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Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Leslie Stout has been named the new director of the Artesian Alliance in Albany.

Artesian Alliance's Leslie Stout wants to build from the ground up

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ALBANY – When she picked up the reins at the Artesian Alliance, Leslie Stout brought a balance of administrative experience and training and love of water and animals to the role. The alliance is the umbrella organization under which the Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Heritage Center operate, and Stout, who took over the duties as executive director

on May 4, is looking at building from the ground up. Splashy new additions at the aquarium will come later, she said, but for now the focus is on putting the organizations on an even keel and achieving accreditation at the RiverQuarium. Stout replaced former Executive Director Tommy Gregors, who served as director of Thronateeska beginning in 2002 and later took on head roles at the RiverQuarium and Chehaw Park

& Zoo before being named to lead the Artesian Alliance when it was formed in 2020. The Chehaw Park Authority split from the Artesian Alliance in February 2026. Stout brings a degree in urban and regional planning from Florida State University to the role, but she also has experience at attractions in Florida. That experience includes time at Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs, where she

served as a curator and later became assistant director, a private sanctuary and Zoo World in Panama City Beach. She arrived in Albany in December 2023 to take on a dual role at the Artesian Alliance and Chehaw Park & Zoo. “I was really interested in the fact that both organizations were pursuing accreditation,” she said. “We’re currently working on it now for the RiverQuarium. It’s

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Submitted Photo

A Lee County water tower rises above a public water supply facility, part of the infrastructure supporting the county's growing residential population.

The industrial park filled, Lee County's tax base didn't notice

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LEESBURG — Billy Mathis wanted to correct the record. The longtime Lee County commissioner had read an article suggesting the county fell short of the goals it set for itself in its 2005 comprehensive

plan, and he came to a July 14 interview with a map, a list and a certain amount of cordial irritation. “I want to be nice in how I say this,” Mathis said, “but I take exception to the fact that you characterize these as planning failures.” Asked directly whether the

assessments done 20 years ago revealed any failures, his answer was unequivocal. “I don’t think there have been any planning failures,” he said. “Some things could have turned out a little better. I mean, we could have more industry in Lee County. But that’s something that’s really

beyond our control.” That last clause is where the disagreement actually lives. The 2005 plan did not treat industrial growth as beyond the county’s control. It treated it as the county’s central assignment. Let’s start with what is not in dispute, because a good

deal of it favors Mathis. The 2005 assessment named specific properties. Most of them were developed. Oakland Meadows Industrial Park had 74 developable acres then; today it has none. “I am happy to report that

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Mitchell County official refutes charges made by group opposing rezoning of land to be purchased by energy giant

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In its coverage of the group in Mitchell County opposing the rezoning of land in the northern sector of the county from Agriculture to Industrial so that it may be utilized by NextEra Energy to build a power plant, The Albany Herald reached out to a number of Mitchell County officials in an effort to get that group’s side of the story. After the newspaper’s deadline, Mitchell Economic Development Commission Executive Director James Eubanks responded to The Herald’s request for comment. Since the deadline had already passed and Eubanks’ comments could not be included in the original story, those comments are included here.

CAMILLA – James Eubanks

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Planning for downtown Albany Riverfront Park splash pad replacement ongoing



File Photo: Alan Mauldin

Replacement of the splash pad that was located at Riverfront Park is part of planned renovations by Dougherty County that include revamping Turtle Grove Play Park.

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ALBANY – Since Dougherty County removed the downtown splash pad in 2024 there have been pleas to replace it from the public and downtown businesses hoping for more foot traffic. While the plan was to have something in place at a quicker pace, the rush has been slowed as officials work to come up with a master plan for Riverfront Park that also will see a renovation of the Turtle Grove Play Park in close proximity to the former splash pad location on North Front Street.

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Summer Safety Tips

Beat the Heat

- Never leave infants, children, older adults or pets in a parked car
- Wear loose, light-weight, light-colored clothing
- Schedule outdoor activities during morning or evening hours
- Take cool showers or baths
- Use sunscreen with at least SPF 15
- Stay hydrated

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Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A friend could need to flex their ego to feel like enough — remind them of their intrinsic value, even without trying. You could feel well connected to your creative muse now, even if she just helps you solve problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your home life on your priority list, this could be a good time to up-level something. Not just an appliance or fixing something, what might be needed is an energetic shift or a new workaround.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Communications could be highlighted, the idea or intel you have to offer could be extremely helpful, even if someone acts unimpressed. Financial discussions could help to bring improved income over time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lean in to what's quietly rational and away from extreme emotions when making any decisions about money. Someone close could offer validation or nurturing, or you might offer these nice things to them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could be the one to bring the help, the balance, or the resources, or you might see these gifts heaped up before you. Or both. Find the joy in your daily life, even a dandelion growing in a sidewalk crack can be a glimmer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things built out of the spotlight can have better traction and encounter less resistance. Keep working on the things that will bring you your dreams, which is your own self most of all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A new friend could become a good friend if they show you they are worthy over time. Home time could be a thing today, you might prefer a quiet escape to being amid all the action and noise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Grow your brand, even if you don't really have one ... It's time to consider how you put your energies into the world, and if you

want to curate or manage them more intentionally. If at all in doubt, don't spill any tea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your finances could be gradually growing and solidifying, but don't make emotional decisions. It's a great time to expand your mind, hobbies, philosophy of living, or your skillset.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Shared resources can grow to support all more fully, but someone could still demand special treatment. Accommodations for a disability are one thing, just taking more than one's share is something else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It could be easier than usual to doubt yourself or feel like a pretender. If you got the credentials, did the things, and got the recognition, you probably aren't the imposter you might feel like today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Life could get easier and that's no small thing. Just a little more daily ease can add up over time. Discover ways to un-weight your life or get extra help if you possibly can. It's a worthwhile investment.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Take a breath. And another. You are likely moving from a period of testing in the first part of 2026 into a period of integration and new growth for the rest of the year. Whew! September could bring you clear next steps, even if they're bigger than you feel capable of. First comes the dream, then what's necessary arrives in the perfect timeline — don't be afraid of your unique purpose. September interweaves opportunity with temptation. Will you grasp a new opportunity, or spend the energy on something going nowhere? It's up to you. Pay close attention to your intuition in October, you could receive sudden bits of highest cosmic wisdom [...Here's how.] November could be like a holiday season full of delicious and glowing gifts, [...Here's what you need...]. Go!!



1540 - At the order of Henry VIII of England, Thomas Cromwell is executed on charges of treason

1854 - USS Constellation, the last all-sail warship built by the U.S. Navy is commissioned

1868 - The 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution is certified establishing African American citizenship

1896 - The City of Miami, Florida is incorporated

1915 - The United States begins a 19 year occupation of Haiti

1935 - The Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress has it's first flight

1945 - A U.S. Army B-25 bomber crashes into the 79th floor of the Empire State

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- Buffalo Soldiers Day
- National Hamburger Day
- National Milk Chocolate Day

- National Waterpark Day
- World Hepatitis Day
- World Nature Conservation Day

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The trouble with jogging is that the ice falls out of your glass."

Martin Mull,
comedian/actor (1943-)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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From 1789 to 1913, U.S. Senators were chosen by state legislatures. Since 1913, out-of-state money has been buying elections.

Mike Collins is what's wrong with Georgia and with America: A spoiled rich person living off the money of taxpayers, he has been involved in too many sleazy enterprises to continue to hide them all, much like his hero in the White House. He should be removed from office, and here's hoping Ossoff does that to save others the trouble.

Karl Marx -- "If you can cut the people off from their history, then they can be easily persuaded." George Orwell -- "Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past."

If Miss B.J. was mayor, she wouldn't let those data centers in ALL Benny.

With all of the property tax news going on, I was just wondering what are the qualifications required to be on the Dougherty County Board of Assessors?

Wow, Mike Collins did a little self-examination and came up with a perfect description of himself: "Nothing burger."

The eyesore coffee shop trailer debacle is the perfect example of the incompetence at the city manager's office, the mayor's office, Code Enforcement, and the city commission in general. This has been an issue for months, and the stupidity around it is limitless. In Columbus, Thomasville or Macon, that trash heap would have been hauled away a year ago at the first mention.

I don't care if Mike Collins' son-in-law is a neo-Nazi or any other kind of Nazi, as long as the man continues to support our True President, I will support him.

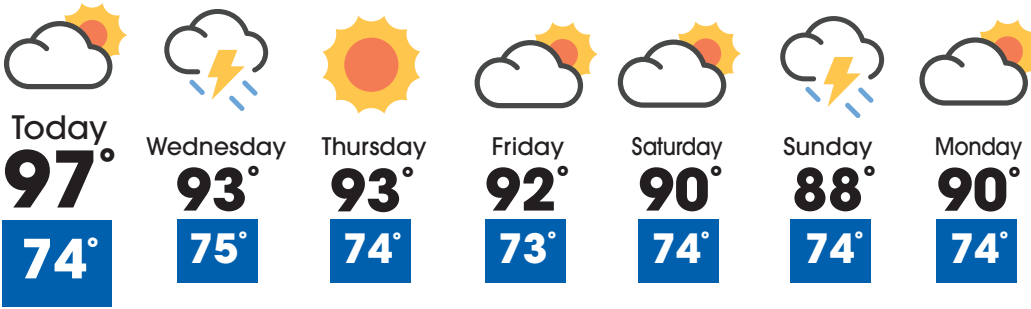
Michael Ferguson's July 21 article in The Herald is disgusting. Yes, a local white guy got crazy drunk and shot up a black family gathering. That is awful. But nobody was hurt. Yet Ferguson's entire article was just about race and the charges the white guy should receive. The same paper had articles about two black teens, 14 and 17, being charged with murdering a 17-year-old black. Ferguson does not mention the horror in that story. It does not fit his narrative.

Let's see: Should the city and county support a successful developer with a professional team -- including local contractors -- whose plans are amazing, or should they give money to locals whose only experience is taking money from taxpayers? A no-brainer: They take care of their homeys who cut them a slice of the pie.

Albany taxpayers are sick and tired of hearing the Code Enforcement office's lazy excuses. Their incompetence and general ineffectiveness is putting our neighborhoods in danger. Call in state authorities.

That guy from Florida on the Editorial page, Thomas Knapp, makes a lot of good sense.

Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

Missing queens

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

"Are you superstitious?" Cy the Cynic asked me. "When you have a two-way guess for a missing queen and have nothing to

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Frank Stewart

go on, do you rely on 'the queen lies over the jack' or some such dubious wisdom?"

"I'm not superstitious," I replied, "and, knock on wood, I hope I'll never be."

When you must guess a queen, postpone the guess until you learn something about the lie of the cards. At today's four spades, South ducks the first diamond and wins the second. If he wins a club finesse with dummy's queen and picks up the queen of trumps, he will have only three losers.

HEART RETURN

South can ruff a diamond in dummy at Trick Three and next lead a heart to his queen. West wins and returns a heart. South ruffs and leads a club to the queen, winning.

Advice Columnist

Two sons vie to house parents

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: I am finding that I don't much like getting older. My husband and I have just learned that we need to be closer to medical help, so we must sell our current home, which we love, and move.

We have two sons, both of whom we love dearly, who each want us to build a little home on their property so we can be close enough that they can help us, if necessary, but still be independent.

For many reasons we would like to build on one son's land and not the other. How do we tell them this without giving the reasons, which are very real to us? I can't bear to hurt either of them.

— Property Brothers

Dear Property: I'm sorry that you have to move away from a home that you love. That's a hard transition and there may be some grief involved in it. It's good, however, that you have a support system eager to step up and help you.

Your sons know that you can't live in two places at once and it seems likely that they both have your best interests in mind. So, if you don't want to give the specific reasons, it's fine to thank them both for their offers, acknowledge that you can't take both paths, and tell them that you've made the choice that makes the most sense for you.

There's no need to belabor it or debate it. The focus should then shift to how you all, as a family, can work on the logistics of the move and set you up for this new phase of your life.

There are plenty of ways that the son with whom you won't be living can still show up and

support you, be it in the form of transportation help, errands or just company. You may want to think through some of those additional needs in advance so that you can direct him if need be.

If you have the capacity, at some point you may want to check in with him to make sure he's not feeling hurt. But this would really be for your own peace of mind and in the interests of keeping clear lines of communication open. It's not your responsibility to manage this.

The most important thing to remember is that your sons want to help you during what might be a stressful and taxing time in your life.

Dear Eric: In these financially tight times for some of us senior citizens, I find myself being asked for a lot of gifts. Where can I draw the line without offending?

Recently, after a couple I know got engaged, I gave them an expensive engagement gift. Emily Post used to say if you gave an engagement gift you didn't have to give a wedding gift.

I will be giving them another significant gift for their wedding. I'm attending their destination wedding at some considerable cost to me because of my relationship with the groom's parents.

I have now been invited to a bridal shower. I can't attend. Must I send a gift to this young woman? I have never met the bride and assume I made it on the invite list due to the engagement gift. What's the right thing to do?

— Feel Like an ATM

Dear ATM: Short answer: you don't have to send a gift for the bridal shower.



Eric Thomas

In addition to Emily Post's guidance, I'd add to that you need not feel compelled nor expected to give beyond your means. Weddings can become multi-part affairs, with many different opportunities for gift-giving. The key word is opportunities — not obligations. It's important to remember that the main objective is celebrating the couple getting married. If you can afford to give a wedding gift in addition to traveling for the destination wedding, that's wonderful, but the couple should not expect a gift at every event from every guest. It's simply not reasonable.

Dear Eric: I just read your response to the person having difficulty understanding service agents on the telephone ("Confusing Call"). As someone who is deaf and uses a cochlear implant, I have found a solution that works very well for me. If you use a smartphone of any type, go to "accessibility" and then "hearing" and turn on the captions.

You will get captions of everything that is being said by the other person. It has reduced my stress level tremendously when making calls to banks or telecoms.

There is also a caption service called Innocaption that does the same thing and is paid for by the federal government. Hope this helps; it took me a few years to find these services.

— Captioned

Dear Captioned: Thanks for these great suggestions. The accessibility features on smartphones (and other devices) can be game changers.

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Albany, Dougherty County officials look deeper at data center regulations

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ALBANY — Albany and Dougherty County elected officials are taking steps to address the public’s concerns about data centers and scrambling to enact regulations to govern large facilities, should they come knocking to locate in the area.

On Monday, the Dougherty County Commission initiated a 45-day “pause” on considering requests for approval of any new data centers. During a Tuesday work session, members of the Albany City Commission discussed a proposed one-year moratorium on granting approval to large data centers.

While county officials were quick to point out that the pause does not mean a moratorium, the measure approved

directs County Attorney Alex Shalishali and the Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission to draft a temporary moratorium on the facilities for consideration by county commissioners.

The commissioners also directed staff to draft a data center ordinance within the 45 days.

“We may have to coexist with these data canter, but not at the citizens’ expense,” Commissioner Anthony Jones said. “You want to make sure you do your homework so we don’t get hurt in this deal.”

City and county officials have said that they are not aware of any pending applications for a data center at this time, but it could only be a matter of time before someone comes calling.

The county’s draft ordinance would cover a wide range of environmental issues, including ensuring appropriate zoning, setbacks, landscaping, buffers and consideration of noise and lighting at the facilities.

In addition, the ordinance is to cover water usage and wastewater, battery/energy storage systems, backup generators and fuel storage, and electrical infrastructure.

Public safety concerns noted in the resolution approved by commissioners include traffic considerations and fire protection.

Other area governments, including Lee and Terrell counties, recently have called for a pause on permitting data centers while they put regulations in place.

On Tuesday, city commis-

sioners differed on their take on how long of a moratorium is needed, with opinions ranging from six to 12 to 18 months.

The drafting of proposed ordinances should not be a lengthy one, Albany-Dougherty Planning Service Director Paul Forgey said.

“The planning commission has been looking at this for a year or so,” he said. “We could ... have something for you as early as the first week in September. We’ve done a lot of research on this already.”

If a developer brought a project to the planning commission, current regulations would place it under the manufacturing category, Forgey said.

“If one came forward, it would be hard for us to say no,” he said.



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Albany and Dougherty County elected officials are taking steps to address the public’s concerns about data centers.

The moratorium would allow the commission to halt permitting while it worked on drafting regulations.

The city would have a hard time making a case for a halt of more than a year, City Attorney Michael Custer told commissioners.

“There are limits on how long these can last,” she said.

The city commission could vote on a moratorium at its

regular meeting later this month.

“We have been having meetings to collect information,” City Manager Terrell Jacobs said. “Data centers are going to come to Georgia. Data centers are already in Georgia. Property owners have a right to sell their property. It is the responsibility of local government to zone and protect the community you are in.”

Phoebe hospitals recognized nationally for commitment to excellence in heart attack care

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ALBANY -- Phoebe Putney Health System has announce that all three of its hospitals - Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Phoebe Sumter Medical Center and Phoebe Worth Medical Center -- have earned prestigious American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines recognition for excellence in cardiovascular and stroke care.

Phoebe Putney in Albany received the award for Coronary Artery Disease STEMI Receiving Center Gold Plus, and Phoebe Sumter and Phoebe Worth received Rural Stroke Gold awards. These honors reflect Phoebe’s commitment to delivering rapid, evidence-based care that improves out-

comes for patients experiencing life-threatening cardiac and stroke emergencies.

Each year, more than 1.2 million people in the U.S. are hospitalized with acute coronary syndrome, according to the American Heart Association’s 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report. About 30% of ACS cases are classified as STEMI, caused by a complete blockage in a coronary artery.

Recognition as a STEMI Receiving Center highlights hospitals that provide around-the-clock support for patients experiencing STEMI. These facilities coordinate closely with a network of referring hospitals and emergency medical services to deliver timely, guideline-directed STEMI



Special Photo: Phoebe

Phoebe Worth Medical Center, along with Phoebe Sumter and Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, earned American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines recognition for excellence in cardiovascular and stroke care.

and NSTEMI care.

“Effective and timely care is critical for patients experiencing a STEMI heart attack, Dr. Abhinav Goyal, the vol-

unteer chair of the American Heart Association Coronary Artery Disease System of Care Advisory Group, said.

Each year, hospitals earn

STEMI Receiving Center recognition by demonstrating a sustained commitment to treating people according to the most current, science-based guidelines for STEMI care, as outlined by the American Heart Association.

“This recognition reflects the outstanding teamwork and commitment of caregivers across our entire health system,” Phoebe Putney Health System President & CEO Scott Steiner said. “We are incredibly proud that PPMH achieved Gold Plus STEMI Receiving Center recognition. We are also proud of PSMC and PWMC for achieving the Rural Stroke Gold recognitions.

“These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication of our physicians and team

members, including emergency department staff, registration teams, cardiac catheterization laboratory personnel, and our EMS partners, who work together seamlessly to deliver lifesaving heart attack care when every minute matters.”

The Gold Plus recognition underscores Phoebe’s commitment to ensuring heart attack patients throughout southwest Georgia have access to timely, high-quality cardiovascular care close to home. Through close collaboration among hospitals, emergency medical services, physicians, nurses, and support staff, Phoebe continues to advance heart care and improve outcomes for patients across the region.

Phoebe Nurse Carley Rice honored with DAISY Award

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ALBANY — Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital is recognizing RN Carley Rice of the Digestive Disease Center as the hospital’s June 2026 DAISY Award recipient, a national recognition honoring nurses who demonstrate extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care.

Rice was nominated by a patient who experienced first-hand the profound difference a compassionate nurse can make during a time of anxiety and uncertainty. While preparing for a medical procedure, the patient was feeling extremely nervous and nauseous. Although Rice was not originally assigned as the patient’s pre-operative nurse, she noticed the patient’s distress and immediately stepped in to offer support.

From the moment she entered the room, Rice recognized the patient’s anxiety and discomfort and took action to help ease both. She listened attentively, offered reassurance, and advocated for the patient’s needs by requesting medication to help manage nausea before the procedure. Throughout the experience, her focus remained on ensuring the patient felt safe, comfortable, and cared for.

In the DAISY Award nomination, the patient described the impact Carley had during one of the most vulnerable moments of her healthcare journey.

“From the moment she walked into my room, she went above and beyond to make me feel safe, cared for and comfortable during an anxious time,” the nomination letter for Rice said. “I was nervous and nauseous, and she immediately recognized it. She took the time to make sure I felt heard and supported every step of the way. In recovery, when I was feeling sick and completely out of it.

“She never made me feel like a burden. She checked on me constantly, advocated for me and made sure I was as comfortable as possible before and after my procedure.”

The patient noted that what stood out most was Carley’s attentiveness and compassion, especially because she was not initially assigned to provide care.”

“Healthcare can feel rushed at times, but from the moment she walked in the room, she treated me like more than just another patient on the schedule,” the nominator said. “She advocated for me, checked on me constantly, and made sure I felt respected and supported. In a moment where I felt vulnerable and completely out of control, she gave me comfort, dignity and peace.”

The nomination emphasized that while technical and clinical skills can be taught, genuine compassion comes from the heart.

“You can teach clinical skills, but you cannot teach



Special Photo: Phoebe

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital is recognizing RN Carley Rice of the Digestive Disease Center as the hospital’s June 2026 DAISY Award recipient.

the kind of compassion and heart that Carley naturally carries,” the nominator said. “People may forget procedures and hospital visits over time, but they never forget how someone made them feel during their most vulnerable moments. Because of her care, I left feeling supported, respected, pain-free and as nausea-free as possible.”

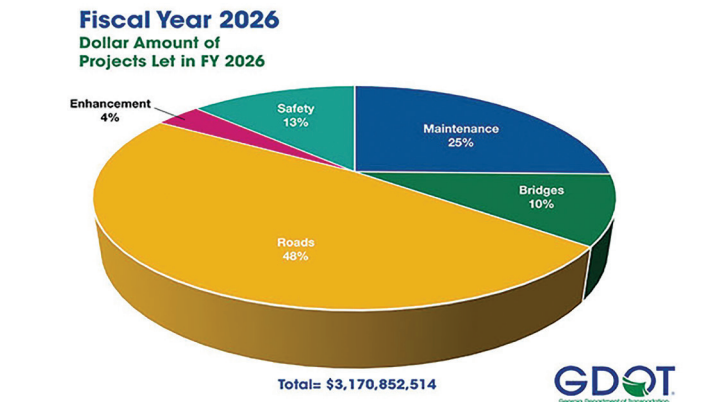
The consistent theme throughout the nomination is clear: Rice embodies the very best qualities of nursing. Her ability to recognize a patient’s needs, advocate for their comfort, and provide extraordinary emotional support turned a stressful experience into one marked by trust, dignity and compassionate care.

“Carley exemplifies what it means to put patients first,” Maureen Jackson, the chief

nursing officer at Phoebe, said. “Her ability to recognize when a patient needs reassurance, comfort, and advocacy and then respond with genuine compassion demonstrates the extraordinary impact nurses have every day.

“Carley didn’t simply provide excellent clinical care; she made a patient feel seen, heard, and valued during a vulnerable moment. That level of kindness and dedication is exactly what the DAISY Award was created to recognize.”

The DAISY Award is an international recognition program that honors the extraordinary work nurses do for patients and families every day. Anyone who knows a deserving Phoebe nurse, may visit www.phoebehealth.com/nursing/daisy-award to submit a nomination.



Special Illustration: Georgia DOT

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Georgia Department of Transportation awarded a total of 320 projects valued at approximately \$3.2 billion.

Georgia DOT awards nearly \$3.2 billion for Fiscal Year 2026

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ATLANTA - In Fiscal Year 2026, the Georgia Department of Transportation awarded a total of 320 projects valued at approximately \$3.2 billion. This includes 308 Georgia DOT let projects valued at approximately \$3.1 billion. The remaining 12 projects, worth approximately \$103 million, were locally let.

The 320 awarded projects for FY 2026 by project type include:

176 maintenance projects, accounting for 55% of the awarded projects.

52 bridges projects, accounting for 16% of the awarded projects.

20 roads projects, accounting for 6% of the awarded projects.

10 enhancement projects, accounting for 3% of the awarded projects.

62 safety projects, accounting for 20% of the awarded projects.

FY 2026 began on July 1, 2025, and ended on June 30, 2026.

The largest single June investment construction project, valued at approximately \$7.2 million, will construct a bridge and approaches on State Route (SR) 136 over Lookout Creek in Dade County. The antici-

pated completion date is April 30, 2029. This contract and 11 other construction projects total approximately \$36.1 million and represent 49% of the total funds awarded.

The largest resurfacing contract, valued at approximately \$14.1 million, features 5.21 miles of milling, inlay, and plant mix resurfacing on I-520/State Route (SR) 415 beginning at the Interstate 20 overhead bridge and extending west of US Highway 1/SR 4 in Richmond County. The anticipated completion date is May 31, 2027. This contract and five other resurfacing projects total approximately \$35.8 million and represent 48% of the month’s total funds awarded.

The only bridge rehabilitation contract, valued at approximately \$2 million, proposes bridge rehabilitation at various locations in Clayton County.

The only safety contract, valued at \$336,000, proposes signing and pavement marking upgrades at various railroad crossings in Bleckley, Dodge and Laurens counties. The anticipated completion date is May 31, 2027. This contract represents the remaining 1% of the total funds awarded.

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY - CITY OF ALBANY 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 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.

PROPERTY ADDRESS		CURRENT OWNER	MAP BLOCK PARCEL	YEAR(s)	PROPERTY ADDRESS		CURRENT OWNER	MAP BLOCK PARCEL	YEAR(s)
ACORN ST	300	YOUNG, TONTONYDIO D BANKS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC (VIA TAX DEED)	0000J-00012-006	2024-2025	E TIFT AVE	1311	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC & KG HOLDING INVESTMENTS, LLC	000TT-00013-017	2024-2025
ADAMS ST	105	PRICE STEVY ROSE	0000Y-00021-009	2024-2025	E TIFT AVE	1316	UVALDA FAITH DELIVERANCE CHURCH INC DBA FAITH DELIVERANCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER	000TT-00018-007	2024-2025
AKRON CT	1303	THOMAS JOHN RAY & GEORGIA L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00238-00042-013	2024-2025	E TIFT AVE	1320	MOSS CORY & FAITH DELIVERANCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER	000TT-00018-006	2024-2025
ANDOVER LN	716	FIGUEROA HERNEY	0000U-00002-009	2024-2025	E TIFT AVE	1404	HARRELL JOE LEE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000TT-00029-007	2011-2025
ARROWHEAD LN	609	PYRAMID PROPERTIES LLC	00365-00002-039	2025	EAGER ST	1403	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	000GG-00006-005	2025
AUGUSTA DR	1229	THOMAS BENNIE LEE JR & BERLENA B	00238-00045-010	2025	EAGER ST	1407	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	000GG-00006-003	2024-2025
AUGUSTA DR	1306	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00238-00036-009	2025	EAST TOWN RD	703	JONES ALICE M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000U-00008-002	2025
AVALON AVE	1213	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	0000H-00028-001	2024-2025			WALLACE BERTHA	000BB-00028-010	2022-2025
AVALON AVE	1311	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	0000H-00032-003	2025			DANTZLER CHARLES	0000H-00009-006	2024-2025
AVALON AVE	1318	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	0000H-00033-020	2025			FAIR GLORIA	0000Q-00036-014	2025
BEACHVIEW DR	1416	UNO CMA LLC	0000W-00006-004	2025			WHITAKER VERA C	0000Q-00025-011	2025
BEACHVIEW DR	2417	JAMES DONN L & ULYSEE JR					TRITON GROUP INC	0000M-00004-002	2025
		BROOKERD WANNIE C ESTATE AND SHARLOTTE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000W-00007-021	2025			OLNEY CANDACE NICOLE (VIA TAX SALE) & BOWMAN, ELMER GENE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000F-00008-015	2022-2025
BEVERLY AVE	1504	THREBITS WILLIE J & ELIZA ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00013-002	2024-2025	EIGHTH AVE	519	KALKAVOURAS PATRICIA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000F-00006-008	2022-2025
BIRKDALE LN	1313	ALLEN FLOSIE BROOKS	00238-00038-024	2024-2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1115	ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000G-00001-001	2025
BLAYLOCK ST	120	JACKSON RONALD ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00034-019	2011-2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1207	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000G-00002-004	2023-2025
BLAYLOCK ST	206	BILLINGSLEA WILBER ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00028-027	2022-2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1211	GREENLEO DEVELOPMENT LLC	0000G-00002-003	2023-2025
BLAYLOCK ST	207	BILLINGSLEA WILBER ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00025-021	2022-2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1213	GREENLEO DEVELOPMENT LLC	0000G-00002-002	2023-2025
BOBBITT DR	407	ROBERTSON WILLIAM	00001-00015-007	2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1215	GREENLEO DEVELOPMENT LLC	0000G-00002-001	2023-2025
BOBBITT DR	408	SIMMONS BARBARAAND BULTER CLYDE W ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00001-00023-005	2023-2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1317	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000G-00003-001	2025
BOBBITT DR	610	GEER C W ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00001-00022-004	2023-2025	ELEVENTH AVE	1406	WADE RICKEY	0000G-00005-032	2025
BOBBITT DR	628	THOMAS MICHAEL A	00001-00022-001	2025			ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND MCCOY ELIZABETH P	000LL-00028-012	2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	1321	JAMES DONN L & ULYSEE JR	000EE-00029-009	2025	ELKHORN LN	1912	CWW & WADE LLC NKA CWW & WADE II LP	0000S-00007-044	2014-2019, 2024-2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	1405	HAYES JANA (VIA TAX DEED) AND PERISSEUO EQUILITY INC	000EE-00030-008	2021-2025	ELKHORN LN	1919	CWW & WADE LLC NKA CWW & WADE II LP	0000S-00007-038	2024-2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	1411	PERISSEUO EQUITY INC	000EE-00030-011	2024-2025	ELM ST	507	WILLIAMS WILLIE MAE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00034-016	2024-2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	1413	CHEEVERS LARESSIA	000EE-00030-012	2024-2025			KEITH JAMIE	0000K-00016-019	2024-2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	309	GIBSON CURTIS R	0000C-00009-002	2024-2025			BLACK TIFFANY	00306-00010-039	2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	317	RONY SUDIE ESTATE, GIBSON CURTIS, GIBSON DEWEY, GIBSON CHANSIE JR, GIBSON WILLIE, GIBSON EARNEST, BRADFORD GLENIS GIBSON ESTATE, DIBSON BERTHA, TEEMER CASSANDRA GIBSON, GIBSON MONICA, GIBSON ROMA, GIBSON BOBBY, GIBSON DONALD, MINGO BRENDA FAY GIBSON	0000C-00009-003	2024-2025	ELVA ST	1505	WALKER VERDELL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000X-00006-004	2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	412	ALLEN PATRICIA	0000C-00027-010	2023-2025	ENDICOTT LN	507	GIVENS ALBERT ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00016-027	2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	416	ALLEN PATRICIA	0000C-00027-008	2023-2025	ENTERPRISE DR	302	NM PROPERTIES LLC	0000K-00020-019	2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	421	KA Ford PROPERTIES LLC	0000C-00010-010	2021-2025	ESTELLE ST	1404	NM PROPERTIES LLC	0000K-00020-017	2025
BONNY VIEW AVE	425	KA Ford PROPERTIES LLC	0000C-00010-011	2021-2025			HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00059-00001-011	2025
BUTLER DR	310	BATES LEE	0000J-00028-012	2021-2025			SEARCY WILLIAM C	000FF-00031-005	2025
BYRON RD	826	JDH PROPERTIES LLC	0000D-00043-040	2025			PYRAMID PROPERTIES LLC	0000G-00036-010	2025
CANAL ST	750	TRINITY METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH INC	00240-00009-001	2025			RENOVA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	0000G-00036-013	2025
CANE MILL DR	3145	WALKER CORNELLIUS & ANDRIEPH SIMONE	00348-00024-048	2025			LEWIS DEAN	0000F-00016-006	2024-2025
CASON ST	600	MCKINNEY STEFON BERNARD	0000Q-00012-001	2024-2025			ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND MARSHALL THOMAS JAMES JR	0000F-00020-013	2025
CASON ST	804	THE VICTORY GROUP LLC	0000Q-00015-003	2025			JOHNSON SANDRA H	00348-00022-180	2025
CEDAR AVE	1015	POTEAT FUNERAL HOMES LLC	00212-00001-08B	2025			HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00238-00044-007	2025
CEDAR AVE	419	SECURITY INVESTMENTS INC	0000I-00023-008	2024-2025			BOLDEN ANNA VERDELL	0000D-00011-024	2024-2025
CEDAR AVE	426	ROBINSON VANESSA (VIA TAX DEED) AND WHEELER TILDON ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000I-00023-004	2022-2025			DIXON BERNICE L (VIA TAX DEED) AND HOWARD JOHNNY	0000D-00011-032	2024-2025
CEDAR AVE	429	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	0000I-00024-035	2025	FLINT AVE	404	NEW BEGINNING COMMUNITY OUTREACH INC	000AA-00004-016	2025
CEDAR AVE	904	BULLOCH MATTHEW WILLIS	0000H-00052-013	2024-2025	FLOYD AVE	701	JOHNSON LINDA M	00012-00001-017	2022-2025
CHEROKEE DR	2549	HALL DAHQUANAH & BROOKS MARY HELEN	0000J-00022-002	2025	FOREST GLEN DR	2403	BRIDGES SABRINA DIANE & HOLMES WALTER C ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000NN-00019-026	2025
CHERRY AVE	527	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	000HH-00012-004	2023-2025	FOREST GLEN DR	420	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00305-00011-041	2025
CHERRY AVE	610	BRACY BRANDON	000HH-00023-021	2022-2025	FOREST RIDGE DR	3310	GRAHAM JOHNNIE MAE	00354-00011-013	2025
CHERRY AVE	616	616 CHERRY AVE ALBANY GA LLC	000HH-00023-024	2024-2025	FOURTH AVE	911	YARRELL KEITH ESTATE & EARTHA AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000FF-00033-005	2025
CHERRY AVE	627	BANKS INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	000HH-00013-004	2025	FOURTH AVE	915	DUBOSE CHARLES E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000FF-00033-004	2022-2025
CHERRY AVE	628	BOLDEN ROBERT L	000HH-00023-030	2025			SEYMORE DANIEL	0001I-00030-018	2024-2025
CLARK AVE	1020	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	000EE-00026-013	2025	FRANKLIN DR	206	MAYERS LOUIS F ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0001I-00030-021	2024-2025
CLARK AVE	1181	PAYNE NATHANIEL	000TT-00022-004	2025	FRANKLIN DR	212	MWD ALBANY PROPERTY LLC	0000S-00004-01D	2025
CLARK AVE	1203	JOHNNY LITMAN DBA J L LITMAN MEMORIAL FUNERAL SERVICE (VIA TAX DEED) AND WILLIAMS LORENE	000TT-00023-004	2022-2025			KIRTON NIVIA	0001I-00003-011	2025
		JONES FRANCES ELIZABETH	0000H-00048-006	2025			KA Ford PROPERTIES LLC	00001-00017-10A	2021-2025
		TURNER SHIRLEY	0000H-00058-004	2025			JACKSON WAYNE JEROME (VIA TAX DEED INTEREREST) AND BAILEY JERRY O	00001-00017-010	2024-2025
		ALLEN FLOSSIE J	00230-00008-022	2025			SCOTTS 101210 FAMILY ENTERPRISES LLC	000BB-00002-075	2025
		DAWSON EARL & MAYS TANIKQUA	0000J-00002-013	2021-2025			HINES DJANERA K, KAWANDA D & DARRYL K JR	000BB-00008-021	2024-2025
		MASSEY SHANNON NICOLE	0000K-00018-014	2025			JAMES DONN	00185-00004-005	2025
		HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00139-00002-73A	2025			YOUNGBLOOD SARA ESTATE EXECUTOR OF ESTATE OF CECIL W YOUNGBLOOD ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00026-015	2011-2025
		FORD BETTY G ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000JJ-00003-005	2025			FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000H-00022-009	2024-2025
		MCLAIN EVA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00011-004	2024-2025			ACCESSIBLE HOME RENTALS LLC	0000H-00024-005	2025
		PATTERSON QUITMAN B JR	000HH-00014-011	2024-2025			ROLAND RANDY & RONNIE	00306-00001-008	2025
		AAA RENTAL GROUP INC	000HH-00014-012	2023-2025			MIKE'S PROPERTIES LLC	00348-00008-11D	2025
		ALVARDO'S PAINTING INC	000HH-00006-017	2025			MADISON AT THE VALENCIA, LLC	000DD-00048-01B	2023-2025
		LOYD DIANE JACKSON AKA LOYD, JUANICE DIANE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00016-015	2023-2025			CHARLES LAKKESIA	000DD-00024-005	2025
		SESSION DALLAS	000HH-00009-036	2025			RADIUM SPRING LAUNDROMAT LLC	0000H-00047-015	2025
		KYHOMA HOLDINGS LLC	000HH-00006-029	2025			PROSPERITY MIAMI ESTATE LLC	0000H-00045-009	2025
		JACKSON WILLIE F & YVONNE	00001-00031-24C	2024-2025			TURNER SHIRLEY	0000Q-00052-007	2025
		COLEMAN OLLIE M & FRANK ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000J-00021-015	2025			FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000Q-00050-005	2025
		BEASLEY FREDDIE M	0000W-00011-016	2025			WT 2304 W GORDON LLC	00240-00003-002	2025
		GOFF JOSIE B ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000U-00006-003	2025			HAMPTON WILLIE D ESTATE & ODUM, MARHA E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00004-010	2024-2025
		SHRI ASARAM LLC	0000G-00042-005	2025			WATSON VERNON D & ERVIN R	000HH-00004-012	2025
		WOODLAND LAKE PROPERTY LLC	0000G-00043-005	2024-2025			EDISON ALONZO	000HH-00004-013	2025
		ZAFAR FAZIL	000BB-00021-025	2022-2025			WILSON JOHN W & EDWARDS DARLYCE	000HH-00005-033	2024-2025
		ROBINSON STEVEN	00238-00041-029	2025			BESS CLARENCE ESTATE & DAISEY AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00025-005	2025
		THOMAS ROW DELL	000HH-00044-023	2020-2025			MOULTRIE YUMONICA	000DD-00024-009	2025
		THOMAS ROW DELL	000HH-00044-024	2020-2025			FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000I-00034-019	2025
		AAA RENTAL GROUP INC	000HH-00038-020	2025			THE VICTORY GROUP LLC	0000Q-00008-012	2025
		WILLIAMS NATALIE	000HH-00037-012	2024-2025			KNOX-BUSSEY ELISIA	0000D-00036-010	2024-2025
		SHIRLEY JACOB	000HH-00034-004	2025			OVERLOOK PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT LLC	000BB-00005-001	2025
		TURNKEY INVESTMENTS INC	000HH-00027-004	2025			GJOIA FEDERICO	000BB-00005-22D	2024-2025
		GARNER, LEE ECKLER II, AND HAMMOCK, DONALD ALDINE JR AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE BROWNING FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 8/13/08	00306-00012-024	2025			LITMAN CATHEDRAL HOUSE OF GOD SAINTS IN CHRIST INC	0000H-00017-023	2025
		COUSIN'S PROPERTIES LLC	00154-00004-015	2025			JUDGE WILLIE POSTELL	0000Q-00020-003	2025
		HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	000EE-00026-58A	2025			PEARCE TIMOTHY	0000Q-00031-017	2025
		HOLY DISCIPLE OUTREACH MINISTRY LLC	0001I-00016-003	2025			FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	0000E-00005-022	2024-2025
		ARL LEGACY PROPERTIES LLC	0001I-00011-010	2025			MALONE TRAVIS	0000E-00005-028	2024-2025
		KUNI PROPERTY INVESTMENT (VIA TAX DEED) AND ADAMLAFAYETTE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0001I-00008-009	2025			BURR, JOHN; MATHIS, ROBERT JR; AND CROSLEY, TCHAIKOVSKY	000DD-00009-026	2025
		ALIVE WASH & EAT LLC	0001I-00007-009	2025			BURR JOHN; MATHIS, ROBERT & CROSLEY, TCHAIKOVSKY	000DD-00009-027	2025
		BELL MARY BURT	000TT-00008-08A	2024-2025			SOLOMON DYNASTY LLC AND SHABAZZ TAZDBA SHABAZZ GROUL LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND MILES CYNTHIA	000DD-00008-005	2023-2025
		NOLAN, MITCHELL (AKA KERRY M)	0001I-00035-14A	2025			LLOYD PERRY ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00010-021	2024-2025
		1604 E OGLETHORPE BLVD LLC, & CROWN ASSETS, LLC	0001I-00035-010	2025			TURNER EDNA	000DD-00011-022	2025
		1604 E OGLETHORPE BLVD LLC, & CROWN ASS LONGSTREET ANNETTE; THORNTON, REGINALD AND GREGORY AND CLARK, TRACY	000TT-00021-04A	2025			BRADY KIVA HALL, (VIA TAX DEED) AND HOLIDAY SOCIETY CLUB INC	000DD-00007-006	2025
		SAPP, TRAVIS & ARMSTRONG, YASTACY (VIA TAX DEED)	000TT-00018-015	2025			MALLORY ELVIN J	000DD-00011-031	2025
		LEWIS BESSIE & WARE LEON	000TT-00019-007	2024-2025			THE FAITH AND PRAYER TRAINING AND DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES INC	000DD-00012-019	2025
		HAYES JANA (VIA TAX DEED) AND DANIELS MARY ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000TT-00019-005	2021-2025			GUEST KWAJALEIN M	0000I-00017-023	2025
		WARD LOUISE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000TT-00028-004	2024-2025			PONDER ROGER ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00026-008	2024-2025
		GAMBLE KATHERINE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00013-002	2011-2025			WILLIAMS BETTY	000HH-00030-012	2

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JOHNNY W WILLIAMS RD		711	SOLOMON DYNASTY LLC (VIA TAX SALE) BRANCH FREDERICK L AND WILLIAMS TRUROSA BRANCH	000BB-00011-032	2023-2025	PINE MANOR LN		2714	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00301-00010-012	2025
JOHNNY W WILLIAMS RD		713	SOLOMON DYNASTY LLC (VIA TAX DEED), BRANCH FREDERICK L AND WILLIAMS TRUROSA BRANCH	000BB-00011-031	2023-2025	PORTER LANE		501	NABULSI MOHAMAD	0000Y-00029-013	2025
JOHNNY W WILLIAMS RD		715	SOLOMON DYNASTY LLC, NELSON LENDA (VIA TAX DEEDS), BRANCH FREDERICK L AND WILLIAMS TRUROSA BRANCH	000BB-00011-030	2023-2025	PRINCETON DR		2104	JUDGE WILLIE POSTELL	00230-00021-008	2025
JOHNNY W WILLIAMS RD		612	REESE MARY LEE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-070	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		1108	WHITE WILLIAM L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00036-01A	2025
JONES AVE		1412	JONES MARK, JONES ANTHONY, CARRIER DEBORAH, JONES MARK AND JONES TRACEY	0000H-00051-018	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		1508	JACKSON WILLIE FRANK SR & YVONNE WRIGHT	0000Y-00025-003	2025
JONES AVE		1608	JENKINS REESE ESTATE & CHERRY F AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00230-00002-005	2024-2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		1510	FRIX PHILLIP M ESTATE & LONAA AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00004-007	2025
JUNIPER DR		2109	STRUM RODREGES	00059-00006-007	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		1905	JEFFERSON BENJAMIN ELLIS & JEFFERSON, LETINA VETTE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00004-008	2025
KEN GARDENS RD		1428	GARDNER SUSANNE H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000MM-00015-004	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		2003	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00227-00000-024	2025
KIRKWOOD DR		2106	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00059-00017-004	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		928	MOORE GLENDA & WHITFIELD LAQUANNA	00185-00001-03A	2025
KIRKWOOD DR		2210	WARREN FAMA PARKER	00059-00017-015	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		924	WASHINGTON MARK	00001-00012-018	2025
LEDO RD SUITE 9		2734	NGUYEN UT THI	00300-00001-1S1	2025	RADIUM SPRINGS RD		928	WASHINGTON MARK	00001-00012-19A	2025
LEONARD AVE		2415	OLIVER DEBRA	0000J-00005-018	2023-2025	RELSWOOD TER		1005	JAMES RODRECIOUS MONTREL	0000G-00039-012	2025
LEXINGTON DR		310	OVERLOOK PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT LLC	0000X-00005-006	2025	RENA AVE		1507	ALLEN JAMARIOUS RASHOD	0000K-00023-005	2025
LILY POND RD		1523	MILLER ANTONIO	00208-00001-99Z	2025	RESIDENCE AVE		816	LONDON INVESTMENTS LLC AND TORRES ALEJANDRO	0000D-00030-063	2025
LINCOLN AVE		1119	TAYLOR ANNIE D ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00039-04A	2025	ROADWAY ST			MILLER ELLA MAE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-078	2022-2025
LINCOLN AVE		1204	JOHNSON WILLIAM BRANDON	0000H-00041-012	2025	ROADWAY ST		612	POWELL KIMBERLY DEONNE	00012-00002-03L	2025
LINCOLN AVE		1413	NIX INEZ M ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000H-00033-005	2025	ROBINHOOD RD		2128	SPRAGGINS DENNIS MARK	0000P-00005-008	2025
LINCOLN AVE		1908	ALBANY ARC INC	0000Q-00048-01A	2024-2025	ROBINHOOD RD		2207	CREECH PROPERTIES LLC	0000C-00018-004	2025
LINCOLN AVE		1909	ALBANY ARC INC	0000Q-00048-01C	2024-2025	ROBINSON AVE		415	DRUMMER REGINAL P	00001-00031-015	2025
LINCOLN AVE		602	BOOF CAPITAL LLC	0000D-00028-022	2024-2025	ROOD AVE		809	ETHRIDGE MICHAEL SCOTT	00001-00006-005	2023-2025
LINCOLN AVE		625	LINDSEY CHARLES S & RALPHEEN R ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00019-004	2025	ROOD AVE		912	SECURITY INVESTMENTS INC (VIA TAX DEED) AND SHEFFIELD BOB RAY ESTATE AND GLENDA G ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00001-00017-04A	2025
LINCOLN AVE		909	TIFT MARTHA H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00022-012	2024-2025	ROOSEVELT AVE A ROSENBERG DR S CLEVELAND ST		612	R & S DIESEL INJECTION INC	0000D-00032-09A	2025
LOCKETT STATION RD		215	MCDUFFIE FENTRESS KENTRELL & NATASHA W	00367-00001-018	2025	ROSENBERG DR S CLEVELAND ST		507	MODERN MOODY GROUP LLC	0000H-00029-008	2024-2025
LOUIS AVE		405	WHELLON LADALIA REID AKA GRANT LADALIA ESTATE AND REID VERNELLE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000I-00033-025	2024-2025	S CLEVELAND ST		1303	SEYMOUR CEZEL (AKA SEYMORE)ET AL ESTATE, SEYMORE HELENE ELIZABETH AND JACKSON MARY EVELYN	000HH-00054-002	2011-2025
LOUIS AVE		512	LIQU INVESTMENTS LLC	0000I-00034-042	2025	S CLEVELAND ST		500	WILLOUGHBY MARK & FREDERICK-TYNER	000DD-00022-032	2023-2025
MADELINE RD		2917	SMITH ROGER ESTATE & BRENDA SUE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00018-00002-018	2023-2025	S CLEVELAND ST		502	NATALIE	000DD-00022-033	2025
MALONE DR		1500	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-001	2025	S CLEVELAND ST		504	WILLOUGHBY MARK & FREDERICK-TYNER	000DD-00022-034	2023-2025
MALONE DR		1502	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-002	2025	S CUTTS DR		2275	NATALIE	000DD-00022-034	2023-2025
MALONE DR		1508	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-004	2025	S DAVIS ST		902	VICTORIOUS LIFE CHURCH OF ALBANY INC	00154-00001-012	2025
MALONE DR		1510	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-005	2025	S JACKSON ST		113	FORTUNE ACQUISITIONS GROUP LLC	000HH-00013-033	2024-2025
MALONE DR		1518	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-009	2025	S JACKSON ST		1803	SALAAM RAHMAN OMAR	0S301-00006-013	2025
MALONE DR		1520	NM PROPERTIES LLC	0000K-00030-010	2025	S JACKSON ST		2111	DIMANCHE GOLDONY & THANAELE JEROME (VIA TAX SALE) AND HILL JOHNNY ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000I-00035-012	2022-2025
MALONE DR		1601	SHIRAH CORNELIA ANN	0000K-00027-016	2024-2025	S JACKSON ST		517	CHULA VISTA PROPERTY LLC	000BB-00021-039	2011-2025
MARTIN LUTHER KING J DR		2315	ST OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	000BB-00012-11B	2011-2025	S JEFFERSON ST		520	POTEAAT ERIC	0000E-00022-016	2025
MAYFAIR LN		3802	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-039	2025	S MADISON ST			SHEPPARD MICHELLE YAVETTE	0000E-00021-001	2025
MAYFAIR LN		3804	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-040	2025	S MADISON ST			CLARK MARY L D ESTATE, CLARK MARY ELLA ESTATE, LYNCH GEORGENE C ESTATE , AND CLARK ALLEN T III ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-52N	2020-2025
MAYFAIR LN		3813	GRAY GEOFFREY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	044-2-00005-049	2025	S MADISON ST			CLARK MARY L D ESTATE; CLARK, MARY ELLA ESTATE ; LYNCH, GEORGENE C ESTATE; CLARK, ALLEN T III ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-52L	2020-2025
MCARTHUR ST		1633	HOLT JOHNNY L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00065-023	2025	S MADISON ST			CLARK MARY ELLA ESTATE, LYNCH GOERGENE C ESTATE, CLARK ALLEN T III ESTATE, CLARK MARY L D AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-52M	2020-2025
MCCRAY DR		220	SOLOMON DYNASTY LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND BRITTON EMANUEL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00019-111	2023-2025	S MADISON ST		1008	THORNTON ARRIE LEE	000HH-00024-003	2011-2025
MCCRAY DR		319	WIGGINS GLORIA L	000BB-00019-99A	2011-2025	S MADISON ST		1106	HARRIS PROFESSIONAL CARE (VIA TAX DEED) & BROWN, GEORGE	000HH-00027-036	2023-2025
MEADOWLARK DR		420	MARBURY LOVIC J ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000PP-00013-010	2025	S MADISON ST		1300	HOWARD ALFRED	000HH-00045-001	2025
MEDLOCK AVE		606	HINES DJANERA K, KAWANDA D & DARRYL K JR	000BB-00005-032	2024-2025	S MADISON ST		1718	BENYARD WILLIE CLARENCE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000I-00034-052	2025
MELROSE DR		1905	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000Q-00010-007	2025	S MADISON ST		1811	CLARK MARY L ETAL CLARK MARY LOUISA DUBIGNON INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINSTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ALLEN T CLARK	000BB-00001-021	2023-2025
MELROSE DR		2031	JACKSON HENRY LEE JR ESTATE & SHIRLEY ACRES AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Q-00003-001	2025	S MADISON ST		2017	CLARK MARY LOUISA DUBIGNON INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINSTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ALLEN T CLARK	000BB-00001-020	2020-2025
MERCANTILE DR		1336	ALBANY REALTY GROUP LLC	00186-00001-16A	2025	S MADISON ST		2019	CLARK MARY LOUISA DUBIGNON INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINSTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ALLEN T CLARK	000BB-00001-019	2020-2025
MERCEDES ST		918	MARTIN CLAUDIA	00001-00013-007	2025	S MADISON ST		2240	JOFFRON CHARLENE	000BB-00014-023	2024-2025
MITCHELL AVE		214	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	00001-00013-032	2025	S MADISON ST		2376	MCROY JAMES	000BB-00012-09C	2024-2025
MONTEGO CT		1312	PITTMAN VIRGINIA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00186-00003-027	2025	S MADISON ST		2615	ACCESSIBLE HOME RENTALS LLC	00012-00003-016	2025
MONTEGO CT		1336	WILLIAMS MANCIE	00186-00003-039	2025	S MADISON ST		711	HAZEL CLAUDE L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00012-00002-039	2022-2025
MOORE AVE		204	MCROY ANTHONY BERNARD	0000Y-00009-005	2024-2025	S MADISON ST		404	QUIMBLEY CHARLIE J JR & LASONJA BLAKE ALEX ESTATE & PATRICIA AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00018-010	2025
MORNINGSIDE DR		87	EMILION CAPITAL LLC	0000Y-00016-016	2025	S MADISON ST		904	JOHNSON PEARLIE MAE	000HH-00001-036	2021-2025
MORNINGSIDE DR		99	SUTTON NATHANIEL	0000Y-00016-010	2025	S MADISON ST		1412	MT OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH	000HH-00012-001	2022-2025
MULBERRY AVE		1221	WILLIAMS WILLIE FRANK ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00024-08A	2014-2025	S MADISON ST		100	LOTUS LEGACY ENTERPRISE TRUST	000HH-00046-005	2025
MULBERRY AVE		1308	LEONARD ANTHONY L	000EE-00029-022	2020-2025	S MADISON ST		1018	PRESTON MATTIE ESTATEAND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00021-002	2024-2025
MULBERRY AVE		1320	PCM REAL ESTATE LLC	000EE-00029-016	2024-2025	S MCKINLEY ST		1202	JONES JARIUS	000HH-00041-002	2025
MULBERRY AVE		1327	SEYMORE DANIEL	000EE-00023-014	2024-2025	S MCKINLEY ST		1407	JAMES ANNIE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00060-014	2011-2025
MULBERRY AVE		1329	SEYMORE DANIEL	000EE-00023-015	2024-2025	S MCKINLEY ST		812	YOUNG ALFRED & STEPHENS TERRANCE B	000HH-00008-001	2024-2025
MULBERRY AVE		1410	RIMPEL PAUL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00030-024	2023-2025	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
MULBERRY AVENUE		1307	NM PROPERTIES LLC	000EE-00023-004	2025	S MONROE ST		705	BERMAN L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000HH-00001-022	2020-2025
N CARROLL ST		106	LAMAR EUGENE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN (VIA TAX DEED) AND BRIDGES PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	000EE-00032-022	2023-2025	S RIVERVIEW CIR		1922	CAWTHON CALEB	0000K-00042-012	2025
N CARROLL ST		203	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	000EE-00029-011	2023-2025	S RIVERVIEW CIR		1950	HOUSTON WALTER LAMAR	0000K-00042-026	2025
N CARROLL ST		210	ELLIS JAMES SR ESTATE & MILDRED ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000EE-00030-002	2024-2025	S SKYLANE DR		1929	SECURITY INVESTMENTS INC	0000K-00038-011	2025
N CARROLL ST		406	GIBSON ANDREW AND SHIRLEY S (LIFE ESTATE) AND REMAINDERMAND HUDSON CONNIE	000TT-00026-021	2025	S VALENCIA DR		200	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000G-00021-001	2025
N CARROLL ST		506	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	000TT-00025-007	2024-2025	S VAN BUREN ST		1416	POPE WILLIE JR & JOHNNY LEE	000HH-00060-006	2023-2025
N CENTRAL ST		206	JONES JIMMY L & BARBARA J	000EE-00029-027	2024-2025	S WEST RD		104	VICKERS DERAYNOLD T & DORIS E	000II-00018-001	2011-2025
N CENTRAL ST		301	SUTTON RAYMOND	000EE-00024-013	2021-2025	S WESTOVER BLVD		618	TRINITY METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH	00308-00001-05H	2025
N CLEVELAND ST		601	CUTTS SAMUEL ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00016-009	2025	SANDALWOOD CIR		613	NULTY JOSEPH C ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00018-00006-006	2025
N CLEVELAND ST		607	MIXON STEWART	000DD-00016-012	2025	SEVENTH AVE		317	1400 NJS HOLDINGS LLC	0000F-00010-004	2024-2025
N DAVIS ST		2309	WILLIEBEHERE LLC	000LL-00003-19D	2025	SHADOWLAWN DR		309	PELICAN AND PEACH REI GROUP	0000G-00026-005	2025
N DAVIS ST		809	HICKS SILAS & JULIETTE	000DD-00002-019	2025	SHIRLEY AVE		1506	FORD ANDREA C	0000K-00020-004	2025
N HARDING ST		105	IGG RENTALS LLC	000DD-00037-18A	2025	SIXTEENTH AVE		560	LIQU INVESTMENTS LLC	000LL-00002-012	2024-2025
N INGLESIDE DR		306	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	0000Q-00005-003	2025	SIXTEENTH AVE		561	MORRIS CHIQUITE MONIQUE	000LL-00001-022	2025
N INGLESIDE DR		314	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	0000Q-00002-022	2025	SIXTEENTH AVE		606	ANDERSON EVELYN LASHAE	000LL-00002-005	2025
N JACKSON ST		1507	MAJOR OVERACHEIEVER LLC	0000F-00001-007	2023-2025	SIXTH AVE		1209	PARKER DEXTER	0000G-00024-004	2025
N JACKSON ST		507	WESTBROOK RONALD C	000CC-00025-012	2025	SIXTH AVE		1304	WILSON DONALD L	0000G-00028-013	2025
N JACKSON ST		706	THOMAS JULIUS	000CC-00014-023	2022-2025	SIXTH AVE		1511	BRYANT WILLIAM JAMES III	0000G-00021-001	2025
N JACKSON STREET		708	THOMAS JULIUS	000CC-00014-022	2022-2025	SIXTH AVE		306	ALIVE ESTATES LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000F-00016-011	2025
N JEFFERSON ST		1107	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	0000F-00020-11A	2023-2025	SMITH CT		1602	HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000FF-00020-002	2025
N JEFFERSON ST		1600	MAXWELL L E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000F-00001-026	2025	SOCIETY AVE		204	HINES RANZIK	0000K-00031-033	2025
N MADISON ST		1207	SWILLEY ROBERT	000FF-00024-007	2024-2025	SOCIETY AVE		208	GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC	000CC-00019-012	2023-2025
N MADISON ST		503	AMERICUS INVESTMENTS INC	0000D-00022-010	2025	SOCIETY AVE		409	MITCHELL JOHN & HAROLD	000CC-00019-014	2024-2025
N MADISON ST		707	REID WILLIE ALICE PAYTON ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000D-00011-018	2020-2025	SOCIETY AVE		411	GREENLEO HR PROPERTIES LLC	000CC-00012-006	2023-2025
N MAPLE ST		1505	FDJJ ALBANY LLC	0000K-00025-003	2023-2025	SOCIETY AVE		427	BRIDGES, SABRINA DIANE	000CC-00012-005	2025
N MOCK RD		200	JUST ROSES LLC	0000J-00005-015	2025	SOCIETY AVE		709	WAGNER ERIC L ESTATE & GERRY D AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000CC-00011-004	2025
N RIVERVIEW CIR		2038	ROBINSON DAVID MATTHEWS ESTATE & BOWERS ANNE B ESTATE (AKA ROBINSON ANNE) AND ALL HEIRS	0000J-00005-015	2025	SOCIETY AVE		711	MITCHELL JOHN & HAROLD		

There’s a new way to get a car and it doesn’t involve a dealership

(BPT) - Key Takeaways

* The cost of car ownership in 2026 continues to rise, driven by higher vehicle prices, financing and ongoing expenses like insurance, maintenance and fuel

* Traditional options like buying or leasing a car typically require multi-year commitments that may not reflect changing lifestyles

* New alternatives, including flexible and more affordable leasing models like Flexcar, are emerging to provide a simpler, month-to-month alternative to traditional car ownership

The cost of getting a car in 2026 continues to rise, leading more Americans to rethink the traditional path of buying or leasing. Higher vehicle prices, long-term financing and ongoing expenses are driving up the total cost, with insurance alone averaging nearly \$2,700 per year, not including maintenance, repairs or fluctuating fuel costs. At the same time, both buying and leasing typically require multi-year commitments, locking drivers into financial obligations that may not reflect how people live and move today.

“Life changes. We move cities or switch jobs. Families grow and plans shift. But one thing hasn’t changed: how we buy cars,” said Jake Marston, VP of Marketing. “For decades, buying a car has meant large down payments, unexpected repair bills, long-term debt and fixed contracts that are out of step with modern life.”

That’s where newer car ownership alternatives are gaining traction. Flexcar offers an innovative and more affordable leasing model that bundles the major costs of having a car into a single monthly payment, including insurance, maintenance and roadside assistance. De-



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signed for flexibility, it allows members to switch vehicles or adjust mileage plans as their needs change, whether that means upgrading to a larger SUV, choosing a more efficient option for a new commute or driving something different for the season. Members can also return their car at any time without early termination penalties.

“Since 2021, members have driven over 300 million miles across our markets, a clear sign that drivers are ready for a different model,” said Jake Marston, VP of Marketing at Flexcar. “Flexcar gives people a simpler, more flexible way to get a car, without the multi-year loan commitments and unpredictable costs of traditional ownership.”

How Flexcar differs from traditional car buying or leasing

Buying a car is a long-term responsibility, involving purchasing a vehicle outright or financing that purchase with a loan lasting several years and fixed monthly payments. In addition to upfront costs and dealer fees, owners are fully responsible for insurance, maintenance, repairs, depreciation and resale value.

While leasing is often seen as a lower-commitment alternative to buying, it still comes with a multi-year contract, typically 2-4 years, and fixed monthly payments for the duration of the lease. Drivers may also face upfront fees, strict mileage limits and potential end-of-term charges. In many cases, lease agreements require higher insurance coverage, which can drive up monthly costs beyond the base payment.

Unlike traditional buying or leasing, Flexcar provides a flexible, all-inclusive alternative with no multi-year commitment. One monthly payment covers the vehicle, insurance, routine maintenance and roadside assistance. Members can switch cars or mileage plans as their needs change, or return the vehicle at any time without early termination penalties. This gives drivers more flexibility and more predictable monthly costs, without multi-year contract obligations.

Flexcar aims to make having a car more flexible and more predictable, reducing the financial uncertainty often associated with traditional ownership.

Why Flexcar is more affordable- Flexcar’s model is designed to

simplify costs while reducing upfront and ongoing expenses.

Built-in savings

- * No large down payment
- * No long-term financing commitments
- * Fuel savings starting at \$0.20 per gallon

All-in-one coverage

- * Insurance included
- * Maintenance included
- * 24/7 roadside assistance included

Members can save up to \$0.60

per gallon at participating gas stations, with savings applied as a credit to their monthly invoice.

Flexcar is available in Atlanta, Charlotte, Nashville, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with recently announced expansions into New York, San Francisco and San Jose.

Frequently asked questions

* What’s included with my Flexcar? Flexcar includes the major costs of having a car in one simple monthly payment. This covers your vehicle, insurance,

routine maintenance and 24/7 roadside assistance, helping make costs more predictable. Members also get access to fuel savings of up to \$0.60 per gallon and loyalty perks that can help lower monthly payments over time.

* How do I sign up? Signing up for Flexcar is quick and fully online. Start by entering your location, age and estimated credit score to see available cars in your area. Then choose a vehicle, select a monthly plan with your preferred mileage and insurance options, and complete a short application with a soft credit check. Once approved, you can schedule delivery or pickup and start driving.

* Can I swap cars any time? With Flexcar, you can drive what you want, when you want. Cruise through summer with the top down in a Jeep Wrangler or conquer winter terrain in a rugged Toyota Tacoma. For a small swap fee, you can switch to the perfect car for every season and every adventure.

Learn how you can save money and get the flexibility you need at Flexcar.com.



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The 411 on whole-house generators

(MCC) Weather is unpredictable. Strong winds or storms can wreak havoc on power lines, resulting in outages that may last hours or even days. People have come to rely on electricity, not only for comfort and safety, but to power just about every aspect of modern life. A power outage can be a minor disruption or downright dangerous, unless a whole-house generator can take over when needed.

What is a whole-house generator?

A whole-house generator, also called a standby generator, is a permanently installed system that provides backup

power to a home during a utility outage. The generator typically runs using a natural gas or propane connection.

Unlike a portable generator, a whole-house generator is installed outside on a concrete slab. It is wired to the home’s electrical panel through an automatic transfer switch (ATS). This switch will continuously monitor the electrical grid’s power and start automatically if an outage is detected. When the power comes back on, the ATS will shut off the generator and reconnect the home to the grid.

Generator considerations

NJR Home Services says there are some considerations when determining which generator best meets the needs of a household. It’s important to identify where power will be needed in the home, whether it’s a few essential pieces of equipment or the entire home. The more one wants to have powered, the more costly the generator will be.

The location of the generator on the property must meet local zoning requirements, which vary from town to town. A permit likely will be required for the installation work.

Another consideration is gas meter sizing. A trained techni-

cian should schedule a pressure check to ensure that the gas supply to the home can handle the new generator.

What if there hasn’t been an outage?

Most units will test themselves periodically for a few minutes each week to recharge the batteries and keep the engine lubricated, which serves as a testament to the hands-off nature of these systems.

Whole-house generators offer peace of mind in an unpredictable world. When the power goes out, these generators seamlessly kick into action.

PROPERTY ADDRESS		CURRENT OWNER	MAP BLOCK PARCEL	YEAR(S)	PROPERTY ADDRESS		CURRENT OWNER	MAP BLOCK PARCEL	YEAR(S)
TWELFTH AVE	1602	LEWIS LATRAILYA G	0000N-00035-012	2025	WESTGATE DR	2728	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES, LLC	00303-00020-003	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			WESTGATE DR	3317	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00356-00016-011	2025
		HILL CECILIA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00001-00027-06A	2025	WESTGATE DRIVE	2910	MVL PROPERTIES OF GA LLC	00348-00017-029	2025
VINTAGE RD	404				WHEELER AVE	902	DAWSON SARAH ESTATE ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000C-00022-008	2023-2025
W BROAD AVE	1021	DAVIS LYMOSKI & KESHA	000RR-00006-003	2025	WHISPERING PINES RD	1401	WIL 1401 WHISPERING PINES LLC	0000N-00019-006	2025
W BROAD AVE	234	DLAB HAVANA INC	05201-00004-042	2025	WHISPERWOOD ST	1716	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00348-00012-012	2025
W MERCER AVE	414	OVERLOOK PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT LLC	0000E-00022-032	2025	WHITEHEAD DR	204	WILSON DONALD L	0000Y-00009-016	2025
W MERCER AVE	436	GRAY CHERYL	0000E-00022-034	2025		1521	KEITH EDWARD L ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000K-00030-014	2025
W MERCER AVE	508	WRIGHT WILLIAM B ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00023-020	2024-2025	WHITING DR	1625	WATKINS HILDA & ANDREW, WIMBERLY SARAI W, AND MARSH CAROLYN WATKINS	0000K-00029-002	2025
W MERCER AVE	513	HARRISON & WALKER PROPERTIES LLC	0000E-00006-008	2021-2025	WHITNEY AVE	507	WATSON MATTIE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00005-013	2024-2025
W MERCER AVE	526	WILLIAMS ROBERT (VIA TAX SALE) & HARDEN, L.C. ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN			WHITNEY AVE	510	HILLERY WILLIS JR & MCNEIL SHEBA	0000E-00006-023	2024-2025
			0000E-00023-028	2025	WHITNEY AVE	526	VIRGINIA VIRIGINA ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000E-00006-029	2025
W MERCER AVE	611	HERNANDEZ FREDDY CHAVEZ	000DD-00018-008	2023-2025		618	SMITH ALICE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000DD-00018-016	2024-2025
W MERCER AVE	614	JULIEN WORKSHOP LLC	000DD-00019-020	2025	WHITNEY AVE			0000H-00014-001	2023-2025
W MERCER AVE	622	FAUNCE CHRISTOPHER & JAMES D THOMAS	000DD-00019-023	2024-2025	WHITNEY AVE 211	1421	JONES EMMA	0000H-00014-001	2023-2025
W MERCER AVE	625	SAIA GAYTAN JAKE III	000DD-00018-002	2025	WILLARD AVE	634	MARSHALL KATHLEEN N ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	000BB-00008-014	2025
W MERCER AVE	809	ARL LEGACY PROPERTIES LLC	000DD-00016-013	2025		409	UMBARGER ELIZABETH ANNETTE ESTATE & PAUL E ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN		
W MERCER AVE	821	JUBILEE FINIACIAL SERVICES INC	000DD-00016-007	2025	WILLIAMS ST	411	JJ RENTALS LLC	0000Y-00010-016	2011-2025
W OGLETHORPE AVE	1904	GOWDY PAUL	0000Q-00020-012	2024-2025	WILLIS DR	626	HAYES JANA (VIA TAX DEED) AND ARMSTRONG CHRISTINE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	0000Y-00010-015	2025
W OGLETHORPE BLVD	711	LOUD SOLOMON JR	000DD-00002-018	2025					
W OGLETHORPE BLVD	825	PIKE JIMMY G	000DD-00002-006	2025					
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Trump went down to Georgia, Mike Collins stayed away

By Maya Homan
Georgia Recorder

MARIETTA — Facing what is likely to be a difficult mid-term election in Georgia and across the country, President Trump touted his economic platform during a visit to Wheeler High School in Cobb County Wednesday.

Several Republican candidates for statewide office had speaking slots, giving the official White House event a distinctly partisan tint.

To an audience of roughly 3,000 people, the president promoted his newly launched child investment accounts and cast his opponents as “communists” who were threatening to bankrupt the country. But in a wide-ranging 75-minute speech, he also criticized members of the U.S. Senate for failing to pass his signature election bill, known as the SAVE America Act.

The bill would require voters to show proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or passport, before being able to cast a vote.

Trump's appearance at the public high school had the tone of a campaign rally, with a wide array of downballot Republican candidates appearing onstage to pitch themselves to Georgia voters. He also castigated U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, a Georgia Democrat running for re-election, for voting against many of Trump's policy priorities.

Cobb County, which was once a reliably red area, flipped blue for the first time in decades during the 2016 election, and has stayed blue since. And despite multiple polls showing Democratic candidates in the lead over Republicans statewide, numerous speakers argued that Georgia is still a GOP stronghold, dubbing the state “Trump Country.”



Special Photo: Jill Nolin/Georgia Recorder

Protesters line the street in Marietta on the day of President Trump's appearance at a public high school about a mile away.

Rick Jackson, the Republican nominee for governor, recounted his childhood growing up in foster care, and praised First Lady Melania Trump for launching her “fostering the future” initiative.

Lieutenant governor candidate Greg Dolezal, attorney general candidate Sen. Brian Strickland and secretary of state candidate Rep. Tim Fleming were also among the speakers.

"This is a red state," Dolezal told the crowd during his speech, appearing to echo false claims of Trump winning Georgia during the 2020 election. "We proved it in 2020, we proved it in 2024, and we're going to prove it yet again this year in 2026."

Congressman Mike Collins, who is running to unseat Ossoff in the U.S. Senate, was initially scheduled to attend the event, but later said he was needed in Washington D.C. to vote on legislation.

Democratic candidates were quick to blast their opponents for their participation in the event.

"A picture is worth a thousand words. Today, Rick Jackson stood next to Donald Trump to again pledge he will be Trump's 'favorite governor,'" the Democratic nominee for gover-

nor, Keisha Lance Bottoms, said in a statement. “There’s a clear choice in this election: Rick Jackson would work for Donald Trump, I will work for Georgians.”

Other Democratic officials sharply criticized the event, with state Rep. Lisa Campbell, a Kennesaw Democrat who represents a Cobb County-based House district, accusing Trump of hosting a political rally “at our public school using our tax dollars.”

Ahead of Trump's speech, protesters lined the sidewalk outside of a shopping center in Marietta about a mile from the school, with cars enthusiastically honking their approval as they passed. Many of them waved school-themed signs, such as "keep MAGA out of our schools" or giving Trump failing grades. Another group of protesters also gathered closer to the venue.

Anna Ferraro, a teacher who lives in Paulding County, said she was tired of Trump “butting into everything” and was particularly unsettled by his appearance at a Georgia public school. Ferraro said she became interested in protesting when she saw others doing it and now she hopes her efforts will have the same effect.

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-us> and select Dougherty County from the drop-down menu.

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ASTORIA DR	2718	HARRIS ROSA H ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00204-00006-023	2025	N COUNTY LINE RD	415	MCNEIL SHEBA AND LAGUANA	005-1-00000-140	2024-2025
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BETTY'S DR	2303	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00156-00003-014	2025	NE ROSEWOOD DR	107	TIMLEY ERIC	00205-00004-13A	2024-2025
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	2025	NEWTON RD	5425	HADLEY & ASSOCIATES LLC	00182-00001-32G	2025
BLUE SPRINGS RD	3724	ESSIC NATHANIEL DAVID JR AND REGINALD SR	00205-00004-08A	2025	NEWTON RD	5726	XLIFE CORPORATION LLC	00208-00001-048	2025
BRANCH RD	817	JONES VALERIE	00136-00004-008	2025	NICHOLS ST	4330	BRYANT WILLIAM J III	00208-00001-104	2025
BROACH AVE	1519	ZIRKELBACH JOHN FRANCIS JR	00174-00001-08B	2025			SLM RENTALS & MORE LLC (VIA TAX DEED) & DOWNING, JOHNNIE BELL; EMMALINE; NARCISSAS ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN & ROWE, JOHNNY	00180-00001-033	2025
BURTON CT	3807	ACREE MATHIS	00335-00013-011	2025	OAK BOROUGH LN	5606	OMAR MUSTAFA	011-2-00009-028	2025
BYRON PLANTATION RD	119	OGLETREE TAZ E	073-2-00000-007	2025	OAK VIEW ST	2607	PULLEN GINA	200-2-00001-067	2025
CAMELIA ROAD	110	RADIUM SPRGS HOTEL CO	00010-00001-03A	2011-2025	OLD PRETORIA RD	510	CLEMENTS GERRI ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	200-2-00000-058	2024-2025
CHERRY LAUREL LN	2404	MOORE GLORIA JACKSON	00008-00005-004	2025	OVER CT	315	RODERICK D WILLIAMS DBA R&W TRANSPORT	00306-00015-013	2025
DOLES RD	5214	CURA JULIENNE RITA VENICE	00126-00001-01H	2025	OZELL, WILLIAMS RD	2505	BARLOW RASHAD	00148-00001-29C	2025
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HARDAWAY RD	4301	HARRIS GREGORY	00180-00001-022	2025	SLADE AVE	3829	THROWER RUSSELL SCOTT ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00322-00001-022	2025
HARDUP RD	6305	JUDGE WILLIE POSTELL	00016-00003-001	2025	SOUTHGATE AVE	500	PARAMORE TERRY	00204-00006-001	2024-2025
HELEN ST	2304	FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES LLC	00156-00002-018	2025	SOUTHGATE AVE	506	PARAMORE TERRY	00204-00006-004	2024-2025
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HOWARD DR	2218	SLM RENTALS AND MORE LLC (VIA TAX DEED) AND VALENCIK VINCENT	00208-00001-082	2025	SYLVESTER HWY	4507	LANDMESSER TROY ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00104-00001-004	2025
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LEARY RD	2637	KIMBREL TRACEY EUGENE & MONITA RACHELLE	00312-00001-01L	2025			BUCKHALTER JEROME	00104-00002-047	2025
LIBERTY EXPY	1625	KEARCE WOODROW W & RUTH E ESTATES AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00180-00001-01L	2011-2025			SCOTT JERRY LEE, JIMMY, EDDIE, FREDDIE, PAULINE AND BILLIE I	00104-00002-059	2023-2025
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LILY POND RD	2120	JUDY BELINDA ESTATE & DAVID W ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00312-00001-01K	2025	WILDER ST	4424	OWENS GERTIE MAE ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN	00159-00001-33A	2012-2025
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Georgia Tech names new Hall of Fame class

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ATLANTA — Football standouts Jeremiah Attaochu and Harrison Butker, who respectively hold all-time program records for sacks and points scored, and recently retired legendary coaches Danny Hall and Grover Hinsdale, headline the nine-member group of former Yellow Jacket student-athletes and staff who have been elected to be inducted into the Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame later this year. The Class of 2026 also includes

four other All-America student-athletes in baseball outfielder/third baseman Matt Gonzalez, high jumper Jerome Miller, tennis star Jillian O'Neill, golfer Seth Reeves, and recently retired communications staff member Mike Stamus. “Congratulations to these nine incredible individuals on their selection for induction to the Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame,” said Georgia Tech vice president and director of athletics Ryan Alpert. “With so many legendary figures, this is one of the most distinguished classes in the long, storied history

of our hall of fame. We’re looking forward to celebrating them and their achievements with the entire Georgia Tech community throughout the upcoming year, including as part of our annual Hall of Fame weekend on Oct. 9-10. Be sure to stay tuned for details on ways that you can join us in welcoming the newest members of the Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame!”

Also at this year’s induction ceremony, Georgia Tech athletics will award an honorary letter to alumnus Steve Zelnak, who has served on the boards of the Alexander-

Tharpe Fund and the Georgia Tech Foundation, as well as making several significant financial contributions to athletics facility improvements. Beginning this year, Tech will recognize an individual who has made a significant impact on the Institute but did not receive a letter for participation in athletics.

“Steve Zelnak has long been one of the biggest believers in Georgia Tech athletics,” Alpert said. “He, his wife, Judy, and their family have invested in Tech athletics for decades, and the impact that they’ve made on our student-athletes and

programs is immeasurable. Georgia Tech athletics wouldn’t be where it is today without the generosity and support of Steve Zelnak, and we’re proud to celebrate him as an honorary letterwinner.”

Georgia Tech will officially induct the Class of 2026 and honor Zelnak on Friday, October 9, at the Exhibition Hall on campus, and will honor the entire group at halftime of the Yellow Jackets’ football game vs. Duke on Saturday, October 10.

Adversity may become Westover’s biggest advantage

By Joe Whiffield

Sports Editor

ALBANY — Corey Joyner isn’t about to thank injuries and transfers for what happened to Westover’s football team last season. But he isn’t complaining about them anymore, either.

After watching his roster take one hit after another in 2025, the Patriots head coach be-

are making plays. Mikhail Simmons at wide receiver and Josiah Daniels at tight end are going to be tough to stop.”

Joyner believes another offseason emphasis could make an even bigger difference.

Speed.

After meeting with former Westover coach and athletic director Octavia Jones, now at Terrell County, to discuss ways to improve team speed, Joyner incorporated many of



Staff Photo: Sonja Stroyls

From left, Westover seniors William Owens, Kyson Mallard and Morgan Williams are among the leaders for the 2026 version of the Patriot football team.

lieves those difficult months accelerated the development of a young football team that now enters the season older, faster and far more experienced.

“I think we are going to be better for the next two years because all of these young guys got a lot of playing time,” Joyner said Thursday. “All of the injuries and transfers might have actually been a blessing in disguise.”

That isn’t a statement many coaches would make after losing two quarterbacks, a starting running back and watching injuries decimate an offense.

Transfers claimed quarterbacks Keyon Thomas and Jordyn Shorter along with running back Dominique Ball. Running back Saylor Edwards, quarterback Jayshun Bobbs and All-State offensive lineman Kyson Mallard all went down with injuries.

By mid-season, fourth-string junior varsity quarterback Gabriel Hopper was directing the offense.

Instead of folding, the Patriots still found their way into the playoffs for the second consecutive season under Joyner, finishing 6-4.

Now Hopper enters the season not as an emergency replacement, but as Westover’s unquestioned leader.

“He has improved so much,” Joyner said. “That game time last season plus the work he has put in ... he is much better.”

The same could be said for much of Westover’s roster.

Freshmen who were forced onto the field a year ago now return with a season of varsity experience.

“Guys like Ahmad Mitchell and Jaden Thomas are really stepping up,” Joyner said. “K.J. Weaver, Matthew Martin and Dan Wallace

those ideas into Westover’s offseason conditioning program.

“We are going to be a really fast team,” Joyner said. “We’ve put that into practice and the speed has really improved.”

The Patriots also return proven talent up front.

Mallard, one of Southwest Georgia’s top offensive linemen and a Louisville commit, anchors the offensive front after returning to full strength. On the defensive line, Mercer commit William Owens gives Westover another Power Four-caliber presence in the trenches.

Those veterans will be tested immediately. Westover enters in a competitive new region, joining Monroe, Dougherty, Bainbridge, Cairo, Shaw, Spencer and Columbus.

Cairo, who features talented running back Bryain Duncon, enters as the preseason favorite after earning a No. 5 state ranking, but Joyner isn’t conceding anything.

“Cairo has a really good team and they are well-coached,” he said. “But we came close against them last year and if it hadn’t been for that kickoff return, we could have beaten them.”

He expects every Friday night to present a challenge.

“Spencer always has good athletes. Shaw is young but pretty good, and I don’t think you should count out Dougherty, Monroe or Bainbridge. They’ll all be better this season.” As for his own team?

Joyner likes what he sees.

“But if we do what we are capable of,” he said, “I think we can play with anybody.”



Staff Photo: Joe Whiffield

Albany State’s De’Avery Weeks, Cameron Watts and Derrick Drayton show off their SIAC championship rings before heading to the stage to represent the Golden Rams at SIAC Media Day in Macon.

Albany State: Grateful, not entitled

By Joe Whiffield

Sports Editor

MACON — The championship rings sparkled under the lights Wednesday at SIAC Football Media Day.

For Albany State seniors Derrick Drayton, Cameron Watts and De’Avery Weeks, the jewelry represents more than last season’s conference championship. It also serves as a reminder of the responsibility they now carry.

When the Golden Rams report for preseason camp Aug. 4, the three veterans will be the only returning starters from last year’s SIAC championship team.

New head coach David Bowser is counting on them to help lead a roster replacing nearly an entire starting lineup.

“The standard has been set for more than 20 years,” Bowser said. “I am excited to lead these young men that understand what Albany State football means to this university and this community. We have some important returners coming back that will help with leadership.”

Bowser arrived in Albany knowing he had inherited one of Division II football’s most successful programs. He also understood that winning tradition alone won’t carry the Golden Rams through another season.

That’s why he has adopted a simple message for his team.

“Grateful, not entitled.”

Replacing almost an entire starting lineup leaves little room for assumptions. Every position must be earned.

Every role must be embraced.

For Bowser, gratitude and accountability will define this year’s team just as much as talent.

“We’ve had 70 to 75 guys out here working this summer,” Bowser said. “That shows commitment and dedication. They love being together and working together, and when you have that you can get to the next level.”

Bowser believes chemistry may become one of Albany State’s greatest strengths.

“With that commitment, they play hard for each other and work to make sure they don’t let each other down,” he said. “The standard is the standard, but we are also grateful, not entitled.”

Watts, a senior linebacker from Tyrone, said the roster may look different, but the expectations inside the program remain unchanged.

“I like the pieces we have,” Watts said. “The coaches, the players, the community. I’ve got a good feeling. This is a different team, but we have set the same standard, so we have to push to be better.”

Weeks, a 6-foot-3, 260-pound senior defensive lineman from Jacksonville, Fla., said leadership now falls squarely on the returning veterans.

“The standard is the standard,” Weeks said. “It is up

to us to make sure that we level up our roles.”

The Golden Rams enter the season with lofty expectations despite returning only three starters.

Albany State was ranked No. 3 in last week’s inaugural NCAA-sanctioned Black College Football Poll but was projected to finish fourth in the SIAC’s Predicted Order of Finish released during Media Day.

Bowser has acknowledged that replacing so many experienced players naturally creates uncertainty. He also believes the culture established during the summer will help bridge that gap.

Summer workouts have concluded, and the next chapter begins Aug. 4 when the Golden Rams open preseason camp in Albany.

The season opener follows Aug. 29 in Tallahassee, where Albany State will face FAMU, former Golden Rams head coach Quinn Gray and former Albany State quarterback Isaiah Knowles.

For Bowser, the challenge isn’t defending last year’s championship.

It’s building the next one.

And he believes that journey starts with three veterans wearing championship rings—and an entire team embracing a simple philosophy.

“Grateful,” Bowser said, “not entitled.”

ASU, GSW honored for academic excellence

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Two Southwest Georgia baseball programs are once again proving success extends well beyond the diamond.

Albany State University and Georgia Southwestern State University were both recognized this week with the 2025-26 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Team Academic Excellence Award, honoring collegiate and high school programs that posted a cumulative

team grade-point average of 3.0 or higher while being led by an ABCA-member head coach.

More than 500 collegiate baseball programs nationwide earned the distinction this year.

For Albany State, the award reflects a program that enjoyed success both academically and competitively during the 2025-26 season. The Golden Rams finished 31-18, advanced to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship game and earned multiple

All-SIAC honors while continuing the athletic department’s emphasis on developing student-athletes in the classroom and the community.

“This recognition reflects the dedication of our student-athletes and coaching staff to achieving excellence both on the field and in the classroom,” Albany State said in announcing the honor.

Georgia Southwestern received the award for the seventh consecutive year, underscoring the Hurricanes’ sustained commitment to

academic achievement.

The honor follows another standout season for Georgia Southwestern, which produced the Peach Belt Conference and ABCA Southeast Region Pitcher of the Year, the Peach Belt Conference Freshman of the Year and multiple All-America selections.

The Team Academic Excellence Award, presented by Sports Attack, recognizes baseball programs at both the collegiate and high school levels that maintain a cumulative

team GPA of at least 3.0 during the academic year.

Founded in 1945, the American Baseball Coaches Association is the nation’s primary professional organization for baseball coaches. In addition to recognizing academic achievement, the ABCA annually honors players and coaches through its All-America, All-Region, Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame awards.

Lane Kiffin regrets making mess of Ole Miss exit

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Lane Kiffin accepted his third SEC head-coaching job in 17 years when he agreed to leave Ole Miss for LSU at the end of the regular season in November. Eight months later, Kiffin admitted he would have done things differently if granted a redo. Kiffin said he would have hit the exit when Ole Miss athletic director Keith Carter told him he couldn't stick around to coach the team when he already had agreed to leave for LSU.

"I wish I would have gone in when I met with Keith and said, 'I've made the decision to go,'" Kiffin said. "I wish I would have just said, 'Hey, I'd like to coach the team,' and he'd say, 'No.' And I'd say, 'Hey, OK, I appreciate it.' Move on [and] never even discussed it again."

Ole Miss was 11-1 in the regular season and booked a spot in the College Football Playoff as Kiffin weighed offers from two other SEC programs — LSU and Florida. He met with Carter following the Rebels' rivalry game with Missis-

sippi State before his decision became public along with Kiffin's claim he was fighting to coach Ole Miss in the CFP. Kiffin won't have to wait all that long to see several of his former players and coaches. LSU visits Ole Miss on Sept. 19 for a matchup of Kiffin and his former top assistant, Pete Golding. The Rebels' defensive coordinator was promoted to head coach upon Kiffin's departure for Baton Rouge.

Congress included language in its proposed college sports regulatory legislation for a "Lane Kiffin Rule" within the Protect College Sports Act.

On Thursday, Kiffin said he didn't know about it because "I don't read anything" and has given up social media.

"Like, you just said that, and I didn't know that until you said it," Kiffin claimed. "You know, I guess in that I hope that some way for future coaches they're not put in that situation. You know, the NFL, you're never put in that situation because of the calendar and because of the rules of movement within seasons."

"I do hope for future people that's fixed so that you're not in that same predicament for players, for coaches, which really was a player issue, too. Then we fixed that with moving the portal date back. That was more of an issue earlier in the postseason, too, as you saw players having to leave teams to get into the portal during the season. Hopefully, some way they fix it for coaches, too."

Kiffin, who served as Alabama offensive coordinator and was head coach at Tennessee, feels he ultimately made the right call to replace Brian Kelly at LSU. His mistake? Expecting everyone to appreciate or understand it.

"I made a challenging decision in changing," Kiffin said. "I think as I look back to that, I thought I could find a way for everybody to understand. Now as I look back later on, that was never going to happen."



Special Photo: Nathan Ray Seebeck-Imagn Images
LSU coach Lane Kiffin speaks during SEC Media Days in Tampa, Fla., where he reflected on his departure from Ole Miss and said he wishes he had handled his exit differently.



Special Photo: Candice Ward-Imagn Images
Las Vegas Raiders rookie quarterback Fernando Mendoza participates in offseason workouts. The No. 1 overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft signed his fully guaranteed four-year rookie contract Thursday.

Raiders sign No. 1 pick Fernando Mendoza

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The Las Vegas Raiders signed quarterback Fernando Mendoza, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2026 NFL Draft, on Thursday.

The Heisman Trophy winner's four-year rookie deal is worth a fully guaranteed \$57.27 million and includes a fifth-year option.

Mendoza, 22, guided Indiana to its first national championship and a 16-0 season in 2025. He completed 72.0% of his passes for 3,535 yards with 41 touchdowns and six interceptions in his lone season with the Hoosiers.

The Raiders signed veteran quarterback Kirk Cousins as the likely Week 1 starter for this season, with Mendoza as the long-term face of the franchise.

Mendoza and the Raiders reportedly had been at odds over his signing bonus. The team did not disclose those details on Thursday.

Rookies were due to report to training camp for Las Vegas on Wednesday.

Mendoza played his first two collegiate campaigns at Cal from 2023-24, throwing for a combined 4,712 yards with 30 TDs and 16 interceptions in 20 games for the Golden Bears.

Arch Manning prefers to be 'under the radar'

Field Level Media

The hype machine around Arch Manning never stopped last season and nobody knows that better than the Texas quarterback.

Entering his fourth college season, Manning has been giving outsiders a Heismanesque stiff-arm so he can focus on what he can control.

"My goal this offseason was just to stay present, take it one day at a time," Manning said Thursday at Southeastern Conference Media Days in Tampa, Fla. "I'm not really worried about the outside world. And that's what I'll continue to try to do."

Manning was the Heisman Trophy favorite prior to the 2025 season and passed for 3,163 yards, 26 touchdowns and seven interceptions as a first-time regular starter.

Those were good numbers for a normal quarterback, but he was held to a higher standard as part of the Manning Family Tree that features grandfather Archie and uncles Peyton and Eli.

"Oftentimes I'm like, 'I wish I could be a little bit more under the radar,'" Manning said. "It's like, that'll never happen."



Special Photo: Nathan Ray Seebeck-Imagn Images
Texas quarterback Arch Manning speaks during SEC Media Days on Thursday in Tampa, Fla. Manning said he has learned to tune out outside expectations after a season of intense scrutiny and is focused on taking the 2026 season "one day at a time."

Last year, the Longhorns lost their opening showdown to Ohio State in Columbus and later sustained an awful road loss to Florida in early October. When Texas squeezed by lowly Kentucky in overtime in mid-October — and Manning threw for fewer than 200 yards for the fourth time in seven games — the early Heisman hype had fully evaporated.

All of a sudden, the narrative flipped to Manning failing to live up to expectations.

Longhorns coach Steve Sarkisian didn't like that at the time and he still gets worked up discussing it.

"You know, Arch Manning a year ago wasn't on social media or on television saying 'I'm going to be the first pick of the draft,'" Sarkisian said. "He wasn't on television saying 'I'm going to win the Heisman Trophy. All he did was work really hard. All he did was try to

be the best teammate he can be.

"Then we had some failures as a team. He didn't play to the way of what he was capable of playing. Then those same people that were saying that about him wanted to criticize and demean him almost for letting them down because he didn't live up to what they thought he was going to be. Very interesting concept right there.

"I think the way of what he got put through probably would have melted or destroyed 99% of people in his shoes. All he did was stay consistent and true to who he was."

Manning played better after the Kentucky game, topping 300 yards three times and throwing three or more TD passes on three occasions. He accounted for 15 touchdowns versus two interceptions over the last five regular-season

games as Texas finished 9-3 and missed out on the College Football Playoff by one spot. The Longhorns landed 13th in the final CFP rankings.

Manning is better prepared for the scrutiny now. He said the 2025 season was a growing experience.

"I think I've become more present. I've obviously matured," Manning said. "I think going through those rough times, I learned a lot about myself. And I've become a better man because of it and hopefully a better player."

Texas once again has a big early-season showdown against Ohio State, this time in Week 2 at home in Austin.

"Yeah, we're excited," Manning said. "Obviously Week 2 is a big game. But we've got a bunch of big games and so we're just gonna take it one day at a time."

Moving the Chains: The lost weekend

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It was too hot over the weekend to be outside, so I stayed indoors and did what I normally wait until the fall to do — which is sit on the couch and watch television.

Only this weekend was different, because it wasn't football season yet. Rather, I watched a number of sporting events that I don't ordinarily watch. In other words, never.

I watched a pitch or two of a forgettable baseball game between the Chicago Cubs and a team I've already forgotten, simply because DirecTV was offering free access to its MFL Extra Innings package (\$149 for up to 90 out-of-market games per week!) and I wanted to see what all the fuss was about. And I'd be glad tell you all about it — if I had any idea what all the fuss was about.

So I changed the channel and caught a few minutes of a WNBA game between the Indiana Fever and a team I can't remember because Cait-

lin Clark is the only player I've heard of and she plays for Indiana. I thought I might find out what all the excitement for women's basketball was about. If I ever do I'll let you know.

Then I watched a man running the mile in the fastest time ever, breaking a record that stood for 27 years. Josh Kerr's time of 3:42.66 is a vast improvement over Roger Bannister's 3:59.4, the first man to break the four-minute mile, which he did back in 1954. Coincidentally, both men are from the United Kingdom — maybe worth knowing if you're ever a contestant on Jeopardy.

For the first time in my entire life, I watched a game of lacrosse. From what I could tell, it's a cross between soccer, hockey, rugby, and catching butterflies — at least from what I could tell by the size of the net the goalie was holding. The goalie's job is to stand in front of the goal with that butterfly net of his and pretend like he's standing guard in front of Buckingham Palace. That way

the ball can't get past him since the goal is barely the size of a phone booth, which doesn't leave much room for the ball to get through — as long as the goalie doesn't move.

I watched the last hour of the British Open, which was just enough time to have a new favorite golfer. That would be Ryan Fox, the 39-year-old journeyman from New Zealand who won the tournament. What I like about him is he doesn't waste any time hitting the ball, which is absolutely refreshing after watching guys like Viktor Hovland size up a putt like he's about to perform brain surgery. On #15 Fox caught a really bad break that left him with an impossible shot from a greenside bunker. Without so much as blinking, he calmly chipped the ball out — in the opposite direction of the green — chipped back to the green using the same club, and then knocked in his putt for a bogey. Then he birdied the next hole, parred the hole after that, and needing a birdie on #18 to win

the tournament — well, what happened next deserves its own paragraph.

Fox drilled his drive on the treacherous par-four finishing hole straight down the middle of the fairway. Once he got to the ball it took him less than 10 seconds — without taking any practice swings, incidentally — to hit his second shot, which landed 12 feet of the hole. (Compare that to someone like Brian Harman, who takes more than 10 seconds for each of the umpteen waggles he makes with his club before striking the ball. I won't say that Harman takes too long to hit a shot, but I imagine Josh Kerr could knock out a mile in less time.)

Then after Sam Burns, Fox's playing partner, finished putting, Fox stepped right up to his ball and calmly knocked it in the hole for his first major tournament victory. The elapsed time from Burns taking his ball out of the hole to Fox knocking his in was just under 22 seconds. (You can

see it on YouTube.) In the press conference afterwards, Fox was questioned about his quick play. "My brain works fast," he said.

From what I understand there was an altercation of sorts after the second round. Something about whether or not a player should have been penalized for what may or may not have been (drum roll) cheating. Or something to that effect. I'm not certain because I wasn't really paying attention. I already have enough on my mind without worrying about whether or not a player improved his ball's lie on purpose by stomping on tall grass.

Which takes me to the final event of the weekend: the finals (finally!) of the World Cup, matching Spain against Argentina. Let's start with the statistics. Spain had the ball for two-thirds of the game. They had 20 shots on goal; Argentina had 3. Eleven of those 20 shots were on target; Argentina had none. Spain didn't get any yellow or red cards; Argentina had five and one,

respectively. Clearly the numbers favored Spain.

But had it not been for Argentina's goalie, Mateo 'el pulpo' Vargas (give or take), who established a new World Cup final record with 11 saves, the score could have been worse than it was. Although truthfully it's hard to imagine anything worse than a final score of 1 — 0. (The equivalent in football? Maybe a game between Stanford and North Carolina ending in a score of 3 — 0. I don't think I need to explain how dull that would be.)

So I guess I'll never be a real soccer fan. Besides, if I wanted to watch men having a hard time scoring, I can always go to a bar.

So congratulations to Spain, Josh Kerr, Ryan Day, and whoever else did well on my lost weekend.

Now I can get back to what I was doing before all this World Cup mess started.

Counting down the days until college football kicks off.

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“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.”
Psalms 5:11

COLUMNIST ■ THOMAS KNAPP

The most damaging mental disorder: Gerontocracy is just a symptom

The term “gerontocracy” (rule by the elderly) isn’t new — it’s been in use since the 1830s — but according to Google Trends, it’s come into more frequent usage since 2018.

And no wonder. The two most recent U.S. presidents have been the oldest ever, senior citizens who frequently lapse into dementia-driven rants in public.

A number of U.S. Senators and Representatives likewise have to be led around by the hand, shushed when their babbling gets too weird, and told by staff how to vote on bills.

To be clear: Not just which votes to cast on which bills, but sometimes literally how to operate the voting machinery they’ve been operating for decades. And that’s when they’re not collapsing and dying, or disappearing into hospitals, due to age-related maladies.

Solutions to the problem cover a narrow range: Age limits to stop people over a certain age from seeking election, term limits to get them out of office before their hundredth birthdays.

Really, though, our aging political establishment is just an end-stage symptom of an even worse disease: Archomania.

You won’t find archomania listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, but you should.

While it often manifests in the same ways as other manias (kleptomania, an irresistible urge to steal; oniomani, a compulsion to shop; etc.), archomania is a distinct disorder.

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Its symptoms include a compulsive urge to rule others, distress at the prospect of not being allowed to rule others, and a narcissistic belief in one’s unique qualifications to exercise such power.

The colloquial term for an archomaniac is: Politician.

Gerontocracy is just the result of coddling and empowering archomaniacs. Their hair grays, their gaits slow, their minds wander ... but the compulsion remains, as does the grip on power seized back when muscles were stronger and hands less arthritic.

Age limits and term limits would treat a symptom, but not the disease itself, and certainly not the effects of the disease on those who don’t suffer from it. Younger archomaniacs would just file in to fill the seats of the forcibly retired ones.

I’m not sure there’s a treatment for archomania.

Early exposure to the works of, say, Frédéric Bastiat and Lysander Spooner might have a sort of vaccine effect, but that’s questionable.

It seems more likely that the only thing to be done with archomaniacs is to try to keep them away from political power, just like — and for the same reasons — we try to keep pedophiles away from school playgrounds and alcoholics away from liquor cabinets.

And really, the only way to keep archomaniacs away from political power is to keep as little of that power as possible on hand and available to anyone. It’s bad stuff anyway.

COLUMNIST ■ RALPH NADER

Trump attempting to split Democratic party into warring factions

After progressives, including self-described Democratic Socialists, won numerous primary victories in New York and elsewhere, Trump launched a whopper of a lie, even by his crazed standards. He declared that the “communist” Democratic Socialists are “the biggest threat to our nation there is, maybe since our founding. That includes World War I, World War II, Sept. 11 ... it includes the Pearl Harbor attack.”

This comes after his November 2025 White House meeting with New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani, at which Trump praised Mamdani strongly, saying they would work together to make a better New York City.

Trump is singing a different tune now.

He is like Sen. Joe McCarthy on steroids, who in the 1950s smeared political opponents, activists, and others, falsely, accusing them of being communists. Snarling Joe then maliciously exploited the post-war fear of the Soviet Union. Today, Trump is just following in McCarthy’s footsteps by launching his latest big lie yet to firm up his shrinking base of Trumpy MAGA voters.

He knows that the pro-Israel, corporate Democrats are distancing themselves from the rising new progressive candidates who, if they’re smart, will make populist domestic demands that are heavily favored in the polls.

These Democratic candidates should push for a much higher minimum wage than the present frozen federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour, full Medicare-for-All, restore corporate and super-wealthy taxation to the levels of the prosperous ‘60s, crack down on corporate crimes against consumers, workers, and the environment, and adopt the long-time Western European social safety net of child care, paid worker and family sick leave and paid vacations.

Candidates should push to cut the bloated military budget, end hundreds of billions of dollars in corporate welfare, and direct the savings to public works and safety net services in the USA.

These changes have substantial left/right voter support because they are concrete improvements for all families who need and deserve such social benefit returns from the tax dollars they send to Washington.

There are other left/right supported reforms, such as public funding of campaigns, ending the gross, corrupt selling of our elections to the highest toxic profiteering bidders, ending military arms shipments to countries that violate human rights (already federal law but unenforced), and stopping Israel’s ongoing genocide of Palestinians.

All these measures should be integrated into a



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heavily publicized “Contract for the American People” and turned into a daily vocal call for a commitment to this agenda by these candidates. The class message is that corporations, all created by government charters, should be our servants, not our masters, as the Kleptocratic Trump regime continues to balloon the Trump Dump.

Bolstered by support of such concrete commitments, Trump’s “communist bellowing” will look ridiculous and will be ripe for the sharpest of counterattacks, dragging the GOP’s wreckage out into the open by comparison. To paraphrase Shakespeare, the Republicans will be hoisted by their own petard.

The real hurdles to this “Contract for the American People” are the corporate Democrats — indentured to the same Wall Street crowd and military-industrial empire of war and vast profits. The chief corporate Democrats are the party’s leaders — Hakeem Jeffries in the House and Chuck Schumer in the Senate. When asked by a reporter about impeaching Trump, Jeffries replied, “I don’t want to get out ahead of that discussion.”

How about just representing the vast majority of the Democratic voters and about 60% of all polled Americans who think Trump is “a dangerous dictator” and want him impeached and removed from office.

Jeffries and Schumer are perfect foils for Trump to pit them against the rising progressive revolt inside their party. Why? Because they will dig in their heels, reflect their paymasters’ demands against most of these reforms, and create the very cleavage Trump wants.

If Trump does not steal the election with his many voter suppressions, redistricting, and other attempted usurpations of state election controls, he’ll work to paralyze a Democratic-run Congress. Jeffries and Schumer, to preserve their leadership, are susceptible to not rocking the boat and not fiercely rolling back all the Republican Party’s devastating enactments since Jan. 20, 2025.

These challenges should also focus on the growing drive for impeachment around the country, which both Trump, Jeffries and Schumer oppose — the latter two enforcing a “Now is not the time” policy. What smug insensitivity to the fears of millions of Americans hurting from Trump’s cruel decrees every day and night now.

Jeffries and Schumer are creating their own Achilles heels for emboldening their progressive Democrats to move to replace them in January 2027.

COLUMNIST ■ YONATAN HAMBOURGER

The war inside every human being

Most people discover their is who holds the reins.

worst instincts before their best The Torah hints at this through another striking image: Jacob emerging while grasping Esau’s heel. (Genesis 25:26) Chassidic thought sees in this image the task of a lifetime. The higher self must take hold of the instinctive self, not to destroy it, but to direct it.



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According to the Torah, that is not a design flaw. It is the human condition.

Within the Torah portion of Toldot, Genesis 25:23 introduces this truth through the story of Jacob and Esau. Even before birth, the twins struggle within Rebekah’s womb, and God tells her: “Two nations are in your womb... and the elder will serve the younger.”

At first glance, the story appears to describe two brothers destined for conflict. But Jewish tradition hears something deeper within the narrative, not merely ancient family tension but a portrait of the divided human soul.

Esau represents the instinctive self: impulsive, physical, passionate, hungry for immediate experience. Jacob represents the reflective self: conscience, moral aspiration, spiritual awareness, the ability to pause before acting.

And, significantly, Esau emerges first. That detail matters. The Torah is suggesting that instinct arrives before wisdom. Appetite precedes judgment. Human beings encounter desire long before they develop the maturity to direct it properly.

Yet the Torah does not portray instinct itself as evil. That may be one of its most psychologically sophisticated ideas.

Without instinct, very little in human life would ever be accomplished. Ambition builds businesses, fuels creativity, and drives discovery. Desire creates families. Competitiveness sharpens excellence. Passion gives people the energy to endure hardship and pursue meaningful goals.

The problem is not that human beings possess powerful instincts. The problem is what happens when those instincts operate without direction.

Fire can warm a home or burn it down. The same ambition that builds a meaningful career can also consume a marriage or destroy a friendship. Strength without guidance eventually turns destructive, not because strength is evil, but because power without moral direction rarely remains stable for long.

The issue is not energy itself. It

The horse is powerful. But it still requires a rider.

A man once described to me how quickly anger could overtake him during stressful moments at work. Meetings would intensify, frustrations would build, and before he fully realized what was happening, sharp words were already leaving his mouth. Over time, he noticed something uncomfortable: The problem was not merely his temper. Beneath the anger was energy, intensity, passion, and a deep desire to accomplish something meaningful. The same force that damaged relationships also made him capable of leadership, persistence and courage under pressure. The issue was never the existence of fire within him. The issue was whether that fire would illuminate or consume.

That is the Torah’s vision of moral growth. Not the elimination of human passion. Its refinement.

The Chassidic masters describe every person as containing two inner forces: the animal soul and the Divine soul. The animal soul provides vitality, drive, survival instinct, and emotional intensity. The Divine soul provides moral vision and spiritual direction. A healthy life does not erase one in favor of the other. It places them in the proper order.

Modern culture often swings between two extremes regarding human instinct. One approach treats impulse itself as freedom: if a desire feels authentic, it should be followed wherever it leads. Another treats instinct as something shameful that must be denied entirely. The Torah rejects both ideas.

Human greatness emerges not from indulging every impulse, nor from becoming emotionally lifeless, but from transforming raw energy into purposeful living. And perhaps that is why the struggle between Jacob and Esau is never fully resolved. Because the struggle itself is permanent.

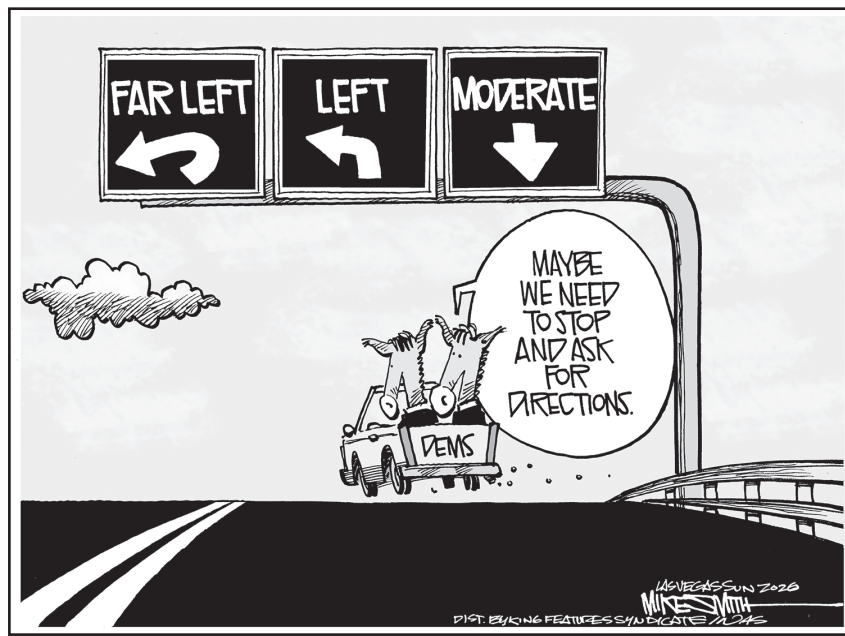
Every day, human beings decide whether instinct will rule conscience or conscience will guide instinct. The question is not whether the struggle exists. The question is who we allow to lead it.

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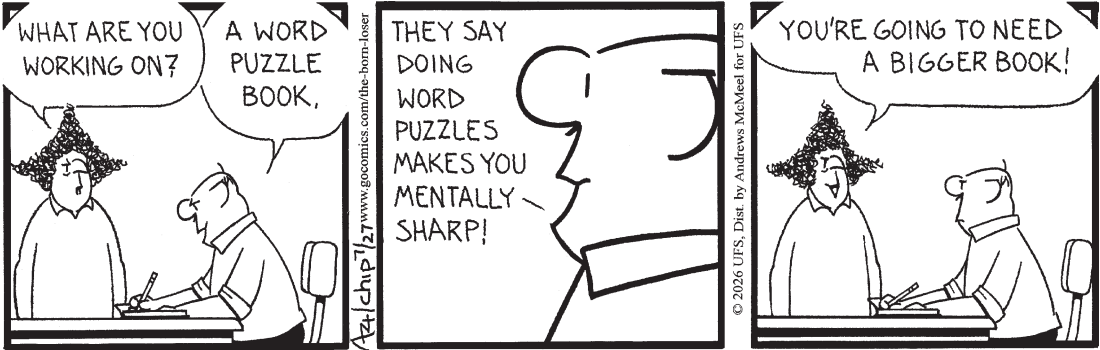
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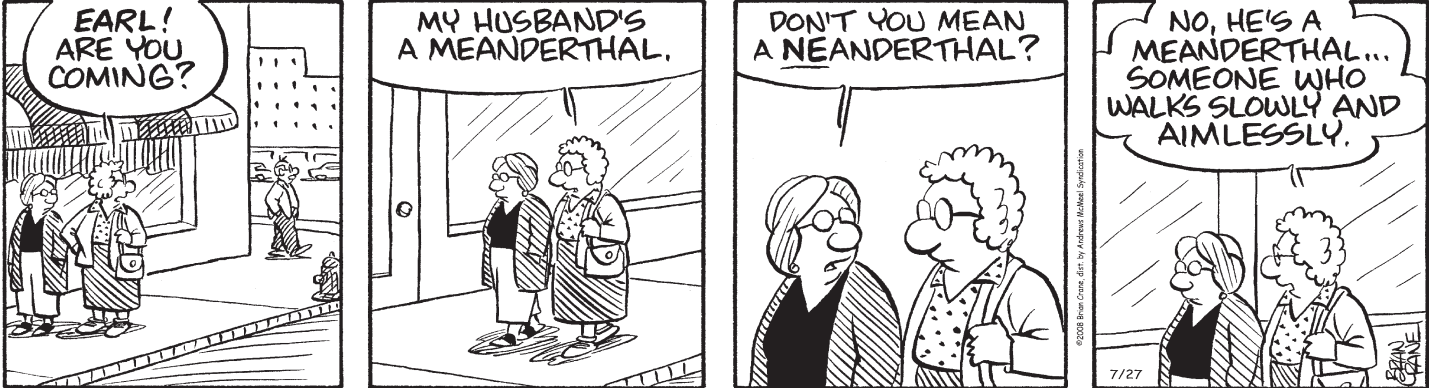
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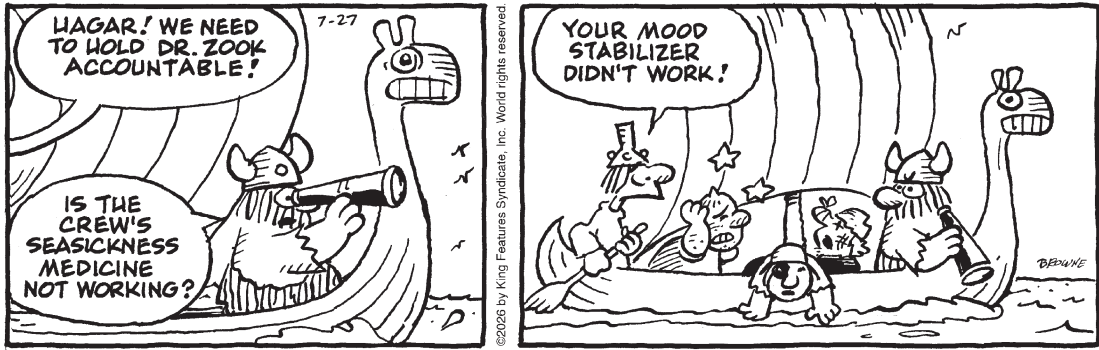
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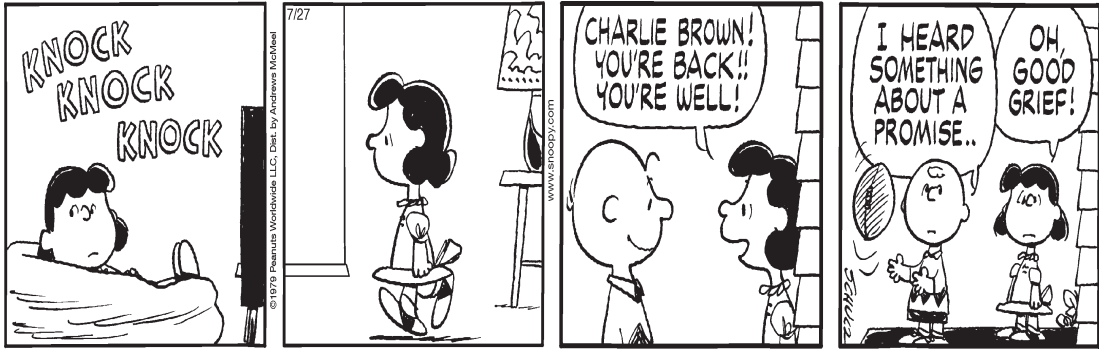
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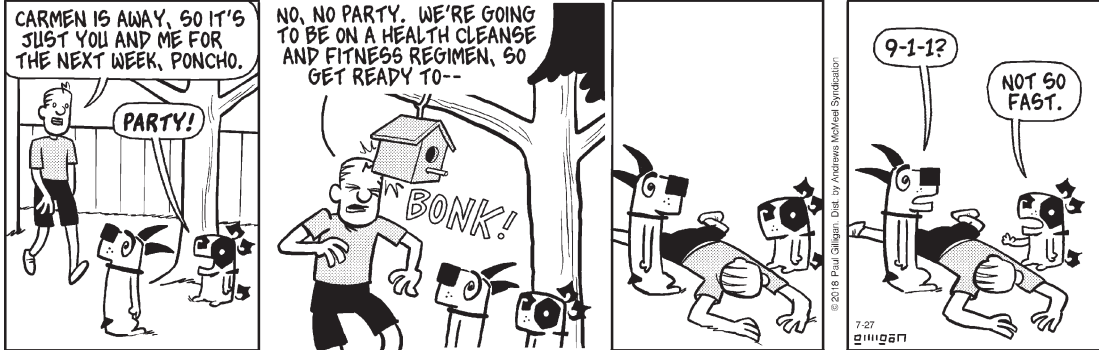
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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AUBREY PLAZA (ACTRESS) Solution: 6 letters

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L	A	C	I	G	O	L	O	H	C	Y	S	P	R	S

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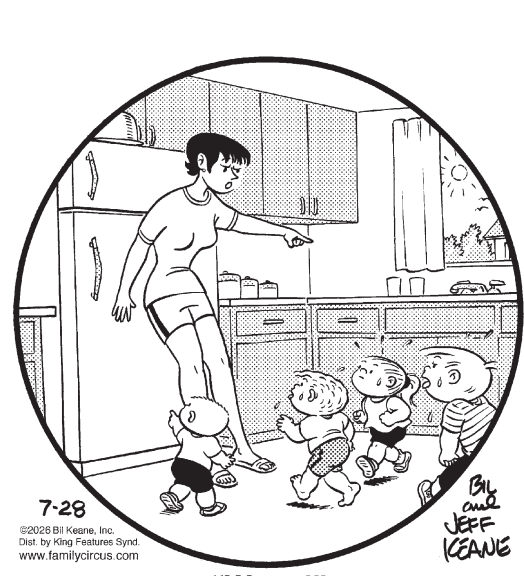
TODAY'S ANSWER: Quirky

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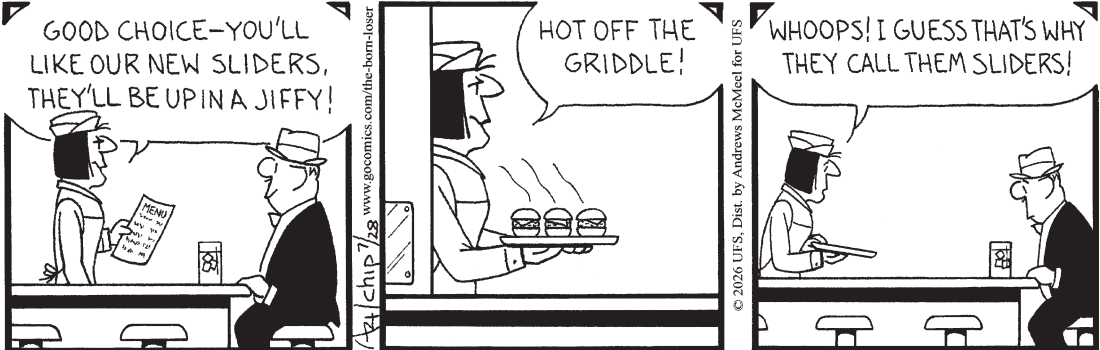
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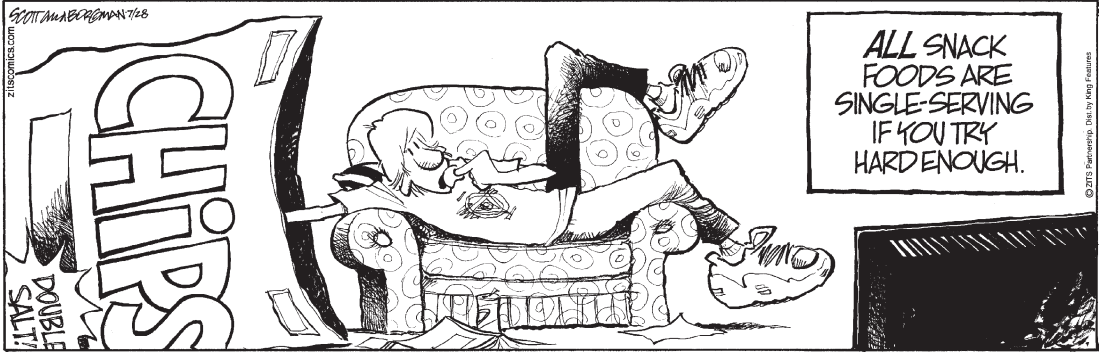
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THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



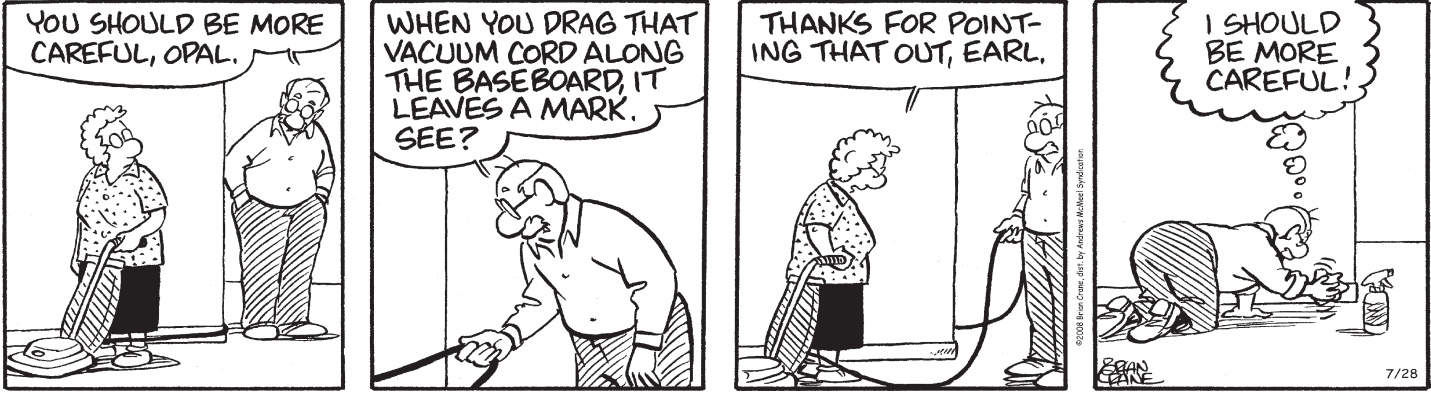
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GARFIELD Jim Davis



PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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WHATZIT?

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

TIM E

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: Party time

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Sizzling
4 Emeril's exclamation
7 Cal. entry
11 — ideal
12 Gothic arch
14 Antitoxins
15 Supply with a weapon
16 Tobacco kiln
17 Brit's baby buggy
18 "Star Trek: — Nine"
21 Needle opening
22 Supped
23 Plant bristle
25 Therefore
28 Palm —, California
32 Fuss
33 Contest for runners
35 — monster
36 Start the day
38 Zola title
40 Arctic bird

DOWN

1 Noggin
2 Fairy tale monster
3 Big book

41 The Motor City
43 Fracas
45 Big boat
46 LummoX
47 Director — Brooks
49 Kind of broad comedy
55 Pond organism
57 Frosts
58 Regret
59 Narrow cut
60 Terrible
61 Mineral suffix
62 Yoked animals
63 Family member
64 Lawmaker (Abbr.)

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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S	G	N		I	R	P	S		C	E	N
		N		W	A	V	A		T	E	
E	Y	E		A	C	E	A		P	E	D
M	V	R		P	T	S	V		O	R	M
V	R	A		S	E	R	E		O	G	O
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4 Supportive one
5 Standing wide open
6 Tableland
7 Venomous snake
8 Long-lasting
9 Say grace

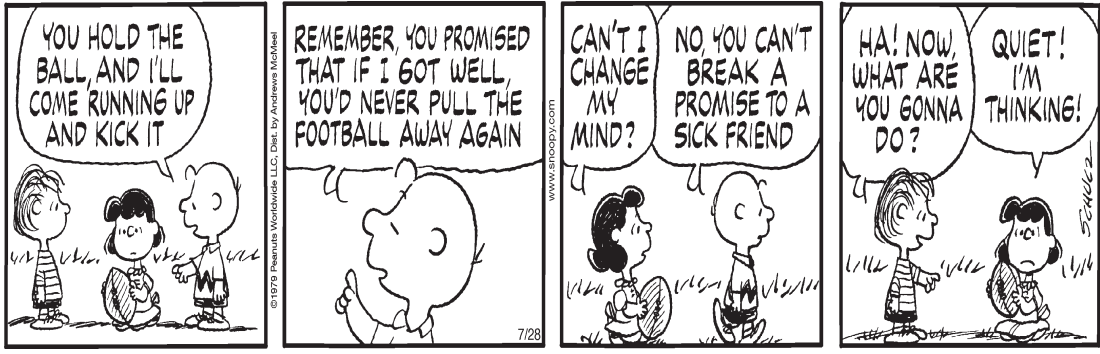
10 Manageable
13 Common abbr.
19 Lobbying org.
20 Cup handle
24 Hairpiece
25 Stony
26 Actress — Falco
27 Longing for the past
28 "Go!"
29 Corral
30 Stickum
31 "For Pete's —!"
34 Black cuckoo
37 Goof
39 Gathered together
42 Approves
44 Newt
46 Musical drama
47 Pole on a boat
48 Fashion magazine
50 Cover
51 Amino —
52 Part of the eye
53 Adorable
54 Sharp
56 PIN prompter

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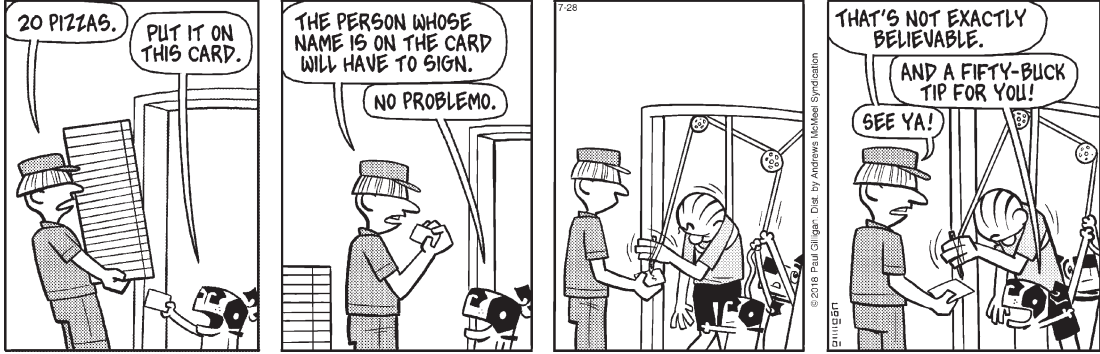
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CULLODEN BATTLEFIELD Solution: 8 letters

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O B I R O I A S H A E K N E E
T A J S I L S T C S H C I S B
N T S A T A C H S O O O R I M
I T C U C H C E Y W U R P R U
K L O S A O N E S M R E E E C
C E T R T R B S C R R S I I A
A L L T E U H I G H L A N D S
M I A V F L A T T A O R N L T
E G N N M O O R I E L F O O L
E I D A S (K) (I) (L) (T) L S F B S E

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April, Army, Battle, Bonnie Prince, British, Cairn, Cameron, Castle, Charlie, Clans, Cows, Cumberland, Duke, Echo, Flags, Flat, Fraser, Gaelic, Hero, Hide, Highlands, Inverness, Jacobites, Kilt, Leanach Cottage, Loyal, Mackintosh, Mist, Moor, One Hour, Outlander, Redcoats, Rise, Rock, Scotland, Soldier, Stuart, Sword, Tartan, Throne, Troops

TODAY'S ANSWER: Memorial

Did you know?

(MCC) Social isolation affects many seniors. Social isolation produces various warning signs, including changes in personality, pulling away from social events, and fail-

ure to engage in self-care. According to Michigan Medicine, findings from a review of six years of data from the National Poll on Healthy Aging found more than one-third of people

age 50 to 80 feel lonely, and nearly as many feel isolated. Feelings of loneliness were higher among those reporting fair or poor health and those not working or on disability.

From 1A STOUT

just a preference I have to work somewhere that's accredited."

Prior to assuming the role as executive director, Stout said she took on additional responsibilities.

"They said, 'You want to learn budgeting? Here you go,'" she said. "I've done payrolls, all those things. It's always been a goal. Tommy (Gregors) knew I always wanted to move into that role."

For now, the new executive director is looking at the building blocks of the organizations.

"I'm just deep in assessment mode ... assessing staff, funding sources, which is a huge hurdle for us," she said. "That's fine. I'm not about to announce a brand new exhibit."

Another focus is maintenance and repairs. Currently, the former train depot at Thronateeska is out of commission due to the need to replace the heating and cooling system. The planetarium and science museum remain in operation at Thronateeska.

There are also repair and maintenance needs at the RiverQuarium.

"We want the flashy things, but we need the HVAC unit," she said. "We don't want to put a new exhibit at Thronateeska if we don't have the building ready, so it's not the glamorous things right now. There's a lot of different maintenance."

That takes a lot of planning, breaking down the work into what to do within the next three months, the next six months and the next year, and finding the resources to pay for it.

The alliance has about 22 employees, and Stout is looking to fill some positions, including at the science museum and with facilities and maintenance. In time, Stout says she wants to grow visitorship and increase the attractions' presence within the community.

The RiverQuarium's visitorship is driven largely by school groups, so the organization needs to keep an emphasis on that as well.

"It's really my job to re-energize, re-engage with the public," Stout said. "I know I can't do that unless you re-engage with the public. That is what I do."

The RiverQuarium is also working to collaborate with the Dougherty County government to enhance the Flint River experience at Radium

Springs.

"We want to tie in more because it ties into our education," Stout said. "They want to use our education staff. It just makes sense that we're involved and can help interpret that space. We're excited about Radium Springs."

One recent development that Stout said she is excited about is the arrival of two male striped newts from the Atlanta Biological Garden with the hope of producing more newts with the RiverQuarium's pair of females. The effort will promote conservation and biological diversity with the newts who hail from a different environment than the Sandhills of southwest Georgia.

"We definitely want to do more of these conservation events," she said.

At the RiverQuarium, the Saturday Experience SCUBA is a popular event in which visitors can watch divers clean inside the aquarium and even participate in dives.

"It's one of my favorite personal things," Stout said. "It's something unique that we can share with visitors."

"We are downtown. We want to take that anchor role seriously. There are not zoos and aquariums on every corner. The fact that Albany has this is fantastic."

ARTESIAN ALLIANCE



From 2A PARK

the hospital after a proposed entertainment complex fell through.

Asked about it this month, Mathis said: "We do plan to fully develop the property with a hospital and surrounding planned development."

Ten years on, the site is graded and empty. Utilities are not what is holding it up. Boswell said the authority could serve a hospital with the capacity it has now, though a new drinking water well and elevated storage tank would have to be installed on the property.

Mathis' position is internally

consistent: Industry will not come without health care, health care has not come, and therefore the industrial shortfall is not a planning failure. Whether 10 years without breaking ground supports that argument or undercuts it is the question residents are entitled to weigh.

On one point Mathis offered a correction worth reporting. The 2005 assessment cited the 1994 flood, after which the county spent millions of dollars buying out homes built in flood-prone areas, as proof of the cost of weak planning.

"Many years ago, we didn't have the technology to know if a lot would flood," Mathis said. "Now we do. These peo-

ple do not let builders build, developers develop lots that we know will flood."

On out-commuting — the 2005 finding that 85% of residents worked outside the county — Mathis said the picture has changed but conceded ground.

"It's a lot different, but we've still got ways to go," he said. "I'll agree with that."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2023 OnTheMap commuting data, Lee County has approximately 16,600 employed residents, and nearly seven in 10 — about 11,100 people (67%) — leave the county each day for work. Only about 5,500 residents, or one-third of the workforce, live and work within Lee County, underscoring the county's longstanding role as a residential community closely tied to the Dougherty County employment market.

Lee County did much of what the 2005 community assessment and plan stated. It borrowed heavily to build utilities. It drew a growth boundary and held it. It filled an industrial park and bought more land. It built a fire department that trains other fire departments.

What it did not do was change who pays. The county still funds itself principally by taxing the homes of people who, in large numbers, work somewhere else — the condition the 2005 plan identified and asked the county to escape.

Mathis says that escape was never in the county's power. The 2005 plan says it was the entire assignment. Residents arguing about assessments and school funding are, without necessarily knowing it, arguing about which of those is true.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 male spouses (8)	_____
2 digestive organ (7)	_____
3 full of feeling (11)	_____
4 block (8)	_____
5 they provide ID (10)	_____
6 warblers' warbles (9)	_____
7 it never thaws (10)	_____

ANDS	HUSB	MACH	OBST	TIME
SEN	RUCT	SO	PE	IPS
AFRO	RM	STO	FING	BI
ST	RD	NGS	ERT	NTAL

Saturday's Answers: 1. GREEN 2. MOREISH 3. KRYPTON
4. PRUDISH 5. MAST 6. NECESSITOUS 7. SHIKOKU 7/27

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CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 trinkets (11)	_____
2 myths (7)	_____
3 sharpen (4)	_____
4 genius (5)	_____
5 Jordan's official language (6)	_____
6 moved like a baby (7)	_____
7 broke up like the Beatles (9)	_____

AWL	LE	KN	HO	KNA
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DS	ED	IN	ICK	BAN
DIS	DED	CR	AR	NE

Monday's Answers: 1. HUSBANDS 2. STOMACH 3. SENTIMENTAL
4. OBSTRUCT 5. FINGERTIPS 6. BIRDSONGS 7. PERMAFROST 7/28

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Edited by Patti Varol

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ginger cookie
5 Cyan shade
9 Oven setting
13 Document with an executor
14 Coffee cups
15 Speaks foolishly
16 Drag Defense Fund org.
17 Frying liquids
18 Get down — knee
19 "Gravity's Rainbow" novelist
22 Tuned to, as a radio dial
23 Chapel Hill sch.
24 Art technique also known as French embossing
32 On the house
35 Bert who played the Cowardly Lion
36 Everglades wading bird
37 Chuckle in a DM
38 "That's my intention"
40 Egg cells
41 Photo book
43 Et _ : and others
44 Med school subj.
45 Act with chivalry
48 Energizer size
49 Stuffed grape leaf
53 Psychological cause of personal failure, or a feature of 19-, 24-, 38-, and 45-Across
58 Pop icon Lauper
60 Irish currency
61 "Don't _ me, but ..."
62 Diet food phrase
63 MC or Visa alternative
64 Like the score at the start of overtime
65 Middy
66 Little bouquet
67 Take it easy
- DOWN**
- 1 Slaps (at)
2 Wall recess
3 Portion out
4 Bird's feathers
5 Singer-songwriter Tori
- 6 Witty remark
7 Not easy on the eyes
8 Org.
9 Juliette of "The English Patient"
10 Cosmetics giant that started as the California Perfume Company
11 "Jazz" documentarian Burns
12 WNW's opposite
15 Sulu player in recent "Star Trek" films
20 Hartsfield-Jackson airport code
21 Use scissors on
25 Swiss peak
26 Ritual prayer of Islam
27 "We _ Overcome"
28 "Ghostbusters" actor Hudson
29 Word after curling or waffle
30 _ Scotia, Canada
31 Pest in a cloud
- 32 Extra fat
33 Actor's part to play
34 Actor Idris
38 "No fooling"
39 Scottish cap
42 Kampala native
44 One more
46 "Sorry, laddie"
47 Stir
50 Depart
51 Silences, as on Zoom
- 52 "_ you clever!"
53 The 411
54 Gather
55 Japanese wrestling
56 Greek war god
57 Like the Honda Element
58 "The Source With Kaitlan Collins" network
59 "_-hoo! Over here!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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