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From cotton to cloud:

In the data center debate, is rural Georgia once again being asked to absorb the cost?



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Photographer Lewis Wickes Hine captured this young “helper” working regularly at the Tifton Cotton Mill in January 1909. The image, part of the National Child Labor Committee collection, remains a stark reminder that the South’s cotton economy carried costs borne not only by the land, but by the communities and children who helped sustain it.

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ALBANY -- For generations, the story of the American South was written in cotton. The crop transformed the region into an agricultural powerhouse, supplying textile mills across the United States and Europe. By 1860, the South

produced the overwhelming majority of the world’s cotton, yet only a small fraction was processed locally. Most left the region as a raw commodity, bound for Northern factories and overseas mills, where the greatest share of the manufacturing, financing and commercial profits

were realized. The South supplied the land, the labor and the natural resources. Others captured much of the long-term value. The consequences reached far beyond ledgers. As production intensified through the 20th century, Southern agriculture grew dependent

on chemical pesticides. Toxaphene — a mixture of some 700 compounds registered for use against 167 insect pests, and for a time the most heavily applied insecticide in the country — was sprayed primarily on cotton; more than 409,000 metric tons were used worldwide between 1946

and 1974 before the EPA cancelled it in 1982. DDT, aldrin, dieldrin and parathion were laid down across millions of acres alongside the mixture. Farmworkers handled chemicals that would never be approved today. Families lived

See **COTTON**, 2A

Dougherty Jail graduates first class of female GED recipients

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ALBANY – Three jail inmates are getting a second chance through the Dougherty County Sheriff’s Jail to Jobs program, with some also receiving certificates in forklift driving.

Those accomplishments have inspired them trio to think about life after incarceration and improved their chances for jobs and further education.

See **GED**, 2A



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

From left, GED recipients Lindsay Roach, Michelle Sowell and Victoria Henderson were recognized on Wednesday by Dougherty County Sheriff Terron Hayes for their accomplishments. The three inmates were the first women to receive GED and forklift certificates through the sheriff’s Jail to Jobs program.

Worldwide United Way leader speaks at Albany State

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ALBANY – Albany State University experienced a historic event last week as United Way Worldwide leader Rosie Allen-Herring visited southwest Georgia, a first in more than 70 years, headlining the university’s President’s Speaking Series with a powerful conversation on leadership and community

impact. “On behalf of Albany State University, I want to extend our sincere gratitude to Rosie Allen-Herring for sharing her time, insight, and leadership with our campus and community,” ASU President Robert Scott said. “The President’s Speaking Series is an important platform for connecting our students

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From 1A

COTTON

beside treated fields. And the residues did not leave when the crops did. Because toxaphene breaks down slowly in soil, it persisted in Southern farmland for decades; sampling of former cotton fields in Georgia and South Carolina has detected DDT and its breakdown products in nearly every soil sample tested, generations after application stopped.

The human cost is harder to see, but is increasingly well-documented. These organochlorine compounds are fat-soluble, so they accumulate in the body and can be measured in exposed people many years later. Decades of epidemiological research have linked long-term pesticide exposure to elevated rates of Parkinson’s disease, certain cancers and neurological harm. One large study of farmers and their spouses tracked such outcomes across more than 60,000 people over 20 years. The burden falls first on the people who worked the fields and the families who lived beside them, long after the crop that justified the spraying was gone.

Decades of continuous cultivation also depleted soils, accelerated erosion and reduced productivity across large portions of the South. And communities dependent on a single crop proved vulnerable when markets shifted, mechanization cut labor demands and textile manufacturing moved elsewhere. The population declined. Towns emptied. Schools consolidated. Young people left in search of opportunity.

Across much of rural Georgia, the abandoned cotton warehouses and shrinking tax bases remain, enduring reminders that industries built to serve distant markets do not necessarily stay rooted in the communities that

first sustained them.

Today’s frontier is digital rather than agricultural, but the debate feels familiar.

Georgia now hosts more than 200 data center facilities and has become one of the fastest-growing markets in the country for new development, according to Georgia Tech’s Energy Policy and Innovation Center. The largest of these — hyperscale facilities serving cloud computing and artificial intelligence — consume enormous amounts of electricity, require large tracts of land and, in many cases, substantial quantities of water for cooling.

Local governments are responding at a remarkable pace. As of early June, 34 counties and 23 cities across Georgia had adopted moratoriums, passed data center ordinances or begun drafting them — roughly one in five counties statewide, a threefold increase since last October.

The wave runs from metro Atlanta to Southwest Georgia. Bulloch County extended its moratorium through the end of 2026 and has openly discussed a permanent ban. Augusta imposed a pause in June after more than two hours of public comment. Camden County adopted a six-month moratorium in May, with Terrell County following suit in early July. And in Lee County, commissioners are weighing whether to extend their own moratorium into 2027 while they write rules from scratch. As County Manager Scott Addison put it: “We currently do not have any provisions in our ordinances to identify, define, or tell us how to permit a data center.”

At the state level, House Bill 1012 would have barred counties and cities from permitting any new data center until March 2027. It stalled — as did similar efforts in at least a dozen other states — but the fact that such bills are being filed at all signals how quickly public skepticism has grown.

Nowhere is the conversation more immediate than in

Albany and Dougherty County, where officials say it is only a matter of time before a data center developer — depending on one’s point of view — blesses or targets the community.

No concrete proposal has been filed in the city or county. But there have been inquiries, and the industry is already circling the region. In June 2025, the Crisp County Commission approved rezoning for a 2.1 million-square-foot data center expected to cost more than \$6 billion, to be built in phases between 2029 and 2033. In Early County, a developer is eyeing Blakeley for a proposed 12 million-square-foot campus, and commissioners there approved a data center ordinance this week over residents’ concerns about water contamination and pollution.

Albany is trying to get ahead of the question. In July, the city launched a series of four community town hall sessions, the first held at Dougherty Comprehensive High School.

City Manager Terrell Jacobs told residents that Albany’s city-owned electric utility holds one of the key cards in attracting the industry: 20 to 30 megawatts of excess power capacity and, according to Jacobs, “... with that aspect comes the opportunity to sell off that excess.” That is not enough to support a hyperscale campus, but it is comparable to the amount of electricity consumed by dozens of smaller data centers operating throughout metro Atlanta.

Others are urging caution before any deal is struck. At last week’s Dougherty County Commission meeting, three speakers — including members of the Sowega Aquifer Alliance — asked commissioners to enact a temporary moratorium, echoing the step already taken next door in Lee County. Their concern is the resource beneath everyone’s feet: the aquifer that supplies drinking water and irrigates the farmland of the Dougherty Plain, the same land and water that once carried the

region’s cotton economy.

One resident’s assessment, delivered to the commission, distilled the stakes: Data centers can look like a quick fix for the problems facing rural America, but the bargain may be a Faustian one.

The organizing is spreading across county lines, and across political ones. A Mitchell County farmer helping build a regional coalition told Georgia Public Broadcasting that the issue unites people who rarely sit in the same room, because, as she put it, everyone drinks the same water.

The clearest measure of what data centers want from Georgia is written into the state’s own power grid.

In December, the Georgia Public Service Commission unanimously approved Georgia Power’s request for nearly 10,000 megawatts of new energy capacity — roughly a 50% increase, including five new natural gas units — primarily to serve projected data center demand. The company estimates that about 80% of its projected demand growth over the next decade is tied to data centers.

Whether that demand ever fully materializes is an open question. A report commissioned by the Southern Environmental Law Center concluded the utility’s forecast rests on a statistically improbable scenario — a roughly 1-in-500 outcome — and warned that building for speculative demand “risks driving unnecessary investments and infrastructure.” Under the approved agreement, Georgia Power pledged to shield existing customers from related rate increases into 2031 if the boom fails to arrive. Critics note that residential customers, who already pay more than \$175 a month on average, are once again being asked to trust that promise.

Then there is the tax question, and here the numbers speak plainly.

Georgia’s sales tax exemption for data center equipment, enacted to attract exactly this kind of investment, cost the state an estimated

\$474.2 million in forgone revenue in Fiscal 2025, according to a state audit conducted by the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government. That figure is projected to reach roughly \$625 million next fiscal year — up from about \$10 million in 2020.

That same audit found that about 70% of Georgia’s data centers would likely have been built even without the exemption, meaning only about 30% of projects were attributed to the tax incentive. Researchers estimated the exemption generated 8,505 construction-related jobs and 1,641 operational jobs attributable to the incentive.

That is not nothing. But set it against the scale of the subsidy, the land, the water and the electrical capacity being committed, and the old question returns with uncomfortable clarity: Who bears the costs, and who ultimately captures the value?

The comparison between cotton and cloud computing is imperfect. Cotton depended on intensive human labor; data centers rely on capital, computing infrastructure and vast amounts of electricity. Cotton’s environmental and economic legacy is well-documented; the long-term impacts of hyperscale development may not be fully understood for decades.

But the underlying arrangement is all too familiar. A hyperscale data center built in rural Georgia will not exist for the benefit of local residents. The information processed inside may serve businesses in New York, hospitals in California, manufacturers in Texas or consumers around the globe. Like cotton before it, the product is destined for markets far beyond the community where it is produced or, in this case, processed.

That does not make data centers inherently good or bad. It does invite a conversation rooted in accountability rather than optimism alone.

What commitments should communities secure before dedicating land, electrical

capacity and water to facilities serving national and global demand? How many permanent jobs justify the risk? How should local governments weigh long-term infrastructure costs against projected tax revenue — particularly when the state has already exempted much of it? What safeguards protect water supplies and reliable electric service for the residents and businesses already here?

And perhaps the hardest question: Why have so many rural leaders been willing to accept nearly any major industrial investment?

The answer may lie not in data centers but in decades of economic transition. Much of rural Georgia’s economy was built around industries whose primary markets existed elsewhere: agriculture, timber, manufacturing. When technology reduced labor needs or markets shifted, those decisions were made with little regard for the towns left behind. By then, the leaders who had championed those industries were long gone, leaving future generations to contend with the consequences.

The challenge facing today’s local leaders is not whether to welcome development. Rural Georgia needs jobs and investment to reverse decades of population loss. The challenge is ensuring today’s development does not repeat yesterday’s pattern, where communities provide the resources, shoulder the long-term consequences and discover years later that the greatest benefits flowed elsewhere.

History does not dictate the future. But one in five Georgia counties has already decided the questions are worth asking first. The rest would do well to ask them, too, before another generation stakes its economic future on an industry whose customers, shareholders and business decisions are driven not by the fortunes of rural Georgia, but by markets far beyond its borders.

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Michelle Sowell has a yellow cord draped around her neck by Dougherty County Jail GED instructor Benjamin Johnson. Sowell received higher scores on the GED exams than any student Johnson has taught.

From 1A

GED

“When I got arrested 18 months ago I never expected anything good to come out of it,” Michelle Sowell told an audience that included relatives, Dougherty County Sheriff Terron Hayes, jail employees and Albany Technical College representatives for the Wednesday graduation ceremony. “I was wrong. For the first time in a long time, I’m excited about my future.”

Before handing the certificate to Sowell, instructor Benjamin Johnson draped a yellow cord around Sowell’s neck indicating her status as an honors student.

In about a year, Johnson has helped 15 students across the finish line, but Wednesday’s class represents the first women inmates to pass the four sections of the general education development (GED) assessment: social studies, science, reading and math. Jail rules prohibit teaching coed classes.

A score of 145 or better is

required to pass each section, and Sowell scored 155 in social studies, 154 in science, 166 in reading and 167 in math.

“Those are the highest scores I’ve ever received (for a student) in a GED,” Johnson said.

In addition to improving her future prospects, graduate Lindsay Roach said the experience broke up the monotony of being behind bars.

“It was an escape,” she said. “I can say this has been challenging. I want to express my gratitude for being able to attend this program. Thank you to Sheriff Hayes for believing in second chances.”

Sowell agreed that the instructional sessions were a chance to have a breath of freedom. Students are not able to use computers like Albany Tech students can. Pencil and paper and a whiteboard were the inmates’ only instructional aids. Still, Sowell said that the atmosphere made her forget her environment during the classes.

“It didn’t feel like we were in jail,” she said.

Being in jail, Henderson said, it was easier to focus

on studying.

“When I was in school, I was a terrible student,” she said. “I’m not going to lie.”

All three graduates said they want to attend Albany Tech after they leave the jail facility.

Hayes initiated the Jail to Jobs program after he took office in 2025. The program’s goals are to give inmates a chance to have better futures and reduce recidivism.

Male inmates attend classes on Monday and Wednesday mornings, while the women are in class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for three-hour sessions. The students are escorted from their cells to a classroom in a separate part of the facility from the living areas.

An officer sits in the classes, and so far there have been “zero problems” in the jail classroom, Johnson said.

“These wonderful students brought a smile and wonderful personality to class every day and made it easier to teach them,” he said. “They maintained a positive attitude despite being incarcerated.”

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and community with transformative leaders whose experiences inspire purpose, service, and impact.

“We encourage our campus and the Albany community to take part in these conversations as we continue building a culture of leadership and engagement together.”

Held on ASU’s campus, the event featured Allen-Herring, the interim president and CEO of United Way Worldwide and national first vice president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., who delivered an inspiring message centered on service, leadership and col-

lective responsibility.

“Community impact isn’t a department or an initiative, but the reason ASU exists,” Jarrod Benjamin, the vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Albany State, said. “It’s the measure by which we judge our own success.”

“When our neighbors thrive, we thrive. When we lift, we lift together. This university has never seen itself as separate from the community around it. The future of this region is something we build together.”

United Way of Southwest

Georgia currently serves 13 counties across the region, making Allen-Herring’s visit especially meaningful as it reconnects national leadership with communities deeply aligned in mission and purpose.

Allen-Herring, a nationally recognized leader in philanthropy and civic engagement, leads a global United Way network serving 48 million people in more than 30 countries. With more than 30 years of experience, she has dedicated her career to advancing equity and improving outcomes in health, educa-

tion, and economic mobility.

Throughout her address, Allen-Herring emphasized the unique power of the HBCU experience in shaping leaders committed to service.

“Leadership and community impact go hand in hand,” she said. “It is not defined by a title; it’s defined by what’s within you. Everybody has the ability to lead and to serve.”

Allen-Herring challenged students to think critically about their role in building thriving communities and introduced her “TOPS” philos-

Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stars are starting to slide for the remainder of the week, postpone joint financial decisions regardless of what you or someone else may intensely believe, it's the wrong time. Wrap up home projects.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You might feel you've found the book of truth regarding life hacks and getting things done. Building routines and techniques can make things easier since you don't have to reinvent the wheel every day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Some positivity could remain in the realm of creative problem solving or in making art or music, the vibe could stretch one more day. Financial decisions and new investments should wait until next week.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might want to blow off some steam with unplanned, unregimented fun, make it happen if you have the luxury. Your appearance matters, it's the outer container for your inner energetic frequency.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ready, set, go. Today and this week don't offer great day scores, but by next week you could be ready to make some kind of debut. Watch for rising stars, they always help. Test an assumption.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Just because someone believes it doesn't mean it's true. Don't flog an idea to people who are disinterested or unreceptive; use your boundaries if someone tries to corner you to pitch their concept.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Whatever you may want to think is true, reality holds all the receipts. Proceed based on facts, not wishful thinking. A few more puzzle pieces may come together in your career quite soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be more persuasive by walking your walk than by talking your talk; be the example that inspires. When you quietly show people the way, you allow for

their intelligence and free will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may soon be done with organizing and mutual arrangements and feel ready to explore new universes. New adventures could await but plan your big travel legs on above-zero days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can love a friend and still not sign up for their theories—if a friendship is contingent on shared beliefs, that might be something to consider. You may want to look to someone close for help.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tomorrow stars sink below the zero line and stay there through Friday, doing it today is a better choice than waiting unless you can wait until next week. Acting on facts is a safer choice than trusting emotion or belief.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might encounter a hard sell of an idea or a product, so hard or so emotional that it's a turn off. Try to separate the harangue from the actual merits. A creative solution could emerge soon.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Enjoy what's left of your birthday month, it's likely been a lot better than most of 2026 so far, and the good vibes should continue. The Universe should really have your back now — even if you don't receive every want, you should receive many of the things you need. Early next month, an impactful moment could be a game-changer. You're likely to suddenly know more, understand more, about your journey here on planet earth. Let it move you, don't let it make you afraid. Early September could bring a new income stream that could continue going forward. Mid-month, stay aligned with long-term goals and don't make any foolish impulse moves. October's drops could be highly significant — a truth bomb of epic proportions could reboot your mindset, and a nice windfall could be much appreciated too.



- 1865** - The first western showdown occurs in Springfield, Missouri when Wild Bill Hickok shoots and kills Davis Tutt
- 1873** - The first successful train robbery occurs in Adair, Iowa when Jesse James and the James-Younger Gang rob the train
- 1907** - The passenger steamer SS Columbia collides with the steam schooner San Pedro off Shelter Cove, CA and sinks killing 88 people
- 1944** - During World War II, American troops land on Guam and start a battle that will go on under August 10th
- 1949** - The U.S. Senate ratifies the North Atlantic

- Treaty 1952** - A 7.3 mw earthquake hits Kern County in Southern California killing 12 and injuring hundreds
- 1959** - The first nuclear-powered cargo passenger ship, the NS Savannah is launched
- 1969** - Astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the Moon
- 1972** - 22 bombs are detonated by the Provisional IRA in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine and injuring 130
- 1983** - The world's lowest temperature is recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica at -128.6 degrees F

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- Department of Veterans Administration Created
- Invite an Alien to Live With You Day
- Legal Drinking Age Day
- Lowest Recorded Temperature Day
- Monkey Day
- National Be Someone Day
- Day
- National Craft for Your Local Shelters Day
- National Junk Food Day
- National Lamington Day
- National Tug of War Tournament Day
- No Pet Store Puppies Day

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What's money? A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do."

Bob Dylan,
singer/songwriter (1941-)

CORRECTION

An incorrect date for Lee County taxpayers to file assessment appeals was included in an Albany Herald article. The actual deadline to file an appeal is Aug. 15.

SQUAWKBOX

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6:30 a.m. Blue sedan, woman waiting at takeout window on four-box Pearly's order, gnawing on breakfast, throwing food refuse and wrappers out her window, littering. The height of presumptuous disrespect. It's not the trash on the ground that is the problem, but the trash "who" threw it out. Welcome to the Good Life City.

Where is the community outrage from residents in general and Lee County residents in particular at the latest hate crime perpetrated in this community? Has it become acceptable to shout your hate language, go home, grab your AK 47, adorn your body armor, and take to the streets to put "those people in their place?" Stop acting like an ostrich. This is what happened, and it's going to happen again -- and worse -- if we condone it with silent acceptance.

When I hear the terms "baby momma" and "baby daddy," what I really hear is "government assistance."

Does Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful do anything anymore? Ride through Albany and Dougherty County -- from the inner-city to the northwest to the east and all points in between -- and this community is riddled with litter. I've seen garbage bags full of trash thrown onto city streets and stay there for weeks. I thought this was what KADB did.

Raising Cane's is coming to Dawson and Westover roads. I guess it replaces Popeye's, which closed last year. If it wasn't for chicken places and car washes, Albany's economy would collapse.

What kind of cops do we have these days, killing a man's bulls over in Jeff Davis County? The deputy said he was trapped on someone's front porch, and said the cows were aggressive. Has this deputy ever been out of the city limits before? This is crazy. Cops are also killing people's dogs these days. Some of these cops do not need to be carrying a gun.

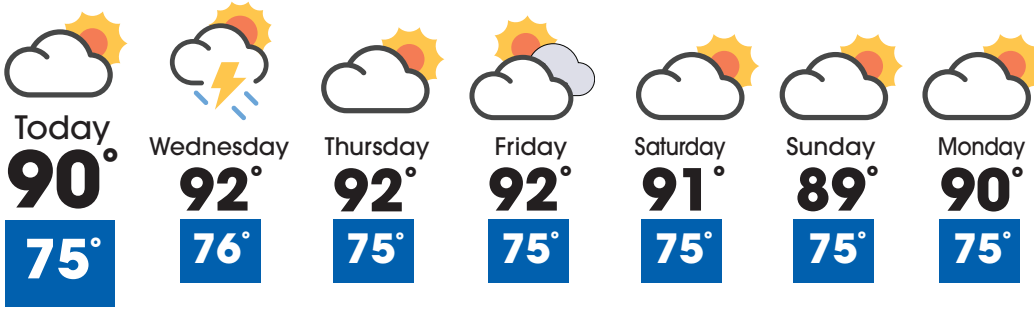
"The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." -- Thomas Jefferson

Fletcher, you need to stuff your 1960s hippie philosophy. We have the greatest president in this country's history protecting our best interests, and no amount of protesting or boycotting is going to change things. While he is busy making this country great again, people like you are busy trying to tear it down.

OK, OK. Enough already about data centers. I think it's hilarious that we have people in our local governments holding town hall meetings and spouting out in the press about these centers when it's obvious these "leaders" are simply repeating the same talking points all of them have been given, or they're talking out of their backside about stuff they know nothing about. How about focusing on problems we have -- crime, unemployment, litter, racial unrest -- and let people who have an inkling of what they're talking about fill us in on these centers?

Many people feel Carlton should be made to feel bad about some of the things he has printed about local politicians and government workers. Fear not; he doesn't.

Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

Gone to his head

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

Cy the Cynic had lost five pounds -- and gained 10. "You're courting trouble," I told Cy.

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♦ 8 4 3			
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♦ Q 9 7 6 2			
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♦ A J			
♣ 9 6			
SOUTH			
♠ A Q 5 3			
♥ 7 6			
♦ K 10 5			
♣ A Q 7 2			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All Pass
Opening lead -- ♦ 6			
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"Weight gain is inevitable," the Cynic shrugged. "It's all that information I absorb going to my head."

In my club's penny game, Cy played at 3NT. West led a diamond, and East took the ace and returned the jack. Cy took his king and cashed four clubs. East's first discard was a heart, and he next threw a spade. West let go a spade. Cy then led a spade to finesse with his queen, and West won and cashed his queen and two more diamonds. Down one.

FOURTH HEART

Cy had the information to make the winning play, but it didn't go to his head -- maybe to his liver. East's heart discard was significant, suggesting he had five. He would be reluctant to discard from



Frank Stewart

a four-card holding since dummy's fourth heart might become a winner.

After Cy cashes his club tricks, he should take the A-K of hearts and exit with a diamond. West takes three diamonds but must then lead a spade from his king.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ 9 4 ♥ A K 5 2 ♦ 8 4 3 ♣ K J 8 4. Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs and he rebids two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: The problem is awkward. You might survive a forcing bid of three hearts, but if partner bid 3NT next, you might land at game despite insufficient strength. To raise the spades now would be risky: Partner may have a six-card suit but has not promised one. I would choose an uncomfortable bid of 2NT.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Customer followed after accidentally shoplifting

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: Today I was shopping at one of the major chain stores, where I shop often. I checked my items out at the self-checkout line.

When I got to my car and unloaded my purchases, stuck in the back of the shopping cart there was a small item that I had completely overlooked.

I immediately took the item back to the store, checked it out and paid for it in the self-checkout line.

Then a clerk followed me to my car, and I'm pretty sure took down my license plate number. She did not speak to me.

I feel absolutely horrible about this, but it was a very honest mistake, and when I realized it, I immediately tried to correct it, by taking the overlooked item back to the store and paying for it.

I have never stolen anything in my entire life, and I am not about to start at the age of 80. What should I have done?

— Innocent Shopper

Dear Shopper: You did the right thing. Indeed, you did more than many would have done after discovering an honest mistake. Many people resent the jobs lost to self-checkouts and the way that companies pass the task on to the consumer for no pay. I can't see how you could have acted more responsibly.

The detective work on the part of the clerk is troubling. It also seems to be an overreaction. It could amount to nothing, but if you want to clear your mind, you may want to stop in and speak to the manager about what happened. If the store is concerned about loss prevention, they should have

spoken to you while you were in the store. Taking down your license plate, if that's what the clerk did, reflects poorly on them. So, ideally, they'd clear the air with you, too.

Dear Eric: I have a sister "Carol" who is also my best friend. Her daughter (my niece) is a complete narcissist and also a con artist. Six months ago, my niece's husband ended up in the hospital with an aortic aneurysm. After several surgeries, the doctors said he needed a heart transplant and six weeks ago he got a new heart. He is still not doing well.

A GoFundMe was started for the family, and instead of using it to pay her bills, my niece uses it to party away.

Three years ago, my niece was investigated by our state's attorney general for "misplacing" and "misappropriating" drugs that she was supposed to give her patients. She needed a \$4,000 retainer and my sister paid it. She went to trial and she lost her nursing license. I am the only one who knows this.

Now my niece's mother-in-law is texting my sister saying that it takes a village to raise my niece's kids and my sister should do more. The mother-in-law is a retired and very wealthy former lawyer. She doesn't know the whole story.

Meanwhile my niece posts things on Facebook about what a devoted mother and wife she is even though she leaves the kids with my sister all the time. Since her husband has been in the hospital my niece has flown to Miami twice, Costa Rica once and goes on her "party weekends" every other weekend. She is also using the GoFundMe for tummy



Eric Thomas

tucks, liposuction and a breast enhancement.

Then she calls my sister and says, "While I am away, can you do the laundry and clean my house?"

I have known the mother-in-law and her husband for more than 40 years. Should I tell the mother-in-law the real story, so she stops putting pressure on my sister? If not, how else can I support my sister?

— Supportive Sister

Dear Supportive: First, ask your sister if she wants you to help by intervening with the mother-in-law. There seems to be a lot of chaos surrounding your niece and the last thing you want to do is get yourself wrapped up in it. You may find that your sister doesn't want more conversation about all of this.

Ultimately, this is between her and the mother-in-law, so if she wanted to be forthcoming about the challenges she's having with your niece, she could.

The best way to support her may be to encourage her to set firmer boundaries with her daughter and to seek the appropriate support to keep her grandchildren safe. You can be upfront about this, telling her you're concerned about her and you think the situation with her daughter is out of hand. This doesn't have to come across as judgment. But if she's open to constructive feedback, it might be helpful to be reminded that she doesn't have to put up with this and, indeed, doing so isn't the best path to supporting her grandchildren, or her daughter for that matter.

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

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86% of Lee County High School students ‘pass’ AP exams

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LEESBURG -- Lee County High School students continue to achieve outstanding results on Advanced Placement (AP) exams, demonstrating both strong academic performance and increased participation in college-level coursework.

AP courses provide students with the opportunity to complete rigorous college-level coursework while still in high school. AP exam scores range from 1 (not qualified) to 5 (extremely well-qualified). Scores of 3, 4, and 5 are generally considered passing/proficient scores because they indicate a student is qualified for potential college credit or

advanced placement.

The spring of 2026 AP exam scores indicated that 86% of Lee County High students who took an AP course earned a score of 3 or higher. In addition, 329 students participated in AP coursework, which is an increase of more than 10% over the previous school year.

Lee County students also outperformed their global peers by more than 10 percentage points in eight AP courses, showcasing the high level of achievement across multiple subject areas. Students earned exceptional results in mathematics, with 100% of students scoring a 3 or higher on both the AP PreCalculus and AP Calculus exams.

Lee County High also saw significant growth in AP Human Geography. Student scores increased by 16 percentage points from the previous year and scored 30 percentage points above the global average on the exam.

“We’re incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment shown by our students and AP teacher,” Lee County 9th Grade Principal Ginger Lawrence said. “The significant increase in AP Human Geography scores is a remarkable achievement, and having our students perform 30 percentage points above the global average demonstrates that they are not only meeting high expectations, they are exceeding them.

“This success reflects the dedication of our students, the quality of instruction in our classrooms, and the support they receive every day. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing to expand opportunities for student success.”

Currently, Lee County offers 13 AP courses. The system remains committed to expanding student access to these challenging courses in preparation for success after graduation.

“Our team of AP teachers worked diligently this year to create rigorous environments for our advanced students, and our scores certainly reflect that across the board,” Lee County High School Prin-



File Photo

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cipal Melissa Edwards said. “We are particularly proud to have reached the pinnacle of 100% of students earning college credit in AP PreCalculus and AP Calculus by passing their AP exams.

“We assigned two teachers to those courses this past year to maximize collaboration, and I think we can clearly see that iron does sharpen iron. We paired a successful, long-time Lee County veteran teacher with a new Lee teacher who

had proven success in AP courses in his previous district. The results speak for themselves. We couldn’t be more proud of our AP students and teachers.”

For more information about LCSS, go to www.lee.k12.ga.us or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/leecountyschoolsystem, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/leecountyschool or on Instagram at www.instagram.com/leecountyschools.

SRTC Vet Tech cohort achieves 100% pass rate on board exams

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THOMASVILLE -- For the fourth consecutive year, Southern Regional Technical College’s Veterinary Technology program graduates achieved a 100% passage rate on the Veterinary Technician National Exam. The VTNE is a comprehensive three-hour, 170-question exam administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards that covers nine essential domains of veterinary technician responsibility.

The students, who completed their coursework in the spring semester, include Andra Sales of Newton, Makenna Brooks of Sylvester and Hanna Humphries of Camilla.

The students were pinned recently and are eligible to take part in the college’s commencement ceremony on July 29. Each graduate passed their board exam on the first attempt. This 100% first-attempt pass rate is a major accomplishment for this program and its students, as that percentage is well above the national average of 70.31% for similar programs.

SRTC’s seven-semester Veterinary Technology program is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Accreditation Committee on Veterinary Education and Activities. Program graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree, are



Special Photo: SRTC

SRTC Vet Tech students who achieved a 100% passing rate on national exams include, front row, from left, Andra Sales, Makenna Brooks, Anna Beth Bibby, Christin Connelly, Miranda Brown and Kayla Griffin; and, second row, from left, Esmeralda Cruz Diaz, Hanna Humphries, Natalie Griner, Brianna Lynn and Wayne Davis.

eligible to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination, and are qualified to apply for credentials as a licensed veterinary technician in the state of Georgia.

“We are so proud of this special group of students for achieving a 100% pass rate on the VTNE,” Veterinary Technology Program Director Jennifer Mason, said. “They have truly made teaching a joy, and we look

forward to what they will accomplish in the field of veterinary medicine.”

Southern Regional Technical College offers more than 150 degree, diploma and certificate programs that are designed to get students quickly into their desired careers, and 38 general education courses that transfer to the University System of Georgia institutions and 19 private colleges and univer-

sities in Georgia. SRTC has instructional sites located in 11 counties across southwest Georgia for the convenience of its students.

For the most up-to-date information on registration, class dates, and program offerings, interested individuals can log on to www.southernregional.edu or call (888) 205-3449. Fall semester begins Aug. 18.



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Georgia Lottery’s annual profits for HOPE, Pre-K exceed \$1.54 billion

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ATLANTA – Gov. Brian Kemp announced last week that the Georgia Lottery Corp. raised \$1,540,868,000 for education in Fiscal Year 2026, bringing the total transferred to the State Treasury’s Lottery for Education Account since inception in 1993 to more than \$31.3 billion.

“The Georgia Lottery has generated \$11.48 billion in proceeds for the HOPE Scholarship and our Pre-K Program over the last eight years,” Kemp said in making the announcement. “That funding, on top of the historic education investments we’ve made, the restoration of the HOPE program to 100% tuition coverage, and the removal of the institutional fee is why quality education will remain both affordable and accessible here in Georgia.”

Fiscal Year 2026 marks the 11th consecutive year that the Georgia Lottery has surpassed \$1 billion in profits for education, exceeding FY ‘25 profits by \$69.5 million.

“Fiscal Year 2026 was an exceptionally strong year, and we are grateful to Gov. Kemp, the legislature, our board of directors and advisory boards,

as well as our lottery retailers, vendors, partners, employees and players,” Georgia Lottery President and CEO Gretchen Corbin said. “Every ticket purchased represents an investment in Georgia’s students and families who benefit from the Georgia Lottery-funded HOPE Scholarship and Pre-K programs. We are proud of these results and appreciate everyone who furthers our mission and makes our success possible.”

Adding to the excitement, the Georgia Lottery celebrated its largest prize winner in history with a \$983 million Mega Millions jackpot won in Newnan in November and claimed in January.

Since its first year, the Georgia Lottery Corp. has returned more than \$31.3 billion to the state of Georgia for education. All Georgia Lottery profits go to pay for specific educational programs, including Georgia’s HOPE Scholarship Program and Georgia’s Pre-K Program. More than 2.3 million students have received HOPE, and more than 2.2 million 4-year-olds have attended the statewide, voluntary prekindergarten program.

For more information on the Georgia Lottery Corp., visit www.galottery.com.

U.S. House passes bill to make daylight saving time permanent

By Amelia Twyman

Georgia Recorder

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House has voted to make daylight saving time permanent nationwide in a bipartisan move that pushes the country one step closer to ending the long-contested ritual of semiannual clock changes.

The House passed the measure, called the Sunshine Protection Act, 308-117. Its future in the Senate is uncertain.

Introduced by Republican Rep. Vern Buchanan of Florida, the Sunshine Protection Act passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee 48-1 in May.

“This bipartisan legislation represents a popular, common-sense reform and would benefit Americans by protecting precious daylight during the evening, when people are most likely to be awake and active,” the White House said in a statement Tuesday. “If (the bill) were presented to the President in its current form, his advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.”

Permanent daylight saving time would mean keeping the clocks shifted forward one hour all year, eliminating the need to “spring forward” every March and “fall back” each November. The adjustment would extend more daylight into the evening, creating later sunrises and sunsets compared to standard time.

“Establishing permanent daylight saving time would provide families with more usable daylight hours in the evening, giving people additional opportunities to spend time outdoors,” Republican Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis of Florida said during House debates. Many other representatives from Florida voiced their support for the bill, saying later daylight hours would help boost the Sunshine State’s economy.

Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., a New Jersey Democrat, agreed.

In his remarks supporting the permanent daylight saving time, he also pointed to the harmful effects that switching the clocks twice a year can have on people’s health, as well as young children and



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pets’ quality of sleep.

Under the bill, states that do not observe daylight saving time before enactment would have the choice to remain on permanent standard time.

The provision would only affect two states, Hawaii and Arizona outside Navajo Nation, that already do not observe daylight saving time. Those states instead go by standard time, the hours the rest of the country follows

from November to March, year-round. Other states wishing to opt out would have to enact a law one day before the federal bill becomes law.

Many health experts say standard time is better for humans because it increases the amount of daylight received in the morning, which is beneficial for body rhythms and helps improve sleep.

Democratic Rep. Madeleine Dean of Pennsylvania, the

only representative to speak in opposition to the bill during floor debate, cited the benefits tied to standard time as one of her main reasons for going against the bill.

Though she too expressed frustration with the practice of changing clocks, she said dozens of medical associations show “if we stop the clock, permanent standard time is a healthier choice.”

Dean also pointed to events that occurred the last time the U.S. briefly attempted to follow permanent daylight saving time in 1974. Some children lost their lives while walking to school in the dark, she said.

“We aren’t voting on bills right now that would reduce the sky-high costs of food, fuel, healthcare or addressing the president’s war in Iran,” Dean said. “Instead we’re considering a bill that was deadly and dangerous in the past.”

Daylight saving time was first introduced in the early 20th century as an energy-conserving wartime measure, according to the aca-

demic journal Science. The U.S. has observed short periods of permanent daylight saving over the years, but the federal government has each time reverted to the practice of changing clocks.

Lawmakers have also made attempts in recent years to enact permanent daylight saving time. In 2022, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved an earlier version of the bill, sponsored by Sens. Patty Murray, a Washington Democrat, and Rick Scott, a Florida Republican, only for the measure to stall in the House.

Murray called on Senate Majority Leader John Thune to bring the House-passed bill for a vote in the Senate.

“My state, where it is often dark earlier than 4 p.m. in the winter, has made it abundantly clear we want permanent Daylight Saving Time,” Murray wrote. “Americans from Seattle to Miami believe it’s way past time to lock the clock—I am calling on Leader Thune to bring this bill to a vote as soon as possible.”

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There will be sold before the courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August in 2026, between the legal hours of sale, and continuing the next day, if necessary, for CASH or CERTIFIED FUNDS to the highest bidder the following described property to satisfy tax fifa together with interest, penalty, recording and advertising cost, all as provided by Official Code of Georgia, section 48-1-1 et seq., with the owner, the address, the loca-tion of the property, the year(s) as follows: For additional information call The Albany/Dougherty Tax Department at 431-3208. Pursuant to Georgia Law, payment will be required within one (1) hour of the completion of the tax sale. **In the event a bid is not properly paid or there is a no sale the property shall be re-offered at 2:00 PM on the day of the sale.** To register to bid at the Dougherty County Tax Sale please go to <https://www.gtsweb.com/contact-4> and select Dougherty County from the drop-down menu.

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HEARD AVE	650	ARIES INVESTMENT GROUP INC (VIAT TAX DEED) AND US BANK TRUST NAAS TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2015 A+	000BB-00004-023	2024-2025	N CARROLL ST	506	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	000TT-00026-021	2025
HICKORY LN	400	RIVER ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST TRUSTEES	000BB-00015-09E	2025	N CENTRAL ST	206	JONES JIMMY L & BARBARA J	000TT-00025-007	2024-2025
HIGHLAND AVE	1006	GIOJA FEDERICO	000DD-00013-020	2025	N CENTRAL ST	301	SUTTON RAYMOND	000EE-00029-027	2024-2025
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HIGHLAND AVE	1909	JUDGE WILLIE POSTELL	0000Q-00020-003	2025	N CLEVELAND ST	601	CUTTS SAMUEL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS	0000N-00031-001	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	1922	PEARCE TIMOTHY	0000Q-00031-017	2025	N CLEVELAND ST	607	KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000D-00016-009	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	416	ALBANY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES INC	0000E-00004-019	2025	N DAVIS ST	1009	MIXON STEWART	0000D-00016-012	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	502	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	0000E-00005-022	2025	N DAVIS ST	2309	TRE CHE LLC	000FF-00036-012	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	512	MALONE TRAVIS	0000E-00005-028	2024-2025	N DAVIS ST	809	WILLIEBEHERE LLC	000LL-00003-19D	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	616	BURR, JOHN; MATHIS, ROBERT JR; AND CROSLEY, TCHAIKOVSKY	000DD-00009-026	2025	N DAVIS ST	209	HICKS SILAS & JULIETTE	0000D-00002-019	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	620	BURR JOHN; MATHIS, ROBERT & CROSLEY, TCHAIKOVSKY	000DD-00009-027	2025	N HARDING ST	105	IGG RENTALS LLC	0000D-00037-18A	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	625	SOLOMON DYNASTY LLC AND SHABAZZ TAZDBA SHABAZZ GROUL LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND MILES CYNTHIA	000DD-00008-005	2023-2025	N HARDING ST	1913	LOUIS FRANK & ALEXIS CO-TTEE LOUIS UNLTD	000LL-00026-006	2025
HIGHLAND AVE	706	LLOYD PERRY ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00010-021	2024-2025	N HARDING ST	601	MXS ENTERPRISE LLC	0000D-00017-013	2025
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HIGHLAND AVE	925	LOPEZ ZABEL & OLVERA JAIME	000DD-00006-003	2025	N JACKSON ST	706	THOMAS JULIUS	000CC-00014-023	2022-2025
HOBSON ST	904	STEPHENS KASANDRA GERVIN	0000U-00010-003	2025	N JACKSON STREET	708	THOMAS JULIUS	000CC-00014-022	2022-2025
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HOLLOWAY AVE	708	CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN	000HH-00030-014	2011-2025	N JEFFERSON ST	710	LUNSFORD DEKERRI	000CC-00013-019	2025
HOMEWOOD DR	2715	BARWICK ERIC	000MM-00011-06B	2025	N MADISON ST	1207	SWILLEY ROBERT	000FF-00024-007	2024-2025
HOOVER ST	2108	LEDFORD LINDY	0000N-00019-092	2024-2025	N MADISON ST	503	AMERICUS INVESTMENTS INC	0000D-00022-010	2025
HOOVER ST	2403	AGLOW REAL ESTATE, LLC	0000N-00005-018	2025	N MADISON ST	707	REID WILLIE ALICE PAYTON ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000D-00011-018	2020-2025
HOPE ST		WILLIS SUSIE MAE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00003-063	2024-2025	N MAPLE ST	1505	FDJJ ALBANY LLC	0000K-00025-003	2023-2025
HOPE ST	416	HALL REGINALD E	00012-00003-68B	2025	N MOCK RD	200	JUST ROSES LLC	0000J-00005-015	2025
INDEPENDENCE DR	201	BOONE HELEN	0000X-00004-013	2025	N MONROE ST	409	AAA RENTAL GROUP INC	000CC-00033-010	2025
INDEPENDENCE DR	333	POPE JOHNNY LEE & DEBORAH	0000X-00001-022	2025	N RIVERVIEW CIR	2038	ROBINSON DAVID MATTHEWS ESTATE & BOWERS ANNE B ESTATE (AKA ROBINSON ANNE) AND ALL HEIRS	0000K-00033-009	2025
INDICA TRAIL	2006	MOUNTAIN VIEW INTERNATIONAL INC	00059-00025-003	2025	N RIVERVIEW CIR	2043	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000K-00036-003	2023-2025
INDICA TRAIL	2011	JACKSON EMMA R & CARTHA LEE ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00059-00024-005	2025	N RIVERVIEW CIR	2044	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000K-00033-006	2023-2025
INDICA TRAIL	2105	ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	00059-00026-009	2025	N RIVERVIEW CIR	2052	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000K-00033-002	2023-2025
INDUSTRY AVE	1315	BOCHAMP PROPERTIES LLC	00212-00001-018	2025	N SLAPPEY BLVD	1007	COTTON JR JACK DELEON	0000G-00037-009	2025
JEFFERIES AVE	414	KING PAUL D	0000I-00029-027	2020-2025	N SLAPPEY BLVD	2003	GIBSON KONTERRIAS & THOMAS RUBY	0000N-00027-024	2025
JEFFERIES AVE	420	JUBILEE FINIACIAL SERVICES INC	0000I-00029-029	2025	N SLAPPEY BLVD	2401	ALBANY 2401 N SLAPPEY LLC	0000N-00003-21B	2025
JEFFERIES AVE	426	JONES GENERAL & GIOVANNA	0000I-00029-032	2025	N SLAPPEY BLVD	723	JAMILLION LLC	000GG-00011-015	2025
JEFFERIES AVE	433	JONES ARTHUR B	0000I-00024-001	2025	N VAN BUREN ST	710	VAN BUREN HOLDINGS LLC	0000D-00010-032	2025
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JOHNNY W WILLIAMS RD	417	WILLIAMS AND SON'S REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC	000BB-00012-021	2025	NELSON AVE	619	SUNCHASE HOLDINGS LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND GREENLEO HR PROPERTIES LLC	000CC-00026-016	2025
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JOHNNY W WILLIAMS RD	612	REESE MARY LEE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-070	2025	NEWTON RD		ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND BOWENS VIOLA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00066-010	2025
JONES AVE	1412	JONES MARK, JONES ANTHONY, CARRIER DEBORAH, JONES MARK AND JONES TRACEY	0000H-00051-018	2025	NEWTON RD	1313	POWE EARNST ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00066-015	2024-2025
JONES AVE	1608	JENKINS REESE ESTATE & CHERRY F AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00230-00002-005	2024-2025	NINTH AVE	1208	GREER L ALAN	0000G-00014-012	2025
JONES AVE	1615	JOHNSON BYRDIE	00230-00001-022	2025	NINTH AVE	1211	FERGUSON TOMMIE & SCHORLETTE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000G-00010-003	2025
JONES AVE	1905	WILLIAMS KATHERINE	00230-00009-004	2025	NINTH AVE	527	FIVE TWENTY SEVEN NINTH LLC	0000F-00004-004	2024-2025
JUNIPER DR	2109	STRUM RODREGES	00059-00006-007	2025	NINTH AVE	532	CHILDERS HELEN GENEVA ESTATE & BLOODSWORTH EDGAR ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000F-00006-033	2021-2025
JUNIPER DR	2310	STRANGE JOSEPH D SR	00059-00011-020	2025	NONA DR	205	MOORE HUKUM (VIA TAX DEED INTEREST) AND KIRK, JAMES C ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0001I-00015-010	2024-2025
KEN GARDENS RD	1428	GARDNER SUSANNE H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000MM-00015-004	2025	NORTH GATE RD	2600	JDH PROPERTIES LLC	00333-00005-008	2025
KENILWORTH DR	2607	L.I.P.S. LLC	00303-00017-003	2025	NORTHWOOD DR	1704	NIX JAMES PRESTON III & DETREECIA	00350-00002-020	2025
KIRKWOOD DR	2106	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00059-00017-004	2025	NORTHWOOD DR	1706	HALL KUANATIKAL	00350-00002-019	2025
KIRKWOOD DR	2210	WARREN FAMA PARKER	00059-00017-015	2025	NOTTINGHAM WAY	2406	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	000SS-00007-011	2025
LAMAR ST	2309	OMAR MUSTAFA	000LL-00005-003	2025	OAK ST	127	MALONE TRAVIS L	000CC-00026-006	2025
LEDO RD SUITE 9	2734	NGUYEN UT THI	00300-00001-1S1	2025	OAKRIDGE DR	1506	REDDICK ADRIENNE D	00059-00014-002	2025
LEONARD AVE	2415	OLIVER DEBRA	0000J-00005-018	2023-2025	ODOM AVE	427	ELLIS JAMES ESTATE AND ELLIS, MILDRED DELORES ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000I-00018-005	2022-2025
LEXINGTON DR	310	OVERLOOK PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT LLC	0000X-00005-006	2025	ODOM AVE	527	MUHAMMAD BRINSON & GARDNER ANGELA	000HH-00044-006	2024-2025
LILY POND RD	1523	MILLER ANTONIO	00208-00001-99Z	2025	ODOM AVE	913	JACKSON ANNIE RUTH ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00037-005	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1119	TAYLOR ANNIE D ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00039-04A	2025	OLD DAWSON RD	3203	ESKEW CAROLINE A ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00354-00006-011	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1125	TAYLOR TONYA YVETTE	0000H-00039-001	2025	OLD DOMINION RD	2301	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-055	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1200	MIKE SMITH HOLDINGS LLC	0000H-00041-014	2025	OLD DOMINION RD		GREENE CAROLYN	000JQ-00027-016	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1204	JOHNSON WILLIAM BRANDON	0000H-00041-012	2025	OLD JOHNSON RD	135	KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-066	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1413	NIX INEZ M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00033-005	2025	OLD TOWNE CT	3809	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00059-00017-018	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1908	ALBANY ARC INC	0000Q-00048-01A	2024-2025	OXFORD RD	2129	GUEST KWAJALEIN M & MITCHELL PATRICIA AN	00059-00014-020	2025
LINCOLN AVE	1909	ALBANY ARC INC	0000Q-00048-01C	2024-2025	OXFORD RD	2139	HILL MICHAEL & TAMMIE	00059-00014-020	2025
LINCOLN AVE	602	BOOF CAPITAL LLC	000DD-00028-022	2024-2025	PARKWOOD AVE	618	MCGAHEE DELORSE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00009-025	2024-2025
LINCOLN AVE	625	LINDSEY CHARLES S & RALPHEEN R ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00019-004	2025	PEARCE AVE	2311	SEO RENTALS LLC	00155-00001-015	2025
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LOGAN CT	111	ALBANY NW LLC	00306-00017-017	2025	PINSON RD	111	CURA JULIENE RITA VENICE& IRMA	00018-00001-004	2025
LOGAN CT	115	BLAKELY CHICKEN PROPERTIES OF	00306-00017-016	2025	POINTE NORTH BLVD	620	LCG2HC POINTE NORTH BLVD ALBANY LLC	040-2-00000-002	2025
LONGBOW DR	627	FACISON INVESTMENTS LLC	00365-00002-021	2025	PORTER LANE	501	NABULSI MOHAMAD	0000Y-00029-013	2025
LOUIS AVE	512	WHELLON LADALIA REID AKA GRANT LADALIA ESTATE AND REID VERNELLE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000I-00033-025	2024-2025	PRINCETON DR	2104	JUDGE WILLIE POSTELL	00230-00021-008	2025
LULLWATER RD	1804	LIQU INVESTMENTS LLC	0000I-00034-042	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	1009	WHITE WILLIAM L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00036-01A	2025
MADELINE RD	2917	VARNELL JUDY HICKS ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000PP-00010-036	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	1108	JACKSON WILLIE FRANK SR & YVONNE WRIGHT	0000Y-00025-003	2025
MALONE DR	1500	SMITH ROGER ESTATE & BRENDA SUE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00018-00002-018	2023-2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	1508	FRIX PHILLIP M ESTATE & LONAA AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00004-007	2025
MALONE DR	1502	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-001	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	1510	JEFFERSON BENJAMIN ELLIS & JEFFERSON, LETINA VETTE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00004-008	2025
MALONE DR	1502	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-002	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	1905	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00227-00000-024	2025
MALONE DR	1508	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-004	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	2003	MOORE GLENDA & WHITFIELD LAQUANNA	00185-00001-03A	2025
MALONE DR	1510	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-005	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	924	WASHINGTON MARK	00001-00012-018	2025
MALONE DR	1518	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-009	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD	928	WASHINGTON MARK	00001-00012-19A	2025
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MALONE DR	1601	SHIRAH CORNELIA ANN	0000K-00027-016	2024-2025	RELSWOOD TER	1005	JAMES RODRECIUS MONTREL	0000G-00039-012	2025
MARTIN LUTHER KING J DR	2315	ST OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	000BB-00012-11B	2011-2025	RENA AVE	1507	ALLEN JAMARIOUS RASHOD	0000K-00023-005	2025
MAYFAIR LN	3802	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-039	2025	RESIDENCE AVE	816	LONDON INVESTMENTS LLC AND TORRES ALEJANDRO	0000D-00030-063	2025
MAYFAIR LN	3804	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-040	2025	ROADWAY ST		MILLER ELLA MAE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-078	2022-2025
MAYFAIR LN	3813	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-049	2025	ROADWAY ST	612	POWELL KIMBERLY DEONNE	00012-00002-03L	2025

Albany police make arrests in murder, robbery cases

Staff Reports

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ALBANY - Officials with the Albany Police Department have announced a number of arrests in cases that involved a homicide and a pair of thefts.

APD officers arrested a pair of teens, Turenneau McRoy, 17, and Kymani St. Clair, 14, and charged the pair with murder and aggravated assault in the June 28 death of Neontae Clark, a 17-year-old.

Officers responded to the 2000 block of West Oglethorpe Avenue around 5:52 a.m. on June 28 in reference to a reported auto accident. Upon arriving at the scene, police officials found a deceased Clark sitting

in the vehicle's driver's seat. After determining the death was a homicide, APD's investigation led to McRoy and St. Clair, who were arrested and charged with murder.

McRoy is being held at the Dougherty County Jail, while St. Clair was transferred to the Regional Youth Detention Center.

APD also announced that two persons had been arrested in separate reported thefts. Stephen Mark Smith, 50, was arrested when a Flock camera identified his vehicle after he was recorded taking an air conditioning unit in the Archwood Plaza.

In a separate incident, Demetrius Whitfield, 18, entered



Demetrius Whitfield

a business on the 2700 block of Ledo Road and told employees he had a weapon. He stole electronics and was later identified through store video footage. He was arrested and charged with theft by intimidation and taken to the



Stephen Mark Smith

Dougherty County Jail.

During the investigation into the Archwood Plaza robbery, security camera footage captured the theft and recorded the suspect's vehicle's license plate. The responding officer entered the tag number into



Kymani St. Clair

Flock and located the vehicle shortly afterward. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was taken into custody.

Smith was charged with felony theft by taking, and further investigation revealed that he was also connected to



Turenceau McRoy

a similar theft involving an air conditioning system that occurred on June 29 at Aaron's at 2623 Dawson Road.

Smith and his vehicle were captured on surveillance footage during that incident as well.

Albany Museum of Art issues call for third juried solo exhibition

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ALBANY — The Albany Museum of Art is issuing a call for artists who are working in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida to apply for its third annual juried solo exhibition. Emerging and mid-career artists are eligible to submit proposals for the exhibition, which will be on view during summer 2027.

The application deadline is Jan 29, 2027.

"I've been encouraged to see growing interest in this exhibition opportunity over the past year, with artists already reaching out to inquire about exhibiting at the AMA," Director of Curatorial Affairs Katie

Dillard said. "This year, we are introducing our neighboring state, Florida, in the lineup for eligibility."

Columbus artist Rylan Steele's photography exhibition "The Middle Way" is in the McCormack Gallery, and Leesburg artist Jessica Ambadipudi's exhibition "The Home of Birds" is in the West Gallery.

“Because of unique circumstances with our exhibition calendar last year, we were able to offer two artists of equal standing the opportunity for exhibition,” Dillard noted. “However, we plan to return to the single exhibition format for the 2027 selection and forward.”

A blue-ribbon committee

will select the artist, who will be notified on or before March 8. The dates for the exhibition in the AMA's McCormack Gallery are May 13-Aug. 21, 2027.

Applications must be addressed to the Curatorial Department and submitted by email to entries@albanymuseum.com.

The artist must submit the following materials for the application to be considered:

A curriculum vitae (CV) or résumé.

An artist bio including three institutions where the artist has shown their work for reference.

A letter of interest (two to four pages) that includes a descrip-

tion of the artist's practice, a description of the proposed exhibition's subject matter, theme and focus, and a narrative of a walk-through explaining how visitors will interact with the space. The letter should be single-spaced and use a 12-point standard font, such as Arial or Times New Roman.

A checklist of artworks to be exhibited. The checklist should be limited to five to nine artworks. Artworks intended for submission must be able to be exhibited within a 345-square-foot space, or approximately 65 linear feet.

The checklist must include the artwork title, date, medium and dimensions.



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From left, Rylan Steele and Jessica Ambadipudi, who were awarded solo exhibitions in the Albany Museum of Art's second annual call for artists, stand with Louisiana artist Vitus Shell in front of the banners for their exhibitions, which continue through Aug. 29

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S MADISON ST	2336	ACCESSIBLE HOME RENTALS LLC	00012-00003-016	2025	TIFT AVE	417	MILLS SHIRLEY ANN	000CC-00021-007	2025		
S MADISON ST	2615	HAZEL CLAUDE L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-039	2022-2025	TIFT AVE	902	LEMUS HECTOR M	0000D-00025-017	2025		
S MADISON ST	411	QUIMBLEY CHARLIE J JR & LASONJA	000DD-00018-010	2025	TIFT AVE	910	MARS SOPHIA S	0000D-00025-021	2025		
S MADISON ST	704	BLAKE ALEX ESTATE & PATRICIA AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00001-036	2021-2025	TIFT AVE	926	WADE RICKY	0000D-00025-026	2023-2025		
S MADISON ST	904	JOHNSON PEARLIE MAE	000HH-00012-001	2022-2025	TOLEDO DR	2251	JAMES ULYSEE JR & DONN L	00154-00007-005	2025		
S MADISON STREET	1412	MT OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH	000HH-00046-005	2025	TREMONT AVE	210	HALL CLARA M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00019-95H	2021-2025		
S MAGNOLIA ST	100	LOTUS LEGACY ENTERPRISE TRUST	000HH-00003-25A	2025	TREMONT AVE	217	WHITEHEAD ORETHA	000BB-00024-005	2025		
S MCKINLEY ST	1018	PRESTON MATTIE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00001-002	2024-2025	TREMONT AVE	306	FORTUNE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC	000BB-00025-019	2025		
S MCKINLEY ST	1202	JONES JARIUS	000HH-00041-002	2025	TURNER FIELD RD	322	HIGHTOWER MELVIN SR ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00019-94C	2025		
S MCKINLEY ST	1407	JAMES ANNIE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00060-014	2011-2025	TURNER FIELD ROAD	215	SEYMORE DANIEL	000II-00005-015	2024-2025		
S MCKINLEY ST	812	YOUNG ALFRED & STEPHENS TERRANCE B	000HH-00008-001	2024-2025	TURNER FIELD ROAD	101	JANDA GROUP LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND SEYMORE, DANIEL	000II-00005-014	2025		
S MONROE ST	703	OLNEY CANDACE NICOLE (VIA TAX SALE) AND BERMAN L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00001-023	2022-2025	TWELFTH AVE	1602	LEWIS LATRAILYA G	0000N-00035-012	2025		
S MONROE ST	705	BERMAN L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00001-022	2020-2025	VAN DEMAN ST	1106	ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND LEE TOMMY (VIA TAX DEED INTEREST), JOHNSON BESSIE AND CARTER EDDIE B JR	00001-00027-06A	2025		
S RIVERVIEW CIR	1922	CAWTHON CALEB	0000K-00042-012	2025	VAN DEMAN ST	404	GIBSON KONTERRIAS & SHERYL	00357-00001-020	2025		
S RIVERVIEW CIR	1950	HOUSTON WALTER LAMAR	0000K-00042-026	2025	VINEYARD CT	2212	HILL CECILIA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000RR-00006-003	2025		
S RIVERVIEW CIR	1954	HARRIS LAKESHICA	0000K-00042-028	2025	VINTAGE RD	404	HARRIS JAKENDRUS	000RR-00007-012	2025		
S SKYLANE DR	1929	SECURITY INVESTMENTS INC	0000K-00038-011	2025	VINTAGE RD	423	DAVIS LYMSOSKI & KESHA	0000D-00036-020	2025		
S VALENCIA DR	200	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000Q-00021-001	2025	W BROAD AVE	1021	DLAB HAVANA INC	0S201-00004-042	2025		
S VAN BUREN ST	1416	POPE WILLIE JR & JOHNNY LEE	000HH-00060-006	2023-2025	W BROAD AVE	234	BACKWUDZ MUSIC GROUP LLC	000AA-00006-005	2025		
S WEST RD	104	VICKERS DERAYNOLD T & DORIS E	000II-00018-001	2011-2025	W BROAD AVE	523	SMITH MARNI	000AA-00006-004	2025		
S WESTOVER BLVD	618	TRINITY METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH	00308-00001-05H	2025	W BROAD AVE	525	CHASON J D & GANN LINDA SUE	0000D-00043-010	2025		
SANDALWOOD CIR	613	NULTY JOSEPH C ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00018-00006-006	2025	W BROAD AVE	839	OVERLOOK PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT LLC	0000E-00022-032	2025		
SECOND AVE	720	MCKINSON SHORVON O	0000D-00002-031	2025	W BROAD AVE	436	GRAY CHERYL	0000E-00022-034	2025		
SEVENTH AVE	304	WOMACK JAMES CARROLL	0000F-00013-011	2024-2025	W MERCER AVE	508	WRIGHT WILLIAM B ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00023-020	2024-2025		
SEVENTH AVE	317	1400 NJS HOLDINGS LLC	0000F-00010-004	2024-2025	W MERCER AVE	513	HARRISON & WALKER PROPERTIES LLC	0000E-00006-008	2021-2025		
SHADOWLAWN DR	309	PELICAN AND PEACH REI GROUP	0000Q-00026-005	2025	W MERCER AVE	526	WILLIAMS ROBERT (VIA TAX SALE) & HARDEN, L.C. ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00023-028	2025		
SHADOWLAWN DR	515	MIKE SMITH HOLDINGS LLC	0000Q-00045-003	2025	W MERCER AVE	611	HERNANDEZ FREDDY CHAVEZ	000DD-00018-008	2023-2025		
SHADOWLAWN DR	833	DARLEY GORDON C	00230-00005-003	2025	W MERCER AVE	614	JULIEN WORKSHOP LLC	000DD-00019-020	2025		
SHIRLEY AVE	1506	FORD ANDREA C	0000K-00020-004	2025	W MERCER AVE	622	FAUNCE CHRISTOPHER & JAMES D THOMAS	000DD-00019-023	2024-2025		
SIXTEENTH AVE	560	LIQU INVESTMENTS LLC	000LL-00002-012	2024-2025	W MERCER AVE	625	SAIA GAYTAN JAKE III	000DD-00018-002	2025		
SIXTEENTH AVE	561	MORRIS CHIQUETE MONIQUE	000LL-00001-022	2025	W MERCER AVE	809	ARL LEGACY PROPERTIES LLC	000DD-00016-013	2025		
SIXTEENTH AVE	606	ANDERSON EVELYN LASHAE	000LL-00002-005	2025	W MERCER AVE	821	JUBILEE FINACIAL SERVICES INC	000DD-00016-007	2025		
SIXTH AVE	1209	PARKER DEXTER	0000G-00024-004	2025	W OGLETHORPE AVE	1124	HARRIS LAKESHICA	0000H-00006-03A	2025		
SIXTH AVE	1304	WILSON DONALD L	0000G-00028-013	2025	W OGLETHORPE AVE	1904	GOWDY PAUL	0000G-00020-012	2024-2025		
SIXTH AVE	1511	BRYANT WILLIAM JAMES III	0000G-00021-001	2025	W OGLETHORPE BLVD	711	LOUD SOLOMON JR	000DD-00002-018	2025		
SIXTH AVE	306	ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000F-00016-011	2025	W OGLETHORPE BLVD	825	PIKE JIMMY G	000DD-00002-006	2025		
SIXTH AVE	923	MOCK WILLIAM AND DONNA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000FF-00020-002	2025	W OGLETHORPE BLVD	845	LOCKETT SHARON & GRIER MARCUS	000DD-00002-002	2025		
SMITH CT	1602	HINES RANZIK	0000K-00031-033	2025	WADDELL AVE	1505	GREEN RICHARD L ESTATE AND BERTHA C ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00043-025	2025		
SOCIETY AVE	204	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	000CC-00019-012	2023-2025	WADDELL AVE	1914	WRIGHT MARKUS	00230-00011-002	2025		
SOCIETY AVE	208	MITCHELL JOHN & HAROLD	000CC-00019-014	2024-2025	WADKINS AVE	416	MIMS MARY L	000BB-00012-07J	2025		
SOCIETY AVE	409	GREENLEO HR PROPERTIES LLC	000CC-00012-006	2023-2025	WADKINS AVE	435	MAJOR FARAI INVESTMENTS, LLC	000BB-00012-06R	2025		
SOCIETY AVE	411	BRIDGES, SABRINA DIANE	000CC-00012-005	2025	WALDEN CT	2507	MITCHELL, JAMES J ESTATE & ESTHER E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000S-00012-016	2025		
SOCIETY AVE	427	WAGNER ERIC L ESTATE & GERRY D AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000CC-00011-004	2025	WAR EAGLE DR	3122	GREEN JAMES G	00138-00009-012	2024-2025		
SOCIETY AVE	709	MITCHELL JOHN & HAROLD	0000D-00010-011	2024-2025	WELLS AVE	115	KENDRICK O C ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00018-084	2011-2025		
SOCIETY AVE	711	MITCHELL JOHN & HAROLD	0000D-00010-010	2024-2025	WELLS AVE	311	WARNER TERESA LEWIS ESTATE (AKA HARRIS TERESA L) AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00018-055	2022-2025		
SOMERSET DR	2723	DURHAM BARBARA ANN	005-2-00000-088	2025	WELLS AVE	417	COBB MICHAEL	000BB-00014-13E	2025		
SOUTH ST	803	PRICE DEMETRIUS ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00001-00008-012	2024-2025	WESTGATE DR	2728	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00303-00020-003	2025		
SOUTH ST	953	COBB, LOUIS D & COBB, SHIRLEY & BROWN, TONY (VIA TAX DEED)	00001-00013-19B	2021-2025	WESTGATE DR	3317	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00356-00016-011	2025		
SOUTH ST	959	PHILLIPS CAROLYN	00001-00032-013	2025	WESTGATE DRIVE	2910	MVL PROPERTIES OF GA LLC	00348-00017-029	2025		
SOUTHWOOD DR	310	THOMAS BELINDA J	000BB-00022-016	2025	WHEELER AVE	902	DAWSON SARAH ESTATE ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000C-00022-008	2023-2025		
SOUTHWOOD DR	312	THOMAS DAISEY MAE HALL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00022-017	2025	WHISPERING PINES RD	1304	THOMAS ROBIN WHITFIELD	0000N-00027-057	2025		
SPRINGFIELD DR	504	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00336-00006-026	2025	WHISPERING PINES RD	1401	WIL 1401 WHISPERING PINES LLC	0000N-00019-006	2025		
SPRINGFIELD DR	614	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	074-2-00000-073	2025	WHISPERWOOD ST	1716	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00348-00012-012	2025		
ST ANDREWS DR	1015	BISHOP KEZIAH(VIA TAX DEED), WILLIAMS HENRY L (VIA TAX DEED), MITCHELL MECCA L (VIA TAX DEED), WILLIAMS TIFANY J (VIA TAX DEED) AND 3 PORT INVESTMENTS LLC	00240-00003-010	2024-2025	WHITEHEAD DR	204	WILSON DONALD L	0000Y-00009-016	2025		
STATION CROSSING DR	336	YESTERYEAR INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	00365-00009-016	2025	WHITING DR	1521	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-014	2025		
STATION CROSSING DR	337	YESTERYEAR INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	00365-00001-030	2025	WHITING DR	1625	WATKINS HILDA & ANDREW, WIMBERLY SARAI W, AND MARSH CAROLYN WATKINS	0000K-00029-002	2025		
STATION CROSSING DR	339	YESTERYEAR INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	00365-00001-029	2025	WHITNEY AVE	1214	IN HOME PROPERTIES LLC	0000H-00019-014	2025		
STEPPING STONE LANE	125	HARRIS LAKESHICA	00348-00022-082	2025	WHITNEY AVE	507	WATSON MATTIE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00005-013	2024-2025		
STUART AVE	1907	HARRIS LAKESHICA	000MM-00017-006	2025	WHITNEY AVE	510	HILLERY WILLIS JR & MCNEIL SHEBA	0000E-00006-023	2023-2025		
STUART AVE	1919	GREER L ALAN	0000S-00007-056	2025	WHITNEY AVE	526	VIRGINIA VIRIGINA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00006-029	2025		
STUART AVE	1921	GREER L ALAN	0000S-00007-055	2025	WHITNEY AVE	618	SMITH ALICE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00018-016	2024-2025		
SUNNY LN	1653	HOUSER CHERYL L	000HH-00061-036	2024-2025	WHITNEY AVE	808	BERRY BERNICE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00016-025	2025		
SUNNY LN	1662	JOHNSON, GEORGIA	000HH-00062-042	2025	WHITNEY AVE 211	1421	JONES EMMA	0000H-00014-001	2023-2025		
SUNRISE DR	202	GAY JUANITA E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00024-012	2025	WILLARD AVE	634	MARSHALL KATHLEEN N ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00008-014	2025		
SUNRISE DR	216	BOSTON WILLIE CLINTON ESTATE & DORIS VIRGINIA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00024-015	2025	WILLIAMS ST	409	UMBARGER ELIZABETH ANNETTE ESTATE & PAUL E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00010-016	2011-2025		
SUNSET LN	309	ROOKLLC@OUTLOOK.COM, WILLIAMS NICK (VIA TAX DEED), SWEAT ARTHUR DEWAYNE ESTATE AND CARROLL E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00009-028	2025	WILLIAMS ST	411	JJ RENTALS LLC	0000Y-00010-015	2025		
SUSSEX CT	1912	SUDDERTH ALVIN A	00348-00025-003	2025	WILLIE PITTS JR RD	824	HOWARD JOSEPH III	00238-00045-025	2025		
TALAFAX RD	205	RANGEL EVA	000BB-00019-074	2024-2025	WILLIS DR	626	HAYES JANA (VIA TAX DEED) AND ARMSTRONG CHRISTINE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00010-014	2024-2025		
TECHWOOD DR	2117	WILLIAMS RODERICK K & GREGORY B	00230-00021-019	2025	WILLIS DR	627	GREEN IVERY JR ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00009-006	2025		
TENTH AVE	1209	KELLER INVESTMENTS LLC	0000G-00007-004	2025	WINGATE AVE	1013	SEYMORE DANIEL	00001-00024-006	2023-2025		
TENTH AVE	514	TERRY VERONICA A	0000F-00004-029	2025	WINGATE AVE	2925	MCOWAN DONALD SCOTT ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00364-00005-003	2025		
TENTH AVE	528	MCCRAY KYNARD SR	0000F-00004-035	2023-2025	WOODFIELD CT	1601	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00350-00004-036	2025		
TENTH AVE	613	EIKOU & EIKI GROUP LLC	000FF-00001-06H	2025	WOODFIELD CT	1603	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00350-00004-037	2025		
TENTH AVE	906	JOHNSON BESSIE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000FF-00004-015	2023-2025	YORKTOWN AVE	2703	INSTITUTIONAL FIRST BAPTIST	0000X-00002-010	2024-2025		
THIRD AVE	808	LOVE DEMETRIUS & LISA	000FF-00004-007	2025	YORKTOWN AVE	2705	INSTITUTIONAL FIRST BAPTIST	0000X-00002-011	2024-2025		
TIFT AVE	214	BERMAN L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000CC-00026-022	2020-2025	ZACKERY AVE	614	BELLS MARY A JACKSON ESTATE, HOLSEY MARC AND TROUP JEREMY AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00007-03G	2025		
TIFT AVE	409	STONE & HATCH PROPERTIES LLC	000CC-00021-009	2024-2025	ZACKERY AVE	624	NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH	000BB-00007-03I	2022-2025		
"SHONNA COLLEY JOSEY EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF DOUGHERTY COUNTY JULY 7, 14, 21, 28 "					NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH					000BB-00007-03L	2022-2025
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Food vendor applications being accepted for Thomasville’s Victorian Christmas

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THOMASVILLE – The city of Thomasville, in announcing the city’s 40th annual Victorian Christmas, taking place Dec. 10-11, is now accepting food vendor applications for the event. This beloved holiday tradi-

tion transforms downtown Thomasville into a festive winter wonderland, complete with twinkling lights, live entertainment, and seasonal cheer for all ages. Vendors interested in participating are encouraged to apply early, as officials say space is limited and demand is high. Applications will be

accepted through Sept. 30. Priority consideration will be given to local nonprofit organizations. Celebrating four decades of holiday magic, Victorian Christmas continues to attract thousands of visitors each year, making it one of the region’s most anticipated events. Guests can expect an

unforgettable experience featuring local entertainment, holiday shopping, and a wide variety of food and beverage offerings, city officials said. “This milestone year makes Victorian Christmas even more special,” city Community Engagement Manager Brandy Avery said. “We’re excited to welcome our com-

munity and visitors to an event filled with tradition, charm, and festive spirit, and we’re looking forward to featuring an incredible lineup of food vendors.” Applications and additional event details can be found on the city of Thomasville’s website, Thomasville.org/Victorian-Christmas.



Special Logo

Southwell welcomes new hematologist/oncologist

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TIFTON -- Southwell has announced that hematologist/oncologist Dr. Ruchi Yadav has joined the multidisciplinary team at the Tift Regional Medical Center Anita Stewart Oncology Center. Yadav provides comprehensive care for patients with blood disorders and cancer. Her services include the diagnosis and treatment of blood disorders and cancers, chemotherapy and immunotherapy management, and the development of individualized cancer care plans tailored to each patient’s needs. Yadav earned her medical



Special Photo: Southwell

Dr. Ruchi Radav is a new hematologist/oncologist with the Anita Stewart Oncology Center in Tifton.

degree from Lady Hardinge Medical College in India. She completed her residency in internal medicine and fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at One Brooklyn Health System and Brookdale University Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. She also completed specialized training in hematological malignancies and bone marrow transplant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Yadav is board-certified in medical

oncology and board-eligible in hematology through the American Board of Internal Medicine. Patients interested in seeing Yadav should speak with their primary care provider or referring physician. For more information about services at The Anita Stewart Oncology Centre, call (229) 353-7720 or visit www.mysouthwell.com/cancer-care. The Anita Stewart Oncology Center is located at 1623 Madison Ave. in Tifton.

Georgia Peanut Commission announces Peanut Innovation award

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TIFTON – The Georgia Peanut Commission has announced a new award and cash prize for food entrepreneurs: The Georgia Peanut Innovation award will recognize and reward the most unique and viable new product concept inspired by Georgia Peanuts. A \$10,000 cash prize will be awarded at the Sunbelt Ag Expo on Oct. 22. The contest is open to any new and unique application of peanuts, whether the product idea is in the prototype phase or has been on the market

for less than a year. While the product must be food-related, it can be intended for either human or animal consumption. “Peanuts have always been unique,” Taylor Arnold, the executive director of the Georgia Peanut Commission, said in a news release. “They’re one of the most affordable sources of protein, and they conserve water, improve soil health and are a zero-waste plant, making them perfectly suited for the future. It’s only fitting they also should inspire some unique ideas when it comes to new products.” Peanut product innova-

tors can enter the contest by visiting gapeanuts.com and filling out an official entry form. Entries must be submitted by Aug. 20. After an internal evaluation, five finalists will be presented to a panel of business professionals from the fields of agriculture, finance, education, retail and product/recipe development. The award and \$10,000 cash prize will be presented to the winner by Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper and Donald Chase, chairman of the Georgia Peanut Commission, at the Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie.



Georgia Peanut Commission

Special Logo

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY TAX SALE

There will be sold before the courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia on the first Tuesday in August in 2026, between the legal hours of sale, and continuing the next day, if necessary, for CASH or CERTIFIED FUNDS to the highest bidder the following described property to satisfy tax fifa together with interest, penalty, recording and advertising cost, all as provided by Official Code of Georgia, section 48-1-1 et seq., with the owner, the address, the location of the property, the year(s) as follows: For additional information call The Albany/Dougherty Tax Department at 431-3208. Pursuant to Georgia Law, payment will be required within one (1) hour of the completion of the tax sale. **In the event a bid is not properly paid or there is a no sale the property will be re-offered at 2:00 PM on the day of the sale.** To register to bid at the Dougherty County Tax Sale please go to <https://www.gtsweb.com/contact-4> and select Dougherty County from the drop-down menu.

PROPERTY ADDRESS		CURRENT OWNER	MAP BLOCK PARCEL	YEAR(s)
ANTIOCH RD	2021	ROWE, ROBERT, JR; HUDLEY, WILLIE BELL ROWE, ROWE, WILLIE JOHN, ROWE, AMOS ESTATES AND ROWE, JOHNNY LEE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00164-00001-025 247-2-00000-038	2024-2025 2025
ARISTEDES RD	3408 3437	STARLING PAMELAA REDDING CORNELL & ETHEL MAE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	247-2-00000-001 00124-00001-022	2025 2025
ASHWOOD ST	210	WRIGHT ROOSEVELT		
ASTORIA DR	2718	HARRIS ROSA H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00204-00006-023	2025
AUSTIN DR	2305	CARSON SANDRA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00208-00001-039	2024-2025
BARRINGTON DR	5105	RISH ROBERT PRESTON & RACHEL	089-2-00000-034	2025
BETTY'S DR	2303	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00156-00003-014	2025
BIG OAK CT	2511	RHYME RODNEY A & LASHARON W	200-2-00000-034	2025
BLUE SPRINGS RD	3524	HARDEN, MATTIE; HOLSEY, MARY ESTATE; REDDING, ETHEL ESTATE; TRICE, CAROLYN K; KEATON, LEORN SR ESTATE; KEATON, LEROY ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00201-00005-011 00205-00004-08A 00136-00004-008 00174-00001-08B	2025 2025 2025 2025
BLUE SPRINGS RD	3724	ESSIC NATHANIEL DAVID JR AND REGINALD SR		
BRANCH RD	817	JONES VALERIE	00136-00004-008	2025
BROACH AVE	1519	ZIRKELBACH JOHN FRANCIS JR	00174-00001-08B	2025
BURTON CT	3807	ACREE MATHIS	00335-00013-011	2025
BYRON PLANTATION RD	119	OGLETREE TAZ E	073-2-00000-007	2025
CAMDEN LN	2409	CHRISTIAN CARLTON LEON	00310-00001-36B	2025
CAMELLIA ROAD	110	RADIUM SPRGS HOTEL CO	00010-00001-03A	2011-2025
CHERRY LAUREL LN	2404	MOORE GLORIA JACKSON	00008-00005-004	2025
DOLES RD	5214	CURA JULIENNE RITA VENICE	00126-00001-01H	2025
DOROUGH AVE	1612	WARE WILLIAM S ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00164-00001-49B	2024-2025
DUITMAN RD	2241	THROWER STANLEY & CHIQUITA	00154-00004-012	2025
EDITH DR	5015	MVL PROPERTIES OF GA LLC & SAS PROPERTIES OF GA LLC	00334-00002-009	2025
ELIZABETH AVE	205	DAVID GILL PROPERTIES LLC	00008-00011-009	2025
ELIZABETH AVE	305	VELAZQUEZ PAHOLA NICOLE BAEZ	00008-00012-010	2025
ELIZABETH AVE	310	MEZA ANDRES	00008-00015-002	2025
ELLIOTT DR	6007	ZAIRE FAMOS	00111-00005-004	2024-2025
GAISSERT RD		PLUMMER EDWARD	00120-00001-12C	2025
GAY ST	800	OLIVER DEBORAH K	00310-00001-025	2025
GILLONVILLE RD	4706	LEE JAMES C DR	088-2-00000-012	2025
GLADYS CT	3431	HOWELL DAVID	00138-00001-03B	2025
GREAT OAK ST	2600	GCSG INVESTMENTS LTD	200-2-00000-009	2024-2025
HAMILTON DR	3512	NEAL HUEY, J & JESSIE T ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00311-00001-018 00311-00001-078	2025 2025
HAMILTON DR	3708	BROWN JIMMIE LEE		
HARDAWAY RD	4301	HARRIS GREGORY	00180-00001-022	2025
HARDUP RD	6305	JUDGE WILLIE POSTELL	00016-00003-001	2025
HEARTWOOD LN	609	CARR RILEY LANCE	225-1-00000-058	2025
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Braves face key trade deadline decisions

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves enter the second half of the season in first place in the National League East, but if they hope to remain there, general manager Alex Anthopoulos is expected to be among baseball’s busiest executives before the Aug. 3 trade deadline.

Starting pitching tops Atlanta’s list of needs, though the Braves could also pursue bullpen help and an additional bat despite Ronald Acuña Jr.’s expected return from the injured list.

The Braves stumbled into the All-Star break, losing 19 of their final 29 games, but still held a two-game lead atop the NL East with a 55-40 record. Their postseason chances remain strong, but a struggling rotation has become an increasing concern.

Atlanta’s starters have compiled a 5.24 ERA over the

club’s last 48 games, exposing what has been viewed as the organization’s biggest weakness since last offseason.

Injuries have taken a heavy toll on the rotation. Spencer Strider is not expected to return this season, while the timetable for Spencer Schwellenbach remains uncertain.

That leaves reigning National League Cy Young Award winner Chris Sale as the only proven frontline starter expected to anchor the rotation down the stretch.

The Braves are hopeful Reynaldo López can regain his form and Bryce Elder can become more consistent. Hurston Waldrep continues to work his way back after elbow surgery in February, while AJ Smith-Shawver is another possibility as he recovers from his own elbow procedure. But each carries significant uncertainty.

With just 17 games separating



Special Photo: Braves.com

Atlanta Braves right-hander Hurston Waldrep is among the internal options the club could rely on during the second half of the season, but Atlanta is expected to pursue starting pitching before the Aug. 3 trade deadline.

the resumption of the season from the trade deadline, the performances of López and Elder during their first two starts could influence how aggressive Atlanta becomes in pursuing outside help.

The Braves have the financial flexibility to make significant additions.

The club gained approxi-

mately \$15 million in payroll relief when outfielder Jurickson Profar received a 162-game suspension after testing positive for a banned performance-enhancing substance. Atlanta also possesses one of its deepest farm systems in years, giving Anthopoulos the prospect capital needed to compete for top

trade targets.

One player who could generate significant interest is 20-year-old outfield prospect Eric Hartman, rated the Braves’ No. 2 prospect and the No. 77 overall prospect in baseball. Hartman has impressed at High-A Rome, batting .281 with 21 home runs, 31 stolen bases and a .902 OPS in 90 games.

Whether the Braves are willing to part with a player many view as a future star remains one of the organization’s biggest decisions before the deadline.

Atlanta could also seek offensive help.

Veteran Dominic Smith initially appeared to stabilize the designated hitter role against right-handed pitching, but he has struggled since May 1, batting .229 with a .603 OPS over 162 plate appearances. Rookie catcher Drake Baldwin has filled the DH role at times, though the Braves may prefer

to add another left-handed hitter to deepen the lineup.

Another key to Atlanta’s second-half hopes could be the resurgence of third baseman Austin Riley.

After producing three consecutive 30-home run seasons through 2023, Riley has been slowed by injuries over the past two years and entered the All-Star break with a .618 OPS. A return to his previous production would provide a major boost to an offense that has been inconsistent for much of the season.

Anthopoulos has built a reputation for deadline success, acquiring Kevin Gausman and Adam Duvall in 2018, reshaping the bullpen in 2019 and engineering the series of moves that helped propel the Braves to the 2021 World Series championship.

Information for this article came from Mark Bowman, Braves.com

Colquitt quarterback transfers to Lee County

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — One of Georgia’s top returning quarterbacks has officially joined the Lee County football program, but there was no immediate change to the Trojans’ quarterback rotation Thursday.

Lee County head football coach Dean Fabrizio confirmed Wednesday that former Colquitt County starting quarterback Cohen Lawson has transferred to Lee County High School after enrolling Wednesday.

Lawson, who will be a junior

this fall, was not seen on the practice field Thursday when the Trojans hosted Perry in a preseason OTA. Senior

the workout.

Lawson started at quarterback for Colquitt County the past two seasons after earning the job as a freshman. Last season, he completed 144 of 245 passes for 2,012 yards and 19 touchdowns while leading the Packers to a 9-3 record, including a 43-36 victory over Lee County.

According to Moultrie Observer sports editor Wayne Grandy, Lawson shared time at quarterback during spring practice with recent Mt. Zion-Jones-



Special Photo: Moultrie Observer

Former Colquitt County quarterback Cohen Lawson enrolled at Lee County High School Wednesday and intends to play football for the Trojans this season, head coach Dean Fabrizio confirmed.

quarterback Jordan Bush, a Mercer commit, continued to take first-team snaps during

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Georgia Tech embraces lofty expectations at ACC Media Days

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTE — Confidence wasn’t in short supply when Georgia Tech arrived at ACC Kickoff last week.

Neither was ambition.

The Yellow Jackets aren’t celebrating last year’s nine-win breakthrough. They aren’t interested in being labeled one of the ACC’s feel-good stories anymore, either. Brent Key made it clear this week that

Georgia Tech expects to keep climbing, and his players believe they have the talent to do it — starting with what they consider the nation’s best running back tandem.

Transfer Justice Haynes and returning standout Malachi Hosley give the Yellow Jackets a one-two punch that few teams can match, and both backs made it clear they don’t think there’s a better duo in college football. “We’ve

got the best running back room in the country,” was the message coming from Georgia Tech’s representatives throughout the meeting, a confidence echoed by Key as he praised the depth and unselfishness of the position group.

The addition of Haynes, who transferred home after one season away, gives Georgia Tech another explosive

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Special Photo: Albany State University

The Albany State Golden Rams enter the 2026 season ranked No. 3 in the inaugural Black College Football Poll sanctioned by the NCAA, adding to the high expectations surrounding first-year head coach David Bowser and his squad.

Golden Rams debut at No. 3 nationally

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Albany State spent last season climbing to the top of Division II HBCU football.

Now the challenge is staying there.

The Golden Rams will open the 2026 season ranked No. 3 in the inaugural Black College Football Poll, a first-of-its-kind national ranking devoted exclusively to NCAA Division I FCS and Division II Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Released this week, the poll is endorsed by the four NCAA conferences that sponsor HBCU football — the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC). A 57-member panel of head coaches and media members ranks the nation’s top 10 programs each week using a 10-point voting system.

For Albany State, the pre-

season ranking recognizes one of the finest seasons in program history while signaling that expectations remain high despite a change in leadership.

The Golden Rams trail only Johnson C. Smith and SIAC rival Benedict College in the Division II preseason rankings. Johnson C. Smith claimed the No. 1 spot, followed by Benedict at No. 2 and Albany State at No. 3. Virginia Union was fourth, Kentucky State fifth, Fayetteville State sixth, Virginia State seventh, Allen eighth, Edward Waters ninth and Tuskegee rounded out the Top 10.

The rankings also highlight the depth of the SIAC, which placed six teams in the preseason Top 10 — Benedict, Albany State, Kentucky State, Allen, Edward Waters and Tuskegee. The poll’s release comes just days before SIAC Football Media Days in Macon, where league coaches and players will officially kick off the 2026 season.

The top-ranked team also

has a familiar connection to Albany State.

New Golden Rams head coach David Bowser joined Albany State after serving on the coaching staff at Johnson C. Smith, which enters the season as the nation’s top-ranked Division II HBCU program.

“This recognition reflects the standard at Albany State,” Bowser said in a university release. “It’s an honor to be among the top HBCU football programs, but we focus on the hard work ahead to prepare our student-athletes for competition. We embrace the expectations that come with wearing the Albany State uniform.”

Those expectations were earned during a memorable 2025 campaign.

Albany State captured the SIAC championship, claimed HBCU Division II national champion honors and advanced to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals before its postseason run came to

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runner to pair with Hosley, whose emergence last season helped fuel the Yellow Jackets’ resurgence.

Key smiled when discussing the position.

“We’ve got two running backs here with us today,” he said. “I think we have, what, four more back at home we couldn’t fit on the plane with us, if that tells you what type of team we’re going to be. They all complement each other very well.”

That depth becomes even more important with former quarterback Haynes King gone.

Georgia Tech turns the offense over to transfer Alberto Mendoza, and Key doesn’t want the burden of carrying the offense to fall squarely on the new quarterback’s shoulders.

“When you have a new quarterback... how do you take the pressure off of him?” Key said while motioning toward his running backs. “That’s how you take the pressure off of him. Allow him to develop and grow as a quarterback... We don’t put him in a position to have to win every game all year long.”

The confidence surrounding the running game reflects the growing expectations surrounding the entire program.

Georgia Tech finished 9-4 last season, climbed into the national rankings and re-established itself as an ACC contender. But Key suggested that simply matching nine victories isn’t the goal.

Instead, the Yellow Jackets believe they have positioned themselves to compete for championships.

That confidence also extends to recruiting, where Key believes Georgia Tech has an advantage few schools can match.

“Atlanta, Georgia, is the greatest city on the face of the earth,” Key said while discussing Haynes’ decision to return home. “I’m super excited about that entire group.”

Key has repeatedly pointed to Atlanta as one of the program’s biggest selling points — a major metropolitan area filled with elite high school tal-



Special Photo: Miles Lineberger

Georgia Tech running back Justice Haynes speaks during ACC Media Days in Charlotte last week. The Yellow Jackets will rely heavily on Haynes and the running game as new quarterback Alberto Mendoza gets more comfortable running the offense for Georgia Tech.

ent, Fortune 500 companies and opportunities that extend well beyond football.

He has often said Georgia Tech isn’t simply developing NFL players.

It’s developing future CEOs.

That vision, combined with significant investments in facilities and sports science, has helped elevate recruiting and raise expectations inside the program.

Key also struck a different tone when discussing the constantly changing landscape of college football.

Rather than blaming players for transfers and NIL movement, he challenged coaches and administrators to look inward.

“People say, ‘Kids are different now.’ Well, so are the adults,” Key said. “The adults in the room sometimes end up being the bigger problem.”

It’s a perspective that reflects the culture Key has tried to build since taking over his alma mater.

Now comes the difficult part.

Nine wins changed how the rest of the ACC views Georgia Tech.

Another step forward — perhaps into the conference championship race — would change how the Yellow Jackets view themselves. Georgia Tech might have the horsepower to make that jump.

And if Haynes and Hosley are right about owning college football’s best backfield,



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Lee County wide receiver Jaden Upshaw runs after catching a sideline screen pass from quarterback Jordan Bush during Thursday’s OTA with the Perry Panthers. The Trojan offense looked efficient and explosive against a talented Perry defense.

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boro transfer Khi Mitchell and also spent time at linebacker.

Lawson’s addition gives Lee County another experienced playmaker as the Trojans prepare for the 2026 season. Lee County has been ranked as high as No. 3 in Class 6A in preseason polls and was listed No. 93 nationally in MaxPreps’ preseason Top 100 rankings.

How Lawson ultimately

fits into Lee County’s plans remains to be seen. Bush remained behind center with the first-team offense during Thursday’s OTA, and no changes to the Trojans’ depth chart have been announced by the coaching staff.

Regardless of where Lawson lines up, his arrival adds another accomplished athlete to a roster already considered among Georgia’s deepest as Lee County continues preseason preparations with championship aspirations.

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an end. The success established the Golden Rams as one of the premier programs in Division II and raised expectations for Bowser’s first season.

Fortunately for the new coaching staff, the cupboard is far from bare.

Albany State returns 42 players and 25 starters from last year’s championship squad while adding 29 transfers and 55 newcomers. Leading the returning nucleus is Second Team All-American Derrick Drayton, a D2Football.com

Elite 100 selection who anchors one of the SIAC’s top defensive units.

The inaugural Black College Football Poll will be updated weekly throughout the season, giving HBCU programs a nationally recognized measuring stick for the first time.

For Albany State, however, the preseason ranking is simply a starting point.

The Golden Rams will have an opportunity to make an early statement when they open the season Aug. 29 at Florida A&M before meeting Bowser’s former program, Johnson C. Smith, on Sept. 6 in the Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic in Canton, Ohio.

MLB announces 2027 schedule with earliest open ever

Field Level Media

Taking out Opening Night games, the Major League Baseball season has never started earlier than March 26. But the league will host its earliest Opening Day ever in 2027 as part of its regular season schedule.

On Thursday, MLB announced a start next season with an Opening Night game on March 24, followed by a slate of 14 games the following day, marking the earliest traditional Opening Day in league history.

Next season will also mark the continuation of “Rivalry Weekend” immediately following the All-Star break from July 15-18. The weekend, set to feature matchups between interleague rivals, will be preceded by the 97th edition of the All-Star Game on July 13 at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Rivalry Weekend will again get an early start with one game starting things off Thursday before the league continues with the same interleague matchups that were on display in 2025.

This will be the fourth time Wrigley Field has hosted the Midsummer Classic, with the traditional Home Run Derby taking place the night before on July 12. Wrigley will be the only active venue to host the event four times (1947, 1962, 1990, 2027), and just the third venue to reach that mark in the league’s history.

The season concludes on Sept. 26 with 10 divisional matchups featuring teams potentially battling for play-off positioning.

Fans can expect a full slate of games on Jackie Robinson Day (April 15), Memorial Day (May 31), Lou Gehrig Day (June 2), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (Sept. 6) and Roberto Clemente Day (Sept. 15).

The Los Angeles Dodgers will host the Colorado Rockies on Jackie Robinson Day



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Major League Baseball announced last week that the 2027 All-Star Game will be played at iconic Wrigley Field in Chicago. It will be the fourth time the game has been played in the historic stadium.

and the New York Yankees will host the Kansas City Royals on Lou Gehrig Day, while the Pittsburgh Pirates will host the St. Louis Cardinals on Roberto Clemente Day.

Other highlights of the schedule include the Boston Red Sox hosting the Cleveland Guardians on Patriots Day (April 19), the Athletics hosting back-to-back series at Las

Vegas Ballpark (vs. the San Diego Padres starting May 31 and vs. the Cincinnati Reds beginning June 3), the Padres hosting the Chicago Cubs for a split doubleheader (June 22), the Toronto Blue Jays hosting the Los Angeles Angels on Canada Day (July 1) and the Rockies hosting the Padres for a split doubleheader (July 10).

LeBron James declines to name new team

Field Level Media

LeBron James did a live taping of his podcast on Thursday in New York, but he made it clear from the jump that he wasn’t there to break news.

James and Indiana Pacers star Tyrese Haliburton took the stage at Fanatics Fest to record an episode of James’ “Mind the Game” podcast, and with an estimated crowd of 5,000 on hand, Haliburton asked James for an update with a particular word choice that stood out.

“Is there a decision that still has to be made?” Haliburton asked James just minutes into the recording, a likely reference to James’ 2010 “Decision” to join the Miami Heat that was accompanied by a live program on ESPN.

“We literally talked about this in the back,” James replied, and Haliburton was quick with a smiling apology.

“My fault, my fault. I didn’t know if you wanted — OK, OK, I’ll leave it alone,” Haliburton said.

Haliburton later revealed



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LeBron James said during a live taping of his Mind the Game podcast Thursday at Fanatics Fest in New York that he has not yet decided where he will play during the 2026-27 NBA season, confirming the Cleveland Cavaliers and Miami Heat are among the teams under consideration.

to the crowd that he texted James last month about the idea of the four-time champion and future Hall of Famer coming to Indianapolis to team up.

“And he texted me back two laughing, crying faces and that’s all I got,” Haliburton said.

James let his contract with

the Lakers expire and told Los Angeles he would look to play elsewhere in 2026-27, which would be his record 24th NBA season and potentially his fourth franchise.

Or, James could reunite with the Cleveland Cavaliers for a third stint or the Heat for a second. He confirmed that they were two of the teams in

the mix without giving much else away.

As he let audience members call out where they wanted him to sign, James said, “I heard Philly (the 76ers), Miami ... This guy just told me to come to the Yankees! We’ll see what happens.”

With his former Los Angeles Lakers head coach and former podcast co-host JJ Redick in the crowd, James heaped praise on the Lakers, as he did immediately after his decision not to resign there.

“Shoutout my former team.

I spent eight great years with the Los Angeles Lakers,” James said. “One of the most historical franchises in the world. Shout out Jeanie Buss, the whole Buss family. Rob Pelinka. Everybody. All the coaches that I played for there. All my teammates. S—, I am going to miss them all, obviously. So, that was an unbelievable ride and I’m just looking forward to what holds next as I wind down the final stages of my journey.”

Hawks’ Mouhamed Gueye breaks foot

Field Level Media

Atlanta Hawks forward Mouhamed Gueye fractured his left foot during a workout on July 8, the team announced Wednesday.

Gueye, 23, underwent surgery Tuesday at the Emory Sports Medicine Complex in Atlanta to repair the fracture. He will be re-evaluated in three to four months, according to the Hawks, who start the preseason on Oct. 5 against the visiting Memphis Grizzlies.

Gueye played a career-high 77 games last regular season (eight starts) and

averaged 4.4 points and 3.6 rebounds in 15.3 minutes per game. He averaged 1.7 points, 1.7 rebounds and 8.3 minutes as a reserve in six playoff games last season.

For his career, Gueye averages 4.9 points, 3.8 rebounds and 15.4 minutes over 116 games (36 starts) since his rookie season of 2023-24.

The Charlotte Hornets selected Gueye in the second round (39th overall) of the 2023 NBA Draft out of Washington State. Six days later, he was part of a three-team trade involving the Boston Celtics that landed him in Atlanta.



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Atlanta Hawks forward Mouhamed Gueye underwent surgery Tuesday to repair a fractured left foot suffered during a July 8 workout. The 23-year-old is expected to be re-evaluated in three to four months.

Tony’s Take: Enough is enough

By Tony Duckworth

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Enough is Enough. The NCAA continues to be the target of lawsuits as 11 former student-athletes have filed a lawsuit against the organization. The NCAA recently modified its eligibility rules to allow athletes five years of competition. The ruling made it clear that this will not extend to athletes who ended their eligibility in 2025-26 under the former rules.

Historically, NCAA athletes were allowed five years to complete their four years of eligibility. The “red-shirt” year allowed incoming freshman a year to develop while being part of a college team but not competing against other institutions. Some utilized their “red-shirt” to rehab an injury. Outside the impact on record books, this is a smart way to eliminate multiple layers of compliance by adjusting to the 5-year model.

The 11 athletes’ lawsuit claims that not allowing them to compete during the upcoming sea-

son denies them an additional year of eligibility and NIL benefits that are now part of college athletics.

Like governing bodies or not, sports have rules and restrictions participants must adhere to. There are age restrictions in youth sports, the Olympics, professional sports, and virtually every sport on the planet. Age restrictions are in place to protect developmental fairness. Common sense tells us twelve-year-olds should not participate in 10-under sports for obvious reasons.

As entertaining as the summer of 1998 was, the Great Homerun Chase between Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire lends credence to performance-enhancing restrictions, knowing this has been happening for decades in a variety of sports. Remember Lance Armstrong had his seven Tour de France titles stripped after publicly admitting his use of PEDs.

While researching this column, I learned that the NFL

has practice squad restrictions. Each team is limited on how many veterans can be retained on a practice squad. This practice forces veterans to make an active roster, or move on with life, while focusing on rookies and those developing their craft early in their career.

Should these former student-athletes win this fifth-year eligibility lawsuit, it will open the floodgates and transform rosters this coming season. 5th-year seniors are always assets to rosters due to the experience they bring to the organization.

Battle of the South. The 31st Annual Battle of the South took place at Monroe High School last weekend. 20 teams from Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee squared off in an old-fashioned double elimination basketball tournament.

I was selected to officiate games over the weekend and experienced everything one could imagine during the nine games I wore the whistle, including calling a technical over

a disagreement on one of my calls. While I could have T’d up several others, I was very patient with complaints.

Select players had little to no reaction to calls; others disagreed but would have a brief dialogue to secure the officials’ perspective, while a small percentage approached every whistle like Draymond Green or Rasheed Wallace playing in Game 7 of an NBA playoff series.

During a game I was taking a break, I ran into one monster of a MAN near concessions that I discovered played at Oklahoma State University while I was AD at Northeastern State (OK) University. Given he looked familiar, I asked him where he played college ball, and he disclosed OSU. What was more meaningful was that I discovered we shared Macon as our hometown.

Good for the Good Life City for attracting the Battle of the South for three decades. For this official, it was a memorable experience.

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“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear,
slow to speak, slow to wrath.”
James 1:19

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ WILL THAULT:

Can Ranch dressing cool our differences?

Recently, a World Cup fan and tourist from Japan posted on X, “USA. There is a white sauce here that the people pour on everything, with the devotion of a sacred rite. I have become a believer.”

A Swedish fan posted, “EUROPE WE NEED RANCH ASAP..”

And so it goes. It’s become such a thing that TSA found the need to issue an official reminder to travelers that ranch dressing must go in checked bags, not carry-ons. UPS launched a “Ship and Dip” promotion. And now, Kraft has announced a TSA-compliant version of the dressing.

Only in America.

And that’s just the beginning. A German tourist driving through Georgia marveled at our landscape, discovering Waffle House and Buc-ee’s for the first time, posting, “I know some people will say I’m too positive, but these places are crazy.”

Another Japanese tourist photographed a Tennessee street and wrote, “It’s a view so stunning it feels like a lie.”

A Scottish fan told reporters that Americans are “very positive, enthusiastic” – more open than people back home.

To us, such enthusiasm coming from international tourists seeing America for the first time can seem both funny and sweet. What we take for granted as unremarkable or routine may surprise and even prompt us to take a second look at our remarkable nation through fresh eyes.

Familiarity, as the old saying goes, breeds contempt. What these tourists are experiencing firsthand is the America we’ve stopped seeing. The abundance. The openness. The staggering variety of a country where a Georgia landscape looks like a painting and a gas station draws the same awe as Stonehenge.

They came for soccer, but found something else entirely.

With this in mind: Do we Americans still know who we are?

Recent findings from two major polls put this question to task. A Fox News survey found two-thirds of voters describe our country in negative terms: “failing,” “divided,” “struggling,” “corrupt.”

An NBC News poll found just 33% say they are extremely proud to be Americans – a record low, down from 70% after Sept. 11. Fifty-eight percent – identical across

Trump states, Harris states, and swing states – say the nation’s best years are behind it.

The Fox poll’s most telling line: Commitment to the nation is becoming “less automatic and more conditional.” Conditional in what way? In a word – politics. When our patriotism hinges on whether or not one’s party holds power over another or wins elections, that’s not patriotism. That’s fan loyalty.

At the age of 28, Abraham Lincoln foresaw the danger of a fractured nation years before the American Civil War, “If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free-men, we must live through all time, or die by suicide.”

At the ripe old age of 250, we’re not in danger because our enemies are stronger.

Instead – slowly, daily, almost without noticing – we’re tearing ourselves apart from within.

Social scientist Arthur Brooks, in his book “Love Your Enemies,” attempts to explain the root cause of this self-inflicted wound. Not to sound too wonky, he calls it “motive attribution asymmetry” – the conviction that our side acts from love while the other side acts from hate. The result isn’t anger, but contempt translated as, “You disgust me.

You are beneath caring about.”

Brooks goes on to say contempt “... seeks to exile. It attempts to mock, shame and permanently exclude from relationships by belittling, humiliating, and ignoring.” You can negotiate with someone you hate, but you can’t govern effectively alongside someone you hold in contempt.

This isn’t the America those tourists are falling in love with. The Declaration that we celebrate on July 4 insists that all men are created equal – not just in a political sense, but a moral one. It’s an “unalienable right” that no government can grant or none revoke. If we reserve that dignity only for those who vote as we do, that promise not only goes unfulfilled, it becomes meaningless.

Those polls did offer a silver lining however – one of hope. Fifty-four percent of Americans still believe most of us share the same core values, even when we disagree sharply about policies. Eight-five percent say national unity and shared values are\ important. The NBC pollster observed “a clear desire for Americans to come together at the individual level and a willingness to do so, even when they strongly disagree politically.”

The American people aren’t the problem. The condition we find ourselves in is the problem. And conditions can change.

The men who signed the Declaration 250 years ago were not party hacks. They were founders – and they knew the risks of opposing factions. John Adams wrote a few years later that there was nothing he dreaded more than “a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other.” He called it “the greatest political evil under our Constitution.”

They were betting on the idea that ordinary people, without a king, could govern themselves justly and well. Today we’ve become what Adams feared most by allowing politics to rule over people.

Let’s put our politics on pause for now and celebrate a remarkable milestone in the Great American Experiment, remembering this summer that millions of visitors arriving at our airports are discovering, with genuine wonder, what we have forgotten to notice: a Georgia sunset, a stranger’s smile at a Waffle House, our Southern hospitality and free spirit that’s so infectious.

Perhaps we can at least come to terms with the Japanese tourist’s new foodie obsession: “So tell me, America. You call it Ranch. A condiment. A thing on the side. I call it the one sauce a whole nation agreed to love together – and I dip, with all of you. Gladly.”

That sauce these tourists love to dip in isn’t Ranch – it’s the taste of freedom.

Will Thault is a retired businessman.

COLUMNIST ■ MICHAEL FERGUSON II

Lee County, do the right thing

In Spike Lee’s classic film “Do the Right Thing,” racial tension builds around a neighborhood business that depends on black customers while showing little respect for the people whose money keeps its doors open.

Decades later, that message still confronts us.

Black communities continue to support businesses, employers, political institutions and government agencies that sometimes fail to recognize their existence, respect their economic power or protect them with the same urgency afforded others.

Black citizens’ money is welcomed. Their labor is welcome. Their votes are welcome.

But when their dignity, safety and humanity are threatened, too often they are asked to wait patiently while the system slowly decides whether what happened to them was truly serious.

What allegedly happened at a black family’s gathering in Lee County was not just serious.

It was reprehensible. According to published reports and witness accounts, a man allegedly engaged in a racially charged confrontation, left the area and returned wearing body armor and carrying an AR 15-style semiautomatic rifle. He is accused of firing toward a gathering where adults and children were present.

Call it what you will: aggravated assault, firearm offenses, a shooting incident. From the perspective of the families reportedly forced to run, hide and protect their children, this was an attempted mass-casualty attack.

Church picnics, family reunions, birthday celebrations, neighborhood cookouts and social gatherings are sacred spaces within a black community. They are places where generations come together – not battlegrounds where families should have to calculate escape routes or return fire to remain alive.

The recently imposed \$250,000 bond and the reported order barring the accused from Lee and Dougherty counties may allow this area to breathe a little easier momentarily. But moving a potential threat beyond county lines does not eliminate the public-safety concern.

It merely changes the location.

We also owe something to our extended families throughout Georgia. Wherever this defendant may be permitted to reside, that community deserves awareness of the serious allegations against him and of the conduct prosecutors believe

occurred.

This is not a call for vigilantism. It is not a demand that anyone



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harass the accused, threaten him or deny him his constitutional rights. It is a demand for transparency, accountability and common sense.

I defend the principle that every defendant is innocent until proven guilty. That presumption is one of the cornerstones of

our justice system. Although the system is imperfect – and has often been applied unevenly – I continue to recognize the necessity and merit of that principle.

But the presumption of innocence does not require the public to pretend that documented allegations, physical evidence, witness statements and dozens of criminal charges do not exist. Lady Justice may be blind. We are not. We can see the reported body armor. We can see the semiautomatic rifle. We can see the terror experienced by a family whose gathering allegedly became a field of gunfire. We can see the children who could have been killed. We can also see the uncomfortable questions that remain.

If prosecutors say the accused fired into or toward a crowd containing numerous adults and

children, why has the public discussion not centered more clearly on attempted murder, child cruelty or an attempted mass shooting? If authorities say the accused’s blood-alcohol concentration was approximately twice the legal driving limit – and witnesses allege that he traveled from one location to another – was he driving? Was that investigated? Could DUI or reckless-driving charges be appropriate?

And if racial slurs preceded the alleged attack, will Georgia’s hate-crime provisions be pursued?

These are not unreasonable questions. They are the questions a responsible community should ask before public attention moves on to the next crisis.

The additional charges and increased bond represent progress from the original \$5,000 bond that caused understandable outrage. But accountability cannot be measured only by the number of charges filed. It must also be measured by whether those charges accurately reflect the gravity, preparation and potential consequences of the attacker’s alleged conduct.

No one should have to die before authorities recognize an alleged attempt to inflict mass casualties. No child should have to be struck by a bullet before the danger to children is treated as real. No black family should have to bury relatives before the system acknowledges that firing a high-powered weapon toward a crowded family gathering represents a profound threat to public safety.

Lee County officials, prosecutors, the grand jury and every institution connected to this case now have an opportunity. They can minimize what happened as a dispute that escalated. Or they can recognize the full weight of what is alleged, protect the public, respect the constitutional process and pursue every charge supported by the evidence.

Spike Lee gave America the instruction decades ago. Lee County, now it is your turn. Do the right thing.

COLUMNIST ■ THOMAS KNAPP

Stop the presses! Congress denies Netanyahu something he asked for

I want to stop American aid,” Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on June 30. “It’s like welfare; I don’t want it.”

Usually, Netanyahu gets anything he demands from Uncle Sugar. But on July 15, the US House of Representatives voted, 314-104 against even partially granting his wish.

Every Republican except Thomas Massie of Kentucky, and more than half of Democrats, voted down an amendment that would have removed \$3.3 billion in “Foreign Military Financing” aid from the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act.

What’s up with that?

Was Netanyahu perhaps a wee bit disingenuous in his public request, passing word through back channels that he didn’t really mean it?

Is US Congress more “pro-Israeli” than Netanyahu himself,

or perhaps just so addicted to spending that they can’t bear to cut anything at all, even if the recipient doesn’t want it?

Some combination of the above?

This may be the first time I’ve ever found myself in agreement with Benjamin Netanyahu on anything.

Well, partial agreement, anyway.

U.S. aid to Israel isn’t “like welfare.”

It is welfare.

What does the U.S. regime get in return for its billions of dollars every year? Two things:

A way of re-routing tax money to crony “defense contractors” with Israel as the cut-out to obscure the domestic end of the corporate welfare pipeline; and

Dragged into a Middle Eastern garrison ethno-state’s every con-

flict with other regional powers – powers that substantially differ from Israel mainly in ethnicity, prevailing religion, and actually having some oil to make the entanglement worthwhile.

Don’t give me the “liberal democracy” stuff. The Israeli regime censors the

press, bans political parties it doesn’t like, confines millions of Arabs to apartheid-style “homelands” as rightsless, non-voting serfs under Israeli rule, and just passed a law declaring that theological studies in one, and only one, religion are “fundamental” to its existence and thus deserving of exemption from the compulsory military hitch mere “secular” Jews serve. Politically, the main difference between Israel and Iran is that in Iran, Jews are



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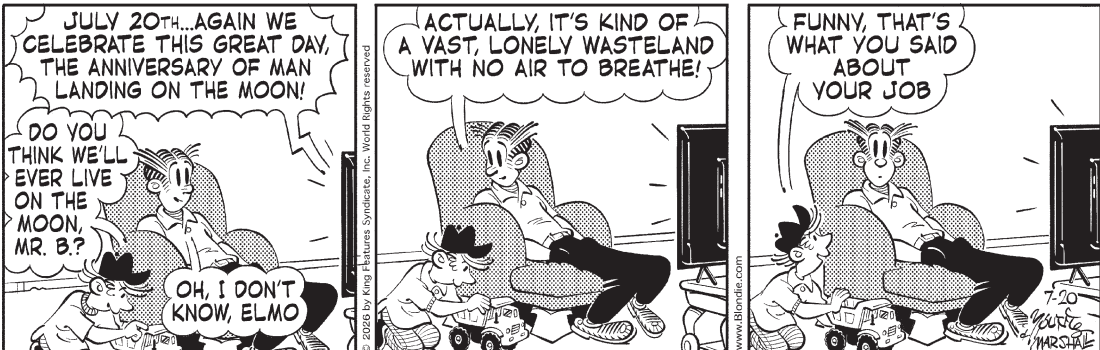
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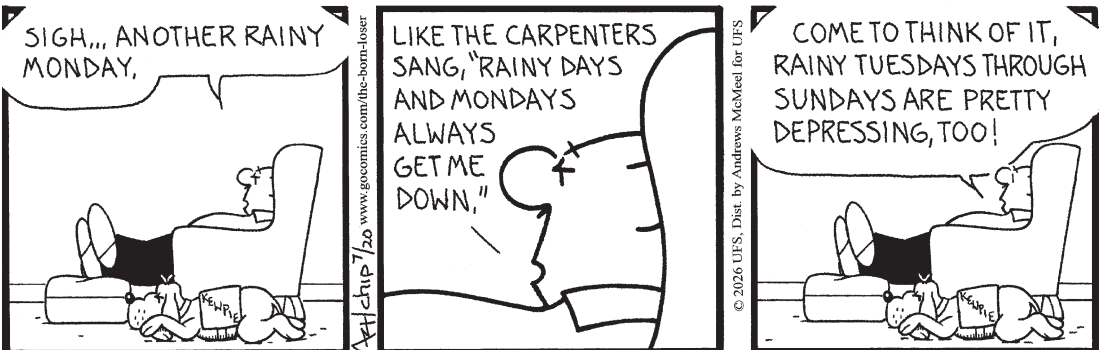
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WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

Gibraltar bagel

SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Rock and roll

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

- ACROSS**
- Scouting mission, briefly
 - Assent
 - Blue-green hue
 - Greeting at a luau
 - Identical
 - Organ with bronchioles
 - Nickname for Hollywood
 - Meaty spread
 - Meh
 - "Tastes great!"
 - to go: full of enthusiasm
 - Sanction for running a red light
 - Hopelessly stuck
 - Peruvian capital
 - One-named "Dancing on My Own" singer
 - Astonish
 - Pepper partner
 - Comm. used by many CODAs
 - Collections with cups and saucers, or a phonetic description of 16-, 22-, 49-, and 60-Across
 - Fish eggs
 - Require
 - Tears
 - Secures with a key
 - King of the Norse pantheon
 - Many a chart-topping song
 - "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers," e.g.
 - Express feelings
 - Approves
 - Like a plump red strawberry
 - Org. with a phonetic alphabet
 - "Magic Tree House" subject
 - Gender-neutral pronoun
 - Zone
 - Gaming giant
 - Back talk
 - Frying vessel
 - Gets soupy, as ice cream
- DOWN**
- Sewer scurriers
 - Pixar film about a boy who meets aliens
 - British police officer
 - "Whoops, my bad"
 - Scottish denial
 - Tennis star Osaka
 - Texter's "Coming!"
 - Cozy room
 - Pack animals known for spitting
 - Elementary subatomic particle
 - Loosen, as a knot
 - Representative
 - Double ____ Oreo
 - Uber competitor
 - Outer edge
 - Mom's sister
 - "Blue's ____": Nick Jr. show
 - Add color to
 - Tehran's country
 - Rudolph's red body part
 - Exceptionally kind person
 - Baking qty.
 - Biggest competitor
 - Trickster of the Norse pantheon
 - Midterm, e.g.
 - Shallowest Great Lake
 - Opening in a spatula
 - Nylabones, squeak balls, and the like
 - Do surgery
 - Payable now
 - Soft "Hey, you!"
 - Camp shelters
 - Biggest city in the Cornhusker State
 - Parts of a scale
 - People celebrated internationally every March 8
 - Furniture chain founded in Sweden
 - Cheeky
 - Yale students
 - Alternative to bottled, in a restaurant
 - Golden yrs. fund
 - Aries animal

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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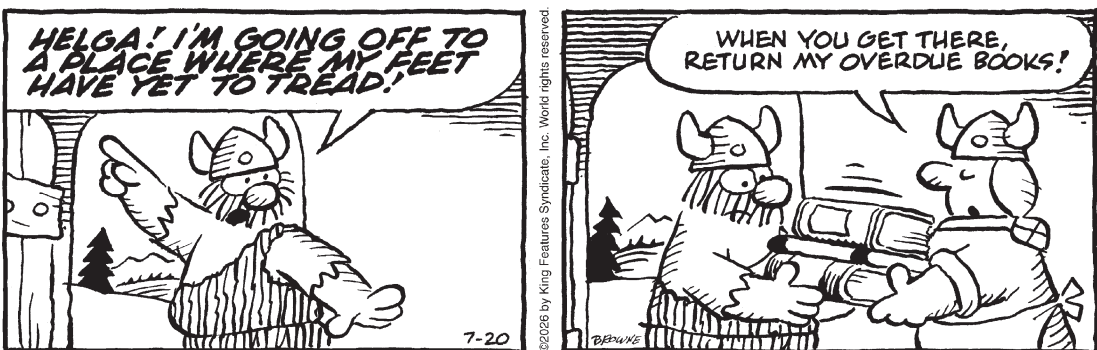
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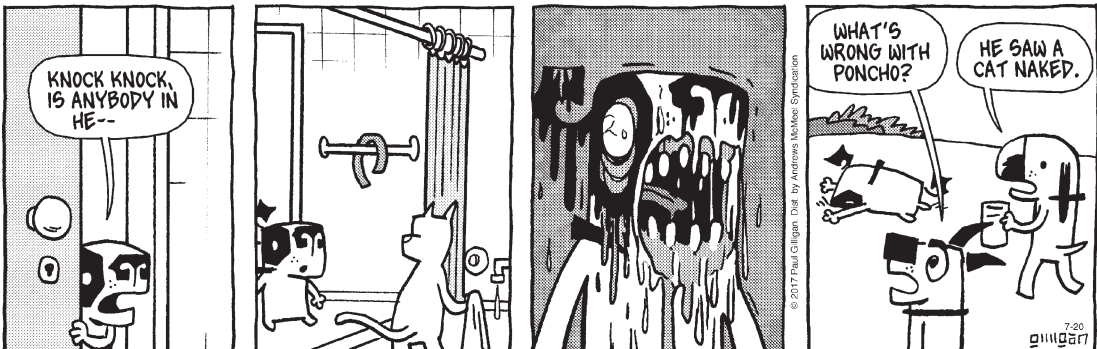
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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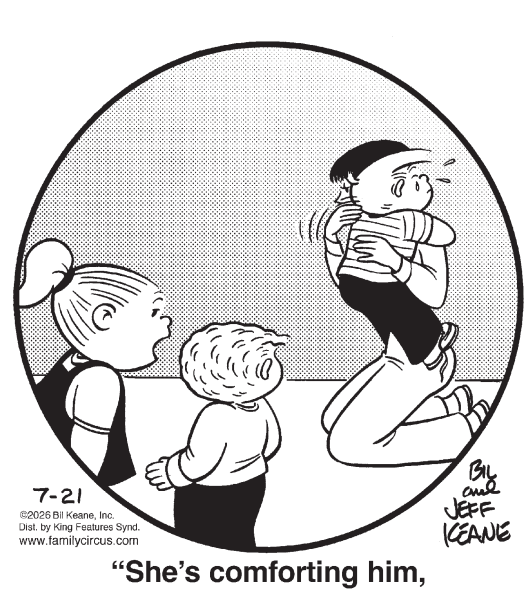
TODAY'S ANSWER: Low-sodium

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



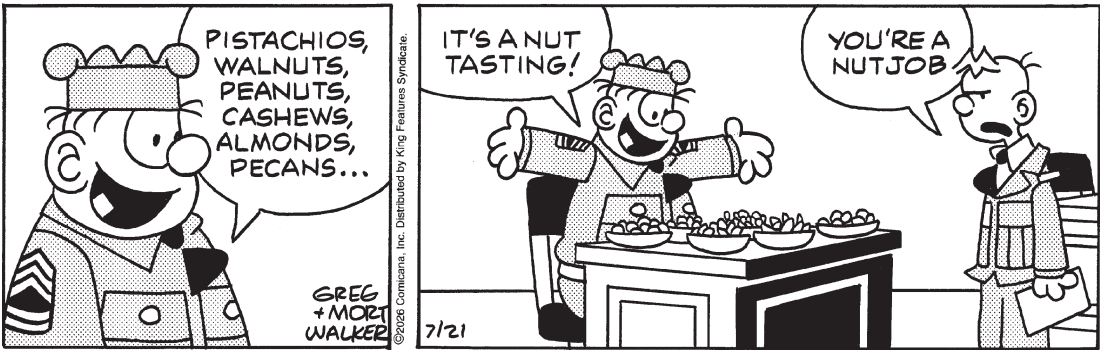
Waiter Howie Lutz was also an aspiring magician.

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"She's comforting him, not burping him."

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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

Loan shark

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Rainbow shape
4 Get healthy
8 Doll's cry
12 Low
13 — Major
14 Actor — Rickman
15 Fellow
16 Snoozes
17 Police action
18 Cousin to a chimp
20 Smooth and shiny
22 Caviar
23 Kimono sash
24 Developed fully
28 Door sign
32 Neat as —
33 "— Will Hunting"
35 Snacked
36 — Moines
37 Ring

DOWN

- 38 Wood strip
39 Additional
41 Uprisings
43 Sprite
45 "Do as I say, not as —"
46 Groggy state
49 Bill of fare
52 El —, Texas
53 Drop
56 Family guy
57 Between Can. and Mex.
58 Zip
59 Work unit
60 What remains
61 Pitcher
62 Singer — Orbison

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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- 4 "The — Games"
5 Period
6 Venomous reptile
7 "Ted —"
8 Director — Scorsese
9 Jai —

- 10 Chief
11 Actor — Garcia
19 Part of speech
21 Not up and around
24 Created
25 Summit
26 — ideal
27 Place of entry
29 Hard challenge (2 wds.)
30 Coup d'—
31 Soaks flax
34 Unclose, poetically
37 Nimbus
38 Soft drink
40 School paper
42 Triumphant one
44 Turned to ice
46 Box
47 Manageable
48 Employs
50 Root vegetable
51 Nervous
54 Gull
55 Wrath

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

MICROSCOPIC CRITTERS

Solution: 10 letters

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Abyss, Acari, Annelid, Bacteria, Biomass, Ciliates, Colony, Cyclops, Diatoms, Dirt, Earth, Egg, Environment, Eyes, Feed, Fish, Flatworms, Freshwater, Germs, Hydras, Labs, Lake, Larvae, Legs, Life, Mites, Nests, Nuclei, Ocean, Organism, Photosynthesis, Plankton, Plants, Ponds, Protozoa, Rain, Salt, Shrimp, Single-cell, Skin, Species, Tick, Tiny, Vein, Wheel

TODAY'S ANSWER: Tardigrade

Ten charged in alleged Peach County armed drug trafficking ring

Staff Reports

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MACON — U.S. Attorney Will Keyes has announced the unsealing of a 38-count federal indictment charging 10 Fort Valley men with alleged crimes associated with an armed drug trafficking ring resulting from an Operation Take Back America investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Peach County Sheriff's Office.

The ATF, the United States Marshals Service, and Peach County deputies assisted in executing arrest warrants in Peach County and Miami, resulting in six arrests. As part of the ongoing investigation, law enforcement seized 68 firearms, two of which were equipped with switches that converted them into machineguns. The initial appearances for the defendants will occur at times determined by the court.

The federal indictment charges the following individuals, all of Fort Valley:

-- **Kerry Ross**, 52, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, six counts of distribution of cocaine base, seven counts of distribution of methamphetamine, one count of distribution of powder cocaine, and one count of use of a communication facility in causing or facilitating the commission of a felony under the controlled substances act. He faces life in prison.

-- **Bruce Jolly**, 37, is charged with one count of conspiracy to

distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, four counts of distribution of cocaine base, and four counts of distribution of methamphetamine. He faces life in prison.

-- **Chris Jolly**, 19, is charged with one count of illegal receipt of a firearm by a person under indictment and one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. He faces 20 years in prison.

-- **Danny Hicks**, 60, is charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances and two counts of distribution of methamphetamine. He faces life in prison.

-- **Paul Leslie**, 38, is charged with two counts of distribution of methamphetamine, one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and seven counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces 30 years in prison.

-- **Darius Dassau**, 37, is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces 20 years in prison.

-- **Taqwan McCrary**, 32, is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces 20 years in prison.

-- **Dextric Harris**, aka "Young

Jefe" and "Jefe Sackright," 34, is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and three counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces 20 years in prison.

-- **Michael Joseph**, 59, is charged with one count of distribution of methamphetamine and one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. He faces 20 years in prison.

-- **Jamiei Leslie**, 36, is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He faces 20 years in prison.

According to the indictment, the defendants conspired in an armed drug trafficking ring, distributing cocaine and methamphetamine in middle Georgia. Sixty-eight firearms, including pistols, revolvers, rifles, and two machineguns, were seized as part of the ongoing investigation. Six defendants are in custody. Bruce Jolly, Chris Jolly, Kerry Ross, and Dextric Harris are at large. Anyone with information about their whereabouts is asked to contact the ATF or the Peach County Sheriff's Office at (478) 825-8269; the USMS at (478) 870-1017; or Macon Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-877-68CRIME.

The ATF and the Peach County Sheriff's Office investigated this case in partnership with the USMS. Assistant U.S. Attorney Travis Lynes is prosecuting the case for the government.

day, not just when someone is watching.

"Mentor boldly. Serve passionately. Lead unapologetically. Every act of service, no matter how small, has the power to change someone's life."

The event also highlighted the deep connection between Albany State University and the surrounding community.

"Albany State has never simply stood in this community; it has always stood for this community," United Way of Southwest Georgia President/CEO Orson Burton Jr. said. "We are a region

From 2A LEADER

ophy — Talent, Operations, Planning, and Strategy — as a framework for effective leadership. She highlighted human capital as the most valuable asset, underscored the importance of sustainable operations, and encouraged intentional planning and focused strategy.

"Trust is the most sacred asset in nonprofit work," she said. "You must do what you say and say what you do every



Special Photo: ASU
United Way Worldwide leader Rosie Allen-Herring visited southwest Georgia, a first in more than 70 years, headlining Albany State University's President's Speaking Series.

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.

" O X O D S B P W E T C T A P N P O P A S T W X
C V B D D N S P T V B P W . . . C B P B P N F
O P S D B Y K B C S T A F T W F C . . . T A F
Y A C Y C S P F S B T S Y E W Y S P E P N N ."
— P N P A T L T K T A

Previous Solution: "If it were up to me, all the awards would be in the garage. I mean, it's just not my style — it's a bit too much." — Viola Davis

TODAY'S CLUE: N sjenbe v

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

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— I W N T J G V A W T

Previous Solution: "My mother was an elementary school teacher ... She held me to high standards ... and insisted that I write well." — Elena Kagan

TODAY'S CLUE: o sjenbe v

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that understands something the rest of the country is re-learning — that no one rises alone."

Burton indicated in his opening remarks that this was the first time United Way Worldwide leadership has visited southwest Georgia in more than 70 years.

"Attending Rosie Allen-Herring's speech deeply shifted my perspective as a student and expanded how I understand leadership," ASU junior computer science major Nikeryia Williams said. "She emphasized that leadership is not defined by a title but by the work, discipline, and consistency behind it. Her explanation of the TOPS framework showed me how talent, operations, planning, and strategy create the foundation for strong communities and effective teams.

"Hearing her speak pushed me to take my future seriously and to move with intention as I work toward building my own tech company and leading a team that reflects innovation and purpose. Rosie Allen-Herring's message reminded me that I am becoming exactly who I said I would be — a leader committed to doing the work and shaping my future with confidence."

During his closing remarks, Scott created a powerful and reflective moment as he thanked the speaker and engaged the audience about Albany State University's history. He asked Allen-Herring if she knew why ASU is known as "Unsinkable," before recounting the devastating flood of 1994, when much of the campus was submerged. As he shared the story of the university's resilience, the audience joined in — calling out the year of the flood and recalling key moments and leadership from that time — transforming the reflection into a shared experience. The moment served as a moving reminder of ASU's enduring strength, unity, and deep connection to the community it serves.

The President's Speaking Series continues to serve as a platform for meaningful dialogue, leadership development, and career preparation, reinforcing ASU's commitment to student success and community engagement.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

ACROSS

1 Prattles on
5 Bay Area sch.
9 Uninspiring
14 Map of "Ugly Betty"
15 "New Rules" and "New Love" singer Dua
16 Twisted humor
17 Shampoo for horses as well as humans
19 Honeycomb units
20 Neither partner
21 Future atty.'s exam
23 Southeast Asian language
24 Meatless Chinese noodle dish
29 Hullabaloo
30 Light ___ feather
31 Product labels
32 Private aid gp.
33 Sure winner
36 "The Theory of Everything" Best Actor Oscar winner
42 Not aseas
43 Poem of praise
45 Former House Speaker Nancy
48 Due-in hr.
51 Crank (up)
52 Tender salad greens
56 "The Lord of the Rings" beast
57 Move for one's co., say
58 Olive extract
59 Capone cohort
61 Principal draw on fight night, or an apt title for this puzzle
66 "OK, that was dishonest"
67 Ritz-Carlton competitor
68 Tops with frosting
69 Ride a bike
70 "Auld Lang ___"
71 Every ___ and cranny

DOWN

1 Thanksgiving tuber
2 ___ carte menu
3 Writing tool
4 All-too-public argument
5 Marathons longer than 26.2 miles, familiarly
6 U.S. intel org.
7 Tell all, as gossip
8 Untrue
9 Beckham also known as Posh Spice
10 "___ we there yet?"
11 Wind-borne allergen
12 Embedded, as tiles
13 High-end vacuum cleaners
18 The "N" of N.B.
22 "Tuesdays With Morrie" writer Mitch
24 Vehicle for movers
25 Microsoft web browser
26 Yummy
27 Iraq port city
28 Plenty of
34 ___ of the woods mushrooms
35 More quirky
37 Entryway
38 Without losing one's cool
39 Renée ___ Goldsberry of "Girls5eva"
40 Sushi seaweed
41 Biblical garden
44 41-Down woman
45 Relating to sound
46 In a creepy way
47 Acid type built up during high-intensity exercise
49 Nickname for Canada's \$2 coin
50 French friend
53 "Battlestar Galactica" actor Edward James ___
54 Like hand soap
55 Singing brother of Simon and Theodore
60 No. on a resume
62 Airbnb alternative
63 ___-friendly
64 Opposite of paleo-
65 Sound of disapproval

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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