicle: Hyundai
Model: Translead
Vin: 3H3V532K0NJ345447

Year: 2022
Vehicle: Kia
Model:K5
Vin: 5XXG64J22NG164635

Year: 2018
Vehicle:Chevrolet
Model: Equinox
Vin: 2GNAXJEV5J6270870

Year: 2011
Vehicle:Chevrolet
Model:Impala
Vin: 2G1WB5EK5B1141996

Year: 2015
Vehicle:GMC
Model:YukonXL
Vin:1GKS1HKC3FR293381

Year: 2008
Vehicle:Audi
Model:A4
Vin: WAUJAF78E88A045945

Year: 2010
Vehicle:FORD
Model:F350
Vin:1FTWW3DR4AE79499
May 30, June 6, 2026

Foreclosures

A-526
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702, 229-431-2130, Petitioner, vs.

LOT 10, COACHMAN PARK ADDITION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 511 LOUIS AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA, JESSE E. GADSON, OR HIS ESTATE AND ANY OF HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000483
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE
To Whom It May Concern, and to those Respondents named above: Take notice pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78(f), that Shonna Colley Josey, solely in her capacity as the Tax Director for Dougherty County, Georgia filed the above-styled petition on May 22, 2026, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Albany, Georgia, seeking authority to conduct an in rem foreclosure for failure of the payment of ad valorem taxes due for the years 1992 through 2025 in the amount of \$9,056.76 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of April 21, 2026) for real property located at the address identified above. The applicable parcel identification number is 0000100033/010. A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026. PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.
By: S/Stephen G. Gunby
Stephen G. Gunby
Ga. Bar No.: 315212
Attorneys for Dougherty County Tax Director

A-523
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702 229-431-2130, Petitioner, vs.
LOT 62, WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 1400 WHISPERING PINES ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA, GREENLEE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, HORACE W. MUSGROVE AND MARK COHEN, OR THEIR ESTATE AND ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000477
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE
To Whom It May Concern, and to those Respondents named above: Take notice pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78(f), that Shonna Colley Josey, solely in her capacity as the Tax Director for Dougherty County, Georgia filed the above-styled petition on May 22, 2026, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Albany, Georgia, seeking authority to conduct an in rem foreclosure for failure of the payment of ad valorem taxes due for the years 2023 through 2025 in the amount of \$1,427.23 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of April 21, 2026) for real property located at the address identified above. The applicable parcel identification number is 0000N00027/066. A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026. PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.
By: S/Stephen G. Gunby
Stephen G. Gunby
Ga. Bar No.: 315212
Attorneys for Dougherty County Tax Director

A-530
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from RICKY T BOGES to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF GEORGIA, LLC, dated June 14, 2019, recorded June 18, 2019, in Book 4611, Page 37-53, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$17,826.00), 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 Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 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

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CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 25 OF AUBUBON PLANTATION, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE C-13(A), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 120 MOSSYDALE LN, 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; 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 RICKY T BOGES, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lubin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: M & T Bank, Loss Mitigation Dept., 1100 WEHRLER DRIVE, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221, Telephone Number: 1-800-724-1633. 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 RICKY T BOGES
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 Lubin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. MTB-26-0190-1 rlselaw.com/petitioner-listing
May 30, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

A-521
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702 229-431-2130, Petitioner, vs.

LOT 8, ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 2914 LEARY ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA, EDWARD EUGENE DAVIS AND ANNELLE STRAWDER DAVIS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000477
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE
To Whom It May Concern, and to those Respondents named above: Take notice pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78(f), that Shonna Colley Josey, solely in her capacity as the Tax Director for Dougherty County, Georgia filed the above-styled petition on May 22, 2026, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Albany, Georgia, seeking authority to conduct an in rem foreclosure for failure of the payment of ad valorem taxes due for the years 2021 through 2025 in the amount of \$14,884.24 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of March 20, 2026) for real property located at the address identified above. The applicable parcel identification number is 00311/00001/004. A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026. PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.
By: S/Stephen G. Gunby
Stephen G. Gunby
Ga. Bar No.: 315212
Attorneys for Dougherty County Tax Director

A-520
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702 229-431-2130, Petitioner, vs.
LOT 9, ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 2916 LEARY ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA, EDWARD EUGENE DAVIS AND ANNELLE STRAWDER DAVIS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000478
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE
To Whom It May Concern, and to those Respondents named above: Take notice pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78(f), that Shonna Colley Josey, solely in her capacity as the Tax Director for Dougherty County, Georgia filed the above-styled petition on May 22, 2026, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Albany, Georgia, seeking authority to conduct an in rem foreclosure for failure of the payment of ad valorem taxes due for the years 2021 through 2025 in the amount of \$16,494.05 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of March 20, 2026) for real property located at the address identified above. The applicable parcel identification number is 00311/00001/005. A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026. PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.
By: S/Stephen G. Gunby
Stephen G. Gunby
Ga. Bar No.: 315212
Attorneys for Dougherty County Tax Director

A-522
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702 229-431-2130, Petitioner, vs.
LOT 7, ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 2912 LEARY ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA, EDWARD EUGENE DAVIS AND ANNELLE STRAWDER DAVIS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000476
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE
To Whom It May Concern, and to those Respondents named above: Take notice pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78(f), that Shonna Colley Josey, solely in her capacity as the Tax Director for Dougherty County, Georgia filed the above-styled petition on May 22, 2026, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Albany, Georgia, seeking authority to conduct an in rem foreclosure for failure of the payment of ad valorem taxes due for the years 2021 through 2025 in the amount of \$16,699.84 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of March 20, 2026) for real property located at the address identified above. The applicable parcel identification number is 00311/00001/003. A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026. PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.
By: S/Stephen G. Gunby
Stephen G. Gunby
Ga. Bar No.: 315212
Attorneys for Dougherty County Tax Director

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY, TAX DIRECTOR OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, P.O. BOX 1827, ALBANY, GA 31702 229-431-2130, Petitioner, vs.
LOT 10, BLOCK 10, RAGSDALE-ODOM ADDITION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 418 HOLLOWAY AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA, SAMUEL THORNTON, OR HIS ESTATE AND ANY OF HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000481
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LOT 11, BLOCK 11, RAGSDALE-ODOM ADDITION, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 422 DORSETT AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA, CHARLIE BROWN, SR, OR HIS ESTATE AND ANY OF HIS RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000480
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE
To Whom It May Concern, and to those Respondents named above: Take notice pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78(f), that Shonna Colley Josey, solely in her capacity as the Tax Director for Dougherty County, Georgia filed the above-styled petition on May 22, 2026, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Albany, Georgia, seeking authority to conduct an in rem foreclosure for failure of the payment of ad valorem taxes due for the years 2021 through 2025 in the amount of \$1,095.15 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of March 20, 2026) for real property located at the address identified above. The applicable parcel identification number is 0000D/00039/010. A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026. PAGE, SCRANTOM, SPROUSE, TUCKER & FORD, P.C.
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CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000481
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PART OF LOT 9, PLAT OF PROPERTY OF MRS. FRANCES WELLMAN, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, 2709 MOULTRIE ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA, GREENLEO DEVELOPMENT, LLC, OR ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, WHOMSOEVER, WHOSE NAMES AND/OR ADDRESSES ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER SUCV2026000482

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR IN REM FORECLOSURE

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A legal description of the property which is the subject of the action is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference incorporated herein. This 27th day of May, 2026.

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EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 94 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of Lot 9 according to a map or plat of survey entitled "Plat Property of Mrs. Frances Wellman" dated January 26, 1959 and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 28 in the Dougherty County, Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Office.

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.

May 30, June 6, 2026

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Joseph Corbin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, dated August 30, 2023 and recorded on August 31, 2023 in Deed Book 5121, Page 33, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$92,453.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 5368, Page 512, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 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 Lots 371 and 372 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 5 in Block 12 of Palmyra Homes, Inc., according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 210-211 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-27), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia. Said property may more commonly be known as **1107 7th Ave, Albany, GA 31707.**

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442. 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: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are — Estate of Joseph Wayne Corbin, Joseph Corbin and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code, 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and 3) any legal impediments to the undertaking and completion of sale.

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and reporting of certain information relating to non-financial transfers of real property to legal entities and/or trusts, which such information be the successful bidder(s) shall be expected to provide to the auctioneer at the time of the subject sale. Interested bidders with questions regarding the necessary information to be provided are hereby directed, generally, to FinCEN's website and, more specifically to the FinCEN Real Estate Report located in the forms bank thereof.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph Corbin Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
Case #: 26-005509-1
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 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 BERNICE THOMAS HAMILTON to DOCCO CREDIT UNION, dated 11/07/2017, and Recorded on 11/20/2017 as Book No. 4462 and Page No. 291 295, DOUGHERTY County, Georgia records, as last assigned to MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$58,039.36, 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 June, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN PART OF LANO LOT 380 IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHERE THE EAST LAND LOT LINE OF LAND LOT 380 INTERSECTS THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF LILY POND ROAD; FROM SAID STARTING POINT GO SOUTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 520.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; RUN THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 300.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND; RUN THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 150.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MALCOLM BURNSD, GA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1691, DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1997 ENTITLED "PLAT PROPERTY OF BERNICE W. HAMILTON". 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). MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE, LLC., acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE (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, MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE, LLC. may be contacted at: MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE, LLC., 616 44TH STREET SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49548, 866 898 1818. 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 **1403 LILY POND RD, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31707** is/are: BERNICE THOMAS HAMILTON 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. MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE as Attorney in Fact for BERNICE THOMAS HAMILTON. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010771277 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 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, the indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and 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). MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE, LLC., acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE (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, MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE, LLC. may be contacted at: MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE, LLC., 616 44TH STREET SE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49548, 866 898 1818. 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 **1403 LILY POND RD, ALBANY, GEORGIA 31707** is/are: BERNICE THOMAS HAMILTON 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. MEMBER FIRST MORTGAGE as Attorney in Fact for BERNICE THOMAS HAMILTON. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010771277 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Joseph Corbin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns, dated August 30, 2023 and recorded on August 31, 2023 in Deed Book 5121, Page 33, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$92,453.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 5368, Page 512, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 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 Lots 371 and 372 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

All of Lot 5 in Block 12 of Palmyra Homes, Inc., according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 210-211 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-27), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia. Said property may more commonly be known as **1107 7th Ave, Albany, GA 31707.**

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442. 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: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are — Estate of Joseph Wayne Corbin, Joseph Corbin and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code, 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and 3) any legal impediments to the undertaking and completion of sale.

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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 June, 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 attorney's 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 (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Ruben Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

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: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. PNY-25-03924-6 Ad Run Dates 05/09/2026, 05/16/2026, 05/23/2026, 05/30/2026
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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 IRMA HOLDER to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR WEST TOWN SAVINGS BANK, dated April 24, 2012, recorded May 29, 2012, in Deed Book 3910, Page 58-72, 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 Eighty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$286,950.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Onity Loan Acquisition Trust 2026-HB1, 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 June, 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 318 OF THE 2ND LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF TRACT 2 (CONTAINING 12.43 ACRES) OF THAT CERTAIN PLAT - PROPERTY OF WILLIAM W. HAIRE RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1471, PAGE 81, 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 **6629 NEWTON ROAD, 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

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remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's 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 IRMA HOLDER, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Ruben Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR ONITY LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2026-HB1 as Attorney in Fact for IRMA HOLDER 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: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. RMU-26-01558-1 rslaw.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 ISSAC LINK to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, dated October 10, 2025, recorded October 21, 2025, in Deed Book 5346, Page 267, 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 Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$238,500.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to NEWREZ 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 June, 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 412 IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 280 OF LAKE PARK SUBDIVISION "C", SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 59 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-82), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **2001 ROBINHOOD RD, ALBANY, GA 31707.**

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's 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 ISSAC LINK, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Ruben Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

The entity having full authority to

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negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107. 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.

NEWREZ LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
ISSAC LINK
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Attorney Contact: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-26-01656-1 rslaw.com/property-listing
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2011, a certain Security Deed was executed by Betty J. Williams as grantor(s) in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantee, as nominee for Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, Inc., its successors and assigns as grantee, and was recorded on August 9, 2011, in Book 3831, in Page 187-200, as Instrument Number 005091 in the Office of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, State of Georgia; and WHEREAS, the Security Deed was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Security Deed is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated March 16, 2017 and recorded on March 31, 2017, in Book 4404, in Page 146-146, as Instrument Number 002051 in the office of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, State of Georgia; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Security Deed in that the payment due on the death of the borrower(s), was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of April 13, 2026 is \$117,346.97; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Security Deed to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on June 2, 2026 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: All that tract or parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the City of Albany and being Lot No. 6 in East Towne Subdivision according to a plat of map of record, recorded in Plat Book 3 Pages 267 & 268 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia Commonly known as: **710 Andover Ln, Albany, GA 31705-1253** Sale will be held at the Dougherty County Courthouse, Albany, GA 31701.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development estimated bid will be \$118,835.87. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$11,883.59 (10% of Secretary's bid) in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$11,883.59 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the

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entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the grantor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the security deed agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's

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the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Selene Finance LP, 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75019, 8777683759.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **2011 Sharon Drive, Albany, GA 31707**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction.

The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

Navy Federal Credit Union as Attorney in Fact for Barbara L. Horry
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as All of Lot 51 of Gailshar Gardens Subdivision "E," Section II, according to the map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 270 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-8), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST as Attorney in Fact for Jennifer D. Clark
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as All of Lot 51 of Gailshar Gardens Subdivision "E," Section II, according to the map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 270 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-8), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Subject to any and all easements and restrictions of record. Parcel ID NO. 000NN0005/022
Property Address: 2011 Sharon Avenue Albany, GA 31707
JD June 2, 2026
Our file no. 23-12941GA
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Barbara L. Horry to Navy Federal Credit Union dated April 30, 2014, recorded in Deed Book 4119, Page 184, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$167,709.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.

Navy Federal Credit Union is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.
The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Navy Federal Credit Union, 820 Follin Lane, Vienna, VA 22180, (800)258-5948.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **530 Iveys Scenic, Albany, GA 31721**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money

Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

Navy Federal Credit Union as Attorney in Fact for Barbara L. Horry
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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as All of Lot 51 of Gailshar Gardens Subdivision "E," Section II, according to the map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 270 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-8), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

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as **3702 Castle Pines Ln, Albany, GA 31721**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

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The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

Navy Federal Credit Union as Attorney in Fact for Gerold A. Whitsett
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ALL OF LOT 213 OF SPRINGFIELD SUBDIVISION SECTION II, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 89, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. MR / JD June 2, 2026
Our file no. 26-22463GA-FT8
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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE FRANK SHEDRICK, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P21
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

To whom it may concern: DAVY SHEDRICK has petitioned for DAVY SHEDRICK to be appointed administrator of the estate of WILLIE FRANK SHEDRICK 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 June 15, 2026.

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

Annie Doris Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Annie Doris Holder
Calhoun County Probate Judge
31 Court Square, Suite A
P.O. Box 69
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE ESTATE OF DEANNA DIANNE PIETRAS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P24
NOTICE TO HEIRS

TO: ALL HEIRS AND INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE ESTATE OF DEANNA DIANNE PIETRAS, DECEASED
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the Probate Court of Calhoun County, Georgia, seeking to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed seeking administration of the above estate. All heirs at law of the said decedent are hereby required to show cause, if any they have, or before the 26th day of June, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

All heirs are further notified to make themselves known to the Court and to file any objections in writing within the time prescribed by law. This 19th day of May, 2026.
LARRY MELVIN KING II, Petitioner
c/o G. Keith Murphy, Attorney for Petitioner.
185 East Broad Street Norman Park, Georgia 31771
706-897-5168
Probate Judge of Calhoun County, Georgia
P. O. Box 87 Morgan, Georgia 39866
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

Navy Federal Credit Union is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.
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Subject to any and all easements and restrictions of record. Parcel ID NO. 000NN0005/022
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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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ALL OF LOT 213 OF SPRINGFIELD SUBDIVISION SECTION II, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 89, IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. MR / JD June 2, 2026
Our file no. 26-22463GA-FT8
26-22463GA
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

Calhoun Co. Legals
A-503
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE FRANK SHEDRICK, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P21
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

To whom it may concern: DAVY SHEDRICK has petitioned for DAVY SHEDRICK to be appointed administrator of the estate of WILLIE FRANK SHEDRICK 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 June 15, 2026.

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

Annie Doris Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Annie Doris Holder
Calhoun County Probate Judge
31 Court Square, Suite A
P.O. Box 69
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

A-497
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE ESTATE OF DEANNA DIANNE PIETRAS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P24
NOTICE TO HEIRS

TO: ALL HEIRS AND INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE ESTATE OF DEANNA DIANNE PIETRAS, DECEASED
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the Probate Court of Calhoun County, Georgia, seeking to Probate Will in Solemn Form and for Letters of Administration with Will Annexed seeking administration of the above estate. All heirs at law of the said decedent are hereby required to show cause, if any they have, or before the 26th day of June, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

All heirs are further notified to make themselves known to the Court and to file any objections in writing within the time prescribed by law. This 19th day of May, 2026.
LARRY MELVIN KING II, Petitioner
c/o G. Keith Murphy, Attorney for Petitioner.
185 East Broad Street Norman Park, Georgia 31771
706-897-5168
Probate Judge of Calhoun County, Georgia
P. O. Box 87 Morgan, Georgia 39866
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

Navy Federal Credit Union is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.
The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Navy Federal Credit Union, 820 Follin Lane, Vienna, VA 22180, (800)258-5948.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **530 Iveys Scenic, Albany, GA 31721**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money

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Subject to any and all easements and restrictions of record. Parcel ID NO. 000NN0005/022
Property Address: 2011 Sharon Avenue Albany, GA 31707
JD June 2, 2026
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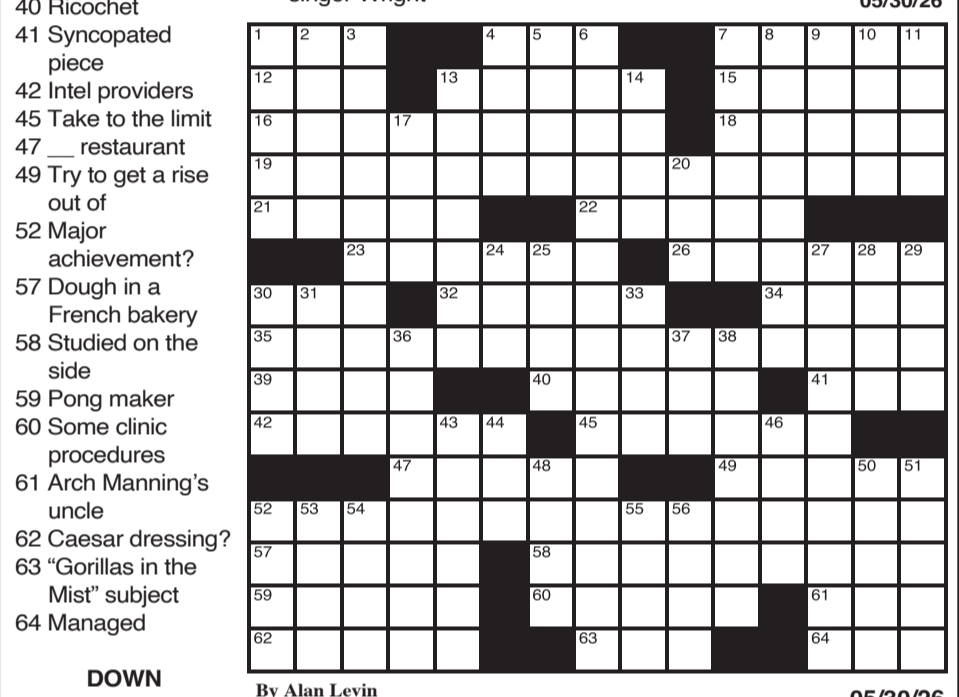
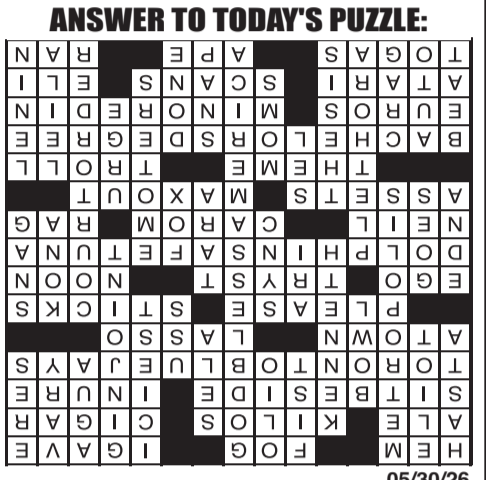
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

- Edited by Patti Varol
- ACROSS**
- 1 Adjustable border
 - 4 Heavy coat?
 - 7 Donor's words
 - 12 Smithwick's, for one
 - 13 Metric weights
 - 15 Puff piece?
 - 16 Join
 - 18 Temper
 - 19 Rogers Centre team
 - 21 Georgia city nickname
 - 22 Rodeo circuit?
 - 23 "May I?"
 - 26 Boondocks
 - 30 Problem that can grow with fame
 - 32 Rendezvous
 - 34 Time when shadows are shortest
 - 35 One goal of the Marine Mammal Protection Act
 - 39 Diamond who went platinum
 - 40 Ricochet
 - 41 Sycopotated piece
 - 42 Intel providers
 - 45 Take to the limit
 - 47 __ restaurant
 - 49 Try to get a rise out of
 - 52 Major achievement?
 - 57 Dough in a French bakery
 - 58 Studied on the side
 - 59 Pong maker
 - 60 Some clinic procedures
 - 61 Arch Manning's uncle
 - 62 Caesar dressing?
 - 63 "Gorillas in the Mist" subject
 - 64 Managed
- DOWN**
- 2 "Daniel Deronda" novelist
 - 3 Chicago, for one
 - 4 Hand ball?
 - 5 Pasta aglio e __
 - 6 Seventh-inning stretch song, often
 - 7 Least friendly
 - 8 Noir establishment
 - 9 Arizona's __ Fria river
 - 10 Fluctuate
 - 11 Spanish 101 word
 - 13 "30 Rock" page
 - 14 Actress Ward
 - 17 Pick up a few spares, perhaps
 - 20 Carrier letters
 - 24 "Midsommar" director Aster
 - 25 Line up
 - 27 Writ, e.g.
 - 28 Longboard Island Lager brewer
 - 29 Bump in the road
 - 30 Honey Cone lead singer Wright
 - 31 Says
 - 33 Hill of __: home of Ireland's Lia
 - 36 Abundance
 - 37 Arctic __
 - 38 Theatrical folks
 - 43 Something to prove
 - 44 Poivre et __
 - 46 Beseech
 - 48 Some parents
 - 50 Arabic name that means "night"
 - 51 Bolshevik leader
 - 52 Exhausted
 - 53 "Set it and forget it" mode
 - 54 Rugged feature
 - 55 Show appreciation at a poetry slam, e.g.
 - 56 "That's all, folks!"



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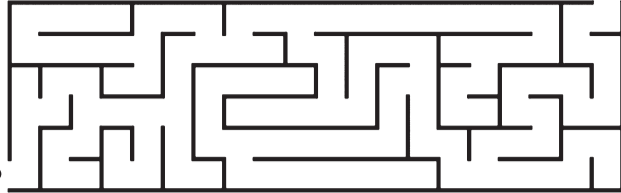
RELEASE DATE—Sunday, May 31, 2026

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

- Edited by Patti Varol
- "HARDLY RIGHT" BY SAMUEL A**

TV-What to watch

Kids' Maze



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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 like a thistle (5)
- 2 framed (8)
- 3 etiquette (7)
- 4 singer Chappell (4)
- 5 to a significant extent (10)
- 6 president of Freedonia (7)
- 7 egghead's pride and joy (9)

SOLUTIONS

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RO	ELL	NY	RE	MAT

Thursday's Answers: 1. COPING 2. TEETH 3. BUNYAN
4. DRIZZLING 5. OBSERVANTLY 6. RIVEN 7. TIMOROUS 5/29

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CLUES

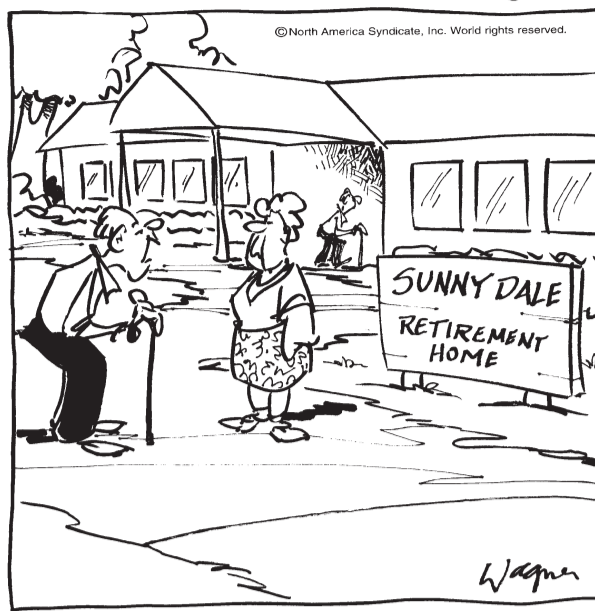
- 1 fixes errors (8)
- 2 the hottest planet (5)
- 3 fabricating (10)
- 4 thin strip of land (7)
- 5 Dr. Seuss' first name (7)
- 6 young male goat (8)
- 7 grouchy (9)

SOLUTIONS

ING	CO	US	US	OR
BUC	TH	CTS	TIC	IS
RRE	DYS	KL	THM	CONC
ING	VEN	EOD	OCT	PEP

Friday's Answers: 1. SPINY 2. OUTLINED 3. MANNERS
4. ROAN 5. MATERIALLY 6. FIREFLY 7. INTELLECT 5/30

GRIN THE BEAR IT



"Then I apologize for hitting on you. ... I didn't know you were my wife."

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

C	O	U	P	E	L	E	N	S	R	A	S	H	D	A	N	T	E		
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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.

"T J J Q C X F A B U C J A C S C A G C T L W
F I W C D T G X J F S C C T L W F I W C D I F
X C T I W T G X I W T I ' B Q W T I T I D V C I C T K
A B . " - L T A I J A G L J T D Y

Previous Solution: "I've been blessed to work with a lot of veteran actors, and I soak up lessons from them like a sponge." — Michael B. Jordan

TODAY'S CLUE: I sjenbe v

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"L W H D T Z D J ' V U P V D T V V B P C P
I J Z Z P W L J P H D T C G P K W , H D T ' K K N P
E T L Q X K H I J Z L J I Q Q T C I V P K H Z P W L J P Z
N H D V B P C G . " - R L Q B P K K P D N I R I

Previous Solution: "All we do is believe in each other and love each other to death and that's what a true team is." — Caitlin Clark

TODAY'S CLUE: N sjenbe r

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mirror is longer; 2. Arm is lower; 3. Nose is added; 6. Bush is missing. Different: 4. Windshield shape is different; 5. Windshield wiper is

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



What to watch SATURDAY

May 30, 2026

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

Zombie House Flipping: Family Business

A&E, 11 a.m. ■ New Series

In Columbus, Ohio, power flipper Tommy Harr and his family have built a business on seeing opportunity where others see disaster. Their edge comes from two generations of elite home inspectors, a fearless construction crew led by Harr's youngest brother, and a mom who doubles as both designer and real estate agent. Together, they take on the city's worst "zombie" houses, transforming run-down properties into stunning dream homes.

MLB Baseball

FOX & FS1, beginning at 4 p.m. Live

Saturday MLB action on FOX Sports opens on FS1 with the Kansas City Royals at the Texas Rangers. Some viewers will see the Chicago Cubs at the St. Louis Cardinals in an NL Central rivalry game on FOX, while others will see the Atlanta Braves at the Cincinnati Reds.

Where the Heart Lands

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Jana Kramer (*Gaslit by My Husband: The Morgan Metzer Story*) and Tyler Johnson (*The Young and the Restless*) star alongside John Schneider (*The Dukes of Hazzard*) and Charlene Tilton (*Dallas*) in this heartfelt romantic drama directed and cowritten by Haylie Duff (*7th Heaven*). The film follows a driven Los Angeles real estate agent whose life takes an unexpected turn to Kentucky and leads him to a love he never saw coming.



'Haunted Harmony Mysteries: Key to the Castle'

HALLMARK MEDIA

Haunted Harmony Mysteries: Key to the Castle

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Tamera Mowry-Housley stars as Gethsemane Brown, a teacher who moves to an Irish village and works with a resident ghost, Eamon (Risteárd Cooper), to solve mysteries. When a ghost-hunter show comes to town, it's up to Gethsemane and Eamon to solve the unexpected murder of the host.

Heart & Hustle: Houston

OWN, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

A sisterhood of successful Black women is redefining what it means to be a mother, wife and boss in Houston. As they navigate through challenges and victories, they're breaking ceilings, reclaiming themselves and supporting each other. The show stars Chloe Cook, La'Torria Lemon, LeBrina Jackson, Muneera Page, Roe Grady-Pichardo ad Alaina Saulsberry.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Sweet Home Alabama

Freeform, 3:40 p.m.

It's been nearly 25 years since Reese Witherspoon won our hearts in this rom-com as New York fashion designer Melanie Carmichael, who must return to her home state of Alabama to confront her husband (Josh Lucas), who refuses to sign the divorce papers she sent seven years ago. Engaged to New York's most eligible bachelor (Patrick Dempsey), Melanie can only proceed with



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the wedding if she defies her past and figures out for herself which life she wants to live — the Southern sweetheart or the New York City socialite.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



THE AVENUE

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009, Comedy) Kevin James, Jayma Mays **VH1, 6 p.m.**

When I Said I Do (2026, Romance) Sarah Drew, Eric Johnson **Lifetime, 6 p.m.**

The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy-drama) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway **Freeform, 6:15 p.m.**

Frozen II (2019, Children) Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Old Guy (2024, Action) Christoph Waltz, Lucy Liu **SHO, 8 p.m.**

The Moment (2026, Comedy-drama) Rosanna Arquette **HBO, 8 p.m.**

Clue (1985, Mystery) Eileen Brennan, Martin Mull **IFC, 9 p.m.**

Shelter (2026, Action) Jason Statham, Bodhi Rae **Breathnach Starz, 9 p.m.**

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard **TNT, 10 p.m.**

The Wrong Obsession (2025, Suspense) Vivica A. Fox, Gina Hiraizumi **LMN, 10 p.m.**

Road House (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch **Sundance, 10:15 p.m.**

There's Something About Mary (1998, Romance-comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon **Freeform, 11:25 p.m.**

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What to watch

SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

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NTT IndyCar Series: Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix

FOX, 12:30 p.m. Live

The NTT IndyCar Series hits the streets of the Motor City for a race around a nine-turn, 1.645-mile course winding through downtown Detroit.

Collector's Call

MeTV, 6:30 p.m.

On the eve of what would have been Marilyn Monroe's 100th birthday, Lisa Whelchel heads to Palm Springs, California, to meet Scott Fortner, a lifelong fan of Marilyn's who has assembled a dazzling collection. Scott shares the gown Marilyn wore (and the fan she wielded) in *The Prince and the Showgirl*, and her personal script for *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. From the private side, he showcases her phone book from 1962, a letter to her former father-in-law on her personal stationery, her custom-made black wool and mink collar suit, and her iconic green Pucci top.

MLB Baseball:

Chicago Cubs at St. Louis

NBC, 7 p.m. Live

Busch Stadium in St. Louis hosts *Sunday Night Baseball* as the Cardinals face the NL Central rival Chicago Cubs to conclude a three-game series.

24 in 24:

Last Chef Standing

Food Network, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

The season finale, "The Final Shift: Elevation," sees Michael Symon and Esther Choi revisit an old challenge where the chefs must cook the best dishes of their lives. Whoever can stave off the final daggers of exhaustion will walk away with \$50,000 and an unforgettable trip to Hawaii.



'Euphoria'

HBO

The Audacity

AMC, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Season 1 of the drama following Silicon Valley power players and their families wraps up with "Granfallon." Life-altering secrets are revealed at the WatchCode Forum tech conference and the Las Altas Academy Winter Gala.

Euphoria

HBO, 9 p.m. ■ Season Finale

Season 3 of this drama about a group of childhood friends who wrestle with the virtue of faith, the possibility of redemption and the problem of evil wraps up. Zendaya, Hunter Schafer and Eric Dane star.

CATCH A CLASSIC

1971 Thrillers

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

Make sure you lock your doors before you sit down to enjoy two thrillers from 1971. The night begins with **Klute** (pictured), where Jane Fonda stars as Bree Daniel, a New York City call girl who slowly realizes she is being stalked, coincidentally after a supposed ex-client of hers goes missing. Detective John Klute (Donald Sutherland) is on the case, trying to solve a disappearance and case of a psychotic stalker before time runs out, falling in love with Bree as the case goes on. Fonda's performance



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landed her the Oscar for Best Actress. Second up is **Play Misty for Me**, which follows a popular radio show host who meets an obsessed fan at a nightclub who turns out to be severely unhinged. The woman begins to turn his life into a nightmare. This psychologically calculated film stars and is directed by Clint Eastwood.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Tammy'

MICHAEL TACKETT

Iron Eagle (1986, Action) Louis Gossett Jr., Jason Gedrick **Sundance, 6 p.m.**

Cast Away (2000, Drama) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt **CW, 7 p.m.**

Tammy (2014, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon **CMT, 7 p.m.**

Afterburn (2025, Action) Dave Bautista, Olga Kurylenko **MGM, 7:10 p.m.**

Shelter (2026, Action) Jason Statham, Bodhi Rae Breathnach **Starz, 7:10 p.m.**

Checkmate (2025, Suspense) Joyce Glenn, Dorian Wilson **Lifetime, 8 p.m.**

Beauty and the Beast (2017, Children) Emma Watson, Dan Stevens **Freeform, 8:25 p.m.**

Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988, Comedy) Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd **ABC, 8:30 p.m.**

My Cousin Vinny (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei **CMT, 9:15 p.m.**

London Has Fallen (2016, Action) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart **BBC America, 10 p.m.**

Air (2023, Drama) Matt Damon, Ben Affleck **FX, 10:30 p.m.**

Central Intelligence (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **TNT, 11:30 p.m.**

Mulan (2020, Adventure) Liu Yifei, Donnie Yen **Freeform, 11:30 p.m.**

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MONDAY

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The 1% Club

FOX, 8 p.m.

A competitive family of four, stars of the WNBA's Atlanta Dream, a Savannah Bananas pitcher and a drag queen are among 100 contestants competing for the chance to win up to \$100,000 in the new episode "Ballin' Out for \$100K." Joel McHale hosts.

The Quiz With Balls

FOX, 9 p.m.

Marine men and Air Force women play the trivia game to stay dry and go for the \$100,000 grand prize in the new episode "Marines vs. Air Force." Jay Pharoah hosts.

Battle on the Beach

HGTV, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The surfside home renovation competition series heads to Grand Strand, South Carolina, in its latest seven-episode season. Stars Sarah Baeumler, Mika Kleinschmidt and Ty Pennington will each mentor a two-person team of promising renovators as they vie to transform lackluster beachfront vacation properties into stunning waterfront escapes.

History's Greatest Machines With Dolph Lundgren

History, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

Internationally acclaimed action star Dolph Lundgren executive produces, hosts and narrates this eight-part series taking viewers on a thrilling journey through the gears, guts and genius behind the machines that shaped our world. Lundgren examines the engineering breakthroughs and historical impact of some of the world's most influential machines, from the Saturn V rocket and ancient rocket artillery to the printing press, the Model T and early personal computers. Through historical context and expert insight, the series also explores stealth air-

craft, espionage technology, record-breaking vehicles, and the largest machines ever built, revealing how innovation and design helped alter the course of world events.

Late Night Law

A&E, 10 p.m. ■ New Series

When the sun goes down, the stakes go up. In tonight's premiere episode, troopers in Arizona engage in a high-speed vehicle pursuit with spike strips. In Florida, officers use pepper balls to subdue a suspect. When officers in Missouri receive a report involving an alleged gunshot victim, they arrive on scene to find something they didn't expect.

Lethally Blonde

Investigation Discovery, 10 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

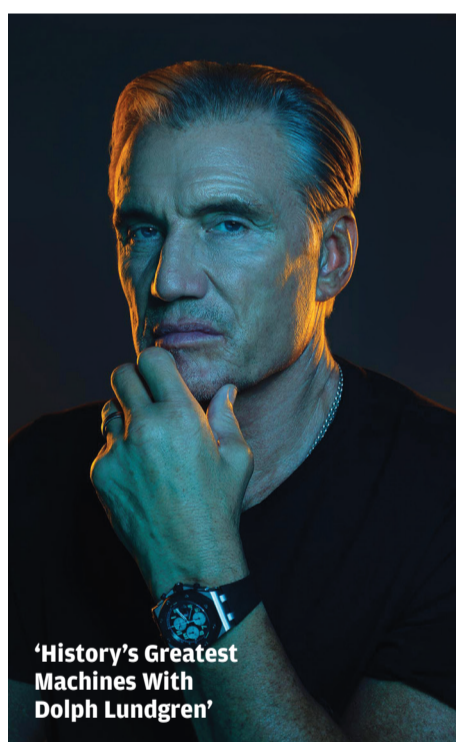
Across eight new episodes, host and executive producer Holly Madison exposes the perilous realities that accompany the pursuit of beauty and fame. In "Killing King Cobra," the gruesome murder of an adult film director in 2007 reveals a tangled story of ambition, manipulation and betrayal.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Star of the Month: Marilyn Monroe (100th Birthday)

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

On the 100th anniversary of Norma Jeane's birth, Elton John's words about the luminous, incomparable Marilyn Monroe — whose "candle burned out long before (her) legend ever did" — couldn't be more true. More than six decades after her death, the complex and enigmatic Monroe remains etched in the global consciousness. TCM's monthlong celebration begins with 1953's **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes** (pictured), where Monroe's indelible, career-defining performance of "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" cemented her as a superstar. In **How to Marry a Millionaire**, released later that year, Monroe's master class in physical comedy while playing the nearsighted Pola Deboise (who wouldn't wear glasses because she thought they would turn away men) stole the show from Betty Grable and Lauren Bacall. Next up is 1952's **Monkey Business**, where Monroe held her own against another star, Ginger Rogers, as secretary Lois Lau-



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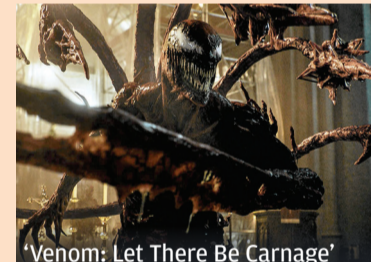
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rel, the object of Dr. Barnaby Fulton's (Cary Grant) desires, with Monroe's sharp comedic timing matching her radiant charm. The night's final film, 1948's **Ladies of the Chorus**, features Monroe's first onscreen singing performance, offering the world a glimpse of the vocal talent and melodic grace that would soon set Hollywood ablaze.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'Venom: Let There Be Carnage'

SONY PICTURES

The Departed (2006, Crime drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon **Paramount, 6 p.m.**

Dreams (2025, Romance) Jessica Chastain, Isaac Hernández **Starz, 6:30 p.m.**

Miss You, Love You (2026, Drama) Allison Janney, Andrew Rannells **HBO, 7:20 p.m.**

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

We're the Millers (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis **TNT, 8 p.m.**

Monsters University (2013, Children) Billy Crystal, John Goodman **Freeform, 8:35 p.m.**

Shelter (2026, Action) Jason Statham, Bodhi Rae Breathnach **Starz, 9:05 p.m.**

High School Musical 2 (2007, Children) Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens **Disney, 9:50 p.m.**

Venom: Let There Be Carnage (2021, Action) Tom Hardy, Woody Harrelson **FX, 10 p.m.**

Barbie (2023, Comedy) Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling **TNT, 10:30 p.m.**

Primal Fear (1996, Crime drama) Richard Gere, Laura Linney **MGM, 10:40 p.m.**

White House Down (2013, Action) Channing Tatum, Jamie Foxx **SYFY, 11 p.m.**

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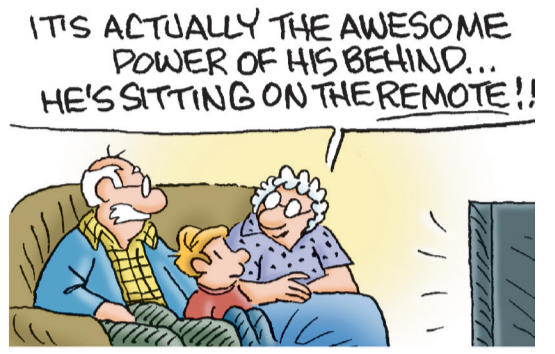
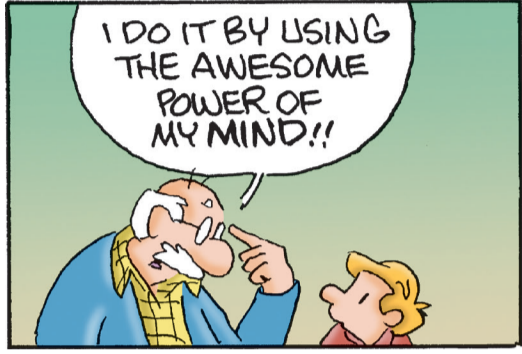
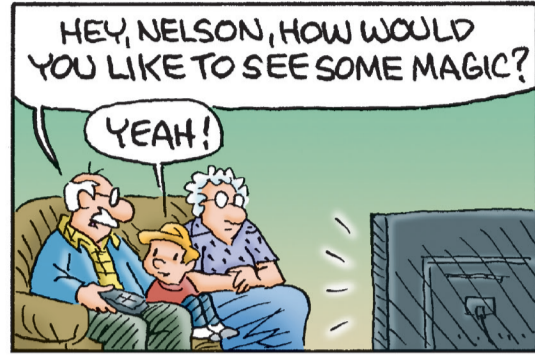
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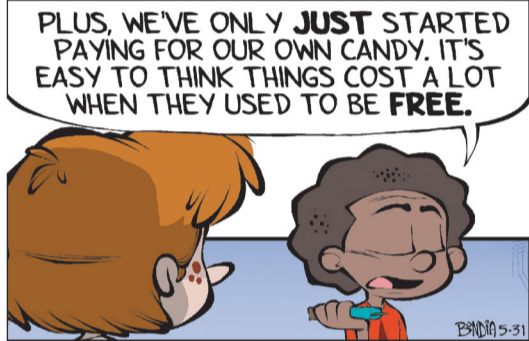
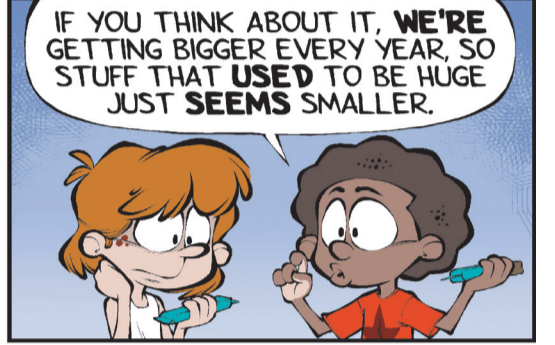
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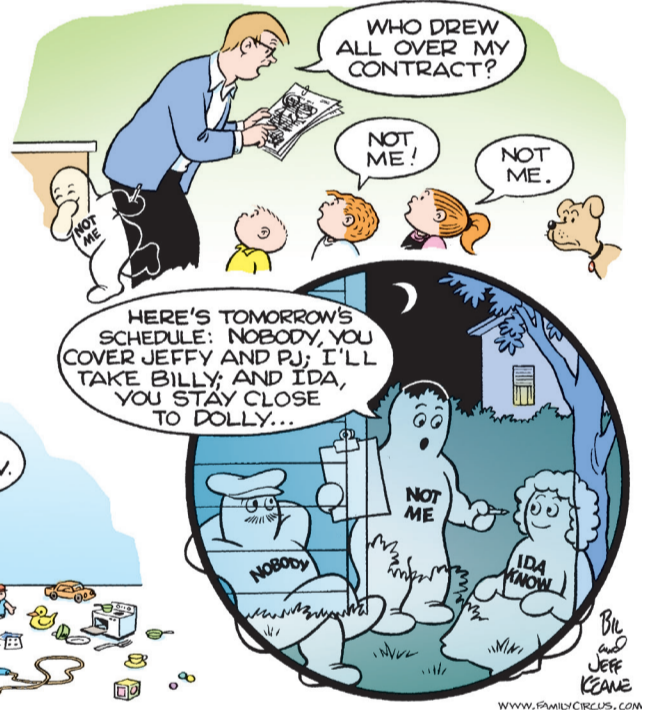
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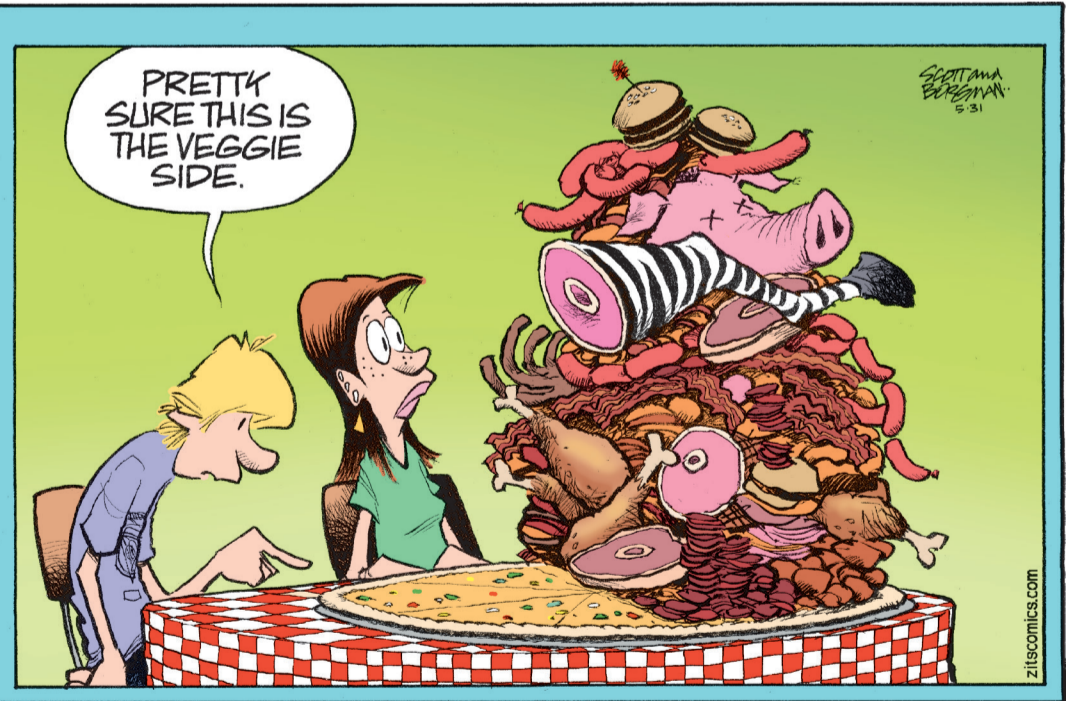
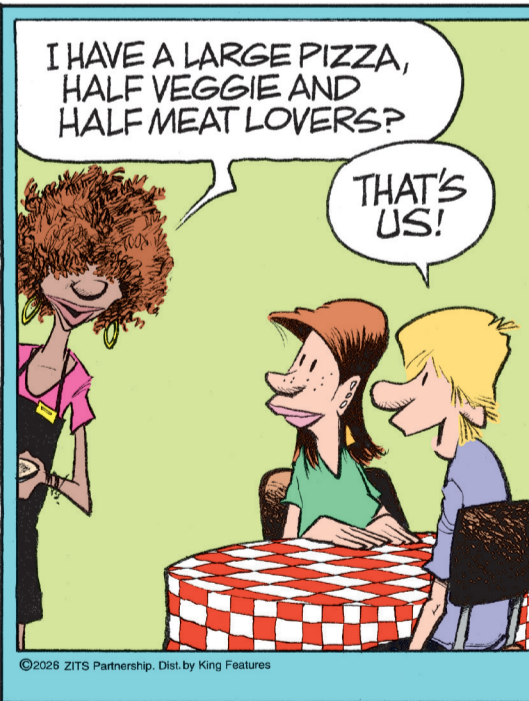
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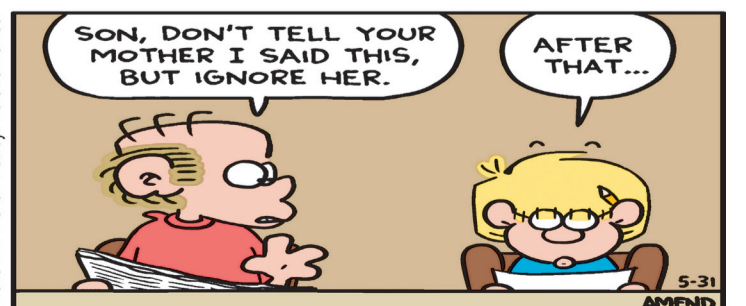
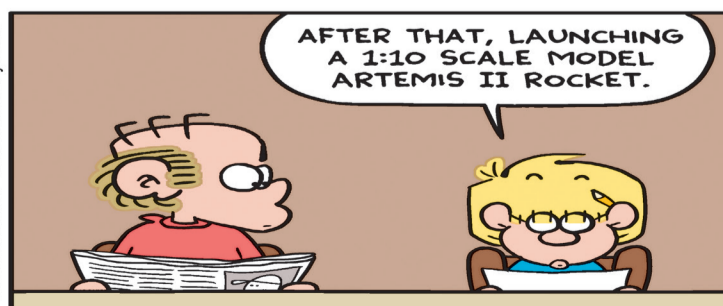
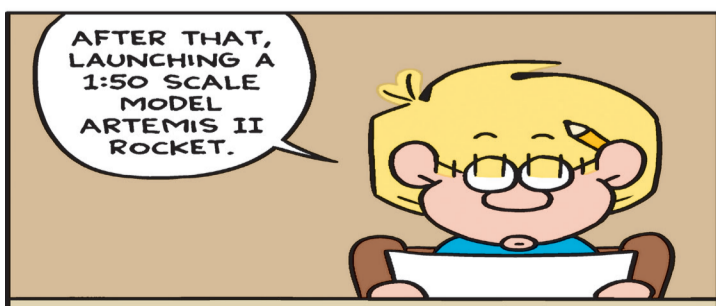
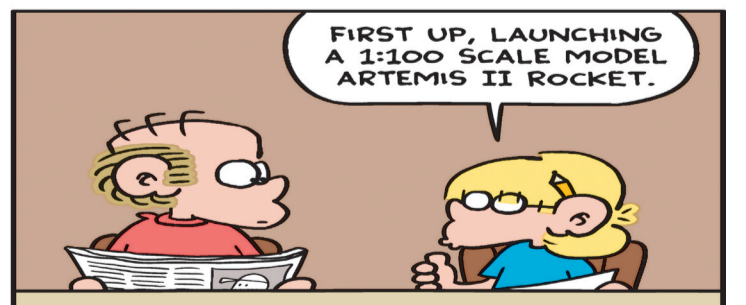
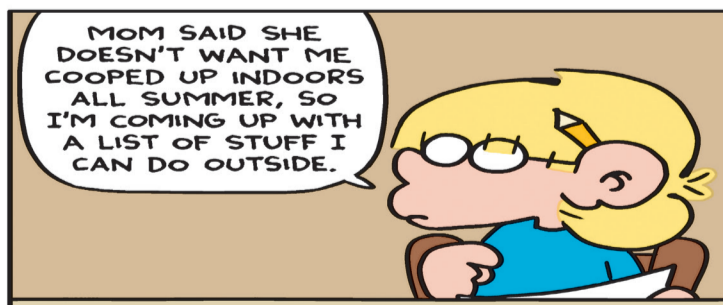
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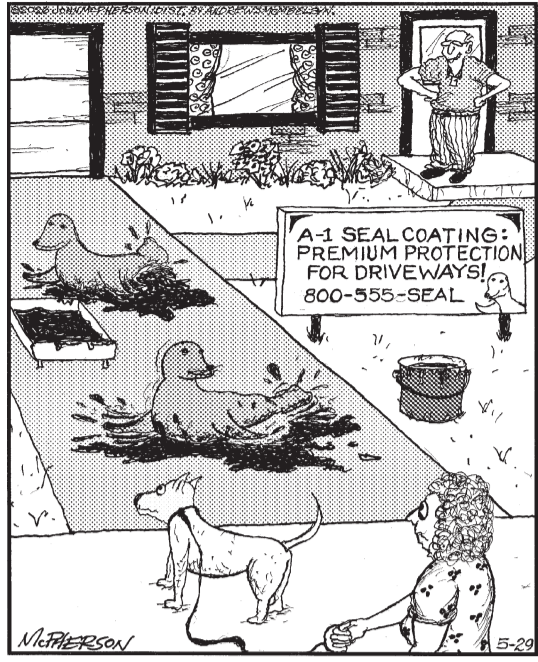


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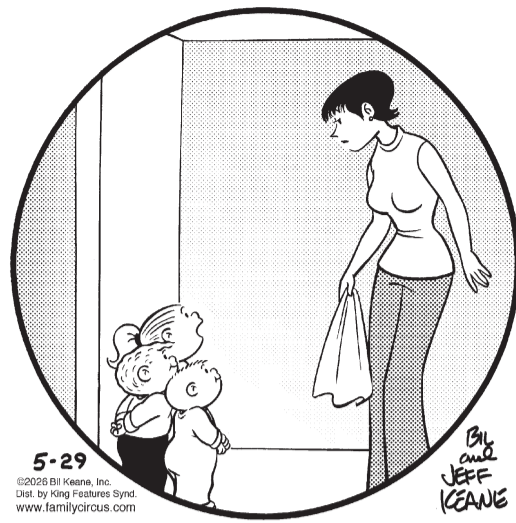
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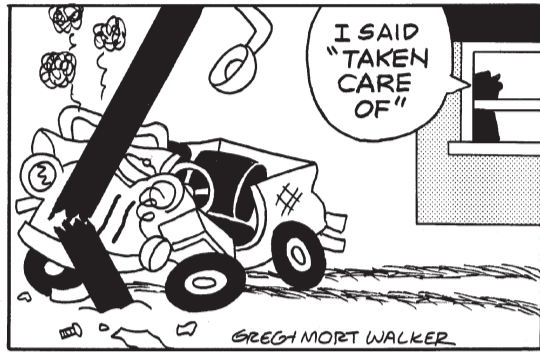
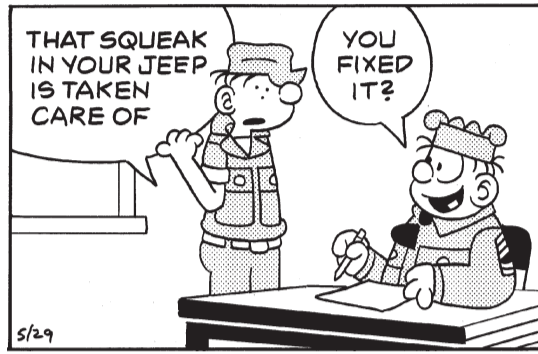
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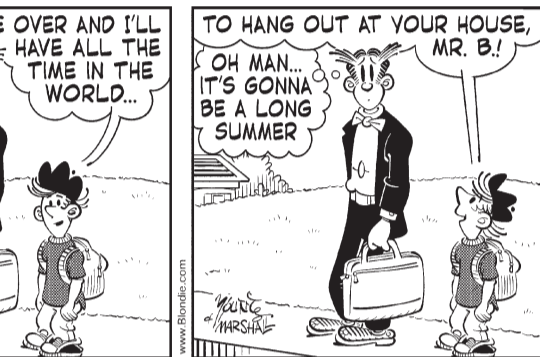
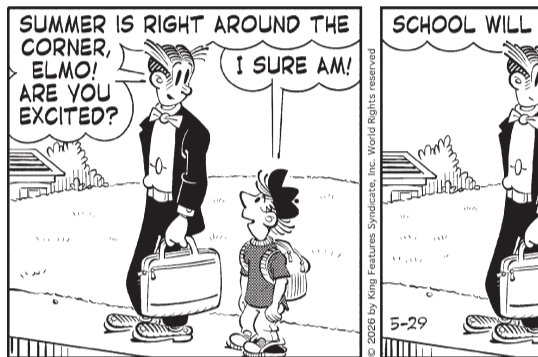
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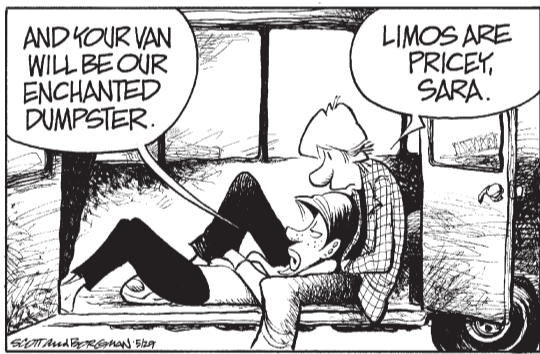
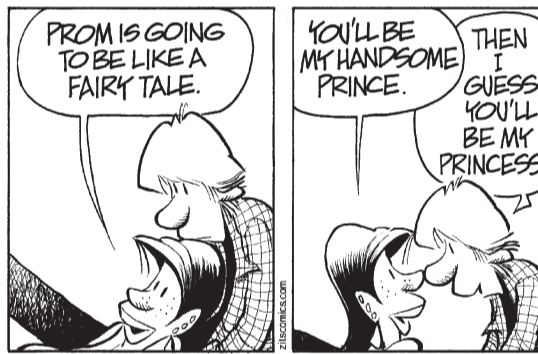
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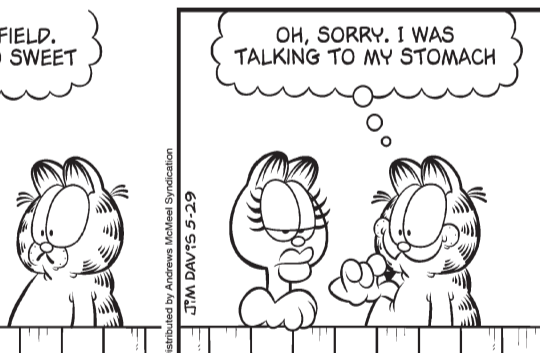
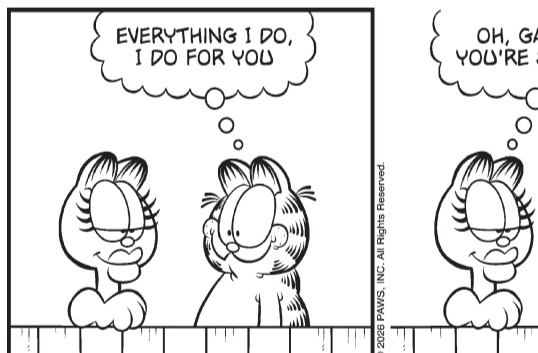
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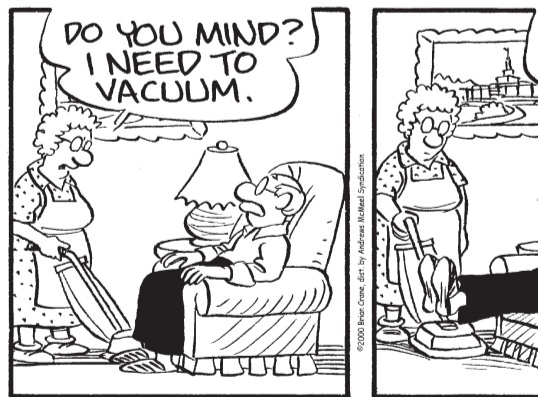
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Like some temples
- 8 Epiphany trio
- 12 Maker of Sticking Point press-on nails
- 15 Tennis period since 1968
- 16 Make smooth
- 17 NFL Hall of Famer Dawson
- 18 Photographer?
- 20 Pester
- 21 Bandleader's command
- 22 Hosp. areas
- 23 Dry Italian whites
- 25 Object of adoration
- 26 Police officer?
- 28 Sphinx, mostly
- 30 mRNA vaccine maker
- 31 Splashes gently against
- 34 Brit's cuppa
- 36 "How ya ___?"
- 37 Org. that issues Energy Star labels
- 38 "That's someone else's problem," or an apt title for this puzzle
- 42 Fella
- 43 Quayle follower
- 45 Diamonds, slangily
- 46 Some big batteries
- 48 Retro
- 51 Florida coastal city, informally
- 52 Carpenter?
- 55 Milk source
- 59 Skiffle singer Donegan
- 60 By way of
- 61 Jeff Tweedy's band
- 62 Vader, as a boy
- 63 Realtor?
- 66 Hr. division
- 67 City west of Tulsa
- 68 Giggly outbursts
- 69 Sack
- 70 Drawn-out tale
- 71 "I need an answer right now"

DOWN

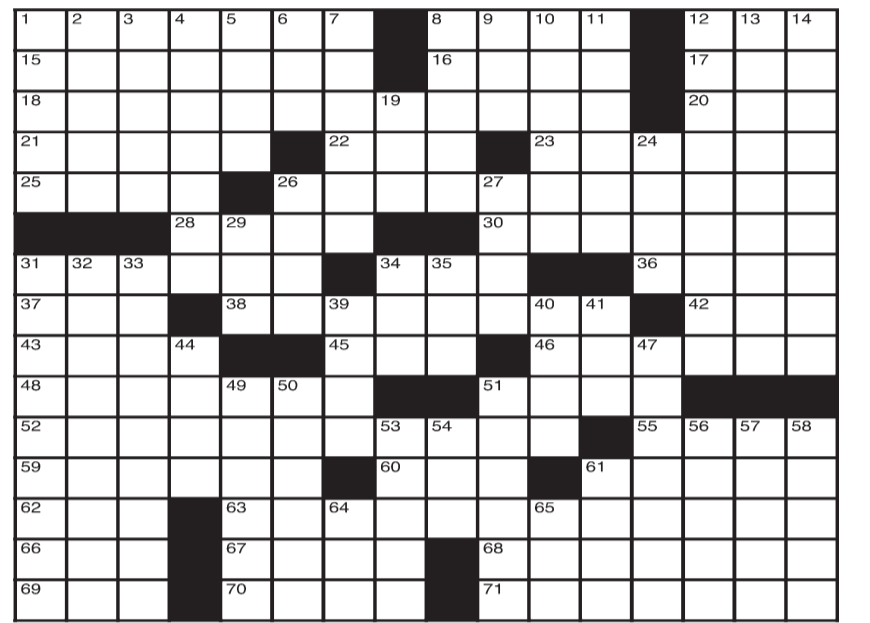
- 1 Rice cake that may be filled with ice cream
- 2 Rose pest
- 3 Handle
- 4 Actor Ed and food writer Molly
- 5 Place to brood
- 6 Anger
- 7 Entered
- 8 Capital of Belarus
- 9 Uru. neighbor
- 10 Attends
- 11 Bit of hard-won progress
- 12 Bakery item dotted with kalamatas
- 13 Reliable plant
- 14 Quaint desk accessories
- 19 Tolkien baddie
- 24 Mature
- 26 Emerald City visitor
- 27 Key of Vivaldi's "Spring": Abbr.
- 29 "Amsterdam" novelist McEwan
- 31 Roasted entree that may be served with mint jelly

- 32 Koto of "Purple Rain"
- 33 Letting off the hook
- 34 SHO subsidiary
- 35 ___ contact
- 39 Level
- 40 Fragrance
- 41 Email covertly
- 44 Collar named for an elite school
- 47 Erode
- 49 Purple
- 13-Downs
- 50 Active volcano in Eur.
- 51 Warren who played Dick Tracy
- 53 Vegan body care brand
- 54 Fizzle out
- 56 Tribal leader
- 57 Oak tree, once
- 58 Trunk
- 61 Dampens
- 64 18-wheeler
- 65 Try (for)

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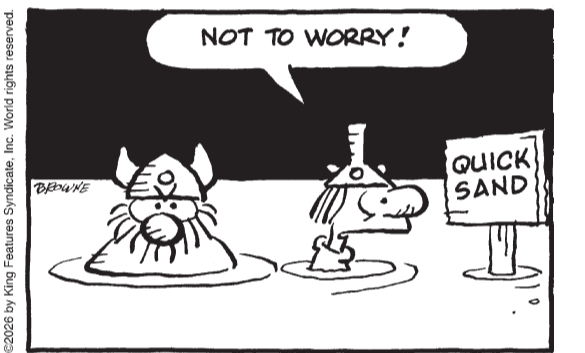
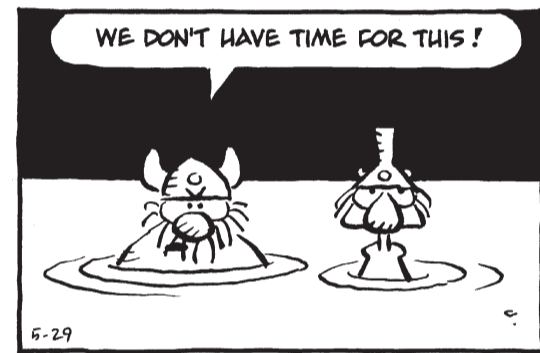
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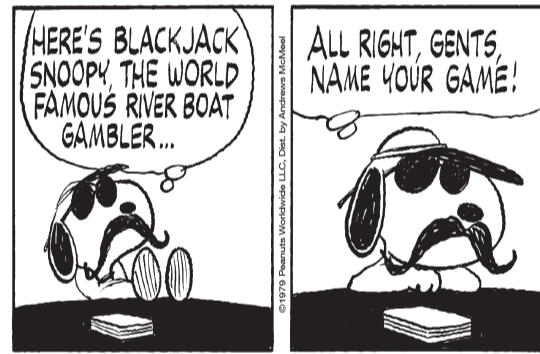
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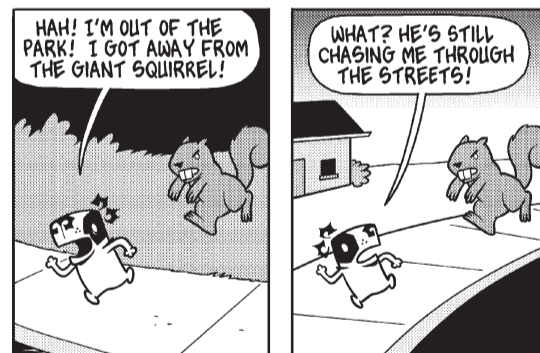
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☁ on cloud nine

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

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6	9	1	2	1	8	5	6	4
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7	8	5	6	4	9	1	3	2

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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THE WHITE SEA, RUSSIA

Solution: 8 letters

A	D	N	A	L	S	I	N	R	E	H	T	U	O	S
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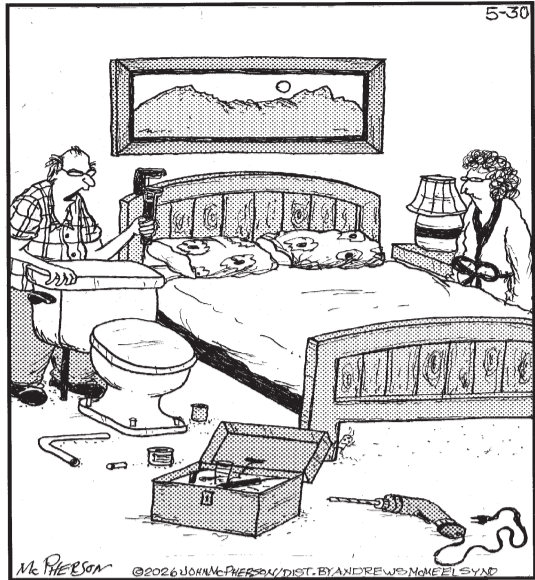
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Currents

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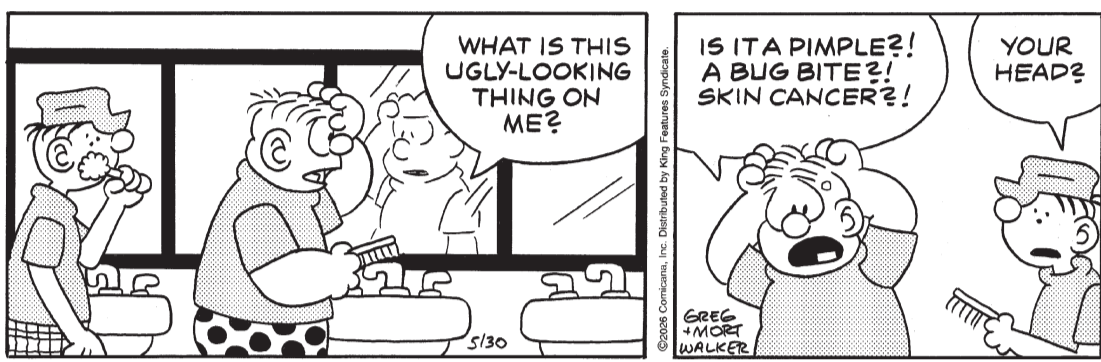
"Well, since I'm the one who is getting up to go to the bathroom four times a night, I say the toilet is going here!"

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"I'm trying to decide what to have when our pastor is here for dinner." "I think he likes daily bread."

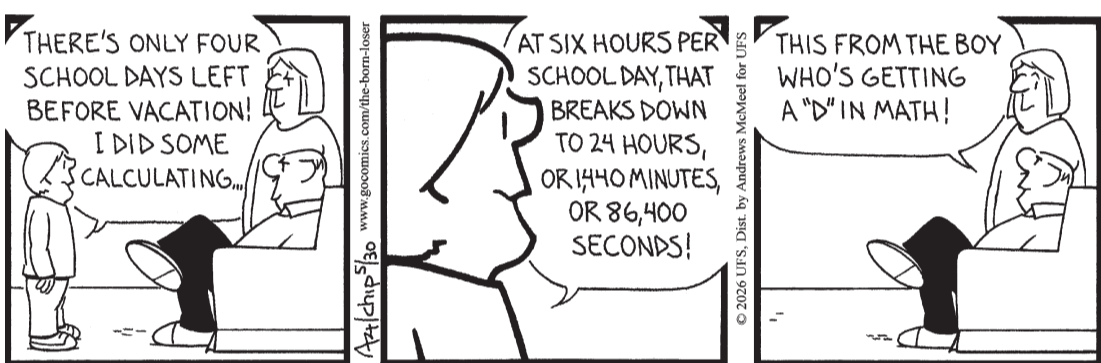
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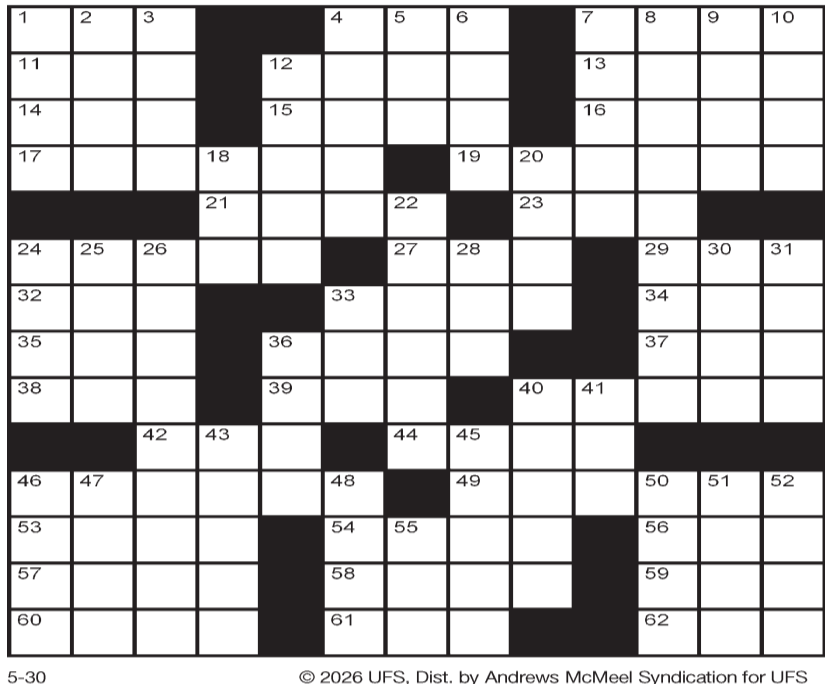


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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nest item
 - 4 Drawing showing borders
 - 7 Yield
 - 11 Also
 - 12 Keep for later
 - 13 Blue hue
 - 14 "— you see it ..."
 - 15 Woody plant
 - 16 Regrets
 - 17 Yearly
 - 19 Criticize harshly
 - 21 Poke
 - 23 Favorite
 - 24 Flattened bottle
 - 27 "Norma —"
 - 29 Toward the rear
 - 32 Sprint
 - 33 Do an office job
 - 34 "Luck — — Lady"
- DOWN**
- 35 Sea eagle (Var.)
 - 36 Underground chamber
 - 37 Insect secretion
 - 38 Hot drink
 - 39 Poem
 - 40 Wide awake
 - 42 Walk with soft steps
 - 44 Toy blocks maker
 - 46 — Edison
 - 49 Large merchant ship
 - 53 Aid
 - 54 Concern
 - 56 Cry of discovery
 - 57 Seed cover
 - 58 Poker stake
 - 59 Rocky hill
 - 60 Snout
 - 61 Extreme degree
 - 62 Farm bird
- TODAY'S SOLUTION:**
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- DOWN**
- 1 Lab burner
 - 2 Thug
 - 3 Elegant dress
 - 4 Actress — Thomas
 - 5 "— Maria"

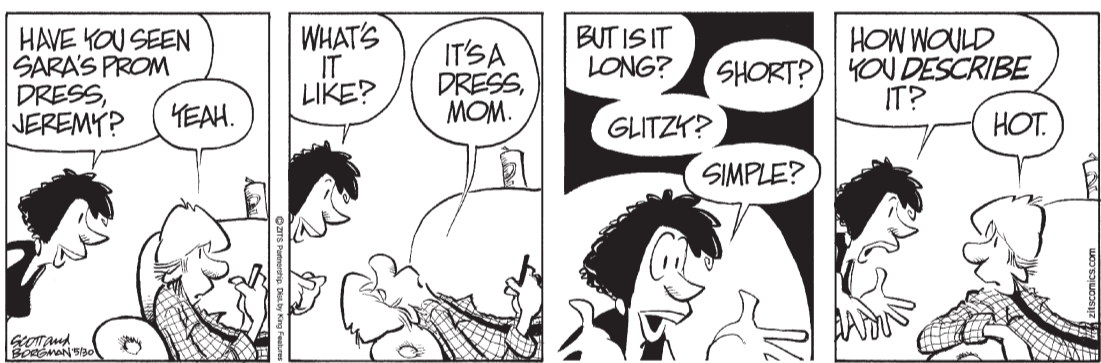


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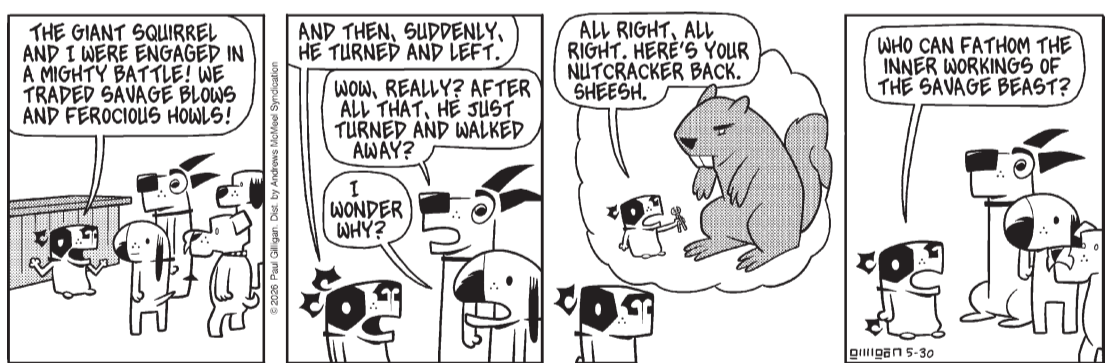
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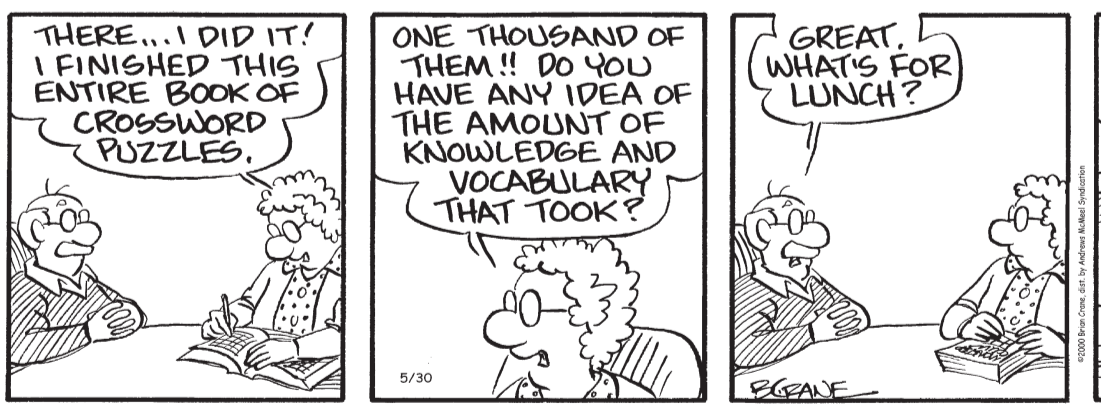
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T	L	E	B	A	L	O	G	O	W	R	R	O	Y	E
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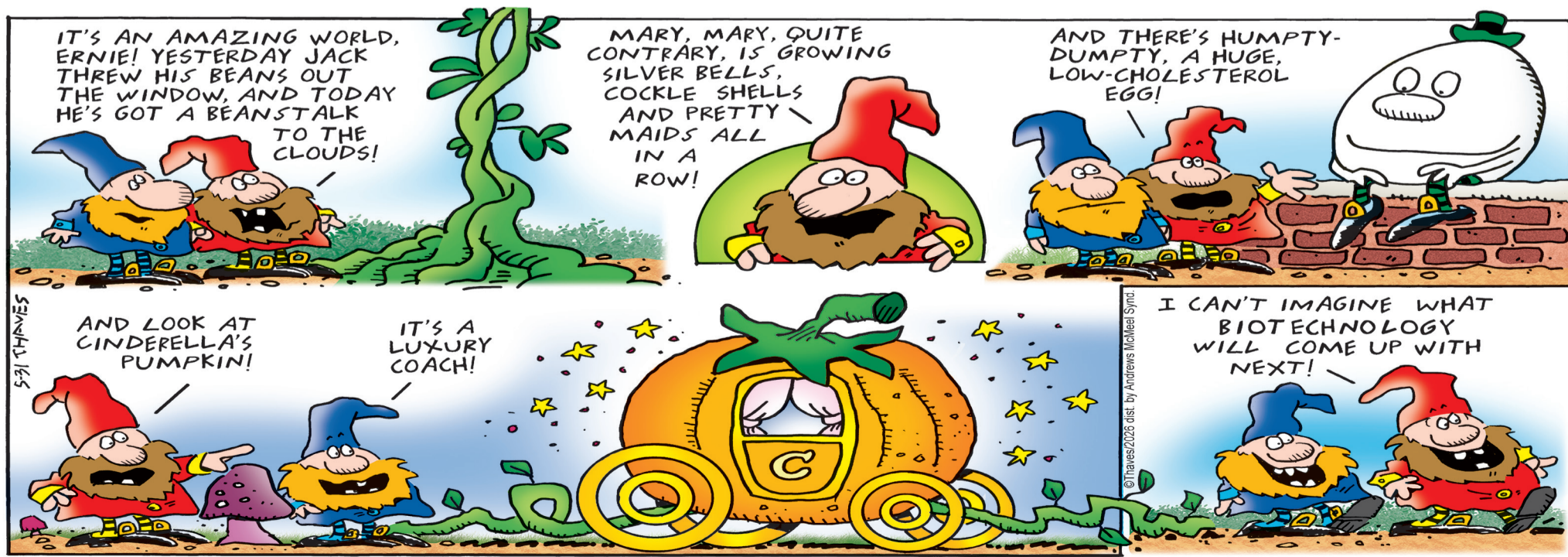
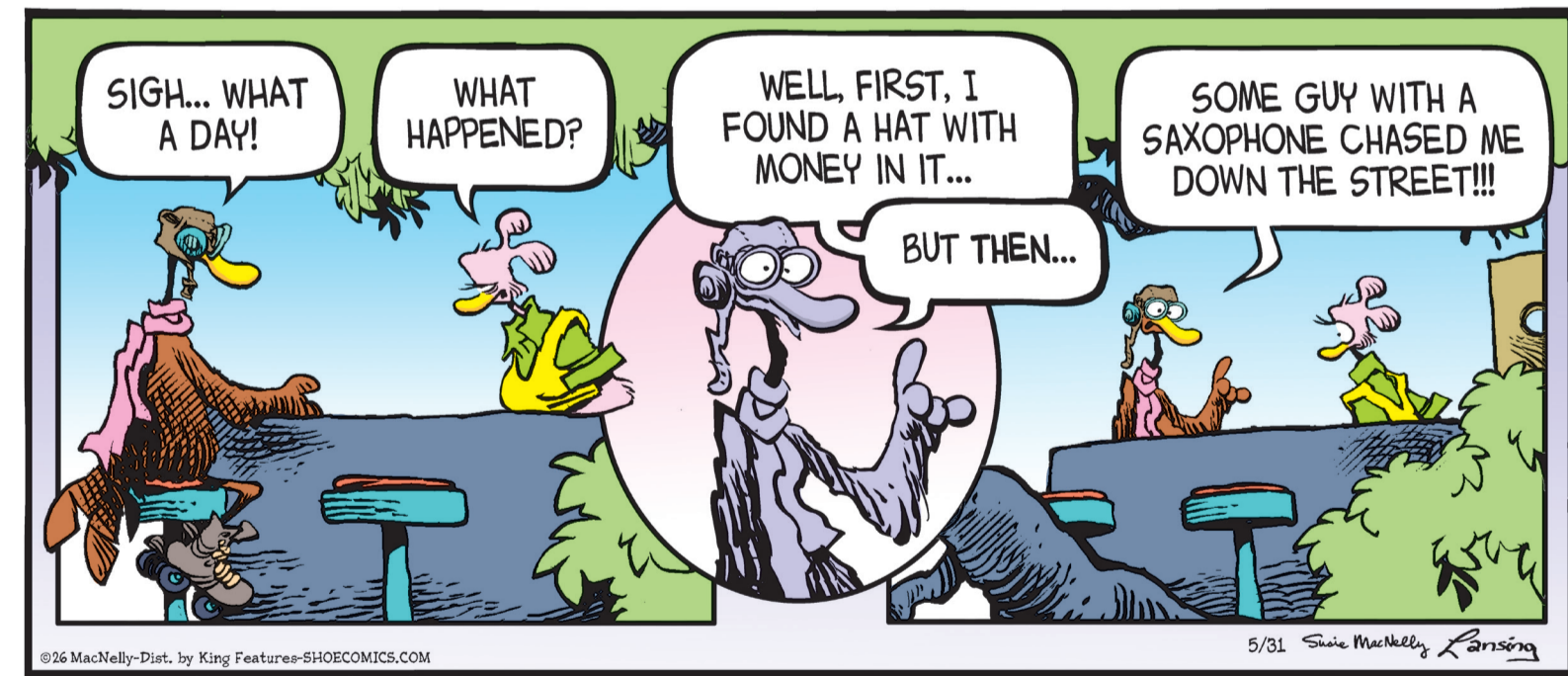
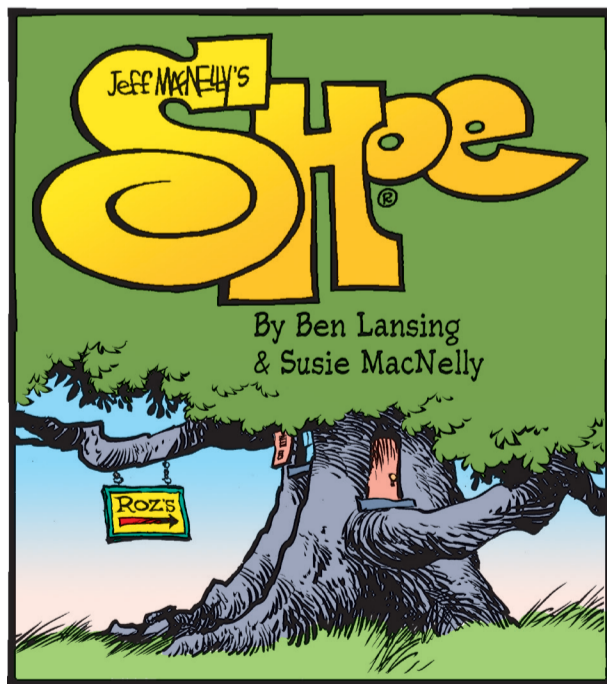
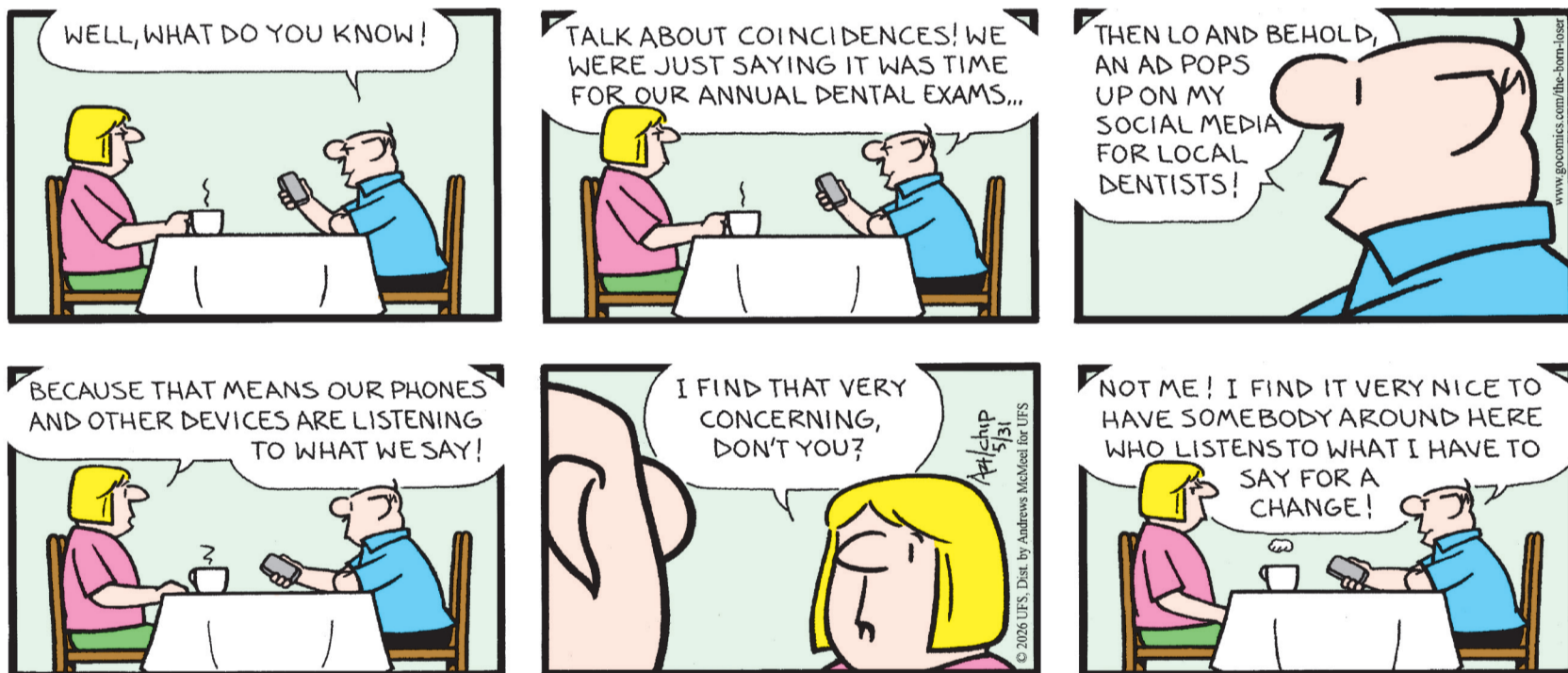
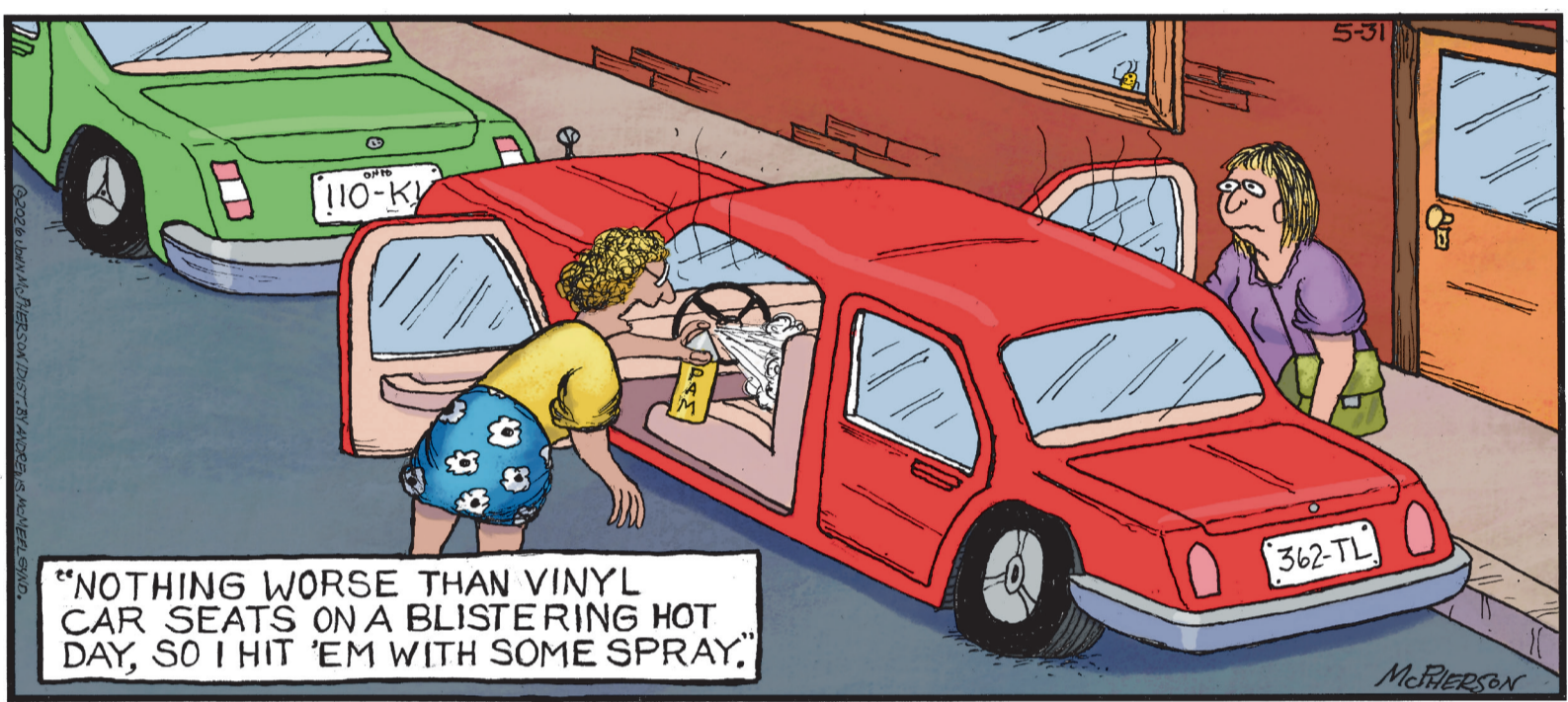
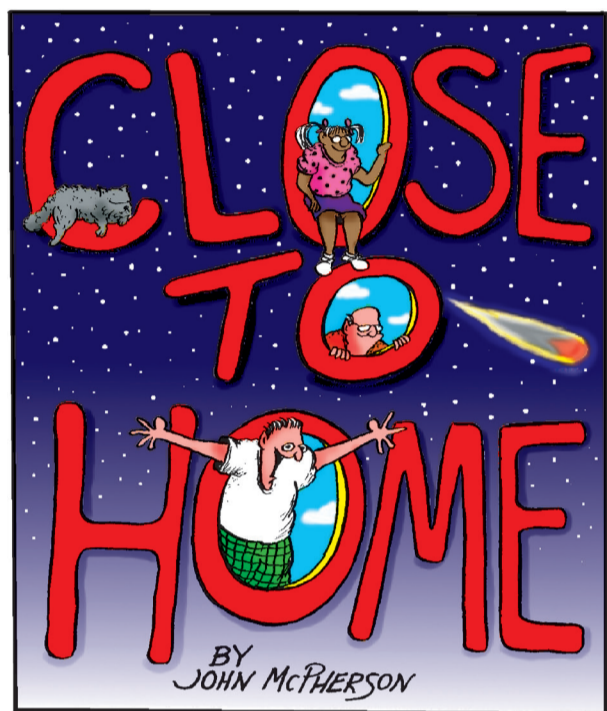
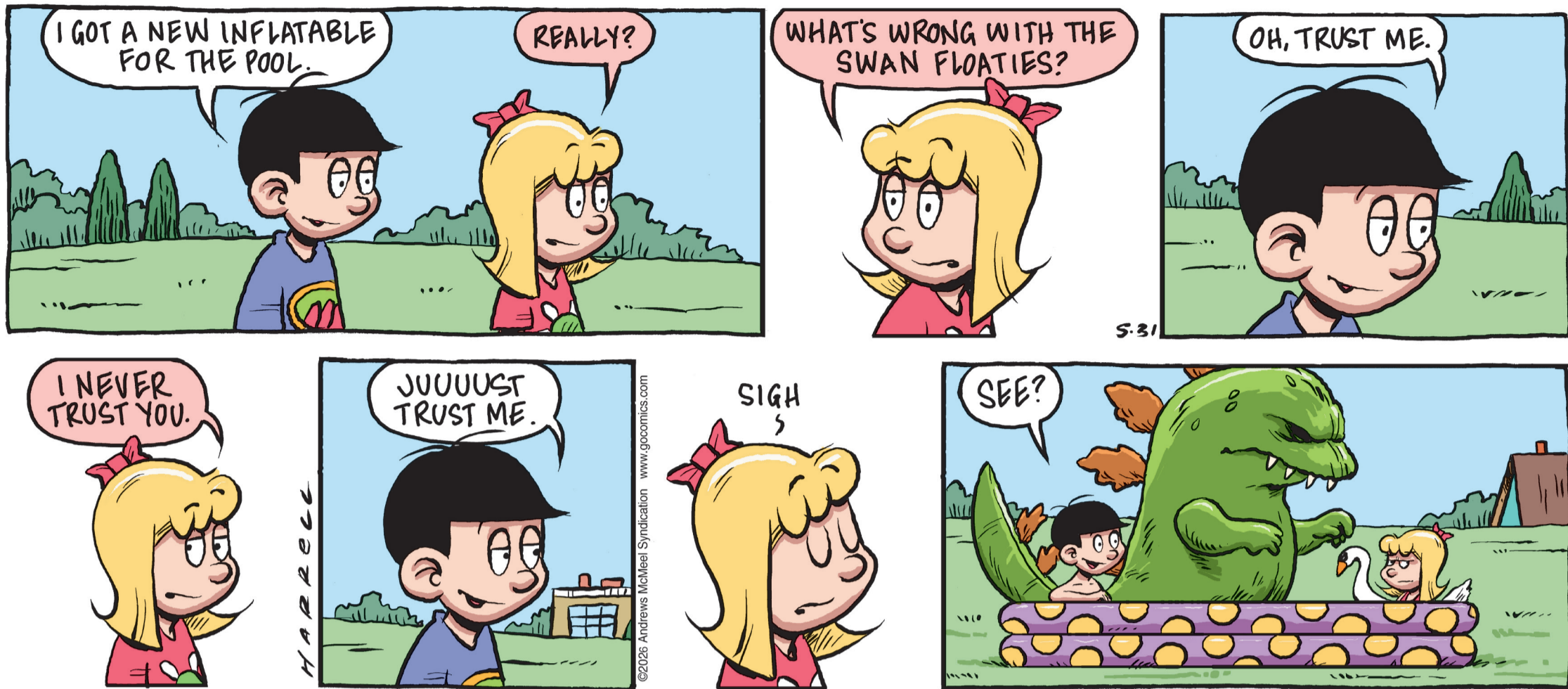
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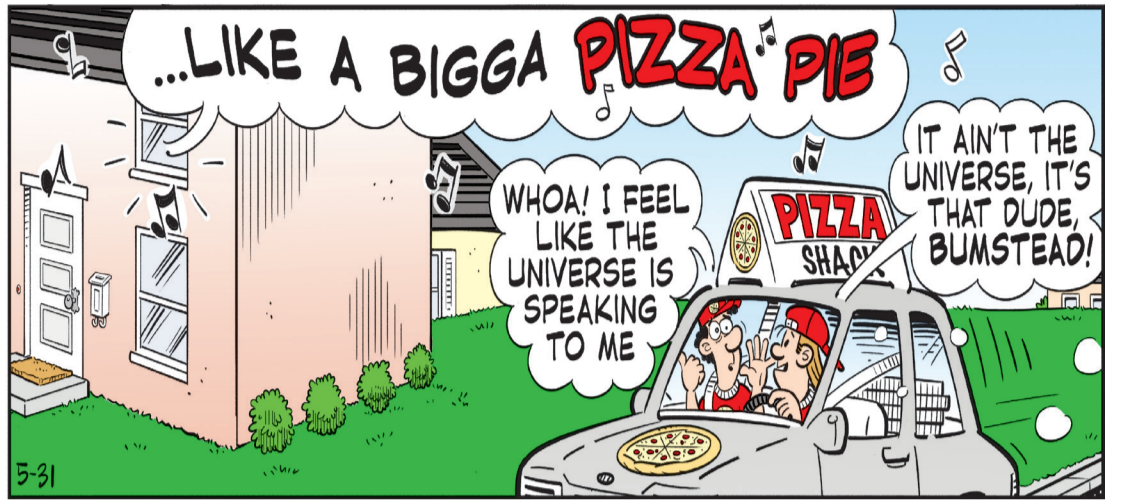
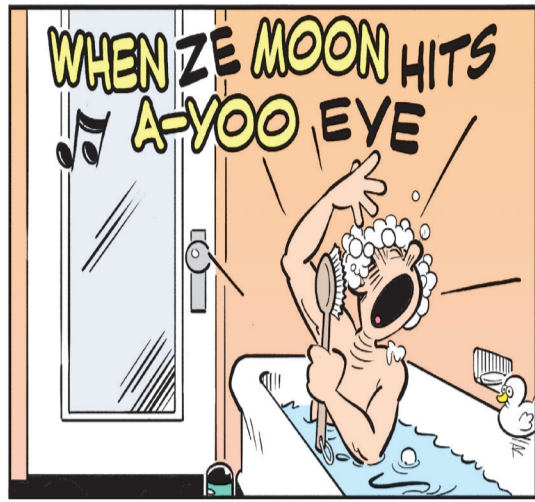
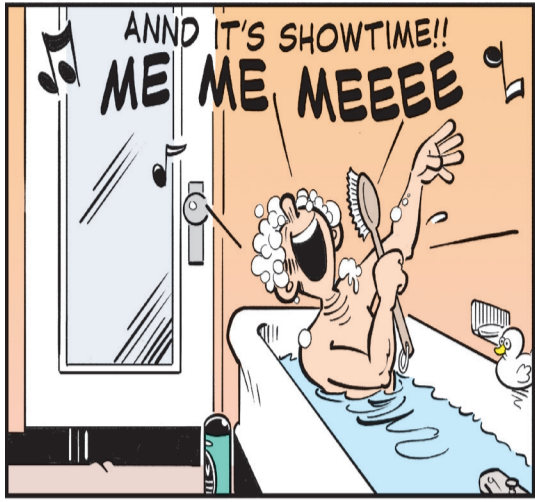
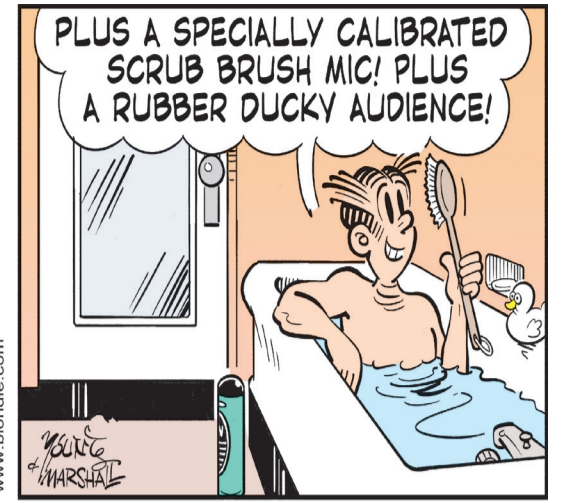
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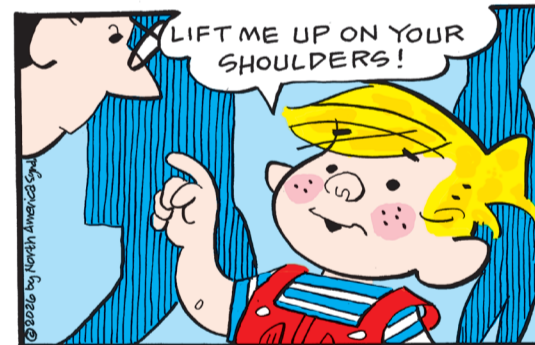
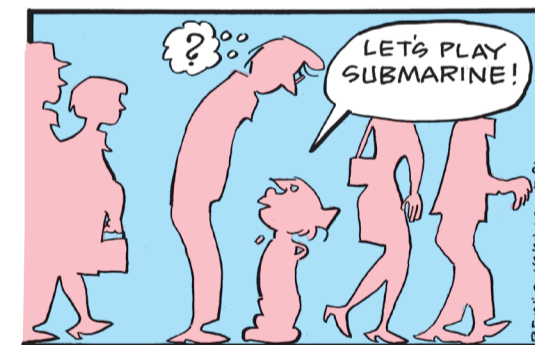
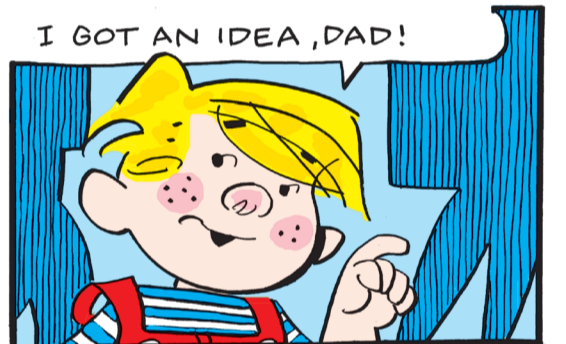
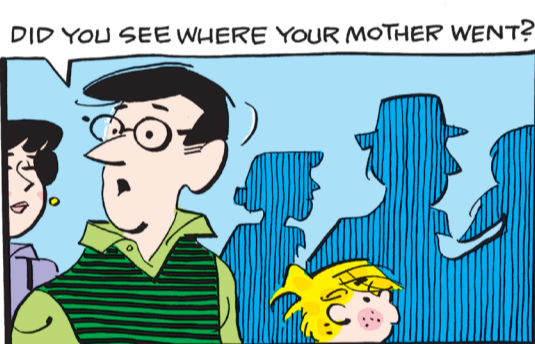
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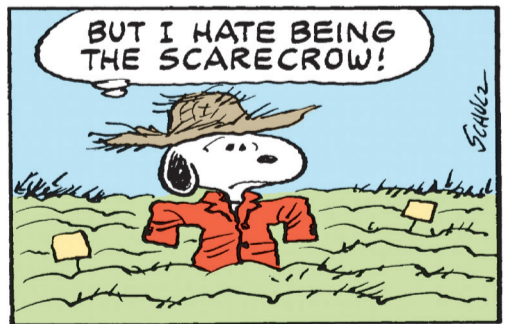
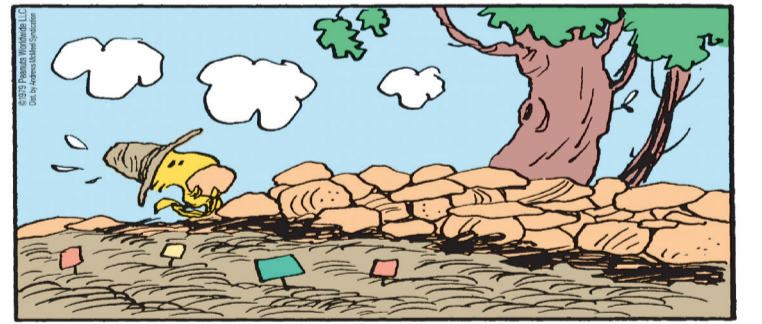
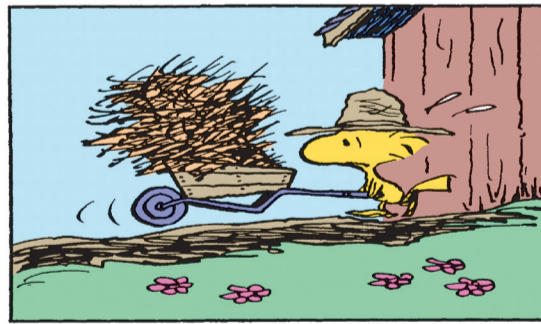
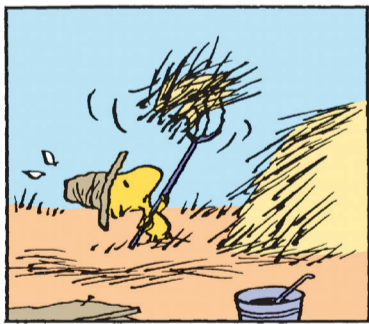
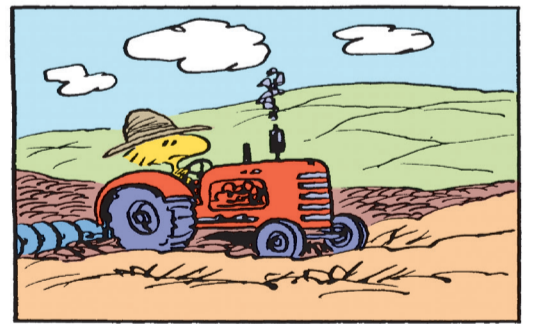


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