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WEEKEND

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Skating enthusiasts, including Alex Ranew, left, were in attendance for a Tuesday vote by the Albany City Commission on funding for a new skate park. They were not disappointed as commissioners approved the funding and building the new park at the original location by a 4-3 vote.

Albany skaters get a win with funding, location of skate park

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ALBANY – There was joy for Albany area skaters with the settling of funding and the location of a new skate park to replace the structure uprooted to make way for work at the Oglethorpe Boulevard bridge.

In a 4-3 vote, the Albany City Commission approved on Tuesday an outlay of \$500,000 from special-purpose local-option sales tax dollars to fund the project. The vote also included placing the new skate center at the same location on College Drive that currently serves as the staging area for the bridge replacement project.

The recommendation from city staff included only the matter of funding, but a motion by Commissioner Chad Warbington specified the lo-

cation and also instructed staff to apply for a grant for additional funding.

Several alternate locations had been mentioned in discussions of the issue, held since the original structure was demolished in late 2024.

“We talked about Tift Park, we talked about Henderson,” Warbington said on Wednesday. “We even talked about over by the Civic Center. You can’t go applying for a grant if you don’t have a location. “You’ve got to have a clear vision and a clear path. My motion tried to get to that.”

Warbington was joined in voting yes by Commissioners Vilnis Gaines and Colette Jenkins and Mayor Bo Dorough. Voting no were Commissioners Diana Brown, Jon Howard and Willie Weaver.

The new skate park is slated to be a destination for skaters on skates and boards as well as bicycles. Enthusiasts also have pushed for addi-

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Submitted Photo

After relocating from Rhode Island to Lee County for her children’s education, Jocilyn Hardguittini is growing her Latin comfort food business through catering and pre-orders while preparing to launch a food truck serving southwest Georgia.

Seeing beyond the Miss Georgia Volunteer 2027 crown, Sarah Jane Houston champions representation

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LEESBURG — They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder. For Sarah Jane Houston, who was born legally blind and underwent four eye surgeries before turning 2, the greatest obstacle wasn’t how she saw the world — it was not seeing herself reflected in it.

Today, as Miss Georgia Volunteer 2027, Houston is using her “See It Be It” initiative to ensure young people find the representation she once lacked.

Houston, a Lee County High School graduate, was crowned Miss Georgia Volunteer 2027 earlier this month

and will represent the state at the Miss Volunteer America competition in June 2027 in

Jackson, Tenn.

For Houston, however, the crown is less a destination

than another opportunity to amplify a message that has defined much of her life.

“I think a lot of people have the misconception that pageant girls only do something because of the pageant,” she said. “But my service initiative is really my life. Even if I wasn’t Miss Georgia Volunteer, this would still be who I am. This title just gives me a microphone to amplify this message and reach more people.”

Unlike many young women, Houston’s journey into pageantry began almost by accident.

As a middle school band stu-

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Submitted Photo

Sarah Jane Houston, a Lee County High School graduate, waves to the audience moments after being crowned Miss Georgia Volunteer 2027. Houston will represent Georgia at the Miss Volunteer America competition next June.

She moved to Lee County for her children

Now she’s building a business for their future

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ALBANY — When Jocilyn Hardguittini packed up her family and left Rhode Island for southwest Georgia three years ago, she wasn’t chasing a culinary dream.

She was chasing better schools.

The single mother of four sold her home in New England, secured a permanent work-from-home position with CVS Health and moved hundreds of miles south after researching communities where her children could thrive. She knew no one when she arrived.

Today, Hardguittini is preparing to launch Flavor & Fuego, a Latin comfort food business that she says she hopes, before the year is out, will expand from pre-order meals and catering into a food truck and, ultimately, an upscale Hispanic restaurant and lounge unlike anything currently available in southwest Georgia.

“I moved here for my kids,” Hardguittini said. “Now I want to build something for them.”

Hardguittini still works full-time as a senior project manager for CVS Health, where she coordinates large technology initiatives, managing deadlines between engineers, data scientists and information technology teams. Project management pays the bills, she said, but cook-

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Albany Commission hits pause on data centers for study, drafting regulations

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ALBANY – The Albany City Commission had a much larger audience than usual, and a number of those present were on hand hoping that commissioners would approve a moratorium on permitting data centers.

That group was not disap-

pointed as the commission approved a 12-month pause on allowing data centers, with a possible six-month extension if the initial halt proved insufficient for drafting regulations to govern the facilities.

“I feel pretty great,” Aidan Tison, who has appeared before the commission in the

past requesting a moratorium, told an Albany Herald reporter after the meeting. “We kind of took what the (Flint) Riverkeeper recommended (to the commission). We shot for 18 months and got 12.”

Commissioners also added a requirement to enlist

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An audience member at left takes notes during the Albany City Commission’s discussion of a data center moratorium on Tuesday.

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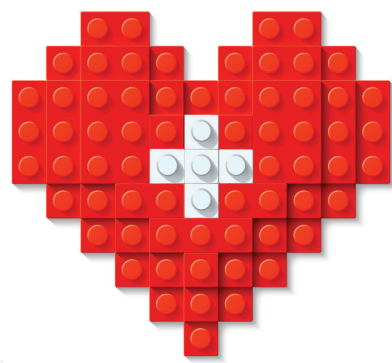


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tional attractions, perhaps a zip line.

But for now, the victory on funding and location are enough.

“I think it was a great win for the community as a whole,” Alex Ranew, who initiated a petition in December 2024 urging the city to replace the demolished structure, said. “It’s been a long time to get an actual location and funding.”

A number of supporters of the skate park were in attendance at the meeting. Since the demolition, the group has kept pressure on city leaders in an effort to prevent the issue from falling off their radar.

The city’s responsiveness showed that residents can have an impact if they are willing to make their voices heard, Ranew said.

“If you fight hard enough, you can change things,” he said. “It’s right there by Albany State University. It fits right in with downtown Albany. As a youth I was easily able to access Turtle Park (Riverfront Park) and also the skate park.”

From 1A

HOUSTON

dent, she reluctantly entered a fundraising pageant only after her band director pleaded for one more contestant to make the event possible.

“I was in the middle school band, and our director needed another person,” Houston recalled. “She said, ‘Sarah Jane, can you please just do it? You can sing or play your saxophone.’ After a lot of convincing, I finally agreed.”

She finished as first runner-up, and by chance, someone in the audience happened to be a pageant director and invited her to compete again.

“I just kind of got hooked from there,” she said.

What kept her competing wasn’t the spotlight, but the scholarships. Since entering scholarship pageants, Houston has earned more than \$20,000 to help pay for college.

“As the oldest of six children, I always understood that paying for college would largely be my responsibility,” she said. “Because of pageants, I’ve been able to go to school almost completely debt-free. It has just been such a gift that I didn’t even expect to find.”

As rewarding as those schol-

arships were, they eventually became secondary to the purpose she discovered through competition.

Born legally blind, Houston said the surgeries and vision challenges were only part of her childhood experience. What lingered much longer was the feeling of growing up without anyone who looked like her or shared her experience.

“A bigger challenge was the lack of role models and people that I could relate to that also went through similar things and had a visual impairment,” she said. “That lack of representation really had a big impact on me and the way I viewed myself and my self-esteem as a whole.”

Her perspective deepened at home.

Houston is the oldest of six children. Four of her five younger siblings were adopted through foster care, including a brother with a visual impairment more severe than her own, another with an invisible disability and another of a different race.

Watching each of them navigate the same search for representation convinced her the problem extended far beyond her own experience.

“In loving my siblings and through my own personal

experience, I created the See It Be It movement, which focuses on empowering youth through representation and inclusion,” she said.

That movement has steadily grown beyond the pageant stage.

Houston recently partnered with BSP Vision Care to bring its Eyes of Hope mobile clinic to Georgia, providing more than 180 free eye exams and more than 180 pairs of glasses to residents in Decatur. She also authored the children’s book “Jamiebug’s Big Day,” featuring a legally blind main character. Today, the book is included in the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning’s Inclusion Initiative curriculum, reaching nearly 30,000 pre-kindergarten students across the state each year.

One stop on her journey, however, affirmed she was on the right path. Earlier this year, Houston visited the Georgia Academy for the Blind and read her book to students.

“When I wrote it, I had children just like those students in mind,” she said. “Watching their faces light up while I was reading is something I’ll never forget.”

Afterward, students shared their own stories of vision loss and the obstacles they

had faced.

“Hearing how meaningful that story was to them and how it inspired them to take up space and defy the limitations that were placed on them because of their disability was so incredibly meaningful,” Houston said. “It made me feel really hopeful for the future. It’s one of those moments where you realize what you’re doing really does matter.”

Social media has helped expand that mission even further.

Houston has built a combined following of approximately 24,000 people across TikTok and Instagram, creating opportunities to partner with organizations including BSP Vision Care, the Georgia Academy for the Blind and, soon, the Lions Club.

“I’m excited to see those partnerships continue to grow because it helps me reach more people and keep making an impact,” she said.

As Miss Georgia Volunteer, Houston will spend the coming year traveling throughout Georgia promoting volunteerism while preparing to compete for Miss Volunteer America.

The organization’s mission centers on scholarship, education, responsibility, volunteerism and empowerment

while supporting national partners, including St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and The Salvation Army.

For young girls growing up in southwest Georgia, Houston said she hopes her message extends well beyond the pageant stage.

“I always kind of had the mindset that you can’t really compete against me because I want you to win, too,” she said. “There’s room for everybody in the spotlight and room for everybody at the top.”

She says she hopes that philosophy encourages girls to celebrate one another rather than compete for limited opportunities.

“What makes achieving your dreams really special is when you’re able to be happy for other people’s success at the same time,” Houston said. “When we uplift the women around us, we’re also pouring back into ourselves.”

While pageants often begin with beauty, Houston’s hopes are that they end with something much more lasting: a generation of young people who measure themselves not against one another, but alongside one another — learning to see possibility in others until they can finally see it reflected in themselves.

From 1A

DATA

an outside entity to assist in the process. That effort would be in addition to the Albany-Dougherty County Planning Commission’s role in drafting the regulations.

The draft resolution presented to the commission would have set a 12-month moratorium with the option to extend it for another 90 days.

A number of area governmental entities have put a time out on permitting data centers, including Dougherty County, which earlier

this month enacted a 45-day pause. It instructed the planning commission to draft rules that would govern the facilities.

Representatives from the Sowega Aquifer Alliance, a recently formed group that pushes for strict regulations on data centers, appeared before the County Commission on two occasions prior to commissioners taking a vote.

The group is made up of residents in several area counties and has been active in recent weeks.

The city’s moratorium went into effect on Wednesday. The sticking point during the discussion was whether the pause would last six, 12

or 18 months. City Attorney Michael Custer advised commissioners that a moratorium lasting a year and a half could be problematic.

“It has to be reasonable,” she said of the moratorium. “It has to be reasonable in the fact that it has to be an amount of time (to) complete that action requested, in this case for a study to be done to possibly amend the ordinance governing data centers.”

Commissioner Diana Brown, one of several who preferred an 18-month moratorium, said that the action taken was sufficient. Mayor Bo Dorough argued for an 180-day halt. “One hundred eighty days

is not enough to know what is going on,” Brown said. “No one wants a data center near their residence. I wouldn’t want one, period. What are we going to get out of it?”

From 1A

MOVED

ing has become the passion she can’t ignore.

That passion began long before she came to Georgia.

Born and raised in Rhode Island to a Guatemalan father and Colombian mother, Hardguittini grew up in a home where meals were less about recipes than about family. Her mother taught her to prepare traditional Colombian dishes built around hearty staples such as rice, beans, grilled meats, slow-cooked stews and handmade arepas, while emphasizing that feeding people was one of the purest ways to show love.

Later, after marrying a man from the Dominican Republic, she discovered another side of Latin American cuisine. Dominican cooking relied less on heavy seasoning blends and more on fresh herbs, garlic, onions, peppers, citrus and vegetables to build layers of flavor. The contrast challenged everything she thought she knew about cooking.

Over time, the two influences merged with a third: the earthy, home-style recipes and bold seasonings passed down through her Guatemalan family.

Rather than trying to recreate any one country’s cuisine, Hardguittini developed a style that borrows from all three. Today, nearly every dish begins with a homemade blend of fresh peppers, onions, cilantro and garlic before being layered with seasonings inspired by generations of family cooking.

“It’s not my mother’s recipe, and it’s not my husband’s,” she said. “It’s become my own.”

For years, cooking was simply another responsibility of raising a family. Then she began preparing meals for friends. Watching people enjoy her food reminded her of her mother, who found more happiness watching others eat than eating herself.

“I realized I’m exactly like her,” Hardguittini said. “I love watching people enjoy what I make.”

The commission voted unanimously to approve the moratorium for 12 months with the option of extending it another six months, which will serve the intended purpose,

Encouraged by friends, she tested the idea at a local community event earlier this summer. She sold out. The event generated about \$600 in just a few hours, convincing her there might be a market for her food.

“I thought, ‘Maybe I can actually do this,’” she said.

Since then, Hardguittini has invested in catering equipment, warming trays, serving supplies and professional branding while continuing to build the business around her full-time career.

Currently, Flavor & Fuego operates primarily through paid pre-orders. Customers place orders by Thursday afternoon for Friday pick-up, allowing her to prepare only what has been sold while minimizing food waste.

The menu reflects the same blend of influences that shaped her life. Diners can choose from dishes including slow-braised oxtail plates, stewed ribs, homemade lasagna with a Latin twist, seasoned rice and beans, fresh salads and house-made fruit lemonades in flavors such as mango ginger, strawberry mango and mango peach.

Flavor & Fuego also accepts catering orders for office lunches, corporate events, birthdays and private gatherings. Recently, Hardguittini partnered with a local small business to rent commercial kitchen space, giving her the licensed facility she needed to move beyond cooking from home.

With that milestone behind her, she says she hopes the next chapter will come quickly: purchasing her own food truck and taking Flavor & Fuego to festivals, community events and destinations across southwest Georgia.

Hardguittini already has her sights set on regional food festivals that attract tens of thousands of visitors and says she believes the mobility of a food truck will introduce more people to authentic Hispanic cuisine.

Her ambitions, however, extend well beyond selling meals. She envisions eventually opening an upscale Hispanic lounge where guests dress for an evening out, enjoy au-

pose, Commissioner Willie Weaver said.

“Whether it’s 12 months or 18 months, the point is due diligence,” he said.

thetic food and hand-crafted cocktails, and experience music, culture and traditions from across Latin America.

For Hardguittini, the business is as much about cultural awareness as it is about food. She says she believes southwest Georgia’s growing Hispanic population remains largely invisible despite its contributions to the region.

“Food brings people together,” she said. “I want people to experience our culture through food, music and hospitality.”

Her own children have also shaped that vision. Although they are growing up in Lee County, Hardguittini says she hopes they will also see their heritage reflected in the community they call home.

“I want them to know they belong here, too,” she said. “Sometimes it only takes one person to start something.”

She credits Lee County’s schools with validating the decision to relocate from Rhode Island. Her early concerns about finding the right educational environment, she said, have been replaced by appreciation for teachers who she believes genuinely invest in their students’ success.

“I came here for the schools,” she said. “The community and the opportunities made it worth it.”

Now, as Flavor & Fuego prepares for its next chapter, Hardguittini says she hopes the same community that welcomed her family will embrace the flavors that shaped her childhood.

Much like the meals she serves, Hardguittini’s story is one of blending traditions.

Colombia’s comforting family recipes, Guatemala’s bold flavors, the Dominican Republic’s fresh, herb-forward cooking and the determination that brought her from New England to rural Georgia have fused into something entirely new. She says she hopes Flavor & Fuego follows the same path — taking the cultures that shaped her life and transforming them into a business that becomes distinctly southwest Georgia.

“I’m investing in something I believe in,” she said. “And this is just the beginning.”

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Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The very nature of creativity as a divine, ephemeral vibration automatically defies any attempts at control. Same with fun or whimsy, these aren't things that can be forced. Lean into wisdom over ego.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Domination can win the stand-off but it never wins hearts or minds — so while it can win many battles, it will always lose the war. While you may think you know the answer, let others discover it for themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): When someone is committed to misunderstanding there's no magic trick that can make them get it — if thinking what they think serves them, there's little motivation to consider other possibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Regardless of what you're thinking right now, it's a poor time to make any kind of big decision or expenditure. Might doesn't make right—today, tomorrow, or any day. Find things that bring wholesome joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Speak softly; those that are aligned will get it immediately. Those that are misaligned won't, but they wouldn't at any volume. What happens naturally is what is needed even if it doesn't look that way under dark stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to the wisest inner voices, not those urging mayhem — you know the difference. More movement can be created by sowing the subtlest seeds. Trust in your unfolding destiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Being pushed isn't a reason to push back but it is a signal to deploy boundaries. Going head-to-head isn't the way progress is made unless both parties are more committed to solutions than winning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let the Universe handle this one, any extra push could be misread now and somehow do more harm than good. Below-zero stars seldom facilitate desired outcomes, put a pin in it until

Monday at least.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The voice of reason may be audible, but just barely. It would be easy to choose the wrong path, listen hard for the truth in your gut. The worse the day score, the worse the odds for taking chances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Handling financial matters or even making a decision is a giant 'Nope' under current stars. So is making a big purchase no matter how appealing the promotion. Wait until Monday or after.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An urge to spend more than is wise could be hard to resist but you can if you decide you can. Let long-term goals trump momentary fulfillment. Lead with gentleness, not insistence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Some obstacles are only as big as you make them, certainly not all. Notice if you tend to catastrophize. If you do, normal problems quickly become outsized. Resolution requires less energy when you keep things in perspective.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When the Universe tests something, if it's not strong enough, it will fail. But nothing is ever taken that you need for your destiny; all that is taken is replaced in time with better situations. This somewhat encapsulates your 2026 — the first part was testing. The rest brings more gifts and more that is aligned, allowing for more rapid growth in positive directions. While you may need to know, forcing insights doesn't work. But you should get a big reveal this month if you let it flow. Don't let the glory of your future frighten you, you'll get what you need to step into it at the perfect times. September is a test: Work with what's offered with grace, or fumble it with an attempt to take too much. October should drop more intel about how to get to your dreams, November should bring the necessary people, money, and other resources. It's building, trust your future.



1498 - Christopher Columbus lands on "Isla Santa" (Venezuela) and is the first European to visit the Country.

1842 - The Lombard Street Riot erupts in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1855 - Monte Rosa, the second highest summit in the Alps is climbed for the first time

1876 - Colorado is admitted as the 38th U.S. State

1907 - The first Scout camp is opened on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbor in Dorset, England

1914 - The German Empire declares war on Russ at the start of World War I

1957 - The United States and Canada form the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD)

2007 - The I-35W Mississippi River Bridge spanning the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota, collapses during the evening rush hour

2012 - Typhoon Saola hits the Philippines and kills eleven people and displaces over 150,000

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs
- Homemade Pie Day
- International Can-It Forward Day
- International Childfree Day
- Lammas Day
- Lughnasa
- Mead Day
- National Clown Day
- National Disc Golf Day
- National Girlfriend's Day
- National Jamaican Patty Day
- National Minority Donor Awareness Day

- National Mustard Day
- National Play Outside Day
- National Raspberry Cream Pie Day
- Planner Day
- Play Ball Day
- Respect for Parents
- Taxpayer Appreciation Day
- U.S. Air Force Day
- Woman Astronomers Day
- World Lung Cancer Day
- World Scout Scarf Day
- World Wide Web Day
- Yorkshire Day

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat."

Lily Tomlin,
comedian (1939-)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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According to recently released statistics, 30% (almost one-third) of Dougherty County residents receive Medicaid, most of them children. Lee County shows 17% of their citizens receive Medicaid.

True, many nonprofits are fraudulent, worthless people abuse charities, Albany is rightly criticized for bad leadership, waste and stupidity, but folks like the Salvation Army having no money to feed the hungry is morally and ethically reprehensible to any community, especially when solutions should be and could be made in a moment. Children go to bed hungry while the media talk and the wealthy go to the beach. God will judge us this day.

Sometimes, it turns out, you CAN judge a man by the company he keeps ... especially if that company is a neo-Nazi.

Cheers to Tuskegee University for its new campus dress code. They now ban bonnets, do-rags, bedroom shoes, revealing clothing and other casual attire to promote self-respect. A step in the right direction.

Seems the squawkbox is full of trash complaints that have gotten old early, along with the "we hate all of the black commissioners" comments. I now notice that other squawks are entering the mix, as long as they are anti-Democrat. Shame. No matter, you can't hide this administration's incompetence, lies and destruction of the country by not printing squawks.

The young lady and that group in Mitchell County actually have the guts to do something about these data centers, unlike folks in Dougherty County, who attend several "round table" discussions and ask, "Do we get any free food?"

I wonder what these local yokels who say they support Trump no matter what -- i.e. "He's doing what we elected him to do?" -- are going to do as it grows increasingly clear that this man was in a pedophile ring. I guess that's just part of their "Christian" upbringing.

Yes, there are those that will -- and have -- voted knowingly for neo-Nazi supporters like Mike Collins. I am sure there will be a coffee meet-and-greet at a certain location here in town known for supporting such individuals, inclusive of convicted felons, fraudsters, rapists and pedophile protectors.

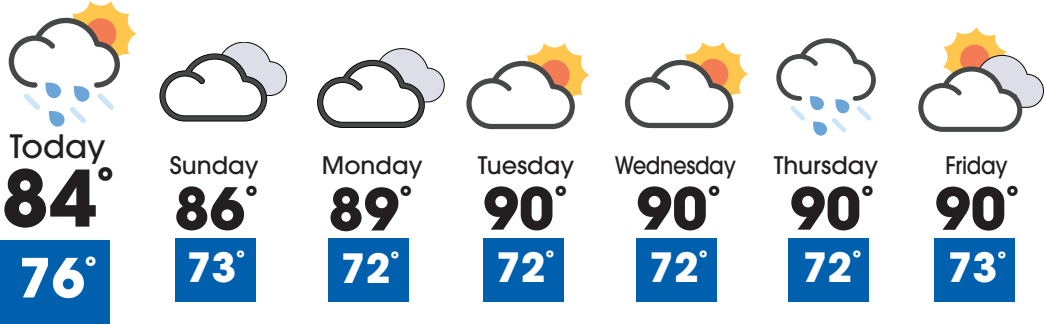
All you "progress" progressives will be among the first to say "What happened?" when these data centers take away all of our precious water. But at least we got to store all our cat videos, pictures of what we had for dinner and other vital stuff in "the cloud."

Fascinating Civil War historical perspective. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1FWjM1Yuf4>. Things we were never taught and a small sampling, part of a life-long awakening to the complex universe of history, science, humanity and cultures we never knew. A must see:

It was fascinating reading Ms. Crockett's story about pay inequity in Terrell County. How about a story on the pay given to Dougherty County officials and employees? I bet it would be eye-opening.

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Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

You're declarer at today's four spades. West, who opened the bidding one heart, cashes the K-A of hearts and leads

NORTH ♠ Q 9 7 5 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A 8 7 2 ♣ 7 5 2			
WEST ♠ 8 4 ♥ A K J 7 3 ♦ J 9 5 4 ♣ K 4	EAST ♠ J 3 ♥ 9 8 6 2 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ J 10 9	SOUTH ♠ A K 10 6 2 ♥ 10 5 ♦ Q ♣ A Q 8 6 3	
West 1♥ Pass	North Pass 3♠	East 2♥ Pass	South 2♠ 4♠
Opening lead - ♥ Q K			
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a trump. You draw trumps; East had J-3. To make your game, you must play the clubs for one loser. You can finesse with your queen — East may have the king — or you can take the ace and lead a low club, hoping West, who opened the bidding, has K-x.

Which play do you choose?

OPENING BID
Suppose you dig for information: Lead your queen of diamonds. If West has the king, he will surely cover. When he actually plays low, you can place East with the king — so West must have the king of clubs for his opening bid.

So you don't finesse in clubs. You cash the ace and lead a low club, and when the king appears from West, you win



Frank Stewart

the rest.

This deal is really not "simple," but if you aspire to expert status and want the most enjoyment from the game, "card placing" is a skill to cultivate.

DAILY QUESTION
You hold: S Q 9 7 5

H Q 4 D A 8 7 2 C 7 5 2. The dealer, at your left, opens one heart. Your partner doubles, and the next player bids two hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner has opening values with help for the unbid suits, especially spades. Bid two spades. You have enough to compete at the two level, even though your queen of hearts may be worthless for offense. If you pass, the opponents may make two hearts when you make two spades. West dealer Both sides vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Mother-in-law encourages husband's problem drinking

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: My husband has struggled with problem drinking for years. At different points over the past several years, he has suffered legal consequences and lost a job.

After a recent hospital stay, he stopped drinking for many months. Just recently, he has started to drink again, he claims "just here and there." It is bothering me and other members of our family because we see it as a slippery slope.

However, his mother, who he is close with, refuses to acknowledge his problem. She blamed his hospital stay on poor diet despite the doctor's diagnosis that his health condition was caused by excessive alcohol consumption.

Most recently, she walked into a family event where no one else was drinking (except my husband), put down a bottle of wine, and said "let's party." How can I let her know without offending her that her "accepting" behavior is impeding his recovery?

— Concerned Spouse

Dear Concerned: You may have to risk offending but consider that a small price to pay in the interest of your husband's health and safety. The kind of denial that your mother-in-law is exhibiting is one of the things that organizations like Al-Anon and SMART Recovery Family were made for. These meetings can help family members of those who struggle with alcohol abuse to recognize the problem, to understand the limits of their own power to make their loved one change and to start processing their own feelings about their loved one's drinking.

If you aren't already going to meetings like this, look into them. You can go in person or online. You are surely carrying a lot of emotional — and perhaps legal or financial — baggage as a result of your husband's drinking and it will be helpful to talk it through and get strategies from people who've walked the same road.

You, unfortunately, can't control what your mother-in-law does or thinks. That's something she has to reckon with on her own. That isn't to say you shouldn't talk to her about it. You can use "I" statements to reflect what you've experienced with regard to your husband's drinking and make requests about how she behaves around him. But it's up to her to modify her behavior and, ultimately, it's up to your husband to take responsibility for his drinking and seek treatment that works for him. You can support him in this; you can attend meetings with him; you can invite his mother to Al-Anon or SMART Recovery Family meetings, but they have to take the step with you.

Dear Eric: My son, who is in his mid-20s, is in a long-term relationship with James, who is 10 years his senior. James graduated with a mechanical engineering degree in 2023 but remains unemployed.

While James has applied for several positions, he has not had any success. He refuses to consider work outside of his very specific field, and as a result, my son is entirely supporting him financially, including paying off James' student loans. James refuses to consider part-time employment or even volunteering as a way to network and potentially expand his exposure to employment opportunities and networking.

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Cemetery request poses quandary for Dougherty Commission

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ALBANY — An Albany businessman is asking Dougherty County commissioners to help preserve a cemetery that contains the remains of the parents of the founder of the town of Brinson.

Yaz Johnson, owner of Yaz Photography & Video, made the request during a Monday commission work session.

“Simeon Brinson, who the town was named after, was born and raised in Dougherty County,” Johnson told an Albany Herald reporter outside the meeting. “There is history behind the gravesite. I’d like the county to clean

up the site.”

Brinson is a small town of a little more than 200 in Decatur County

The Historic Chattahoochee Commission and the Decatur County Commission placed a marker at the town in 1986 noting Simeon Brinson’s role as the first postmaster of the Spring Creek Post Office and was still serving in that role when the name was changed to Brinson. He was a U.S. Civil War veteran who moved to Decatur County after the war and served as the first mayor of Brinson and later in the Georgia General Assembly.

The family burial plot is located at in the 3300 block

of Twin Flower Road, Johnson said, and is located on land of a defunct company. He became familiar with the location while walking in the area as a teenager.

While the cemetery site is relatively small, Johnson has also asked that the county address kudzu overgrowth in a 30-acre area that nearby elderly residents cannot.

“I do think that there are a couple of things that the county would need to consider before it steps in,” County Attorney Alex Shalishali said. “Is it a matter of public interest? An argument could be made that it is. I think the more practical consideration (is) from

an exposure standpoint. The cemetery area has already been damaged.”

Bringing in heavy equipment would pose a risk.

“In terms of the continued maintenance, that’s something the county should consider as well,” Shalishali said. “It is certainly something the county can get involved in, but I think we should proceed with caution.”

One potential solution is to contact genealogy and historic preservation groups to determine if they are interested in the cemetery. They could apply for grants to care for it, Commissioner Russell Gray said.



Special Photo: Yaz Johnson
A grave marker is part of a family burial plot that Albany businessman Yaz Johnson has asked the Dougherty County Commission to assist with preserving.



Blackberry Smoke are bringing their 25th anniversary tour to the Albany Municipal Auditorium on Oct. 22.

Special Photo.

Blackberry Smoke to bring 25th anniversary tour to Albany

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ALBANY -- The Flint River Entertainment Complex has announced that Southern rock powerhouse Blackberry Smoke will bring its 25th anniversary tour to the Albany Municipal Auditorium on Oct. 22.

For some 2 1/2 decades, Blackberry Smoke have carried forward Georgia’s rich musical tradition, blending Southern rock, blues, classic rock and country influences into a sound all their own. Their latest album, “Rattle, Ramble and Roll,” showcases the band’s signature storytelling with vivid characters and songs rooted in the people, places and experiences that have shaped their career.

The band’s loyal following has helped propel each of its last six studio albums to impressive chart success, including 2021’s “You Hear Geor-

gia,” which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard’s Americana/Folk Albums chart, and 2024’s “Be Right Here,” which landed in the Top 5 on the Top Current Album Sales chart.

Known for their relentless touring schedule and unforgettable live performances, Blackberry Smoke have built a devoted community of fans — known as the “Brothers and Sisters” — who travel from around the world to experience the band’s concerts.

Throughout its career, the band has performed on some of music’s biggest stages, including Austin City Limits, Bonnaroo, Summerfest, Glastonbury and Download UK.

As they celebrate 25 years together, Blackberry Smoke continue to deliver the authentic Southern sound and heartfelt songwriting that have made them one of the genre’s most respected acts.

For more information about Blackberry Smoke, visit BlackberrySmoke.com.

Tickets for the Albany show went on sale Friday and will be available online through

Ticketmaster and in person at the Georgia’s Own Credit Union Box Office at the Albany Civic Center, which is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dougherty County Police arrest suspect in Flock camera fire investigation

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ALBANY — The Dougherty County Police Department has arrested a suspect in connection with two incidents involving Flock Safety cameras that occurred July 21. Caleb Andrew Horne, 22, of Baconton was charged in the crimes.

The incidents were reported at 2416 Radium Springs Road and the intersection of Williamsburg

Drive and Radium Springs Road

Investigators have charged Horne with two counts of criminal damage to property in the second degree and one count of discharging a firearm within

50 yards of a roadway.

Horne is currently being held at the Mitchell County Jail on unrelated charges of criminal damage to property in the second degree. The investigation remains active, and additional charg-

es may be filed.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to contact the Dougherty County Police Department at (229) 430-6600 or Crime Stoppers at (229) 436-TIPS (8477).

Atlanta airport put on notice for ongoing Flint pollution

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ATLANTA — The Flint Riverkeeper and the Southern Environmental Law Center sent a letter of intent to sue to the city of Atlanta as the owner and operator of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, citing the airport’s ongoing illegal pollution of the Flint River in violation of federal clean water and solid waste laws.

For years, the airport has repeatedly spilled jet fuel, sewage, deicing fluid, and other pollutants from its stormwater and sewage infrastructure into the Flint River, Sullivan Creek and Mud Creek. Trash clearly originating from the airport, including luggage tags and ear plugs, routinely flows into the Flint when it rains.

There have already been three major fuel spills from the airport in 2026. In late January, a ruptured fuel pit hydrant spilled at least 28,000 gallons of fuel into the Flint River. Downstream communities and drinking water utilities were not notified about the spill for eight days. In late April, airport officials reported an unknown quantity of an “unidentified petroleum-based product” contaminating the river’s headwaters. Another spill occurred over Memorial Day weekend,

causing between 9,000 and 13,000 gallons to leak into the river.

Downstream sampling also shows elevated levels of forever chemicals known as PFAS. Water quality sampling shows levels of PFAS in the Flint River just downstream of the airport that exceed federal drinking water limits for PFOA and PFOS, with quarterly readings that are routinely 10 times higher. The city of Griffin and Clayton County pull portions of their drinking water supply from the Flint River downstream of the airport, and sampling results for both drinking water systems show high levels of PFAS contamination.

Because the Flint begins just above the airport and flows beneath it, this pollution has far-reaching, significant impacts on the river’s health. The Flint River provides drinking water to more than 400,000 people in downstream communities throughout Clayton, Coweta, Fayette, Pike and Spalding Counties, and more than 1 million Georgians use it for drinking, swimming, fishing, commercial, agricultural, and industrial purposes.

While the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has taken enforcement actions in response to fuel

and sewage spills at the airport over the years, ongoing clean water violations raise concerns that the pattern of pollution could continue into the future.

“Despite Flint Riverkeeper’s decade-long efforts to work alongside and encourage airport officials to address its pollution, allowing this pattern to continue is unacceptable for the downstream communities, farmers, businesses, paddlers, hunters, and anglers that depend on a clean, healthy river,” Flint Riverkeeper Gordon Rogers said. “These spills are not one-time events — no one should have to worry about their water smelling and tasting like jet fuel when they turn on the tap or walk down to the river’s edge.

“We hope the city of Atlanta will take immediate action to address this pollution and be better stewards of the Flint River.”

“Repeated spills into the Flint River cannot become the status quo,” April Lipscomb, Senior Attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center, said. “We need the city of Atlanta to protect the Flint River at its source for cleaner drinking water, healthier wildlife, and safer places for people to fish, paddle and enjoy the river for generations to come.”

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Dirt Road Sports will provide the music for the free Aug. 7 Fridays on the Flint event at the Veterans Park Amphitheatre in Albany.

BBQ & Brews among the highlights of Aug. 7 Fridays on the Flint

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ALBANY — Southwest Georgians looking for a way to beat the heat and still have a great time are invited to take their parties to the Veterans Park Amphitheatre Aug. 7 for the month’s Fridays on the Flint event.

Dirt Road Sports will provide the music

for the free event, which will be held from 6-9 p.m.

Kida can have a great time at the Kids’ Zone feature, while everyone can enjoy the event’s namesake, BBQ and Brews, at food trucks on site. And there will be other surprises at the event, which has a clear-bag policy in effect.

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The United Way, which designates community organizations to which it publishes, collects funds and distributes, is a non-profit acting in the capacity of a trust fiduciary to those that contribute, often coerced by employers. Withholding, delaying distribution or misuse of funds is misrepresentation and fraud of fiduciary trust. Let's see where this ends up.

So the Albany lawyer who was recently disbarred, and now in jail on numerous felony charges including fraud, identity theft and more, is the same person that is on the Dougherty County Board of Tax Assessors. That makes Dougherty County look so intelligent. Was she appointed by preacher Lorenzo? Sounds like his kind of people.

This is a different kind of squawk: I actually love living in Albany and south-west Georgia, and I think we have some very competent leaders in this community. How about you Facebook warriors throw down your weapons and get on board with those of us trying to make this community better?

I hope people are reading Mr. Nader on the editorial page. He is a political prophet.

The nice young lady from the Sowega Aquifer Alliance did a good job of speaking in Early County recently. But it is a shame she got mad after the vote and left the room shouting and throwing a temper tantrum.

While you were worried about Flock cameras burning, Trump announced a multibillion-dollar deal to provide Saudi Arabia with a civilian nuclear program which is a potential pathway to enrich its own uranium. So much for preventing nuclear capabilities to extremists in the Middle East. Remember who sponsored the 911 terrorists?

Breaking News: The latest Fox News poll indicates that the Democrats are better at running the government and the economy than the Republicans.

Liars always lie. This trumped-up Kemp-supported "rate-payer protection plan" has Swiss cheese holes. The plan's aim is to force AI data centers to fund their own infrastructure. However, consumer and environmental advocates point out significant loopholes, including deferred storm recovery bills, potential cost-shifting for grid transmission, and a lack of transparency regarding total data center resource usage.

Abraham Lincoln once asked a group how many legs does a dog have if you count his tail as a leg? Of course, the crowd replies "Five." "No," Lincoln says, "it is four. Just because you call the tail a leg, does not make it a leg."

It's so weird being raised by Christians and spending your childhood being told to care about others, then one day they're just like, "you're not actually supposed to care about others, you stupid, Marxist, libtard socialist." That Man Without a Family

If Walt Weiss can win consistently with this inconsistent bunch, he definitely is manager of the year.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ ROGER-CLAUDE LIWANGA

Is ‘dialogue-within-a-dialogue’ dynamic delaying Trump-brokered peace in Eastern Congo?

In June 2025, President Trump played a central role in facilitating the Washington Peace Accords between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda, marking one of the United States's most significant diplomatic engagements in Africa's Great Lakes region in recent years.

The agreement sought to advance regional stability in a country that has endured decades of armed conflict, cross-border tensions, and one of the world's most severe humanitarian crises, with millions of lives lost and millions more displaced since the Congo wars began in the 1990s.

Beyond its humanitarian and security implications, peace in the DRC carries broader strategic significance for the United States and the global economy. The country possesses some of the world's largest reserves of critical minerals, including cobalt, copper, lithium, and other strategic resources essential for the production of electronic devices, electric vehicles, and rechargeable batteries that power the modern digital economy.

Yet, both before and after the signing of the Washington Peace Accords, diplomatic efforts continued along multiple fronts. Nairobi, Luanda, Washington, Doha and Montreux have all hosted negotiations aimed at addressing different dimensions of the eastern Congo crisis. This unprecedented level of international engagement reflects the seriousness with which the conflict is viewed.

But despite sustained diplomatic attention from Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the United States, lasting peace remains elusive. The persistence of conflict is first and foremost a consequence of insufficient political will by the parties to implement the commitments they have undertaken. But another factor deserves greater attention: the growing fragmentation of the peace architecture itself, a phenomenon that can be described as a "dialogue within a dialogue."

This dynamic occurs when a new negotiation process is launched before the previous one has produced tangible results. Each dialogue generates another dialogue; each mediation gives rise to a new

mediation effort, until the diplomatic process itself risks becoming a substitute for conflict resolution.

The best metaphor for understanding this dynamic is that of Russian nesting dolls. When one doll is opened, another immediately appears inside, followed by a third, then a fourth. Eventually, one loses sight of the original objective.

Diplomacy is intended to shorten wars. In eastern DRC, however, the multiplication of negotiations risks creating the opposite effect: extending diplomatic processes without necessarily accelerating implementation.

Since the resurgence of the M23 rebellion in November 2021, peace initiatives have multiplied without producing durable stability. African, regional and international mediators have invested considerable diplomatic capital, while Congolese religious leaders and civil society actors have also promoted dialogue initiatives. Yet violence continues, civilians remain displaced, and armed groups retain the ability to destabilize large parts of eastern DRC.

The issue is not that every peace initiative is unnecessary. Eastern Congo's crisis is multidimensional, involving hundreds of local armed groups, regional security concerns, governance failures, and political tensions within the DRC itself. Different processes therefore address different aspects of the conflict.

The challenge is that these initiatives have developed largely in parallel, without a common framework ensuring coordination, complementarity and accountability.

The Nairobi Process, launched under the auspices of the East African Community, initially focused on Congolese armed groups. The Luanda Process, led under the African Union framework, addressed tensions between Kinshasa and Kigali.

Following attempts to harmonize these efforts, Washington became increasingly engaged. Facilitated by the United States, negotiations between the DRC and Rwanda culminated in the signing of the Washington Peace Agreement on June

27, 2025. The agreement established commitments concerning security, regional relations, and economic cooperation. However, several key security provisions remain only partially implemented.

The Doha Process between the Congolese government and AFC/M23 subsequently emerged as another

major diplomatic track. Despite continued negotiations under Qatari mediation, several proposed protocols remain unfinished, and implementation of existing commitments has progressed slowly.

Meanwhile, African Union Mediator President Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé of Togo has supported consultations aimed at facilitating a broader inter-Congolese political dialogue, including through the involvement of Angolan President João Lourenço. Congolese religious organizations have also launched consultations aimed at promoting an inclusive national dialogue. Each initiative has its own mediators, timelines, priorities, and participants. The result is not necessarily too much diplomacy, but insufficiently coordinated diplomacy.

The proliferation of peace initiatives cannot be attributed to a single actor. It reflects incentives affecting multiple stakeholders. For governments, additional negotiation formats may provide opportunities to manage international pressure, seek diplomatic advantage, or delay difficult compromises.

For armed actors, prolonged negotiations may create opportunities to strengthen positions on the ground, gain political visibility, or postpone decisions regarding disarmament and accountability.

For mediators, launching new initiatives may preserve diplomatic relevance when existing processes encounter obstacles.

International actors also can contribute to fragmentation when they establish separate mechanisms without ensuring that these

efforts reinforce one another.

The result is a troubling paradox: Everyone supports dialogue, but no process has yet generated sufficient momentum toward implementation. New negotiations emerge while previous agreements remain incomplete.

Some observers argue that the fundamental problem is not the number of negotiations but the lack of political will among the parties. This argument is correct. No peace framework can succeed if signatories are unwilling to implement their commitments. However, fragmented diplomacy creates additional risks. Without effective coordination, monitoring, and integration, parties may move from one dialogue to another rather than fulfill obligations already undertaken.

The priority, therefore, should not be creating another peace process. It should be building coherence among existing ones.

Peace in eastern DRC will depend less on the number of diplomatic initiatives than on whether national, regional, and international actors can place them within a unified architecture based on:

- a shared political vision;
- coordinated timelines;
- complementary mediation roles; and
- credible monitoring and implementation mechanisms.

Such an architecture could take the form of a joint peace process coordination mechanism under African Union leadership, supported by international partners, to ensure that commitments emerging from Washington, Doha, and future Congolese dialogue efforts reinforce rather than compete with one another.

The United States, having invested significant diplomatic capital in the Washington Peace Agreement, has a particular interest in helping prevent fragmentation of the broader peace architecture. Diplomacy should not become an end in itself. It should remain what it was always intended to be: an instrument for achieving peace.

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COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

A chance to enjoy the ‘Royal Treatment’

Recently I had the privilege of attending a concert at the Royal Theater in Hogansville. It was my first time there, and I have to say the experience was a pleasant surprise – not to mention absolutely sensational. It offered not only a great venue, but superb acoustics, amazing talent, and the kind of hospitality you've come to expect in the South, the type of hospitality that makes you feel sort of special. Like royalty, perhaps.

Having lived in Georgia for almost 50 years, I was kicking myself on the drive home for not having gone to the venue before. But later I discovered it wasn't necessarily my fault, because the grand opening hadn't been that long ago. So maybe the word about Hogansville's Royal Theater still hasn't really gotten out yet. I'm just thankful the word finally got around to me.

Actually, the theater's gala opening was on Nov. 9, 2024. It featured the music of Joe

Gransden and his Orchestra performing hits from the various decades, dating all the way back to when the venue was originally built in 1937. 1937? Wait, didn't

you say the grand opening was just a couple of years ago? Indeed I did, but a lot has happened over the past 90 years.

When the Royal first opened, it was a 900-seat movie theater that was quite popular for many years. It served the community well until 1980, at which point interest began to wane, thus making the theater difficult to maintain. Then, over time, the structure started to show its age. (For an idea of what it looked like as recently as a decade ago, check out the 11th episode of season 9 of "The Walking Dead.")

It stayed that way until Lynne Miller, the city's development director at the time, took on the task of restoring the Royal to its former glory – in appearance as well as its standing in the community – as her final task before retiring.

Rob Dippel, now the managing director of the Royal, recalls how Miller was "like a dog with a bone" when it came to her passion project. Thanks to a combination of Miller's tenacity, gener-

ous grassroots support from the community, and a number of grants and donations, the Royal

Theater was completely rehabilitated. The final cost was \$3.7 million, and all it takes is one look at the beautiful Art Deco façade or the state-of-the-art interior to realize it was worth every penny.

Dippel says the theater is now used for a variety of events, including monthly live performances, regular wide-screen showings of popular movies, assorted school programs, and community training sessions for any number of local organizations. The afternoon I met with Dippel and Alexandra Boyett, the front of house coordinator, youngsters with the Missoula Children's Theater were busy rehearsing on stage for their upcoming production of "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast."

The Royal Theater is city-owned and city-operated, with a paid staff of two. Every other job – usher, ticket taker, concessions – is performed by volunteers. Regardless of their tasks, the vol-

unteers all have one thing in common: They're passionate about what they're doing. That means that when there's a full house, as many as 517 patrons will be privy to the "Royal treatment."

Dippel says his biggest challenge is "getting the community's support through sponsorships and donations" – something he has been passionate about throughout his 35 years working with a number of historic theaters across the country. He says his job is to preserve the bricks and mortar while preserving the memories of the storied venues.

Asked what their most rewarding experience working at the Royal Theater has been, Dippel and Boyett quickly shared the exact same sentiment: "Standing in the back of the theater and watching the synergy develop between the performers on stage and the people sitting in the audience."

Then they went on to add one more: "Taking a seat in the theater after the show ... just to simply enjoy the silence."

For more information, visit the:1937royaltheater.org website or call (706) 955-4870.



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"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations."
Psalms 89:1

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Sometimes 'progress' is dubious at best

Old days, good times I remember.

— **Chicago**

There's something about lying awake in bed all night (damn you, strep throat) that brings out the nostalgia in me, especially when I've already solved all the world's problems in my head and "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter" gets stuck in there in one of those horrifying loops that threaten to drive you crazy.

So, while, yes, we do live in the most enlightened time in the history of the world, there are some things about the good old days I really miss.

Like:

— Cartoons that did not try to teach some eco-friendly lesson through weird characters with funny accents. I'll take Deputy Dog, Lippy the Lion (and Hardy Har Har) over Bluey and Pepa Pig any day.

— I'll take those good old baseball games that allowed you to spend days cursing umpires for bad calls over instant replays and ABS challenges. Sure, they have a better chance of getting things right now, but baseball has taken most of the human element out of the game.

— Original music. It doesn't matter if it's pop, country, Reggae or even hip-hop — which once was some of the most original music ever made but now is so derivative it's nauseating -- the Taylor Swifts of the industry have made it too boring to listen to. When artists of the '60s and '70s released a new album, you knew most of them would not be rehashes of previous releases. (And it was really fun to count the grooves in albums back then.)

— Political differences back in the day were so well-defined, you knew where an individual stood on specific issues just by the way he or she wore their hair. Now, with a president whose addled brain changes on a whim — when it's not sleeping — people's politics are all over the place. They change from day to day, in support of or opposition to that president, hypocrisy be damned.

— Even in the hip '60s and '70s, there was a modicum of modesty and decorum. Now, people throw out curse words and show off their naughty bits at the drop of a hat. (I remember once saying the word "damn" in the presence of a lady, and I was so ashamed I profusely apologized and felt ashamed every time I saw her after that. Now, a 6-year-old will dress you down using words you didn't even learn until you were an adult.)

— "Fashion" that either exposes way more stuff than

most people want to see or is so far out there you wonder just what the heck the wearer was thinking when he/she put it on. (A side note here: It has little to do with modesty, really, but do you really think people want to see the stuff you're exposing? If you say yes, maybe go look in a mirror one more time.)

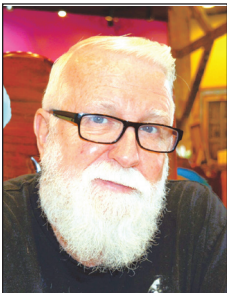
— Cooking becoming entertainment. It didn't matter what ethnic group you were a part of, when you were growing up in days gone by, there was a specific group of food that you ate on a regular basis. (In the Fletcher casa, that was fried chicken, hamburgers, spaghetti and pork chops. That's about it. I didn't eat a slice of pizza — which now is a staple across all ethnicities — or Chinese food until I'd graduated high school.) Now, there are as many cooking shows on TV as there are sitcoms of cop shows, and once you've seen one of them, you've seen them all. I don't care if you put zest or 27 herbs and spices on your food, just make me some biscuits and gravy and let me at it.

— The "professionalism" of high school sports has become outrageous. Not so long ago, teams were not allowed to practice during the summer. Athletes could "work out" on their own, but there could be no guidance from members of a school's coaching staff. Now, football teams get to scrimmage against other schools' teams — we were put on probation at Irwin County High School for scrimmaging against Warner Robins at football camp — and basketball and football teams actually compete during the time kids should have off to actually live their lives. Instead of discovering who they are and what they want to do with life, athletes must stick to their "jobs" and get ready for the season. Sadly, only a precious few of them ever advance to their sport's next level and end up graduating with little skills other than how to run a go route and how to set a pick ... not really skills that will advance their adult life.

— (A thought here: No one calls the obscene middle-finger gesture "the bird" anymore. Why is that? Too tame for the gesture's message? Now it's "the finger" or "flipping someone off." For some of us, it'll always be the bird.)

— Conversing at dinner is a thing of the past. I recently went to a restaurant, and the folks sitting across from me at a table for five — two adults and three kids — were all staring down at the cellphones in their hands. Not one of them spoke a word to each other, and the waitress had to wake them from their reverie to even take an order. Oh, and the youngest of this group was about 5.

Yes, I miss the '70s.



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COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

No thanks, I'll sit this one out

Back in 1975, Tom T. Hall sang, "I like beer, it makes me a jolly good fellow. I like beer, it helps me unwind and makes me feel mellow. Whiskey's too rough, Champagne costs too much, vodka puts my mouth in gear. This little refrain should help me explain, as a matter of fact, I like beer."

Up until then, Tom T. and I agreed on almost everything. We both loved old dogs, watermelons, little baby ducks, and pickup trucks. But we parted company on beer.

Beer has been in the news a lot lately. Beer sales soared during the World Cup soccer competition, reversing a recent downward trend. At the same time, the Teamsters Union is urging the Trump administration to impose significant tariffs on Mexican beer, arguing that more of it should be brewed by American workers.

Oddly enough, yours truly, who worked in the wild world of rock 'n' roll radio, is not a beer guy.

My doctor can't believe it. During my annual physical exam, he asked the usual questions. "Do you smoke?" "No." "Have you ever been addicted to drugs?" "No." "Do you drink?" "No."

There was a long pause, as the doctor looked up from his computer screen. "Come on, seriously," he said. Me: "Nope, I don't drink." He raised an eyebrow. "I mean, even a beer now and then?" Me: "Not even that." Now it's getting uncomfortable. He said, "But you're in broadcasting, where everybody drinks!"

Somehow I missed the beer wagon. I'm not playing holier-than-thou, because I have my share of bad habits. Nor do I look down on anyone who loves a cold one now and then. It's just not my thing.

First off, my parents weren't beer drinkers. Nor could we sell it in our country store in "dry" Jackson County, Alabama. I put that word in quotation marks because it wasn't really that dry.

Just across the county line, maybe 12 miles away, there was a little store that sold beer, and I'd say half their business was from my side of the county line.

Those who didn't have the means to cross that line had to be creative to get their occasional high. A nearby community known as "Happy Holler" reportedly got that name because of moonshine stills. Presumably the finished product made some folks mighty happy, at least until the feds showed up.



CARROLL

Among the popular items on our store shelves were the cold medication "NyQuil" and Vanilla Extract, both of which had high alcohol content. As a kid, I just figured some of our customers either baked a lot of sweets, or always had a cold. I guess you could say my biscuits weren't done in the middle.

Later, as a teenager entering the world of radio, I was exposed to more booze and drugs than I had ever seen. Some of my bosses and many of my colleagues chugged a lot of beer. They took me to "Wet T-shirt" contests where the beer flowed, and the T-shirts didn't stay on for long. One night, a music promoter with a new Bee Gees record invited my radio friends and me to a premiere party at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. I saw cocaine for the first time with "Jive Talkin'" blasting in the background.

So why didn't I indulge? The peer pressure was certainly there. I was considered the most un-hip deejay in the history of Top 40 radio. The reason for my abstinence was actually quite simple: Unlike most of my colleagues who lived near the radio station, my home was 35 miles away. I was still in my teens, and my dad had laid down the law: "Stay out of trouble, and you can drive this car. But if you get in trouble, I'll take away the keys." I had learned that radio was more fun than working in a store, so his warning provided an interesting option.

I could get paid to play rock 'n' roll records and talk to girls on the phone, or I could spend my days mopping floors, changing oil, and repairing chainsaws. I made my choice. Wanna buy me a beer? No, thanks, I'll sit this one out.

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COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

23 years beyond the days of bougie water

On our first date, we went to a bookstore-slash-coffee-shop. I asked the young lovely if she wanted something to drink. She replied that she would like some water, please.

So I found the coffee station, which featured a small pitcher of free tap water. I poured a Dixie cup full. I gave the water to her.

My date handled the tiny cup like I'd just presented her a container of warm sputum.

"What's this?" Jamie said.

"Water."

"Didn't they have any bottles of water?"

"I think they sell bottles, yes."

She glanced at the Barbie-sized cup in her hands. "Are plastic bottles against your religion?"

Shrug. "They're expensive."

"So it's a moral issue?"

"I wouldn't say that."

"What would you say then?"

I smiled. "Would you like a bottle of water?"

"No," she said.

"Let me get you a bottle of water."

"No, thank you. Not if they're 'expensive.' Heaven for-BID."

"I'll be right back."

No. Don't bother. I don't want a bottle of water. I couldn't have you spending a whole DOLLAR on your date. That would be a bridge too far."

Jamie tossed back the water like it was commercial-grade tequila. She slammed the empty cup on the table. "I'll take another, Mister Rockefeller."

And I knew I would marry her.

In my defense, this happened nearly a quarter-century ago. Bottled water was still a relatively new thing to the American public. It was considered bougie, at the time. This was an era when bottled water was typically reserved for persons with a credit score of 780 or higher.

Moreover, when you came from the other side of the tracks, like me, you did not drink water from plasticized bottles. You drank water the way the Good Lord intended: from recycled jelly jars, or directly from the hosepipe.

For this reason, I was a late convert to the Bottled Water Party. It was the principle of the matter. Bottling water was unnatural. Water wasn't supposed to be bottled and sold as a product.

Water was one of God's free resources. Like oxygen, sunlight or Milwaukee's Best.

It's times like this that make me grateful my father died before the modern era arrived. Namely, because he would be rolling in his grave if he'd known they were packaging water and selling it.

Today, however, I drink bottled water all the time. I am compelled to because we are always on the road, my wife and I. These days I walk into a gas station, fork over nearly \$5 for a large bottle of water, and that's that. I don't even think about it anymore.

It's not special water, mind you. It doesn't taste any different than normal water. In fact, this is evidently a major selling point for bottled water brands inasmuch as it states right on the bottle that it's not special water. The label makes it sound like the bottling companies don't "do" anything to their water. According to manufacturers, they simply walk down to a virgin babbling brook, usually a stream with a name

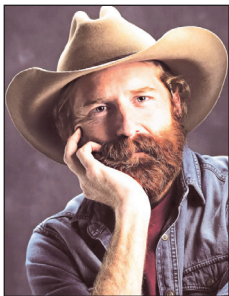
like "Antler Creek," "Serenity Falls," or "Ebola Springs," scoop up some water, and sell it for five big ones.

And we, the public, buy it. We all buy it. We don't even bat an eye. It's no big deal, purchasing water. We buy it by the pallet-ful. It comes in different brands. It is sold under different names. The water even advertises different features such as added electrolytes, additional minerals, or alkalinity. But no matter how you gussy it up, it's still just water.

But then, water is never "just water." Water is everything. Water is arguably the only thing that matters in this world.

Your body is 60% water. Your organs are water. Your heart is 80% water. Your liver is 75%. Your brain, lungs, and kidneys are 85%. Even your bones are not completely dry, but are 31% water.

The Earth itself is 71% water. Trees are 50%. Grass and leaves are 80%. Flowers are 70%. Vegetables are 90 to 95% water. Even the



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microbial bacteria that cover every living thing on this planet, including our bodies, is made of 85% water. Even our air holds water.

In fact, it could be said that everything we consume, everything we touch, everything we breathe contains — more or less — water. Water envelops our entire being. You cannot escape water. The human body cannot survive 72 hours without water.

And yet, you are always losing hydration. Every exhalation you take, you lose water in the form of vapor. With every organ function, your body expels water. Every time you sweat, you

relinquish your internal water supply. So this means we, as human beings, are always in water debt. We live in a constant deficit, always searching for water, just to survive.

Water is more than merely precious to our species. Water is our species. Water is the essence of our very existence. Water is in every breath we take, every blink of our eyes, every thought from our brains, every beat of our hearts. Water is our whole world. Water is life.

Why do I bring all this up?

Because after 23 years, Jamie Dietrich is still my water.



Stress may reshape your gut and influence brain health

By Maria Lameiras
UGA Today

ATHENS – For years, scientists have understood that the effects of brain disease and injuries can extend far beyond the skull, triggering inflammation, immune responses and lasting neurological effects. But emerging research suggests the relationship between the brain and the body may be even more intertwined than once thought, extending deep into

the gut. New findings from University of Georgia researchers show that even subtle, everyday experiences, like feeling stressed during exams or losing sleep, may leave measurable fingerprints in the gut microbiome. And that discovery could reshape how scientists think about mental health, disease detection and even treatment. The research team analyzed the gut microbiomes of dozens of adults who were oth-

erwise considered healthy, with no major chronic conditions, average body weight and typical daily lifestyles. Participants reported whether they experienced stress, anxiety, depression or sleep problems, even at mild or occasional levels. The researchers then compared the participants’ gut microbiomes. What they found was striking: Even among healthy individuals, those who reported mental health symptoms had distinctly different gut

microbial communities. The differences showed up in both the diversity of microbes and the relative abundance of specific bacterial groups, suggesting that the microbiome is highly sensitive to subtle shifts in mental well-being. One of the most promising implications of the research is the idea of using the microbiome as a biomarker, a measurable signal that can indicate health status or disease risk.

“When something happens in the brain, like stress or injury, it can trigger inflammation and changes in the gut,” Franklin West, professor and researcher at the Regenerative Bioscience Center in UGA’s College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, said. “But it also works in the other direction. Changes in the gut can influence how the brain functions.”



Franklin West

Congress Votes

By Targeted News Service

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

Along with its roll call votes this week, the House also passed these bills: the Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act (H.R. 1722) to require Office of Management and Budget reports to Congress on federal government projects with cost overruns of \$1 billion or more or that are at least five years behind schedule; the Choices for Increased Mobility Act (H.R. 1703) to clarify payment rules for manual wheelchairs under Part B of Medicare; the Stop Secret Spending Act (H.R. 2069) to ensure that other transaction agreements are reported to USAspending.gov; the Expanding Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act (H.R. 5578) to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a federal employee orders a reprisal.

HOUSE VOTES:

MILITARY AND JUDICIAL INJUNCTIONS: The House has rejected an amendment sponsored by Rep. Wesley Hunt, R-Texas, to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) that would have sought to avert any judicial injunction deemed to impair military readiness or supplies to the military. Hunt said the amendment “secures a supply chain that is heavily dependent on foreign countries that could be weaponized against us if we don’t fix it now.” An opponent, Rep. John Garamendi, D-Calif., said: “If you are interested in the power of the state to regulate its environment, to regulate its communities, roads and streets, and rivers and lakes, then you should be opposed to this amendment.” The vote, on July 21, was 208 yeas to 219 nays.

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

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

NOT VOTING: Clyde R-GA (9th)

BREAST CANCER SPENDING: The House has passed the EARLY ACT Reauthorization (H.R. 4541) sponsored by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., to reauthorize through Fiscal 2030 and change breast and cervical cancer programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Schultz said: “Breast cancer diagnoses are on the rise in younger women, and we must meet this moment.” The vote, on July 20, was 394 yeas to 6 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgie delegation except: Clyde R-GA (9th), who did not vote.

WORKER COMPENSATION FRAUD: The House has passed the Putting Patients First by Strengthening Provider Accountability in FECA Act (H.R. 8823) sponsored by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Pa., to authorize the Labor Department to suspend payments under its federal workers’ compensation program to providers who have committed fraud. Mack-

enzie said: “This bill helps ensure that care is only delivered by providers who meet clear standards of professional and ethical conduct.” The vote, on July 20, was unanimous with 396 yeas.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation.

EVALUATING CONTRACTOR BIDS: The House has passed the Value Over Cost Act (H.R. 1118) sponsored by Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., to stipulate that the General Services Administration may use value rather than cost metrics in order to evaluate contractor bids for work under the federal government’s multiple award schedule program. A bill supporter, Rep. Suhas Subramanyam, D-Va., said it “will make sure the federal government spends its dollars wisely while delivering for the American people the services they need.” The vote, on July 21, was 421 yeas to 1 nay.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation.

CALIFORNIA OIL SUPPLIES: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Wesley Hunt, R-Texas, to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) to authorize the Defense Department to buy easements for the Santa Ynez Pipeline System in order to secure supplies of oil to refineries that supply military bases in California. Hunt cited the pipeline’s importance “to national security to keep our military on the West Coast supplied with domestic-sourced energy.” An opponent, Rep. Salud O. Carbajal, D-Calif., said the amendment amounted to pipeline operator Sable Offshore Oil “asking its friends in Congress to rig the system in its favor, seize California lands, and issue an irrevocable operating permit.” The vote, on July 21, was 215 yeas to 214 nays.

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

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

NOT VOTING: Clyde R-GA (9th)

SEX CHANGE TREATMENTS: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) to bar funding under the military’s Tricare program for medical treatments related to sex change. An opponent, Rep. Gilbert Ray Cisneros, D-Calif., said: “This culture war ideology amendment can result in a readiness gap issue.” The vote, on July 21, was 219 yeas to 208 nays.

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

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

NOT VOTING: Clyde R-GA (9th)

SCHOOL CHOICE AND THE MILITARY: The House has rejected an amendment sponsored by Rep. Addison P. Mc-



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Dowell, R-N.C., to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) that would have instituted a five-year pilot program for military members to receive funding to send their children to a private school or charter school. McDowell said the program was needed because “many military families are barred from participating in school choice initiatives because they are either stationed in states without school choice or they are located in one state but domiciled in another.” The vote, on July 21, was 214 yeas to 216 nays.

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

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

NOT VOTING: Clyde R-GA (9th)

TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT FUNDING: The House has passed the Continuing Appropriations Act (H.R. 9770) sponsored by Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., to provide funding for federal government programs through Dec. 4. Cole said the bill “simply keeps the government open, protects the progress we have made, and preserves the path to full-year appropriations” bills clearing Congress. An opponent, Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro, D-Conn., faulted Republicans for inserting a provision that would allow funding for the Border Patrol agency, after Congress had passed a bill in April without such funding. The vote, on July 21, was 220 yeas to 205 nays.

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

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

NOT VOTING: Clyde R-GA (9th)

MILITARY CHAPLAINS: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Keith Self, R-Texas, to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) that would alter numerous military policies regarding chaplains, including anti-discrimination protections for them. Self said it “does not empower chaplains to impose a particular belief. Instead, it protects them from violations of conscience and ensures they can facilitate spiritual care for all faiths.” The vote, on July 22, was 221 yeas to 210 nays.

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

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



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TRAFFIC CAMERAS AT MILITARY BASES: The House has passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Pat Harrigan, R-N.C., to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) to bar the use of automated speed enforcement cameras at military bases. Harrigan said: “These systems are not about safety. They are about revenue. They hand out fines without context, without discretion, and without due process for our servicemembers.” The vote, on July 22, was 232 yeas to 199 nays.

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

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

MILITARY SPENDING: The House has passed the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 8800) sponsored by Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., to authorize about \$1.15 trillion of Fiscal 2027 spending on the military, including military construction programs and military activities at the Energy Department, and establish various military policies. Rogers said the bill “will build the ready, capable, and lethal fighting force we need to deter China and other adversaries.” A bill opponent, Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., said its high spending on the military would mean a “struggle to fund crucial domestic programs in healthcare, infrastructure, energy, and all kinds of areas that are an incredible priority.” The vote, on July 22, was 216 yeas to 212 nays.

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

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

CONGRESS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP: The House has passed the Stop Insider Trading Act (H.R. 7008) sponsored by Rep. Bryan Steil, R-Wis., to bar members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children from buying publicly traded stocks, and require prior public notification for their planned sales of stocks. Another bill provision would require voters in federal government elections to show photo identification at ballot sites. Steil said “these two proposals will clean up Washington and strengthen the integrity of our elections.” An opponent, Rep. Joseph D. Morelle, D-N.Y., called the photo ID mandate “a fiat from a Washington awash in corruption telling Americans how to run their elections.” The vote, on July 22, was 232 yeas to 198 nays.



Austin Scott

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

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

2027 BUDGET: The House has passed a bill (H. Con. Res. 113) sponsored by Rep. Jodey C. Arrington, R-Texas, to set out a \$6 trillion federal government budget for Fiscal 2027, and proposed budgetary levels for Fiscal 2028 through 2036. A bill opponent, Rep. Brendan F. Boyle, D-Pa., said it had “nothing to lower gas prices, nothing to lower food prices, nothing to lower the cost of consumer goods, just more spending on the most unpopular war in American history.” The vote, on July 22, was 216 yeas to 214 nays.

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

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

IRAN WAR: The House has passed a bill (H. Con. Res. 89) sponsored by Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., to require the cessation of U.S. military action against Iran other than for purposes of defense against imminent attack. Jayapal said the measure was necessary because President Trump was “showing his contempt for Congress and for the Constitution, continuing this destructive, deadly, and costly war despite Congress having already passed a War Powers Resolution that has the force of law declaring that this war must stop.” The vote, on July 23, was 214 yeas to 208 nays.

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

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

DISABLED WORKERS: The House has passed the Removing Barriers to Work for Disabled Americans Act (H.R. 8884) sponsored by Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga., to reauthorize through 2031 Social Security Administration demonstration projects for placing in the workforce individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance program benefits. Scott said the projects sought to give them “the ability to go back to work, not lose 100% of their Social Security benefits, and have more money left over at the end of the month.” A bill opponent, Rep. Danny K. Davis, D-Ill., said it “will ultimately result in a reduction of benefits for older, severe-



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ly disabled, and low-income workers.” The vote, on July 23, was 232 yeas to 188 nays.

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

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

SENATE VOTES:

TRADE COURT JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Kara Marie Westercamp to be a judge on the U.S. Court of International Trade. A current lawyer at the White House specializing in trade, Westercamp was previously a commercial litigator at the Justice Department for over a decade. The vote, on July 21, was 50 yeas to 48 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

APPEALS COURT JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Benjamin M. Flowers to be a judge on the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Flowers was Ohio’s solicitor general from 2019 to 2023; before and after that time, he has been a private practice lawyer, specializing in appeals cases, at two different firms. The vote, on July 22, was 49 yeas to 46 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

MICHIGAN JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Michael C. Martin to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Martin has been a federal prosecutor in the district for two decades, variously focusing on criminal, national security, and immigration cases. The vote, on July 22, was 62 yeas to 36 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

IRAN WAR: The Senate has rejected a motion to discharge from its Foreign Relations Committee a bill (S.J. Res. 180) sponsored by Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., to require the cessation of U.S. military force against Iran absent a Congressional declaration of war. Van Hollen called on senators “to end this disastrous and illegal war against Iran that President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu launched over 140 days ago.” The vote to discharge, on July 23, was 47 yeas to 49 nays.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

SECOND APPEALS COURT JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Daniel Mack Traynor to be a judge on the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Traynor became a U.S. district judge for North Dakota six years ago, after two decades practicing law at a law firm in the state. The vote, on July 23, was 48 yeas to 47 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

Georgia South Graduate Medical Education celebrates inaugural Psychiatry and eighth Family Medicine graduating classes

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MOULTRIE — Georgia South Graduate Medical Education celebrated the graduation of its eighth class of Family Medicine residents and inaugural class of Psychiatry residents during ceremonies held recently at the Ameris Bank Medical Education Center at Colquitt Regional.

The graduating Family Medicine Class of 2026 includes Drs. Christian Edwards, Shelby Flowers, Carol Medina and Allison Tresner. The graduating Psychiatry Class of 2026 includes Drs. Anthony Cimmino, Xuan Ouyang, and Richard Tricardo.

“This year marks an especially meaningful milestone for Georgia South as we celebrate not only our eighth class of Family Medicine graduates, but also the very first graduating class of our Psychiatry Residency Program,” Colquitt Regional President and CEO Jim Matney said. “Graduate medical education continues to play an important role in expanding access to healthcare in rural communities, and we are proud to see these physicians complete their training and begin the next chapter of their careers.”

The Family Medicine graduates began their residency training in the summer of 2023, while the Psychiatry graduates joined Georgia South as members of the program’s

inaugural class in 2022.

Following graduation, Edwards will join Sterling Group Adult & Pediatric Medicine as a family medicine physician in Moultrie, while Flowers will remain at Colquitt Regional as a hospital medicine physician. Both Edwards and Flowers are Moultrie natives who completed medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine South Georgia campus before continuing their training through Georgia South, making their decision to remain in Moultrie especially meaningful for the community and the future of healthcare in south Georgia.

Medina will practice family medicine with Coastal Health Primary Care in Jacksonville, Fla., and Tresner will continue her training by pursuing an obstetrics fellowship at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

“Watching our residents grow into confident, compassionate physicians is one of the most rewarding aspects of graduate medical education,” Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program Director Dr. Kirby Smith said. “Over the past three years, our Family Medicine graduates have developed the skills and experience needed to provide exceptional care, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their communities.”

The Psychiatry Residency



Special photo

Georgia South Graduate Medical Education recently celebrated the graduation of its eighth class of Family Medicine residents. Among them were, from left, Drs. Shelby Flowers, Allison Tresner, Family Medicine Residency Program Director Dr. Kirby Smith, and Drs. Carol Medina and Christian Edwards.

Program was established in 2019 to help address the shortage of mental health providers in south Georgia and welcomed its first residents in 2022. Over the past four years, the inaugural class has helped lay the foundation for a program that continues to expand access to behavioral healthcare throughout the region.

Among the Psychiatry graduates, Cimmino will remain in Moultrie, joining Sterling Group Psychiatry while also serving as faculty for the Georgia South Psychiatry Residency Program. Ouyang will practice psychiatry with Imperi-

al County Behavioral Health Services in El Centro, Calif., and Tricardo will continue his career at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa.

“Graduating our first class of psychiatry residents is a tremendous accomplishment and a proud moment for our program,” Psychiatry Residency Program Director Dr. Lisa Rudolph-Watson said. “These physicians have demonstrated dedication, resilience, and a genuine commitment to improving the lives of patients facing mental health challenges. We are honored to have been part of their journey and excited to



Special photo

Georgia South Graduate Medical Education recently celebrated the graduation of its inaugural class of Psychiatry residents. Among the graduates were, from left, Psychiatry Residency Program Director Dr. Lisa Rudolph-Watson, and Drs. Richard Tricardo, Anthony Cimmino, Xuan Ouyang, and Psychiatry Residency Associate Program Director Dr. Kent Posey.

see what they accomplish in the years ahead.”

Residency training is the final stage of physician education before doctors begin practicing independently. Through hands-on clinical experiences, specialty rotations, and continuity clinics, Georgia South residents receive comprehensive training designed to prepare them for the unique challenges and opportunities of community-based medicine.

Georgia South also welcomed its newest class of residents during the annual Residents Celebration. The incoming Family Medicine residents

include Drs. Greg Rasmusen, Jacob Winchester, Paul Yermachenkov and Toluwani Adebisi. The fifth class of Psychiatry residents includes Drs. Richard Griggs, Francis Chiefe and Elyse Kyle.

Georgia South also welcomed Dr. Tyler Key as the inaugural resident of the Georgia South Obstetrics and Gynecology Rural Track offered in partnership with Wellstar Kennestone.

For more information about Georgia South Graduate Medical Education, contact the hospital marketing department at (229) 890-3552.

UGA School of Medicine welcomes inaugural class

By Lindsey Derrick

UGA Today

ATHENS — The University of Georgia School of Medicine has welcomed 64 students to its inaugural class.

These 64 students come to the School of Medicine after more than 2,000 applications were submitted during a condensed two-week admissions cycle. School officials interviewed 235 prospective students before extending offers of admission.

The inaugural class reflects the School of Medicine’s mission to strengthen Georgia’s physician workforce, with 95% of students being Georgia residents. The class brings together students with strong connections to the state and a shared commitment to improving the health of Georgia’s communities.

Eighty percent of the class received their undergraduate degrees from in-state institutions, with 37.5% graduating from UGA. The class average MCAT score is 514, with an average GPA of 3.85. The class also includes seven first-generation students.

“We are extremely excited and honored to welcome these talented future physicians to join the inaugural class of the School of Medicine,” Dean Shelley Nuss said. “By pursuing their medical education at the University of Georgia, these students chose to be part of a mission to expand access



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to care and strengthen the physician workforce across our state. Their impact will be felt not only in the communities they serve today, but also across Georgia for generations to come.”

The students began their medical school journey on Monday with a week of orientation.

The medical school celebrates its next milestone in August with the White Coat Ceremony, and December marks the opening of the new medical education and research building. The 93,000-square-foot building will serve as the school’s primary educational facility and will include large, active-



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Members of the inaugural University of Georgia School of Medicine class learned more about the school during a week of orientation.

learning classroom spaces, an anatomy lab, a simulation center, a clinical skills center,

individual and group study options, a student lounge and well-being spaces.

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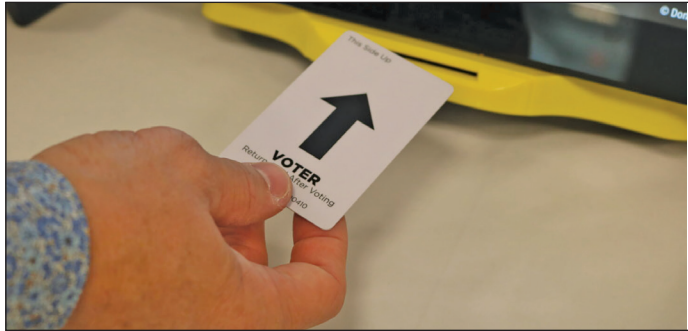
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A committee tasked with helping select Georgia’s next statewide election system is scheduled to hold its first meeting next week.

Panel set to begin work reviewing options for state’s next election system

By Maya Homan

Georgia Recorder

ATLANTA -- A committee tasked with helping select Georgia’s next statewide election system is scheduled to hold its first meeting next week as lawmakers, election officials and other appointed members begin to envision a QR code-free method of voting.

The use of ballot QR codes has been a contentious issue throughout the last several years in Georgia politics. Proponents of hand-marked paper ballots have repeatedly called for ballots to be counted based on text that can be deciphered by humans, prompting state lawmakers to pass a bill a couple of years ago preventing elections from being tallied using ballot QR codes after July 2026.

However, legislators failed to appropriate the roughly \$66 million needed to make the switch and did not postpone the deadline during the 2026 session, so Gov. Brian Kemp summoned lawmakers back to the Capitol earlier this summer for a special session to address the looming election deadline.

Under a new law passed in June, Georgia’s current election system — which uses machines to mark voters’ selections and then prints a completed paper ballot — will remain in place until 2028, giving lawmakers time to replace the voting machines. The law also established a special committee that will focus solely on hand-marked paper ballot voting systems and issue a report to state lawmakers by February 2027.

“As a former secretary of

state and current governor, I know first-hand just how much our system of governance rests on being able to trust the results of the ballot box,” Kemp said. “I look forward to the recommendations from the committee on how we can preserve that trust.”

The governor’s appointees to the committee include former state Elections Director Chris Harvey, Paulding County elections supervisor Deidre Holden, and Kemp’s executive counsel, Sam Hatcher.

Several Republican lawmakers, including Sen. Max Burns of Sylvania and Rep. Victor Anderson of Cornelia, also will sit on the committee, according to a press release. Covington Rep. Tim Fleming, the Republican nominee in the race to become the next secretary of state, also will be a member. Rep. Scott Holcomb of Atlanta is the only Democrat appointed to the committee.

Anderson, who also chairs the House committee that typically handles election bills, said he expected legislators from both chambers to be “pretty much in lockstep” with their goals for the panel.

“I don’t really see there being a House priorities or Senate priorities scenario in this committee,” Anderson said. “It’s more going to be what’s best for the voters in the state of Georgia.”

But Senate Democrats, who had raised concerns during the special session about being excluded from the committee, accused legislative leaders of “bad governance” over the panel’s composition.

The committee will hold its first meeting in Atlanta on Aug. 7.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Worth County quarterback Lyndon Worthy will again lead the Ram offense as the defending state champions start their football season.

Worth County ready to build on perfect season

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

SYLVESTER — Defending a state championship begins with replacing more than just starters.

For Worth County coach Jeff Hammond, the biggest challenge entering the 2026 season is developing the leadership that helped carry last year’s Rams to a perfect 15-0 record and the GHSA Class A Division I state championship.

The Rams graduated 21 seniors, leaving behind a veteran group that Hammond said set the standard with its daily commitment and work ethic.

“We have had a really good summer,” Hammond said. “We have a chance to be a really good football team. We’ve got great players coming back to fill those holes left by last year’s seniors. It’s just a matter of getting it done.”

Hammond’s confidence in his team’s talent hasn’t changed. His focus now is watching a new group of seniors assume leadership roles as Worth County prepares for another championship run.

“We’ll be looking for quarterback Lyndon Worthy to step into more of a leadership role,” Hammond said. “He’s a four-year starter at quarterback. He’s going to have to take a lot of the load.”

Worthy headlines an experienced group of returning starters that also includes defensive standout Malik Muhammad, linebacker Mike Wise and kicker Brodey Hancock.

Hammond said Tuesday’s practice wasn’t up to the standard established by last year’s championship team, but he believes the Rams have the pieces in place to build another successful season.

The Rams now face an even tougher challenge after moving into Class AAA,

where they’ll compete in one of the state’s strongest regions. The new alignment includes defending Class AA state champion Carver-Columbus and Class AA runner-up Sumter County.

Worth County also will get an early test Aug. 7 when it travels to Valdosta for a preseason scrimmage against perennial Class 7A power Valdosta.

“I’m happy the GHSA has given us another week because we can sure use it,” Hammond said.

For Hammond, the extra practice time isn’t about installing new schemes. It’s about giving a talented group of returning players more time to grow together before opening a season filled with high expectations.

After last year’s championship run, Hammond believes the talent remains in Sylvester.

Tragedy strikes Truitt family again

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Four years after losing one son, longtime Albany football coach Charles Truitt and his family are mourning another heart-breaking loss.

Brenton Truitt, a Monroe High School graduate, former Albany YMCA employee and the son of the longtime southwest Georgia coach, was killed Monday night in a three-vehicle crash in rural Terrell County. He was 29.

The tragedy comes just four years after Truitt’s older brother, Brandon, died following a brief illness in 2022.

Brenton Truitt grew up around football fields throughout southwest Georgia as his father coached at Monroe High School, Americus-Sumter, Tiftarea Academy and, most recently, Randolph-Clay High School. A 2015 Monroe graduate, Truitt later earned his degree from Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, where he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

He also worked at the Albany-area YMCA, where he was known by many families and children who participated in youth programs.

According to the Georgia State Patrol, the crash occurred Monday night on Georgia Highway 50/U.S. Highway 82 near the Randolph County line.

Troopers said Truitt was driving eastbound when his vehicle crossed the center line into the westbound lanes and collided with a second vehicle. That vehicle left the roadway and came to rest in a ditch before Truitt’s vehicle struck a third vehicle that was moving onto the north shoulder.

Authorities said Truitt was partially ejected from his vehicle and died at the scene.

The driver of the second vehicle was flown to a hospital for treatment. The Georgia State Patrol continues to investigate the crash.

News of Truitt’s death spread quickly through Albany and southwest Georgia this week as former classmates, teammates, coaches and friends shared memories and offered prayers for the Truitt family on social media.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced. Allisha Gray hit the game-winning jumper with 15 seconds left as part of a wild five-point final surge for the Atlanta Dream, who charged from 15 points down to beat the Dallas Wings 82-81 on Wednesday in Arlington, Texas.



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Atlanta Braves left-hander Chris Sale delivers a pitch during Wednesday’s nightcap against the New York Mets in New York. Sale struck out nine over six scoreless innings as the Braves salvaged a split of the doubleheader with a 1-0 victory.

Sale, Braves salvage doubleheader split with Mets

Field Level Media

NEW YORK — Chris Sale showed once again why he has been Atlanta’s ace this season.

The former National League Cy Young Award winner struck out nine over six scoreless innings, and Matt Olson drove in the game’s only run as the Braves blanked the New York Mets 1-0 Wednesday night to earn a split of a doubleheader between the National League East rivals.

The Mets claimed the opener 3-2 before Atlanta responded behind Sale and a dominant bullpen to avoid being swept in the twin bill.

Sale (12-6) allowed just two singles, walked none and continued one of the best stretches of his season. The veteran left-hander has won three consecutive starts and four straight decisions while allowing one run or fewer in 11 of his 20 outings this year.

Atlanta’s bullpen was equally impressive.

Didier Fuentes struck out three during a hitless seventh inning, Dylan Lee retired the side in order in the eighth and Raisel Iglesias needed just eight pitches — all strikes — to record a perfect ninth for his 22nd save. The quartet combined on a two-hit shutout as the Mets never advanced a runner to second base.

Olson provided the only offense Sale needed in the sixth inning. Rookie Jim Jarvis led off with a double before Drake Baldwin singled. After Christian Scott struck out Ronald Acuña Jr., Olson lined an RBI single up the middle to score Jarvis with the game’s lone run.

Baldwin finished with two hits, while Olson, Ozzie Albies, Mauricio Dubon, Eli White and Jarvis each added one.

Scott (3-3) was the hard-luck loser after allowing one run on five hits while striking out seven over a season-high six innings.

The Braves couldn’t capitalize on a solid return by AJ Smith-Shawver in Wednesday’s opener.

Making his first major league start since undergoing Tommy John surgery in June 2025, Smith-Shawver allowed two runs over 4 1/3 innings before the Mets rallied late for a 3-2 victory.

Matt Olson accounted for Atlanta’s offense with a two-run homer in the sixth, erasing a 2-0 deficit after New York scored twice in the fifth on an RBI double by Francisco Alvarez and A.J. Ewing’s sacrifice fly.

The Mets broke the tie in the seventh when Carson Benge doubled home Ewing against reliever Dylan Dodd. Devin Williams closed out the ninth for his 15th save.

Olson homered and drove in all three of Atlanta’s runs in the doubleheader, while Baldwin continued his strong day by collecting four hits in the two games.

The split kept the Braves from losing further ground in the National League East race after New York entered the day riding a three-game winning streak.

Jalen Carter signs record NFL deal

Field Level Media

PHILADELPHIA - Former Georgia star Jalen Carter has become the highest-paid defensive tackle in NFL history after signing a four-year, \$152 million contract extension with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Multiple reports said the deal, which can reach \$160 million with incentives, includes \$106 million guaranteed and carries an average annual value of \$38 million. The extension keeps Carter under contract through the 2031 season.

The Eagles selected Carter with the No. 9 overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft after he helped lead Georgia to consecutive national championships under coach Kirby Smart. In just three NFL seasons, he has developed into one of the league’s premier defensive linemen and a cornerstone of Philadelphia’s defense.

The 25-year-old has earned Pro Bowl honors in each of his first two full seasons and played a key role in the Eagles’ Super Bowl championship. Despite being limited to 11 games by shoulder injuries last season, Carter finished with 33 tackles, three sacks and a career-high seven passes defended.



Special Photo: Field Level Media

Former Georgia All-American Jalen Carter signed a four-year, \$152 million contract extension that makes him the highest-paid defensive tackle in NFL history.

For his career, Carter has totaled 108 tackles, 13.5 sacks, four forced fumbles and 13 passes defended in 43 games, including 27 starts.

The extension continues Philadelphia’s commitment to building around its young core. The Eagles exercised Carter’s fifth-year option earlier this offseason before finalizing the long-term agreement. Earlier this year, the franchise also signed former Georgia standout Jordan Davis to a contract extension, ensuring the Bulldogs’ former interior defensive line tandem remains together in Philadelphia.

Carter was one of the most dominant defenders in Georgia history, earning unanimous All-America honors in 2022 after helping the Bulldogs capture back-to-back College Football Playoff national championships. His combination of size, strength and athleticism made him one of the nation’s top prospects before he entered the NFL.

The record-setting contract is another milestone for Georgia’s football program, which has become one of the nation’s top producers of NFL talent under Smart. Carter now joins an elite group of former Bulldogs who have signed landmark professional contracts, further highlighting Georgia’s reputation for developing championship-caliber defensive players.

Chiefs: Eric Bieniemy’s wife out of ICU, ‘doing better’

Field Level Media

Kansas City Chiefs coach Andy Reid had positive news Wednesday on the condition of offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy’s wife, Mia, who was shot last weekend — allegedly by one of their sons. “She’s doing better,” Reid said, “and great from where she was.”

Reid said Mia Bieniemy is out of the intensive care unit, where she was being treated for multiple gunshot wounds. Her husband is with her as she recovers from the shooting Sunday at their home in Ashburn, Va.

“She’s making progress,” Reid said, “so we’re happy

about that.”

Eric and Mia’s son, Elijah Zion Bieniemy, 27, was arrested Monday on charges of malicious wounding, use of a firearm in commission of a felony and discharge of a firearm inside a dwelling, according to the Loudon County (Va.) Sheriff’s Office. Elijah Bieniemy is being held without bond.

Reid said there is no timeline for Eric Bieniemy to return to the team, which had their first full-squad workout of training camp on Wednesday as Missouri Western in St. Joseph, Mo. Pass game coordinator Joe Bleymaier, who has been with the Chiefs since 2016, is serving as act-

ing offensive coordinator.

“Right now, it’s important that he takes care of business. And everybody knows that,” Reid said of Eric Bieniemy. “So everybody’s game is picked up (among coaches), and they’re working hard. Eric will be back soon enough to jump in there and do his thing. But he’s got to take care of that first.”

Bieniemy, 56, is in contact with coaches and kept up to speed on the team, including “tape he can watch,” Reid said, “in whatever spare time he’s got there.”

Reid noted that Mia is the primary caretaker to Bieniemy’s other son, Eric III, who has cerebral palsy.

“I just want to make sure (Mia) is taken care of, and Eric Jr., too,” Reid said. “And he’s got the other part of that that he’s got to sort out.”

Bieniemy rejoined Reid’s staff in January after previous stints with Kansas City as the running backs coach (2013-17) and offensive coordinator (2018-22). He helped the Chiefs win Super Bowls LIV and LVII.

He coached the Chicago Bears’ running backs in 2025 and previously served as the OC for UCLA (2024), the Washington Commanders (2023) and his alma mater, Colorado (2011-12). He also was an NFL running back from 1991-99.



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Chiefs coach Andy Reid said Wednesday that Eric Bieniemy’s wife, Mia, is recovering after being shot last weekend and has been moved out of intensive care, while Bieniemy remains away from the team to be with his family.

Gray, Dream pull off stunning comeback to beat Wings

Field Level Media

The Dream (17-10) were down by 12 points after three quarters and by four with 23.1 seconds to play. Dallas’ Arike Ogunbowale then fouled Gray while she shot a 3-pointer, with the foul upgraded to a technical after a video review. Gray converted all three free throws and then hit a contested fade-away jumper to give Atlanta its first lead since the second quarter.

Dallas then stumbled through a final possession that produced a missed 3-point shot by Awak Kuier with 2 seconds left and a miss by Jessica Shepard on a tip-in attempt at the buzzer.

The win allowed Atlanta to sweep the three-game season series with the Wings and capture its fourth straight win. Gray led all scorers with 25 points. Angel Reese added 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Dream while Brionna Jones had 11 points and Isobel Borlase scored 10.

Ogunbowale paced Dallas with 24 points. Azzi Fudd scored 20, Shepard racked up 16 points and 14 boards



Special Photo:

Atlanta Dream center Brionna Jones shoots against the Dallas Wings during Wednesday’s game in Arlington, Texas. The Dream rallied from a 15-point deficit to secure an 82-81 victory and their fourth straight win.

and Paige Bueckers finished with 16 points as well for the Wings (18-10), who lost for just the second time in nine games this month.

The Wings jumped ahead from the onset of the game, leading by as many as four points before Atlanta got two free throws from Gray and a basket from Jones to tie the

game at 16 after 10 minutes of play.

The Dream briefly went in front early in the second period but Dallas responded with a 10-0 run capped by Shepard’s driving layup that turned a tie game into a 36-26 lead.

A 6-2 surge by the Dream over the final 1:14 of the half

was highlighted by Reese’s layup with 3.9 seconds left that allowed Atlanta to close to within 38-32 at the break.

Ogunbowale and Shepard had 12 points apiece in the first half to lead all scorers, while Gray and Reese hit for 10 points each to pace the Dream before halftime.

Tony’s Take: Braves are back, but the SEC isn’t king anymore

By Tony Duckworth

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ATL. Following their 9-win June and putting up some of the worst offensive stats in MLB, the Braves have rebounded with a solid July. The squad has found a way to win a number of one-run games to flip the script. With four games remaining in the month, the Braves have 13 wins and have rebounded from the 2-game lead over the Phillies.

With a 6-game lead as we approach August, and Acuna back in the lineup, the push towards another division title seems probable. While the Braves are in conversation to make a big splash before the trade deadline, having Acuna back at the top of the lineup feels like a major pickup.

Keep your eyes on the Braves front office, as I’m certain they will make a run at a top starting arm for the final push to October.

Shot’s Fired. BIG10 Commissioner Tony Pettiti is taking a page out of SEC’s Greg Sankey playbook during the league’s media days. Tony is not shy about promoting his league as the best in CFP. As he faced the media, Pettiti was

flanked by the league’s three consecutive football national championship trophies. To make Pettiti’s supremacy case, he pointed out that the BIG10 has 11 wins by seven different teams in two years of the 12-team CFP. The SEC has five wins in the same period.

A few seasons ago, it would have been hard to imagine the SEC has not played in a national championship game for three consecutive seasons. In head-to-head matchups, BIG has won four consecutive playoff games against the SEC. Take a moment and re-read the two previous sentences.

Former SEC (Arkansas) coach Bret Bielema, now leading Illinois, had the headline of BIG10 media days. Bielema, known for being outspoken against SEC superiority, joked, “They (SEC) want to live in 2005 forever”. Like it or not, that was a good line.

As CFB fans anticipate the start of the season, media days provide a level of excitement as the momentum builds for toe meets leather. The recent SEC media days were vanilla. Imagine a CFB world with no social media posts from Lane Kiffin. Sigh.

Some might argue the BIG10 has a lot to do with the humility, given the SEC has fallen behind the BIG10, or coaches realize taking a measured approach is the best way heading into the season.

At the moment, the BIG10 is king of the hill, and the SEC will need to climb the mountain to regain national supremacy.

CFP 24. The SEC and BIG10 are also at odds with playoff expansion. The BIG10 is on record saying the conference is willing to reduce the league schedule by one game to move to 24 teams.

Notre Dame, the ACC and Big12 support playoff expansion.

If the CFP is going to shift to 24 teams, a decision has to be made by December 1, 2026. Now or later, playoff expansion is inevitable due to the money that can be made. Golden Parachute. Following months of speculation, Michigan and AD Warde Manuel have agreed to part ways.

Michigan won a College Football Playoff (2024) and a March Madness men’s basketball (2026) national championship the past two seasons, but his tenure as AD has been

under scrutiny for issues within his department. Take the time to read the ESPN July 20 article on Manuel’s UM tenure. It is remarkable the scandals that litter Manuel’s timeline while leading his alma mater.

Michigan has agreed to buy out the final three years of Manuel’s contract for \$7M, and he will step down on December 31. Manuel can’t work or consult with any BIG10 university for two years, but he is free to be employed at any university outside the BIG10.

Being a Michigan Man, coupled with the national championships several sports secured for Wolverine Nation, gave Manuel more rope than most. Despite the high level of success, Manuel saw a professional death by 1000 cuts. Every mistake can’t be placed at his feet, but clearly it is time for a culture change in the athletics department at Michigan.

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Charlie Woods watches his tee shot during the Junior PGA Championships in Frisco, Texas. The 17-year-old shot a 2-under-par 70 on Wednesday to make the cut, advancing to the tournament’s final two rounds.

Charlie Woods makes cut at Junior PGA

Field Level Media

Thanks to a steady second-round effort, Charlie Woods made the cut by two strokes at the Junior PGA Championships on Wednesday in Frisco, Texas.

The 17-year-old son of Tiger Woods carded a 2-under-par 70 at Fields Ranch’s West Course, leaving him tied for 46th at 1-over 145. The top 60 players and ties advanced to play the final two rounds.

Woods, from Jupiter, Fla., opened with a 3-over-par 75 at Fields Ranch’s East Course on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, he birdied the par-4 second hole but immediately gave the stroke back with a bogey at the par-3 third hole. Woods was flawless the rest of the way, recording 13 pars plus birdies at two par-4 holes, No. 9 and No. 18.

Last year, Woods tied for ninth in the Junior PGA Championships.

A week ago, Woods failed

to reach the match-play portion of the U.S. Junior Amateur, coming up short in a playoff after stroke play at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa.

Though he made the cut on Wednesday, Woods lost ground to Kailer Stone of Alameda, Calif., who maintained the lead for the second day in a row. Stone shot a 5-under 67, leaving him at 9-under 135, one stroke ahead of Theodore Snyder of Gig Harbor, Wash., who also was 5 under in the second round.

Ainslie Stanford of Edmond, Okla., charged into contention with the best round of the tournament so far, a 9-under 63. He sits two strokes back of Stone at 7-under 137.

Matthew Marigliano of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (second-round 66); Jacob Newsom of Tulsa (67); Evan Liu of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (65); and Spencer Harrison of Perth, Australia (67) are tied for fourth at 6-under 138.

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How to maximize a real estate investment



Buyers can consider several strategies to make the most of a real estate investment.

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How to brighten interior spaces

By Metro Creative Connection

If spring and summer are seasons when homeowners focus their renovation energy on outdoor living spaces, that attention shifts back inside upon the arrival of fall. People tend to spend much more time indoors than outside come late fall and throughout the winter. The ambiance inside in fall and winter is notably different, as fewer hours of daylight can darken interior spaces. Finding ways to brighten home interiors can make spaces more inviting in late fall and

throughout the winter.

- Layer with sheer and blackout curtains. The simplest way to brighten interior spaces is to allow natural light to illuminate them, but that can be difficult in homes with blackout curtains. Blackout curtains are highly effective at keeping light out, but they won't do much to brighten interior spaces in the winter. Layer blackout curtains with sheer curtains so you can still get some privacy but brighten interior spaces with natural light at the same time.

- Add lighting wherever possible. The days when interior lighting was limited

to floor lamps and overhead fixtures are long gone. Various types of lighting can now be used to brighten interior spaces throughout winter. Recessed lighting is a relatively inexpensive upgrade that can brighten any room in a home at any point in a day. Unlike a traditional overhead fixture where the light emanates from a single source, recessed lighting can be installed in various points in the ceiling so each corner of a room can be lit up. In addition to recessed lighting, under cabinet lighting in kitchens and on bookshelves can brighten spots that tra-

ditional fixtures typically fail to illuminate. Layering the lighting so light comes from various sources can create a brighter feel.

- Use color to your advantage. Color is another tool that can be used to brighten interior spaces in the winter. If homeowners are reluctant to paint walls with new and brighter colors, then accents can lend rooms a lighter feel. Vibrantly colored throw pillows, blankets and fixtures can create a lighter feel when residents and guests enter a room. Artwork with light colors also can help to brighten interior spaces.

By Metro Creative Connection

Real estate has long been considered a good investment. Whether people are buying a home they intend to live in or purchasing investment properties they hope to flip or rent out, real estate tends to provide a strong return on investment.

Maximizing the investment value of a property is wise regardless of how buyers intend to use it. With that in mind, buyers can consider these strategies to make the most of a real estate investment.

- **Renovate with ROI in mind.** Though no room of a home in need of work should be ignored, various studies have identified the rooms buyers emphasize most when looking for a new home. Kitchens and primary suites tend to make the most lasting impressions on home buyers, and that can offer a strong return on investment (ROI). And the good news for homeowners hoping to sell a property they currently own is that minor kitchen remodels, which require a smaller financial investment than major overhauls, offer stronger returns. According to the Cost vs. Value Report 2025 from the Journal of Light Construction, a minor kitchen remodel offers an average return of 113 percent compared to a 36 percent average return for a major upscale remodel.

- **Prioritize location.** Real estate investors who aren't looking to sell but buy can maximize their investment by prioritizing location as they search for properties. Though the real estate market is ever-changing, the importance of location re-

mains a constant. Investopedia notes that a "good" location for prospective buyers typically is near access to transportation (be it public transportation or highways that can help cut down on commute times), well-regarded schools, and community involvement. While the importance of location is a constant, Investopedia notes that a given neighborhood's reputation can go from "good" to "bad" or vice versa. Identifying an emerging "good" neighborhood can be a tall order, but prospective real estate investors are urged to consider a range of variables about each location in an effort to maximize their investments. Recent investment in local infrastructure and a growth in local employment opportunities are two variables that can help a given area quickly transform into a place people want to live.

- **Sell at the right time.**

When selling a home with the intent of maximizing a real estate investment, it's important that owners recognize certain times of year are better for sellers than others. A 2024 report from the real estate curator ATTOM indicated that listing a property in May, February or April can yield the best returns for sellers. May is a particularly good time to sell, as the ATTOM analysis of 59 million home sales between 2011 and 2023 found that homes sold in May sold for 13.1 percent above market value, which was the highest of any month.

Real estate has long been considered a great investment, and various strategies can help investors bolster their returns.

- **Wash the windows.** They are easily overlooked, but dirty windows can block natural light and greatly reduce the amount of light entering a home through the windows. Clean the interior and exterior of your windows prior to winter so any grime that has

built up in recent months and years is not preventing light from entering your home.

It can be a challenge to keep interior spaces bright over the winter. But there are many ways homeowners can illuminate interior spaces.



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Brightly colored accents like throw pillows can help to brighten interior spaces over the winter.



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‘Georgia Natural Wonders’: A painter’s journey across the state



Special Photos

A number of artist Ann Litrel’s works, collected in the book “35 Natural Wonders of Georgia to See Before You Die” will be on display at the Albany Area Arts Council starting Aug. 3. Among her works are watercolors featuring Providence Canyon, the Okefenokee Swamp and birds gathered along the shoreline of Georgia’s beaches.

Staff Reports
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ALBANY — This August, the Albany Area Arts Council invites the community to travel the length of Georgia without leaving downtown Albany. “Georgia Natural Wonders,” an exhibition of paintings and drawings by artist Ann Litrel, opens Aug. 3 and runs through Aug. 28 in the gallery of the historic Carnegie Library. The work carries viewers from mountain peaks and river gorges to hidden barrier island marshes — Litrel’s rendering of the state’s most iconic wild places. These are the original paintings behind her book, “35 Natural Wonders of Georgia

to See Before You Die” The project grew from her art into a full book, co-authored with longtime Atlanta Journal-Constitution science writer Charles Seabrook and published by the University of Georgia Press. In June, the book received a 2026 Georgia Author of the Year Award. The project began in 2017, when Litrel enrolled in the Master Naturalist program at Atlanta’s Chattahoochee Nature Center. “The program opened my eyes to the amazing breadth of geology, biodiversity and natural history in Georgia,” Litrel said. “I decided to do a series of paintings of our state’s

most beautiful places.” What began as a handful of paintings grew into a seven-year venture and more than 100 paintings and drawings, guided by a bucket list of 35 wonders first compiled by Seabrook. “When I began, I thought the series of paintings would naturally have a consistent feel or style,” Litrel said. “But what I found was that each of these places spoke in a voice that was beautifully and utterly unique. I encountered another world each time I visited a new wonder — and I think you can see that in the paintings.” “For anyone who has ever loved a Georgia sunrise or a quiet stretch of river, this show

feels like coming home,” Nicole Willis, executive director of the Albany Area Arts Council, said. “Ann spent seven years finding the wild heart of our state, and we’re honored to bring that journey to downtown Albany.” “Georgia Natural Wonders” premiered in January 2026 at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville and is traveling to venues across the state through 2027. Litrel created more than 100 paintings and drawings for the project; the Albany exhibition brings together about half of them, some 50 works. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours.

EXHIBITION DETAILS

Exhibition: Georgia Natural Wonders — paintings and drawings by Ann Litrel
On View: Aug. 3-28 — free and open to the public
Gallery Hours: Noon-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday; closed holidays. Viewing also available by appointment.
Opening Event: Aug. 7 — book talk & signing, 6-7 p.m.; artist reception 7-9 p.m.
Location: Albany Area Arts Council, historic Carnegie Library, 215 N. Jackson St., Albany

SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH

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ALBANY — In recognition of Georgia’s rich outdoor heritage and the significant economic impact of the shooting sports industry, Gov. Brian Kemp has proclaimed August as Shooting Sports Month in Georgia. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division is encouraging Georgians of all experience levels to celebrate by visiting a public shooting range, learning new shooting skills, and safely enjoying shooting sports throughout the month. The Mike Carpenter WMA Shooting Range located at 6510 Leary Road in Albany is a great place to participate in a wide variety of shooting sports. Ranges offer opportunities for shooting rifles at intervals up to 200 yards, as well as center fire and pistol ranges.

Kemp’s proclamation recognizes the important role hunting and recreational shooting have played in Georgia’s history, culture and traditions. Each year, millions of Georgians participate in hunting and shooting sports, helping support wildlife conservation while contributing to the state’s economy. In 2024 alone, the shooting sports and hunting industry contributed an estimated \$2.7 billion to the economy and supported nearly 11,000 jobs. In 2025, the state received more than \$19.2 million in conservation funding through

the Pittman-Robertson Act, derived from sportsmen and women who purchase firearms equipment and ammunition, which provides funding back to states for work that supports wildlife and habitat management. Georgia has more than 45 public archery and shooting ranges available in the state, many of them available on public land like Wildlife Management Areas or Public Fishing Areas. For more information on public ranges in Georgia, visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/AllRanges.



Special Photos and logo

The Mike Carpenter WMA Shooting Range located at 6510 Leary Road in Albany is a great place to participate in a wide variety of shooting sports.

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may be obtained from the City of Edison Administrative Office located at 19437 Hartford St., Edison, Ga from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily. Contact the office at 229-835-2269. Applications will be accepted until August 7th , 2026.

Albany Legals

Adoptions

A-670
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Adoption of Petition of LALIA ALEXANDRIA BONNER and LANDON ALEXANDER BONNER, by and NOTICE OF PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS To: NARVEZ WARREN the Presumed Legal Father, of a LALIA ALEXANDRIA BONNER, born in 2017 and LANDON ALEXANDER BONNER, born in 2017. You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition for LALIA ALEXANDRIA BONNER and LANDON ALEXANDER BONNER has been filed in the above-styled Court by JULIUS LOUD, through his attorney, Christopher A. Flowers of Smith & Flowers Law, P.C. Civil Action File No. 26A14-3. The mother of the child has consented to the adoption. Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 19-8-10 and 19-8-11 and other pertinent laws, you are advised that a hearing has been scheduled for August 26, 2026, at 02:00 p.m. before the Honorable Victoria Johnson. Further, you are advised that you have the right to appear at said hearing. You should contact the attorney for Petitioner, Christopher A. Flowers, Smith & Flowers Law, P.C. P.O. Box 70879, Albany, Georgia 31708/ 504 N. Jefferson Street, Albany, Georgia 31701, telephone 229-434-1070 for further information. All notices to or correspondence with the Petitioner and copies of all pleadings or proceedings you may file in any court in regard to the above-referenced Child should be served upon him. Dated this 10th day of July, 2026.

Construction/ Service Bids

A-736
INVITATION TO BID
Litter Removal
BID REF. #27-010
Sealed bids will be received by City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM on August 31, 2026. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on August 5, at the Procurement office. A 5% Bid Bond is required for bid submittal. Bid documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Destiny Solomon, Buyer I at dsolomon@albanyga.gov. \b\ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

Debtors & Creditors

A-662
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Hershell Eugene (Gene) Hitchcock, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 10th day of July, 2026
Jessica Hitchcock
2311 Forest Glen Rd
Silver Spring, MD 20910
703-823-4517

A-642
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF Elizabeth Nandan Wuller, Deceased
All creditors of the estate of Elizabeth Nandan Wuller, deceased, late of DOUGHERTY County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Lawrence Travis Walden
Administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Nandan Wuller, deceased
510 Greenwood Drive
Albany, GA 31707
OCGA 53-7-41 states:
"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

A-741
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of EDESEL MARTIN FORD deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 29th day of July, 2026.
LAUREN H. WILLIAMSON,
Administrator of the Estate of EDESEL MARTIN FORD
P.O. BOX 70639
Albany, GA 31708
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

A-728
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Larry Hunt deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 27th day of July, 2026.
Bobbi Porto
Administrator of the Estate of Larry Hunt 1542 Piermaj Lane
Lutz, FL 33549-5744
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

A-690
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Barbara Turner deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 20th day of July 2026.
Sharmille Nichole Edmonson,
Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Turner
3978 Longleaf Ct.
Concord, NC 28025
July 25, August 1, 2026

A-663
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Remell W. Jackson deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 9th day of July, 2026.
Rhondie Girard Jackson
Administrator of the Estate of Remell W. Jackson 400 Badin Ct
Macon, GA 31220
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2026

A-731
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS OF PRISCILLA ANN HAYES
All creditors of the Estate of Priscilla Ann Hayes, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment to me.
This 28th day of July, 2026.
s/ Demetria Sutton
Administrator of the Estate of Priscilla Ann Hayes
Kim H. Stroup
Attorney for the Estate of Priscilla Ann Hayes
James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP
231 Riverside Drive, Suite 100
PO Box 4283
Macon, Georgia 31208-4283
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

A-695
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of Raymond James Barlow, Sr. a/k/a Raymond Barlow, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 19th day of July 2026.
Raymond Barlow, Jr., Executor of the Estateof Raymond James Barlow, Sr. a/k/a Raymond Barlow, deceased
c/o Phil Cannon
Georgia Bar 107895
Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
P O Drawer 720
Leesburg, GA 31763
229-759-9111 phone
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2026

A-693
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of Margie A. Lashley a/k/a Margie Christine Lashley, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 19th day of July 2026.
Celyse Champion, Executor of the Estate
of Margie A. Lashley a/k/a Margie Christine Lashley, deceased
c/o W. Edward Meeks, Jr.
Georgia Bar 500850
Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
P O Drawer 720
Leesburg, GA 31763
229-759-9111 phone
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2026

A-664
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF RALPH EDWARD TOHOLSKY, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Ralph Edward Toholsky, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Ralph Edward Toholsky.
This 9th day of July, 2026.
Judy Ann Toholsky, Executor of the Ralph Edward Toholsky, Estate
1802 Devon Drive
Albany, Georgia 31707 or
MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Pawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727 Albany, Georgia 31708-1727 (229) 888-3338
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2026

A-643
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDY L. KIDD, deceased

Debtors & Creditors

All creditors of the estate of Judy L. Kidd, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to me.
This 30th day of June, 2026.
s/Jennifer K. Trapnell
Jennifer K. Trapnell
Executor of the Estate of Judy L. Kidd, deceased
c/o Patrick S. Flynn, LLC
P.O. Box 7
Albany, GA 31702
July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

A-703
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Clinton Arlo Mowery, deceased, late of said State and County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor.
This 25th day of July, 2026.
To be published: Four consecutive Saturdays
Debra Dianne Dorough Mowery, as Executor of the Estate of Clinton Arlo Mowery, deceased
c/o Perry & Walters, LLP Post Office Box 71209
Albany, Georgia 31708
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

Divorces

DOUGHERTY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Jamie D. Taylor

vs.

Respondent: Kimberly Taylor

Civil Action Case Number: 25CV764-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Kimberly Taylor
Respondent Named Above:

This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in the Superior Court on July 29, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on March 4, 2026. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the clerk of Superior Court and serve the Petitioner with a copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's address is 2336 S. Madison St., Apt. 9, Albany, GA 31701. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything she asked for in the Petition for Divorce.

This is the 4th day of March 4, 2026.

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

A-706
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Melvin Bradley V.
Respondent: Jacqueline Bradley
Civil Action Case Number: 25CV-637-3
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
To: Jacqueline Bradley, Respondent
Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on 6-25, 2025. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 07-10, 2025. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the clerk of Superior Court and serve the Petitioner with a copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's address is 2414 Brierwood Dr.Apt 30 You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Petition for Divorce. This 10th day of July, 2025.
Whitney Williams
Dep Clerk
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

A-580
Dougherty COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Rhoda King
Respondent: Delvin Devon King
Civil Action Case Number: 26-CV-377-1
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO: Delvin Devon King, Respondent
Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on April 17, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on July 23, 2026. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the clerk of Superior Court and serve the Petitioner with a copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's address is 612 Heartwood Lane Albany, GA 31705. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Divorce. This 23rd day of July, 2026.
Samantha Sebastian, Dep. Clerk
Dougherty County Superior Court
State of Georgia
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

Juvenile Court

A-698
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: J.W., B/M, DOB: 11/25/2012
To: Rose White, Jawaski Cobb and any other individual who might be the biological father of one male child born to Rose White on November 25, 2012.

Juvenile Court

A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Supervisor Treena White, on the 18th day of August 2025. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, phone is 229-431-2162.
By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 21st day of July, 20256, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 29th day of September, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.
You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams.
Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimize the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimize with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.
Witness the Honorable Valerie Brown-Williams, Judge of said Court this 21st day of July 2026.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court
Gregory T. Williams
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 1113, Camilla, Georgia 31708
Phone (229) 330-0614, Georgia Bar Number 443607
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2026

A-699
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: K.A., B/M, DOB: 09/08/2021;K.A., B/M, DOB: 09/08/2021; K.A, B/M, DOB: 12/16/2022
To: Justin Crapp and any other individual who might be the biological father of one male child born to Roderica Ashberry on December 16, 2022 and two male children born to Roderica Ashberry on September 8, 2021.
A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Supervisor Treena White, on the 26th day of June 2026. The Petition alleges the above-referenced children to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, phone is 229-431-2162.
By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 13th day of July, 2026, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 29th day of September 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said children and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.
You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams.
Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of these children shall lose all rights to these children and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimize the children pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimize with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.
Witness the Honorable Valerie Brown-Williams, Judge of said Court this 13th day of July 2026.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court
Gregory T. Williams
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 1113, Camilla, Georgia 31708
Phone (229) 330-0614, Georgia Bar Number 443607
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2026

A-652
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
1415 E. Residence Ave. More particularly described as the following : all that tract or parcel land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and

A-652
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
1415 E. Residence Ave. More particularly described as the following : all that tract or parcel land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and

Miscellaneous

being ALL of LOT 8, 9 BLK N. Jackson Heights, Section "A" Subdivision, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 252, Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after 5th day of August, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th of August 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339 at page 312-312. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 1st of September 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
Terry Medlock
734 Cedar Ave.,
Albany, GA 31701
Please be governed accordingly,
Terry Medlock
July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

Name Changes

A-672
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Matthew Dakota Callahan
Civil Action File No. 26-SUCV-647-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Matthew Dakota Callahan, filed a petition in the Superior Court I, Matthew Dakota Callahan, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 28th day of May, 2026, to change my name from Matthew Dakota Callahan to Matthew Dakota Young. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 28th day of May, 2026.
Matthew Callahan, Petitioner
3713 Radial Avenue
Albany GA 31705
229-894-6422
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2026

A-686
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
Isaac John Jefferson, Minor child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 26SUCV668-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Taylor Howard Jefferson filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 16th day of July, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Isaac John Jefferson
Date of Birth: 01-14-2026
Proposed New Name: Isaac John Howard
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 16th day of July, 2026.
Taylor Howard Jefferson
Petitioner pro se
615 W 3rd Ave
Albany, GA 31701
229-699-3959
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2026

Forfeiture/Seizure

A-684
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
There will be sold at Public Outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the second Tuesday in August, 2026, the following tracts, separately and individually, in order to collect on the judgment listed below:
Parcel 00157/0007/0027
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia and being all of Lot 27 College Park Subdivision section six as shown of plat of survey recorded in plat cabinet 1, slide C-9 in land records of Dougherty County, Georgia in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia. Said plat being made a part of this described by reference. Also known as 2514 Toni Lynn Lane, Albany, GA 31705.
Said one-half interest in said land is found in the possession of Shirley Franklin Smith, Jr. (II) and was levied on as the property of Shirley Franklin Smith, Jr. (II) to satisfy a fi fa. against him in favor of the Estate of Shirley Franklin Smith, Sr. from the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, Civil Action No. SUCV2024000451, in the amount of \$1,017,579.20, recorded in Lien Book 600, page 459, Dougherty County Public Records.
Said sale is subject to ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 and all previous years if unpaid. Any and all bids are subject to refusal.
s/ Captain Jason Carter
Sheriff, Dougherty County, Georgia
Spurlin & Spurlin, LLC
1510 Whiddon Mill Road
Post Office Box 7566
Tifton, GA 31793
(229) 391-9106
johnspurlin@spurlinlaw.com
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2026

Probate Court Administration

A-667
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: OSCAR C. FULLER, JR.
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-240
Yahya Sabree has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of OSCAR C. FULLER, JR., Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before August 10, 2026.
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge of the Probate Court
Dougherty County Probate Court
225 Pine Ave, Suite 123
Albany, GA 31702
229-431-2102
July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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A-636
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: SYDNEY NELSON CONNER, III
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-185
Vickie Harper has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of SYDNEY NELSON CONNER, III, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before August 3, 2026.
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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A-647
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: BETTY TAYLOR
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-228
Donna Kaye Barwick has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of BETTY TAYLOR, Deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261, and waiver of bond/reports/statements.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before August 3, 2026.
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Probate Court Misc.

A-654
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED WOODROW KEGLER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ES-231
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS
NOTICE
Jason Jerome Kegler has petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before August 3, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Probate Court 12 mth Support

A-659
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CONSTANCE COLEMAN
ESTATE FILE NO: 2025-ES-436
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE

Probate Court 12 mth Support

FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of **Johnnie Coleman** for a year's support from the estate of **CONSTANCE COLEMAN**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **August 10, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

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

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Public Sales/ Auctions

A-738
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) (2), that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at: A-1 Wrecker Service, 213 7th Ave, Albany, GA.

Make: Ford
Year: 20007
Model: Edge
Vin ID: 2FMDK46C27BA57955
License: 5552242
State: NH
Case #: 2026-191AV

Make: Kia
Year: 2014
Model: Sorento
Vin ID: 5XYKT3A66EG501013
License: TGN5930
State: GA
Case #: 2026-190AV

Make: Nissan
Year: 2008
Model: Murano
Vin ID: JN8AZ18U49W018572
License: SJA4502
State: GA
Case: 2026-197AV

Make: Honda
Year: 2008
Model: Element
Vin ID: 5J6YH18788L012436
License: P7597157
State: GA
Case #: 2026-193AV

Make: Acura
Year: 2007
Model: TL
Vin ID: 19UUA66267A020284
License: SLM5153
State: GA
Case #: 2026-189AV
Make: Toyota
Year: 2008
Model: Yaris
Vin ID: JTDBT923484010790
License: GJN304
State: GA
Case #: 2026-180AV

Make: Nissan
Year: 2013
Model: Murano
Vin ID: JN8AZ1MW9DW302716
License: S2531973
State: GA
Case #: 2026-187AV

Make: Dodge
Year: 2013
Model: Durango
Vin ID: 1C4SDHCT7DC690481
License: E21663
State: GA
Case #: 2026-181AV

Make: Nissan
Year: 20008
Model: Maxima
Vin ID: 1N4BA41E18C829635
License: RSX5947
State: GA
Case #: 2026-185AV

Make: Kia
Year: 2011
Model: Optima
VinID: KNAGR4A6XB5115626
License: SJL0071
State: GA
Case #: 2026-184AV

Make: Volkswagen
Year: 2014
Model: Jetta
Vin ID: 2026-183AV
License: CMS3608
State: GA
Case #: 2026-183AV

Make: Honda
Year: 2012
Model: Shadow
Vin ID: JH2RC5811CK200121
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2026-182AV

Make: Hyundai
Year: 2012
Model: Genesis
Vin ID: KMHGC4DD7CU167104
License: NONE
State: GA
Case #: 2026-170AV

Make: Buick
Year: 2006
Model: LaCross
Vin ID: 2G4WD582061148739
License: SFL0075
State: GA
Case #: 2026-171AV

August 1, 8, 2026

A-704
Hook Em Towing & Wrecker Service
Public Auction: AUGUST 10, 2026 at 11:00AM
IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTION 40-11-02, FOURTEEN (14) ABANDONED, WRECKED, AND/OR STOLEN VEHICLES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. TERMS OF PAYMENT: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, DEBIT or CREDIT CARDS (ALL Credit/Debit Card payments will have a 3.5% CC fee added). (There is also a \$35.00 Administrative Fee added to each sell.) LOCATION: 204 Poplar Street, Albany, Ga 31707
Please note, all vehicles must be removed from the property by 3 PM on the date of the sell. No vehicles can be driven off the property. The vehicles available for auction as stated above are identified as:

Public Sales/ Auctions

Vehicle Make: FORD
Year: 1997
Model: LGT CONVNTNL'F
Vehicle ID #: 1FTDX1767VND44819
Case No.: 2025-332AV

Vehicle Make: FORD
Year: 2001
Model: LGT CONVNTNL'F
Vehicle ID #: 5GZCZ33D46S855508
Case No.: 2025-329AV

Vehicle Make: SATURN
Year: 2006
Model: VUE
Vehicle ID #: 5GZCZ33D46S855508
Case No.: 2025-329AV

Vehicle Make: TOYOTA
Year: 2007
Model: AVALON XL XLS
Vehicle ID #: 4T1BK36BX7U186657
Case No.: 2026-119AV

Vehicle Make: TOYOTA
Year: 2009
Model: TACOMA
Vehicle ID #: 3TMBJU62N49M084547
Case No.: 2024-370AV

Vehicle Make: HONDA
Year: 2012
Model: ACCORD US LX
Vehicle ID #: 1HGCPD736CA095475
Case No.: 2025-331AV

Vehicle Make: KIA
Year: 2012
Model: OPTIMA
Vehicle ID #: 5XXGN4A77CG054675
Case No.: 2026-34AV

Vehicle Make: HYUNDAI
Year: 2018
Model: ELANTRA
Vehicle ID #: 5NPDB48LF8JH357965
Case No.: 2025-344AV

Vehicle Make: HYUNDAI
Year: 2018
Model: ELANTRA SEL VA
Vehicle ID #: 5NPDB48LF3JH269051
Case No.: 2026-149AV

Vehicle Description: GATOR 50-S3 EXPRESS BLACK MOPED
Year: UNK
Model: G6 SE1
Vehicle ID #: 12BB9NCCXRB201384
Case No.: 2026-149AV

A-688
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at **Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707**. The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Vehicle Make: KIA
Year: 2013
Model: FORTE
Vehicle ID#: KNAFT4A22D5677288
Vehicle License #: SNL7514
State: GA

Vehicle Make: FORD
Year: 2007
Model: FUSION
Vehicle ID#: 3FAHP07Z67R235621
Vehicle License #: AAE1ES
State GA

Vehicle Description: BLUE DENALI 50 MOPED
Year: UNKNOWN
Model: 50
Vehicle ID#: LL0TCAPC3NG000234
Vehicle License #: UNKNNOIWN
State UNKNOWN

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Business Name: Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service Address: 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707 Telephone #: 229-496-2011 July 25, August 1, 2026

A-689 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: **Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service – 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707**. Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: **8/10/2026**. Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 225 Pine Ave – Albany, Ga 31701 Forms may also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

Vehicle Make: BUICK
Year: 2008
Model: ENCLAVE MP
Vehicle ID#: 5GAER23788J289068
Vehicle License #: SGI9996
State GA
Magistrate Court Case No: 2026-150AV

Vehicle Make: CHEVROLET
Year: 2011
Model: IMPALA
Vehicle ID#: 2G1WD5EM1B1244165
Vehicle License #: WCJ838
State GA
Magistrate Court Case No: 2026-152AV

Vehicle Make: CHEVROLET
Year: 2006
Model: IMPALA
Vehicle ID#: 2G1WF52E759177147
Vehicle License #: SKX3454
State GA
Magistrate Court Case No: 2026-151AV

Vehicle Make: MITSUBISHI
Year: 2009
Model: LANCER
Vehicle ID#: JA3AU26U79U038215
Vehicle License #: AAN0WG
State GA
Magistrate Court Case No: 2026-201AV

Vehicle Make: FORD
Year: 2014
Model: FUSION
Vehicle ID#: 3FA6P0K9XER119110
Vehicle License #: CQD7960
State GA
Magistrate Court Case No: 2026-207AV

Vehicle Make: CHEVROLET
Year: 2015
Model: MALIBU
Vehicle ID#: 1G11C5SL0FF312821
Vehicle License #: SKL1838

Public Sales /Auctions

State GA
Magistrate Court Case No: 2026-205AV

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Business Name: Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service Address: 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707 Telephone #: 229-496-2011 July 25, August 1, 2026

A-716
Notice of Public Sale Ledo Self Storage 1661 Ledo Rd. Albany, GA 31707 (229) 490-4960. Property of the following tenant(s) will be sold to satisfy rental liens in accordance with the Georgia Code 10-4 -213 et seq for Georgia Lien Statutes. All items will be sold or otherwise disposed of. Sales will be conducted online at storageauctions.com, August 20, 2026 at 10AM EST. All goods will be sold AS IS condition. All items or spaces may not be available at time of sale. All sales are final, and a \$100 refundable cleaning deposit is required for all sales. The following units will be auctioned.

Unit C28
Deandrea Anderson-Furniture.

Unit C44 Michael Gillera-HH Goods

Unit E45 Malika Rhyme-Furniture

Unit F69 Shankeia Wilson-HH Goods/Furniture.

Unit F78 Melissa Windows-HH Goods.

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A-651
**Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Friday, August 14, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Thursday, August 13, 2026
9:00 am – 5:00 pm**
211 Angie Harper: lawn mower, tools, decor

260 Azur Williams: Clothes, shoes, furniture, TV, small appliances

408 William Ward: Appliances & furniture

447 Waretta Sawyer: Totes & décor

448 Eric Martin: Furniture

454 Labrishia Kendrick: Furniture & bedding

601 Gharet Jones: Mattress, bed & dresser

633 Fredrick Davis: safe, boxes, furniture, clothes

638 Carmen Spencer: Bed, furniture & misc.

662 Michael Kunde: Misc.

664 Michael Kunde: Misc.

668 Shakeita Mackey: Clothes & furniture

726 Carmen Spencer: Furniture

July 25, August 1, 8, 2026

A-687 BANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

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1.) 2005 Chevrolet Impala
Vin # 2G1WVF52E259292612
Case # 2026-195AV

2.) 1996 Ford Mustang
Vin # 1FALP45X1TF218431
Case # 2026-194AV

3.) 2004 Chevy C15 Suburban
Vin # 3GNEC16Z14G289701
Case # 2026-196AV

July 25, August 1, 2026

A-691
**SELF STORAGE AUCTION
AUCTION WILL CLOSE ON August 26, 2026 AT 10 A.M.**
Online auction: Lockerfox starting August 19th and close out on August 26th at 10 am

**SIMPLESAFE - RADIUM SPRINGS
2119 Radium Springs Road
Albany:**
Briana Bly Unit 4 Household Contents
Aliyah Allen Unit 32 Household Contents
Hakeen Lunsford Unit 41 Household Contents
Sigourney Boney Unit 62 Household Contents
Debra Bell Unit 96 Household Contents
Jaymes Reed Unit 98 Household Contents
Michael Teemer Unit 121 Household Contents
Karenia Frank Unit 126 Household Contents
Danielle Wright Unit 166 Household Contents

**SIMPLESAFE - MOCK ROAD 1300
S Mock Road Albany:**
Reshonda Taylor Unit A02 Household Contents
Vannessa Thomas Unit A06 Household Contents
Courtney Jenkin Unit A17 Household Contents
Lajohnsya Shealy Unit A29 Household Contents
Otis Thomas Unit B09 Household Contents
Elijah Marks Unit C17 Household Contents
Amanda Brooks Unit E02 Household Contents
Larry Thomas Unit E26 Household Contents

**BASE SIDE STORAGE - SHORT
STREET 2416 Short Street
Albany:**
Callie Lewis Unit 11 Household Contents
Lakayn Molina Unit 32 Household Contents
Michael Jagroo Unit 57 Household

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Contents
Cathleen Wright Unit 106 Household Contents
Dwan Jackson Unit 122 Household Contents

**SIMPLESAFE - HIGHWAY 19 N
1437 US Highway 19 S :
Kadarius Thomas Unit 89
Household Contents
Kimberly Anthony Unit 104
Household Contents
Donald Whiteman Unit 126
Household Contents
Antira Thoams Unit 128 Household Contents
Lakayla Davis Unit 156 Household Contents
Mryla Hewett Unit 158 Household Contents
Jeff Swecker Unit 202 Household Contents**

**SIMPLESAFE - HIGHWAY 19 S
1508 US Highway 19 S:
Joseph Wilson Unit 216 Household Contents
Jasen Fisher Unit 298 Household Contents**

**SIMPLESAFE-BRANCHVIEW 139
BRANCEVIEW ST E**
Frankie Goodman Unit A31 Household Contents
Dreanna Moore Unit A71 Household Contents
Dylan Paros Unit B24 Household Contents
Virginia Griffin Unit B32 Household Contents
Cory Woodruff Unit B41 Household Contents

**SIMPLESAFE-21ST AVE 808 21ST
AVE:**
Joseph Jackson Unit C11 Household Contents
Rita Bryant Unit C27 Household Contents

August 1, 8, 2026

A-742 UNKNOWN VEHICLES STRUMS ELITE TOWING & RECOVERY

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions will be filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: Strum's Elite Towing & Recovery 2800 Phillips Dr Albany Ga 31721
Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein contact us at 229-319-5924

VIN:1FTEW1CF7GKE29676
Year: 2016
Make: FORD
Model: F-150

VIN:1FTRW12869FA31892
Year: 2009
Make: FORD
Model: F-150

VIN:1UYVS2533DG577005
Year: 2013
Make: UTIL
Model: Trailer 53 Ft

August 1, 8, 2026

Service by Publication

A-685 TO: KENDALL HARRIS AND ANY UNKNOWN BIRTHFATHER

You have been identified as the biological father of Baby Boy Thiebaut born to Autumn Rose Thiebaut April 13, 2026, in Dougherty County, Georgia. The natural and legal mother of the child has surrendered her parental rights and custody to the child to Covenant Care Services, Inc. for adoption. If you have any interest in the child, please contact Covenant Care Service, Inc., 3950 Ridge Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31210, (478) 475-4990 or toll free 1-800-226-5683. If you do not file a response to this Petition with the Court within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice and provide a copy to me as the attorney for Covenant Care Service, Inc., you will lose all rights you may have in and to the child and you will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

NOTICE OF HEARING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that counsel of record for Covenant Care Services, Inc., will bring its Petition to Terminate on for hearing before the Superior Court of Bibb County, Bibb County Courthouse, 601 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, at **12:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**. THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE OF SAID HEARING.

H.J. STRICKLAND, JR., Georgia Bar No. 004450
Attorney for Covenant Care Services, Inc.
435 Second Street, P.O. Box 6437
Macon, Georgia 31208-6437
(478) 745-2821

July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2026

A-701
**IN THE STATE COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
**KARRIECE DAVIS AND ANGEL
DAVIS as next of kin for MINOR
K.D., Plaintiffs
v.
L.&J AUTO SALES AND LEADING
AND JACKIE COLTON, Defendants
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
STSV2025000453
ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION ON DEFENDANTS
L&J AUTO SALES AND LEASING
AND JACKIE COTTON**

It appearing to the Court by Affidavit, as required by O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f)(1)(A), that the above-named Defendants, L&J Auto Sales and Leasing and Jackie Cotton, cannot be found within the State of Georgia after diligent search and inquiry, and/or conceal themselves to avoid service of the Summons, and it further appearing that valid claims exist against said Defendants and that they are necessary and proper parties to this action; And Plaintiffs' Motion for Service by Publication on Defendants L&J Auto Sales and Leasing and Jackie Cotton having been read and considered, and it appearing to the Court that all statutory requirements have been met, and that service by publication is appropriate and authorized by law; IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Service by Publication on Defendants L&J Auto Sales and Leasing and Jackie Cotton is GRANTED. SO ORDERED this 23rd date of June, 2026.
John M. Stephens

Service by Publication

HONORABLE JUDGE
STATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Prepared by: Katonga L. Wright, Esq.
Georgia Bar#: 132654
3100 Gentian Blvd, Suite 00BB,
Columbus, GA 31907
706-748-7363
844-297-4448
877-972-3532 FAX
GAElie@thewrighlegalgroup.com
www.jhewrighlegalgroup.com

Certificate of Service
I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing ORDER to all parties listed below by depositing a copy of the same in the United States Mail with proper postage, addressed to: Katonga Wright
3100 Gentian Blvd. Ste. 00BB
Columbus, GA 31907
GAElie@thewrighlegalgroup.com
This 23 day of June, 2026.

Amy Cox
Civil Case Coordinator Dougherty County State Court
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

Foreclosures

A-530 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from RICKY T BOGES to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF GEORGIA, LLC, dated June 14, 2019, recorded June 18, 2019, in Book 4611, Page 37-53, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$17,826.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on **the first Tuesday in August, 2026**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 25 OF AUDUBON PLANTATION, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE C -13(A), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **120 MOSSYDALE LN, ALBANY, GA 31721**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is RICKY T BOGES, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: M & T Bank, Loss Mitigation Dept., 1100 WEHRLER DRIVE, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221, Telephone Number: 1-800-724-1633. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as Attorney in Fact for RICKY T BOGES
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. MTB-26-01901-1
rslaw.com/property-listing
May 30, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

A-730 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from ANDREW M HORNE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR AMERISAVE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, dated February 5, 2015, recorded February 12, 2015, in Book 4192, Page 260, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Eight and 00/100 dollars (\$103,588.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC,

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there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, IF ANY, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA TO WIT: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 78 OF GAILSHAR GARDENS PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 142 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-55) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1701 ACKER DR, ALBANY, GA 31707**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is ANDREW M HORNE, or tenants(s).

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

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the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:

Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m
Nationstar Mortgage LLC
8950 Cypress Waters Blvd.
Coppell, TX 75019
888-613-2432

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Rocket Mortgage, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC as Attorney in Fact for CHRISTINE V WILLIAMS

Attorney Contact:
Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
26-00652-GA

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

A-632
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by JACKIE G BRIGGS to SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. in the original principal amount of \$54,000.00 dated June 26, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 2614 Page 337, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE in Deed Book 5380 , Page 636, Dougherty County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 8/4/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 34 OF GAILSHAR GARDENS SUBDIVISION "B", ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 186 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Said property being known as: **1906 GAIL AVE, ALBANY, GA 31707**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are JACKIE G BRIGGS or tenant(s).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
800-635-9698

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, as Attorney-in-Fact for JACKIE G BRIGGS
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 26-394040

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Jenna C Wirtz Chang to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Better Mortgage Corporation, Isoaa, its successors and assigns and recorded in Deed Book 4725, Page 20, Dougherty County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$153,000.00 with interest on the

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unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of DOUGHERTY COUNTY, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location within the legal hours of sale on **the first Tuesday in August, 2026**, to wit: August 04, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 37 of the Second Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly known as all of Lot 28 of St. Andrews Subdivision, Section 1, according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 163, (Plat Cabinet 1 , Slide B-40), and a part of Lot 265 of St. Andrews Subdivision, Section 2, according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 30, (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-51), in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the intersection of the east right-of-way of East Alberson Drive with the South right-of-way of Wexford Drive and run thence in a northeasterly direction along the south right-of-way of Wexford Drive, a distance of 140.63 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning, continue along the south right-of-way of Wexford Drive around a curve with a chord bearing north 57 degrees 18 minutes 43 seconds east a distance of 109.99 feet to a point; thence run south 36 degrees 33 minutes 19 seconds east a distance of 260.92 feet to a point; thence run south 43 degrees 18 minutes 07 seconds west a distance of 81.78 feet to a point; thence run south 08 degrees 19 minutes 09 seconds west a distance of 111.92 feet to a point; thence run south 87 degrees 43 minutes 56 seconds west a distance of 119.10 feet to a point; thence run north 07 degrees 56 minutes 12 seconds east a distance 164.14 feet to a point; thence run north 25 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds west a distance of 180.93 feet to a point located on the south right of-way of Wexford Drive and the point of beginning. Said tract contains 1.131 acres according to plat of survey entitled "Property" of Philip J. Derwinski and Geraldine Derwinski" dated August 15, 1994, prepared by William H. Spires, Jr., a Georgia Registered Land Surveyor #2527. Said plat being incorporated herein and by specific reference thereto being made a part of this description.

Being real property commonly known as 3528 Wexford Drive, Albany, GA 31721.

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:

RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing LLC
446 Wrenplace Road
Fort Mill, SC 29715
877-426-8805

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require TH MSR Holdings LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

TH MSR Holdings LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jenna C Wirtz Chang

Attorney Contact:
Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
25GA404-0049

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by ROBERT KRUSE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC. in the original principal amount of \$92,297.00 dated March 26, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 4495, Page 77, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC in Deed Book 5012, Page 78, Dougherty County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 8/4/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:
ADDRESS: **208 HIBISCUS ROAD ALBANY, GA 31705**
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK "I" OF RADIUM SPRINGS, INC., SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 15 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-39), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT,

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTION OF RECORD. PARCEL ID: 00008/00005/017
Said property being known as: 208 N HIBISCUS RD, ALBANY, GA 31705
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are ROBERT KRUSE or tenant(s). The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

Rocket Mortgage LLC
8950 Cypress Waters Blvd.
Coppell, TX 75019
1-888-480-2432

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for ROBERT KRUSE

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 26-242173

July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Jeffrey D. Thomas to Wells Fargo Financial Georgia, Inc. dated 9/11/2007 and recorded in Deed Book 3416 Page 202 and modified at Deed Book 5114 Page 258 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA as Successor By Merger to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$120,015.94, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA IN DEED BOOK 3373 AT PAGE 238 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 306 OF WINTERWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION III, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 142 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B37), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **2909 Autumn Avenue, Albany, GA 31721** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Jeffrey D. Thomas or tenant or tenants.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 1-888-480-2432
Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures

regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA as Successor By Merger to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. as agent and Attorney in Fact for Jeffrey D. Thomas Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1006-2732A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1006-2732A

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Jennifer D Clark to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for First Bank Mortgage a division of First Bank of Georgia, its successors and assigns dated October 29, 2008, recorded in Deed Book 3544, Page 276, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 5067, Page 53, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST by assignment recorded in Deed Book 4945, Page 266, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$123,500.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

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

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

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

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT

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SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST as Attorney in Fact for Jennifer D Clark
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

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

Subject to any and all easements and restrictions of record. Parcel ID NO. 000NN/00005/022

Property Address: 2011 Sharon Avenue Albany, GA 31707
FW August 4, 2026
Our file no. 23-12941GA
23-12941GA

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Writ of Fieri Facias against Glenn Singfield II dated April 9, 2026, filed for record April 10, 2026, recorded at Lien Book 602, Page 142, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, in the original amount of \$23,667.04, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold, by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse Door, or designated area in **DOUGHERTY COUNTY, Georgia**, or designated area, within the legal hours of sale on **the first TUESDAY in SEPTEMBER 2026**, the following described property:

That certain 2016 GMC Yukon XL Denali with VIN Number 1GKS2HKJXGR350589.

This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt owned under the above Writ of Fieri Facias, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and other payments provided for under the terms of the Writ of Fieri Facias and Georgia Law.

The above-described motor vehicle will be sold AS IS and subject to any liens. No recorded liens were found as of June 2, 2026 by the Georgia Department of Revenue. For further information about this Writ of Fieri Facias or Notice of Sale: Contact: Sherman Willis Gardner Willis Plaire & Wilson, LLP
1115 W. 3rd Avenue, Albany, GA 31707
Phone: 229-883-2441
Email: sherman.willis@gwpwlaw.com

July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement (the "Security Deed") given by Renova Property Management LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, to Rain City Capital, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, dated July 2, 2025, and recorded on July 3, 2025 in Deed Book 5312 at Page 186 (Document #D2025-003696), Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described Property to secure a certain Secured Note in the original principal amount of \$174,980.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Court House Door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said County) within the legal hours of sale on **August 4, 2026** (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described Property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and City of Albany and being more particularly described as follows: All of Lots 14 and 15, Block 4, Palmyra Heights Subdivision "C" according to a Map or Plat of said Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 184, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Subject to visible easements and restrictions and easements of record. Address: **1114 5th Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31707**
Parcel: **0000G/00036/013**
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Property is Renova Property Management LLC, or tenant(s). Said Property is more commonly known as **1114 5th Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31707 (Parcel #0000G/00036/013)**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said Property, if any.

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1 is the current holder of the Security Deed, by instrument, dated June 10, 2026 and recorded on June 12, 2026 in Deed Book 5385 at Page 45 (Document #D2026-003511), Dougherty County, Georgia Records.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, amount other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust

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2024-RTL1. To discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure, U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1 can be contacted at: U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1
c/o Tandem Servicing LLC
Attn: Tiffany Anderson
12131 113 Avenue NE, Suite 201, Kirkland, Washington 98034
Tel: (425) 588-0039
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Said Property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the Property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the Property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) any right to redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Security Deed and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1, as agent and/or Attorney in Fact for Renova Property Management LLC.

The below law firm may be held to be acting as a debt collector under Federal law. If so, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment of Rents and Security Agreement (the "Security Deed") given by Renova Property Management LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, to Rain City Capital, LLC, a Washington limited liability company, dated July 30, 2025, and recorded on January 21, 2026 in Deed Book 5365 at Page 268 (Document #D2026-000388), Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described Property to secure a certain Secured Note in the original principal amount of \$164,500.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Court House Door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said County) within the legal hours of sale on **August 4, 2026** (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described Property: The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Dougherty, State of GA, and is described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and City of Albany, described as follows: Beginning on the Northwest corner of Lot Number Seventy-Nine (79) on North Street of said City, run a line South along North Monroe Street seventy-five (75) feet; thence East one hundred and five (105) feet; thence North seventy five (75) feet to the alley; thence West along the alley one hundred and five (105) feet to the beginning point.

Address: **406 North Monroe Street, Albany, Georgia 31701**
Parcel: **000CC/00032/029**
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Property is Renova Property Management LLC, or tenant(s). Said Property is more commonly known as **406 North Monroe Street, Albany, Georgia 31701 (Parcel #000CC/00032/029)**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said Property, if any.

U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Rain City Mortgage Trust 2024-RTL1 is the current holder of the Security Deed, by instrument, dated June 10, 2026 and recorded on June 12, 2026 in Deed Book 5385 at Page 41 (Document #D2026-003510), Dougherty County, Georgia Records.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, amount other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 129.73 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN IRON PIN ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ST. ANDREWS DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT OF COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES SECTION 1; RUN THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 12 FEET TO A SET RAILROAD SPIKE; RUN THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 145.41 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 44 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 932.35 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ENGLISH ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 20 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 361.86 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 30 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED GEORGIA POWER COMPANY 100-FOOT EASEMENT A DISTANCE OF 998.19 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GORDON AVENUE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; AS SET FORTH ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF WINDOVER APARTMENTS PREPARED BY MALCOLM BUMSED, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1691, DATED MAY 20, 1988.

Property commonly known as: **2304 W. GORDON AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA, 31707**

The indebtedness evidenced by the Note is due and payable and remains unpaid. The Security Deed therefore has become and is now foreclosable according to its terms. Accordingly, the Premises will be sold at public outcry pursuant to the terms of the power of sale provided in the Security Deed.

The Premises will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Lender with respect thereto.

The proceeds of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of the sale and all proceedings in connection therewith, including attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given), then to the payment of all sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, will be paid to the person or persons legally entitled thereto, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed. The Premises shall be sold as the property of Grantor, subject to all restrictions, easements and other matters of record that are prior to the Security Deed and to which the Security Deed is subject and to any unpaid city, county and state ad valorem taxes or assessments relating to the Premises.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2021-RTL1, as agent for Lender, 8180 E. Keiser Boulevard, Anaheim, California 92808; (914) 261-1349. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Premises is Grantor, WT 2304 W Gordon, LLC, or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **2304 W. GORDON AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA, 31707.**

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1 as Attorney-in-Fact for **WT 2304 W Gordon, LLC**

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July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Commercial Deed to Secure Debt, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing and Assignment of Leases and Rents from WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC, a Georgia limited liability company ("Grantor"), to and in favor of Pacific Private Money, Inc., a California corporation, dated May 11, 2022, and recorded May 16, 2022 in Deed Book 4976, Page 210, Dougherty County, Georgia records (the "Security Deed"), securing that certain Promissory Note dated May 11, 2022 in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 (the "Note"); as assigned to Saluda Grade Mortgage Funding LLC, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Commercial Mortgage, Security Agreement, Fixture Filing and Assignment of Leases and Rents, dated as of May 24, 2022, recorded November 22, 2023, in Deed Book 5145, Page 278, aforesaid records; and as assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1 ("Lender") pursuant to that certain Assignment of Security Deed/Mortgage, recorded January 16, 2024, in Deed Book 5157, Page 1, aforesaid records (the "Last Assignment"); which Last Assignment as affected by that certain Scrivener's Error Affidavit, indicating the assignee originally and incorrectly identified in the Last Assignment, Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2021-RTL1, should have instead been Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1, recorded February 8, 2024, in Deed Book 5163, Page 161, aforesaid records; there will be sold at public outcry by Lender as attorney-in-fact of Grantor to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Dougherty County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in August 2026, the following described property (the "Premises") to wit:
ALL OF LOTS 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63 AND 65 OF WHISPERING PINES SUBDIVISION WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY

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DESCRIBED BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 23 IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING IMPROVED PROPERTY HAVING LOCATED THEREON A MULTIPLE APARTMENT COMPLEX KNOWN AS WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS; TOGETHER WITH ALL GAS AND ELECTRIC FIXTURES, HEATING, PLUMBING AND MR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT, STATIONARY EQUIPMENT, TREES AND SHRUBBERY, SWIMMING POOL AND SWIMMING POOL EQUIPMENT.

Property commonly known as: **1401 WHISPERING PINES ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31707**

The indebtedness evidenced by the Note is due and payable and remains unpaid. The Security Deed therefore has become and is now foreclosable according to its terms. Accordingly, the Premises will be sold at public outcry pursuant to the terms of the power of sale provided in the Security Deed.

The Premises will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever by Lender with respect thereto.

The proceeds of the sale are to be applied first to the expenses of the sale and all proceedings in connection therewith, including attorneys' fees (notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees having been given), then to the payment of all sums secured by the Security Deed, and the remainder, if any, will be paid to the person or persons legally entitled thereto, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed. The Premises shall be sold as the property of Grantor, subject to all restrictions, easements and other matters of record that are prior to the Security Deed and to which the Security Deed is subject and to any unpaid city, county and state ad valorem taxes or assessments relating to the Premises.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Saluda Grade Alternative Mortgage Trust 2021-RTL1, as agent for Lender, 8180 E. Keiser Boulevard, Anaheim, California 92808; (914) 261-1349. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Premises is Grantor, WIL 1401 Whispering Pines LLC, or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **1401 WHISPERING PINES ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31707.**

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of SG Alternative Title Trust 2021-RLT1

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July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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Notice of Sale Under Power.

State of Georgia, County of Dougherty. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by Ronald J. Breedlove, An Unmarried Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") As Nominee For Quicken Loans Inc. , dated 12/30/2016, and Recorded on 01/25/2017 as Book No. 4387 and Page No. 293-310, Dougherty County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after-described property to secure a

Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$39,150.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, the following described property: Tax ID Number(S): 000MM/00017 /003 Land Situated In

The County Of Dougherty In The State Of Ga. Being All Of Lot 1 Of Hilltop Acres Subdivision, Section "1" According To A Map Or Plat Of Same As Recorded In Plat Book 5, Page 101 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-58) In The Office Of The Clerk Of The Superior Court Of Dougherty County, Georgia. The Property Address And Tax Parcel Identification Number Listed Are Provided Solely For Informational Purposes. Commonly Known As: **1901 Stuart Ave, Albany, GA 31707-1705** The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of

default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Rocket Mortgage, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Rocket Mortgage, LLC S/B/M Nationstar Mortgage LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with Rocket Mortgage, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, Rocket Mortgage, LLC S/B/M Nationstar Mortgage LLC may be contacted at: Rocket Mortgage, LLC S/B/M Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019, 877-450-8638. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 1901 Stuart Ave, Albany, Georgia 31707 is/are: Ronald J. Breedlove, An Unmarried Man or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of

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record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Rocket Mortgage, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Ronald J. Breedlove, An Unmarried Man. This Law Firm Is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. 00000010578482 Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from MALCOLM WHITLOCK AND LINDA WHITLOCK TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., dated November 19, 2018, and recorded on November 30, 2018, in Deed Book 4558, at Page 103, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy and no/100 Dollars (\$137,270.00), with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 5124, at Page 250, in aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as has been or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including, but not limited to, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, IN THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOTS 85 AND 86 OF BRENTWOOD PARK, INC. ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 89 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE B-30), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OR SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Said property may more commonly be known as **2715 Abbey Ln, Albany, GA 31721.**

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601; telephone: (800) 365-7107.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Linda Whitlock aka Linda Whitlock, Malcolm Whitlock and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for Malcolm Whitlock and Linda Whitlock Contact: PADGETT LAW GROUP, 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; telephone: (850) 422-2520 25-009677

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

Calhoun Co. Legals

A-679
GEORGIA, CALHOUN COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of **SADIE HOLT CONLEY**, deceased, late of Calhoun County, Georgia.

All creditors of this estate are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. **JOHN KEVIN CONLEY, Co-Administrator SHEILA DAVIS, Co-Administrator of the Estate of SADIE HOLT CONLEY** Collier & Gamble, LLP Edward R. Collier P.O. Box 577 Dawson, Georgia 39842 July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2026

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GEORGIA, CALHOUN COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of **JOHN ANDREW**

Calhoun Co. Legals

CONLEY, deceased, late of Calhoun County, Georgia.

All creditors of this estate are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

JOHN KEVIN CONLEY, Co-Administrator SHEILA DAVIS, Co-Administrator of the Estate of JOHN ANDREW CONLEY Collier & Gamble, LLP Edward R. Collier P.O. Box 577 Dawson, Georgia 39842

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Many a Maximum Fun collaborator
 - 10 Signal to change a battery
 - 15 Espresso variety
 - 16 Norse pantheon
 - 17 Makes
 - 18 Buttoned-up sort
 - 19 Fashion designer Saab
 - 20 Noted law maker
 - 22 "___ of Me": PJ Harvey album
 - 23 Impetus
 - 25 Poivre partner
 - 26 Ten ahead?
 - 27 WashU's city
 - 28 House Stark patriarch
 - 30 Fed action
 - 32 Show stopper?
 - 34 "Measure twice, cut once," for one
 - 37 Sentimental one
 - 38 Golf course halves
 - 39 Discount emporia
 - 42 Look down upon
 - 43 Goss
 - 44 UFC style
 - 47 Feature of an ungulate
 - 48 Title choice on some forms
 - 50 Contests
 - 52 Fender Deluxe Reverb, e.g.
 - 53 "Help me out, would ya?"
 - 55 WNBA positions: Abbr.
 - 56 Take care of
 - 58 Joint tissue
 - 60 Shinto shrine entrance
 - 61 Race unit
 - 62 First name in landscape photography
 - 63 Drag event?

- DOWN**
- 1 Motorola devices
 - 2 Tamagoyaki, e.g.
 - 3 No answer?
 - 4 Grand Council of the ___: political body in Canada
 - 5 Cause of inflation
 - 6 Security line machine
 - 7 The Village Voice critic Greg who was awarded a posthumous Pulitzer Prize in 2024
 - 8 TMZ alternative
 - 9 Athletic position?
 - 10 Skipper, for short
 - 11 "That girl?"
 - 12 "Consider it done!"
 - 13 Lampoon
 - 14 Antecedes
 - 21 "Frozen" character who sings "In Summer"
 - 24 Ad hoc
 - 26 "Train Dreams" writer Johnson
 - 29 Fighting words?
 - 31 Lack of sensitivity
 - 32 Shortchange

- 33 "I could ___"
- 34 Stratovolcano in NorCal
- 35 "Gimme a break"
- 36 Highway enforcers
- 40 Mild
- 41 Many a "Selling Sunset" cast member
- 44 Re-strain?
- 45 Picks a lane?
- 46 Declare
- 49 Valencia's country
- 51 Sign of treble?
- 53 Get hot
- 54 "Alligator Boy" in a 2021 Netflix animated film
- 57 Runoff cause, perhaps
- 59 "___ Mine": George Harrison book

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fish-cleaning gadget
 - 7 Extra option
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 - 16 Muscles worked by planks
 - 19 Elaborately showy
 - 20 Ungainly
 - 21 Honolulu Museum of Art's location
 - 22 AAA job
 - 23 Praise for a Cy Young biography?
 - 25 "Voyage to India" singer
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 - 27 "How've you ___?"
 - 28 After the bell
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 - 30 Mineral in hemoglobin
 - 31 Slaw, e.g.
 - 33 Praise for a meditation guide?
 - 37 Lifesaving pro
 - 40 Underground explorer
 - 43 Trade fair
 - 44 Cell service initials
 - 45 Baltic capital
 - 47 Toy with a Botanicals line
 - 48 Flyer
 - 50 UV-filtering measurement
 - 53 Praise for a rock climber's diary?
 - 56 By and large
 - 58 "Priscilla" writer/director Coppola
 - 59 Branch of Islam
 - 60 Can openers
 - 62 Showbiz grand slam
 - 63 Wrath
 - 65 Wild or elec.
 - 67 Water adventure
 - 70 Praise for a mechanic's handbook?
 - 74 Cross-examination follower
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- 89 Praise for a Hope Diamond history?
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- 93 Like part of a corkscrew
- 95 Luxury shoe brand
- 96 Copenhagen resident
- 97 Galahad's title
- 98 "You can leave now"
- 99 Treadmill setting
- 101 Tyrannosaurus
- 102 Praise for a bartender's manual?
- 107 Nutrition figs.
- 109 Grayish
- 110 "Muy ___"
- 111 Belfry sound
- 114 Burkina Faso neighbor
- 117 "Houdini" singer Lipa
- 118 Six-time Emmy winner Tyne
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TV-What to watch



1. **Moana**
(PG) Dwayne Johnson, Catherine Laga'aia

2. **Minions & Monsters**
(PG) Pierre Coffin, Trey Parker

3. **Toy Story 5**
(PG) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen

4. **Evil Dead Burn**
(R) Souheila Yacoub, Tandi Wright

5. **Young Washington**
(PG-13) William Franklyn-Miller, Mary-Louise Parker

6. **Obsession**
(R) Michael Johnston, Inde Navarrette

7. **Supergirl**
(PG-13) Milly Alcock, David Corenswet

8. **Disclosure Day**
(PG-13) Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor

9. **Backrooms**
(R) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Renate Reinsve

10. **Gail Daughtry and the Celebrity Sex Pass**
(R) Fred Melamed, Zoey Deutch
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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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J K T L U L G U C K ! " — A C E J D C C E I C

sPrevious Solution: "We're still mindful of how far is too far ... there's a line and you have to figure out how and when to cross it." — Aaron McGruder

TODAY'S CLUE: *U s j e n b e ʝ*

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S D C G L . " — U O Z A V T S U O S Q O

Previous Solution: "When I find a great location or think of a great location, I feel as excited as if I'd found a great actor!" — Bong Joon Ho

TODAY'S CLUE: *O s j e n b e O*

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 tied up a boat (6)
2 ascended a hill (7)
3 a spirit of giving (10)
4 blue (7)
5 chatty, social birds (7)
6 Kylie Minogue's hometown (9)
7 national "bread" of Poland (5)

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Thursday's Answers: 1. EXPLAINED 2. RESOURCEFUL 3. MAZES 4. QUINN 5. PEEVE 6. PIANISSIMO 7. BLOUSES 7/31

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CLUES

1 bizarre (9)
2 the "A" in UAE (4)
3 sewing and pottery (6)
4 F1 star Norris (5)
5 British singer XCX (6)
6 ebullience (10)
7 "Express" of hit 1969 single (9)

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Friday's Answers: 1. MOORED 2. CLIMBED 3. GENEROSITY 4. JOYLESS 5. MAGPIES 6. MELBOURNE 7. ZLOTY 8/1

Americanisms

"Friend something better than chocolate ice cream ... Maybe friend somebody you give up last cookie for."
— Cookie Monster

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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. When are the Emmy Awards, and who'll be hosting this year? I think Conan O'Brien should host them, like he does the Oscars. — S.H.

A. While former late-night host turned podcaster Conan O'Brien has hosted the Primetime Emmy Awards by himself in both 2002 and 2006, he's pretty much locked in as the permanent host of the Oscars. This isn't a guarantee, but we're all assuming that he'll be back to host cinema's most prestigious awards show for the third year in a row. In recent years, the Emmys have been hosted by comedian Nate Bargatze, father-son duo "Schitt's Creek" stars Eugene and Dan Levy, and sitcom actor Anthony Anderson. Jimmy Kimmel has hosted three times, but there hasn't been a female solo host since actress Jane Lynch ("Only Murders in the Building") introduced presenters in 2011. New York Knicks fanatic and "Law & Order: SVU" star Mariska Hargitay has been chosen by NBC to be this year's emcee when the ceremony airs live on Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. ET. However, a recent announcement stating that the live telecast would feature five fewer performances and comedy sketches has the Hollywood community in an uproar. Two of the categories that didn't make the cut are Supporting Actor and Supporting Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series or Movie. According to Variety, the two talents projected to win in these respective categories this year are David Harbour for "DITF St. Louis" and Constance Zimmer for "Love Story."

Q. Is it true that Robert Redford was supposed to star in "Yellowstone"? Was it the role that Kevin Costner played? — L.G.

A. Before "Yellowstone" found its home with Paramount, its creator Taylor Sheridan pitched the show to HBO. He suggested actor Kevin Costner in the lead role of John Dutton, but HBO wanted a "generational talent" of Robert Redford's stature, which Sheridan misunderstood to mean Robert Redford himself. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Sheridan personally visited

Host of the 2026 Emmys Mariska Hargitay ("Law & Order: SVU")
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legendary movie star accepted), only to have to rescind it when HBO clarified that they wanted someone of Redford's type but not age. Costner went on to play Dutton for five seasons before departing the show. Meanwhile, Sheridan went on to dedicate the first episode of his most recent hit series "The Madison" to Redford, in what's felt to be a fitting tribute.

Q. Are they still going to do "The Traitors" with noncelebrities? If so, when and where will it air? — C.C.

A. Yes, "The Traitors: New Blood" will launch its two-hour premiere episode on NBC on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 8 p.m. ET. This version featuring civilian contestants will also be hosted by Alan Cumming, the two-time Emmy-winning host of Peacock's "The Traitors." It'll be filmed at the Ardross Castle in the Scottish Highlands as well. Twenty-two contestants, who were chosen from a nationwide search of more than 60,000 applicants, will compete for the \$250,000 prize — and what's sure to be a lucrative career on social media when it airs! Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

What to watch SATURDAY

August 1, 2026

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

Great White Highway

Discovery Channel, 8 p.m.

Great white sharks are pushing farther up the East Coast than ever before and in far greater numbers, leading to close encounters, forcing beach closures and leaving locals wondering where the next attack could happen. A daring team of shark scientists races to install high-tech receivers and tag as many great whites as possible before another harrowing incident rocks the country.

Toast to Italy

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Hallmark is pairing up *Chicago Med*'s Torrey DeVitto and *Royal Matchmaker*'s Will Kemp in this Italy-infused romance. DeVitto plays Jenny, a woman who travels to Italy for a special bottle of wine for her sister's wedding. There she meets Arrigo (Kemp), also looking

CATCH A CLASSIC

Summer Under the Stars: Doris Day

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

The legendary Doris Mary Anne Kappelhoff, more commonly known as Doris Day, kicks off TCM's annual Summer Under the Stars, the monthlong programming event that dedicates each day to a Hollywood legend, which was first launched in August 2003 with James Stewart. TCM has picked 12 of Day's films to show, beginning with her first film, **Romance on the High Seas** (1948), which follows a nightclub singer posing as a

'Killer Clown'

ALBERT CAMICIOLO

Killer Clown

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Inspired by real stories, this thriller finds Elizabeth Helmer (Sara Paxton) haunted by a crime that shattered her childhood: when she witnessed her mother's brutal murder at the hands of the "Killer Clown." When she begins investigating the long-unsolved cold case, Elizabeth becomes the target of a terrifying copycat stalker, forcing her to confront painful memories she has spent a lifetime trying to escape. As she searches for answers alongside her father Reed (David Cubitt) and husband Dan (Hamza Haq), Elizabeth uncovers a tangled web of family betrayal and long-buried secrets.

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socialite on a cruise where Day performs her Academy Award-nominated signature song "It's Magic." Later is **Love Me or Leave Me** (1955), the story of Ruth Etting (played by Day), taking place in the Roaring '20s. Other films in this salute see Day playing a widowed mother after the Civil War who leads her

Thresher Shark: Stun to Kill

Discovery Channel, 9 p.m.

Shark Week concludes with this final new special that looks at the physics behind the thresher shark's devastating tail strike. Shark scientist Dr. Craig O'Connell and marine biologist Aliah Banchik dive into the direct line of fire as they attempt to reveal exactly how these predators use their tails to stun and kill.

Original Gangsters With Sean Bean

SundanceTV, 10 p.m. ■ Limited Series

In this four-part documentary series, Sean Bean (*Game of Thrones*) takes audiences through a rogues' gallery of history's greatest and most iconic gangsters, from Al Capone to the real Peaky Blinders.

local women's suffrage movement in **The Ballad of Josie** (1967); as a journalism professor who meets up with a city editor in the rom-com **Teacher's Pet** (1958); and portraying a terrorized woman receiving death threats over the phone in the 1960 horror flick **Midnight Lace** (pictured), where Day's performance was so intense and captivating she was nominated for a 1961 Best Actress Golden Globe. Day strived to be known for more than just musicals and was willing to do controversial movies that delved into uncomfortable themes. One of the last movies in the tribute is the heavy **Storm Warning** (1950), in which a woman sees a reporter killed by white supremacists. It was Day's first non-singing role.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'Cruella'

DISNEY

Superbad (2007, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera **IFC, 6 p.m.**

Dirty Grandpa (2016, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Zac Efron **Comedy Central, 6:30 p.m.**

Descendants: Wicked Wonderland 2 (2026, Comedy) Kylie Cantrall, Malia Baker **Disney, 7 p.m.**

John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist **AMC, 7 p.m.**

The Drama (2026, Drama) Robert Pattinson **HBO, 8 p.m.**

The Equalizer 2 (2018, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal **TBS, 8 p.m.**

Cruella (2021, Comedy) Emma Stone, Emma Thompson **Freeform, 8:25 p.m.**

Training Day (2001, Crime drama) Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke **BET, 9 p.m.**

You're Dating a Narcissist! (2025, Romance-comedy) Marisa Tomei, Sherry Cola **SHO, 9 p.m.**

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight **FX, 10 p.m.**

Casino (1995, Crime drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone **Sundance, 11 p.m.**

Mickey 17 (2025, Science fiction) Robert Pattinson, Naomi Ackie **HBO, 11:30 p.m.**

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What to watch SUNDAY

August 2, 2026

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MLB Baseball: Boston at L.A. Dodgers

NBC, 7 p.m. Live

Sunday Night Baseball is in Los Angeles as Willson Contreras, Wilyer Abreu and the Boston Red Sox wrap up a three-game series against Freddie Freeman, Max Muncy and the Dodgers.

Patience

PBS, 8 p.m. ■ Season Finale

In “Hostage,” the Season 2 finale, Patience and Frankie (Ella Maisy Purvis and Jessica Hynes) are held captive by an escaped prisoner seeking justice. As armed police prepare to storm the building, Frankie’s past resurfaces.



‘The Librarians: The Next Chapter’

BRANIMIR MILOVANOVIC, TNT

Decades in Sports

CNN, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

Decades in Sports explores the defining moments, athletes and cultural shifts that shaped sports over the past six decades, including the television revolution and Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, the transformative social and political changes of the 1970s, and the impact of social media on today’s biggest sports stars. Each decade reveals the unforgettable athletes, championship moments and cultural milestones that transformed sports and America. The six-episode series debuts with two episodes tonight.

Grantchester

PBS, 9 p.m. ■ Series Finale

The beloved mystery series comes to an end after 11 seasons. Geordie (Robson Green) fights for his life while Alphy (Rishi Nair) tracks a fugitive through the countryside. As an era ends, the Grantchester family must face final questions of love, redemption and forgiveness.

The Librarians: The Next Chapter

TNT, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The fantasy-adventure series returns for a sophomore season of mystery, magic and mayhem. The newly expanded team of Librarians and unconventional heroes are pushed to their limits as they take on fantastical missions filled with high-stakes challenges, unexpected responsibilities and unpredictable characters, including familiar faces and special guest stars. Further complicating matters, the group unexpectedly crosses paths with legendary magician Merlin (Dominic Monaghan), who challenges the very foundation of the Library and tempts them to break its most sacred rule.

The Mega-Brands That Built America

History, 10 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The show returns for a fourth season, exploring the origin stories behind some of the world’s biggest brands. The season premiere, “Road Warriors,” shows how a struggling automaker and Detroit’s industry titan raced to build a revolutionary all-purpose military vehicle during World War II, then spent decades battling to reinvent their wartime creation into America’s most popular type of car: the SUV.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Summer Under the Stars: Humphrey Bogart

TCM, beginning at 6 a.m.

Humphrey Bogart, named the greatest male star in American cinema history by the American Film Institute, was not only a great actor but also a cultural icon, making him the subject of today’s Summer Under the Stars marathon. Twelve of his films are featured, including his most famous movie, 1942’s **Casablanca** (pictured), the iconic story of a nightclub owner and his first love and their reunion later in life, and **Dark Victory** (1939), where Bogart plays a horse trainer in love with a socialite who suffers from terminal brain cancer. The marathon also includes some of his crime movies like **Dark Passage** (1947), where Bogart plays



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a man wrongly accused of murdering his wife, leading him to alter his appearance and go on the run to clear his name; **We’re No Angels** (1955), following three escaped prisoners and their stay with a family on Christmas Eve; **Across the Pacific** (1942), where Bogart plays a World War II spy trying to sell his military expertise and turn on the United States; and **The Harder They Fall** (1956), Bogart’s final film, in which he plays a sports reporter working for a corrupt boxing promoter.

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What to watch MONDAY

August 3, 2026

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WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Chicago

USA Network, 8 p.m. Live

Catch Kahleah Copper and the Phoenix Mercury visiting Kamilla Cardoso and Chicago Sky at Wintrust Arena.

Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro

ABC, 8 p.m.

In tonight’s new episode, “Bring on the Intensity: Chemistry With Jenna Johnson,” Johnson challenges the eight couples to create a passionate routine that builds trust and chemistry while tackling the rumba and Argentine tango.

All American

The CW, 8 p.m.

Coop (Bre-Z) throws a dinner party at the Bakers’ house that turns into the perfect storm of fights as everyone’s secrets come to light in the new episode “The Truth.”



‘Lioness’

RYAN GREEN, PARAMOUNT+

Lioness

Showtime, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

In Season 3, Joe (Zoe Saldana) walks the line between duty and home as unseen forces circle her world. She confronts enemies operating in the shadows, leaving her to reckon with a war that now reaches into every part of her life. Michael Kelly, Nicole Kidman and Morgan Freeman also star.

Maine Cabin Masters: All Inn

Magnolia Network, 9 p.m.

In “Weird Bathrooms B&B,” the *Maine Cabin* team updates the bathrooms, battling rot, ants and weather along the way. Local Maine artisans help the crew achieve a rustic, elegant design in each bathroom.

Modern Marvels: WWII

History, 9 p.m.

The three-episode series concludes with two back-to-back episodes tonight: “Mega Builds” and “Gear and Gadgets.” The episodes chart how World War II was the ultimate global arms race — where victory depended on who could invent, build and scale the most incredible engineering feats to ultimately change the course of history. The world’s greatest scientists and engineers decided the fate of nations and influenced the technology of today. The series reveals how urgency, ambition and imagination accelerated breakthroughs that permanently reshaped warfare, industry and everyday life.

Crashers

HGTV, 10 p.m.

In the new episode “Divided Design,” Jonathan Knight and his team crash a couple’s basement, where man-cave dreams clash with family-first vision. The 72-hour transformation creates a single space built for play and hosting, all to accommodate a couple’s competing goals for the space.

POV

PBS, 10 p.m.

In “The Gas Station Attendant,” director Karla Murthy presents this deeply personal documentary exploring migration, identity and the complexities of family. Through decades of home movies and recorded phone conversations, Murthy traces her father’s unlikely journey from the streets of India to building a life in America.



MGM

romantic window into history that follows the life and career of U.S. Air Force pilot Joseph C. McConnell (Alan Ladd) and his wife, Pearl (Allyson).

assigned to help a college quarterback pass his test, leading to their inevitable relationship; 1946’s **Two Sisters From Boston** (pictured), where two sisters find love with a piano man and opera fan; **Too Young to Kiss** (1951), one of Allyson’s greatest hits — for which she won a Golden Globe for Best Actress — which told the risqué love story between a talented pianist pretending to be a 13-year-old child prodigy and the showrunner who falls for her, causing a series of misunderstandings and comedy gold; **Battle Circus** (1953), where she plays a Korean War nurse who falls in love with an Army surgeon, played by Humphrey Bogart; and others. Also featured are some of her more intense and less comedic roles such as **The McConnell Story** (1955), an emotional,

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



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The Martian (2015, Science fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain **TNT, 6 p.m.**

The Princess Bride (1987, Children) Cary Elwes, Robin Wright **BBC America, 6:30 p.m.**

Insidious: Chapter 3 (2015, Horror) Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott **SYFY, 7:30 p.m.**

My Daughter Was Taken (2026, Suspense) Patrice Goodman, Scott Gibson **LMN, 8 p.m.**

Unstoppable (2010, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Moana (2016, Children) Auli’i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson **Freeform, 8:30 p.m.**

The Intern (2015, Comedy-drama) Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway **Paramount, 8:30 p.m.**

Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017, Action) Tom Holland, Michael Keaton **FX, 9 p.m.**

The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (2024, Action) Henry Cavill, Eiza González **SYFY, 9:30 p.m.**

The Social Network (2010, Drama) Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield **VH1, 10 p.m.**

10 Cloverfield Lane (2016, Suspense) John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead **SHO, 10:30 p.m.**

Aquaman (2018, Action) Jason Momoa, Amber Heard **TNT, 11 p.m.**

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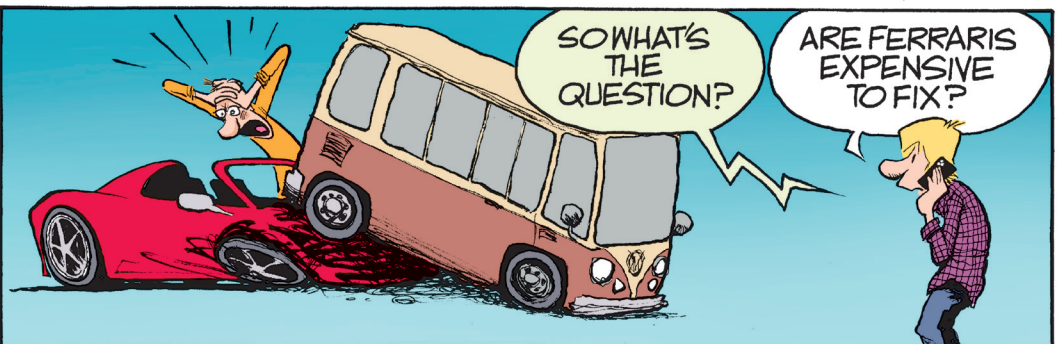
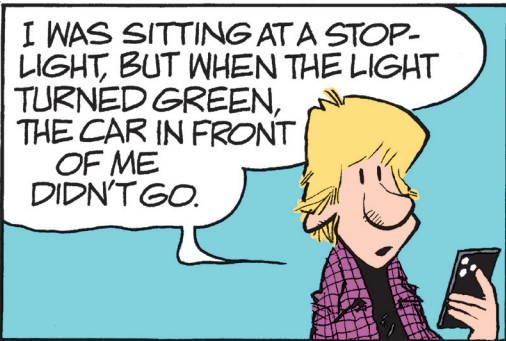
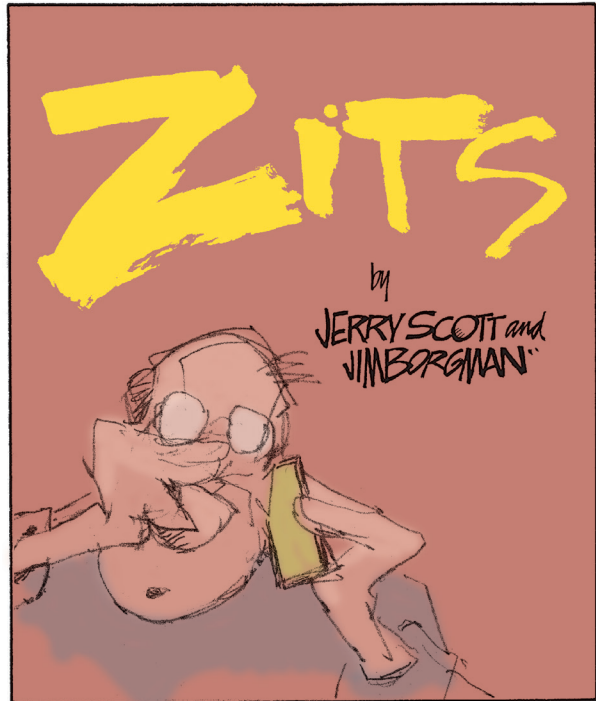
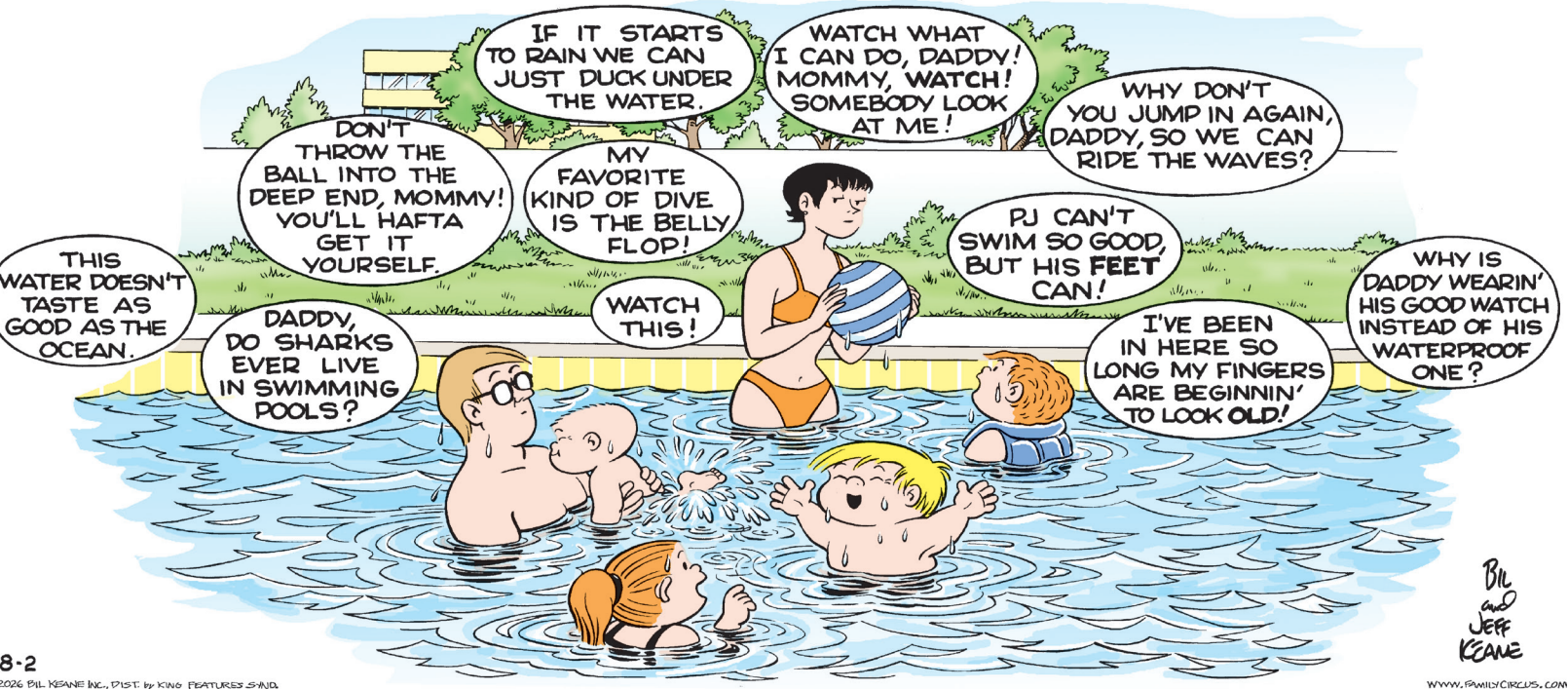
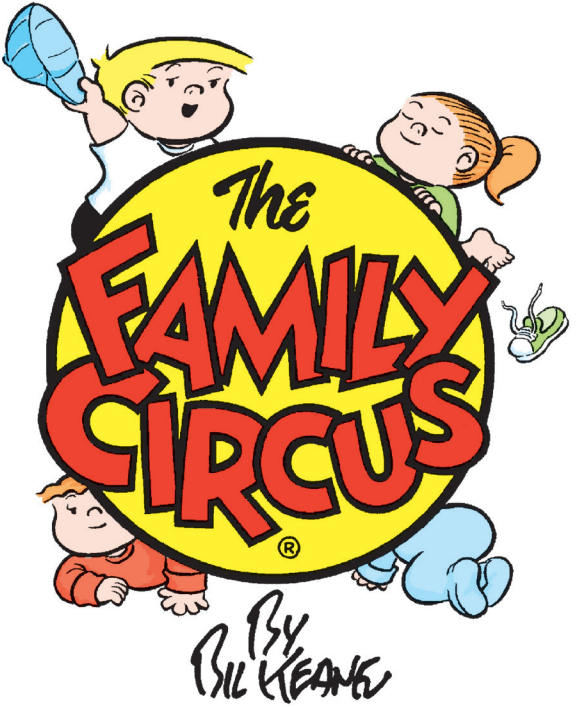
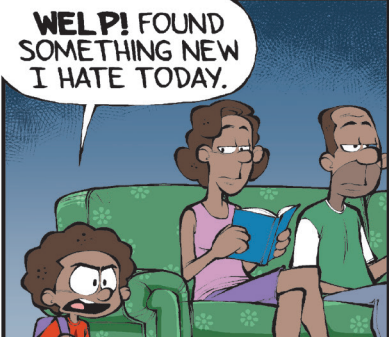
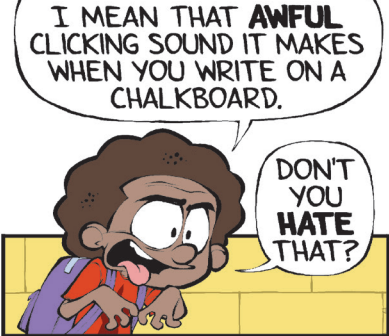
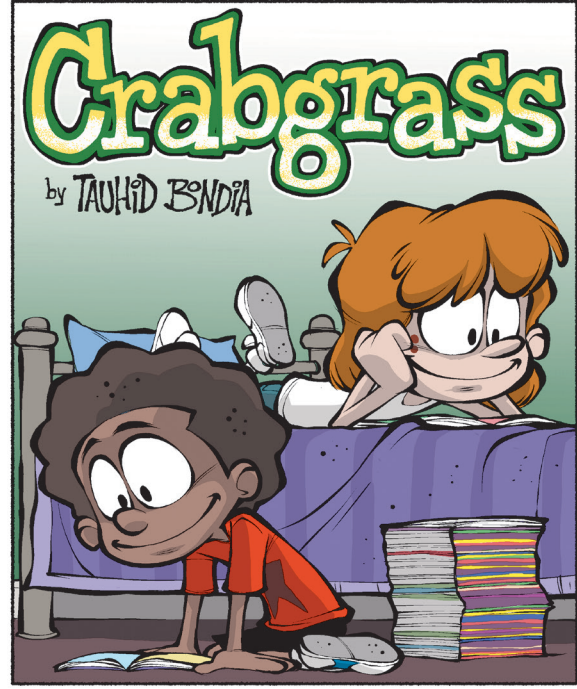
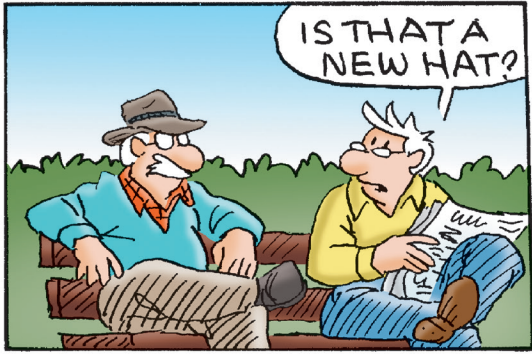
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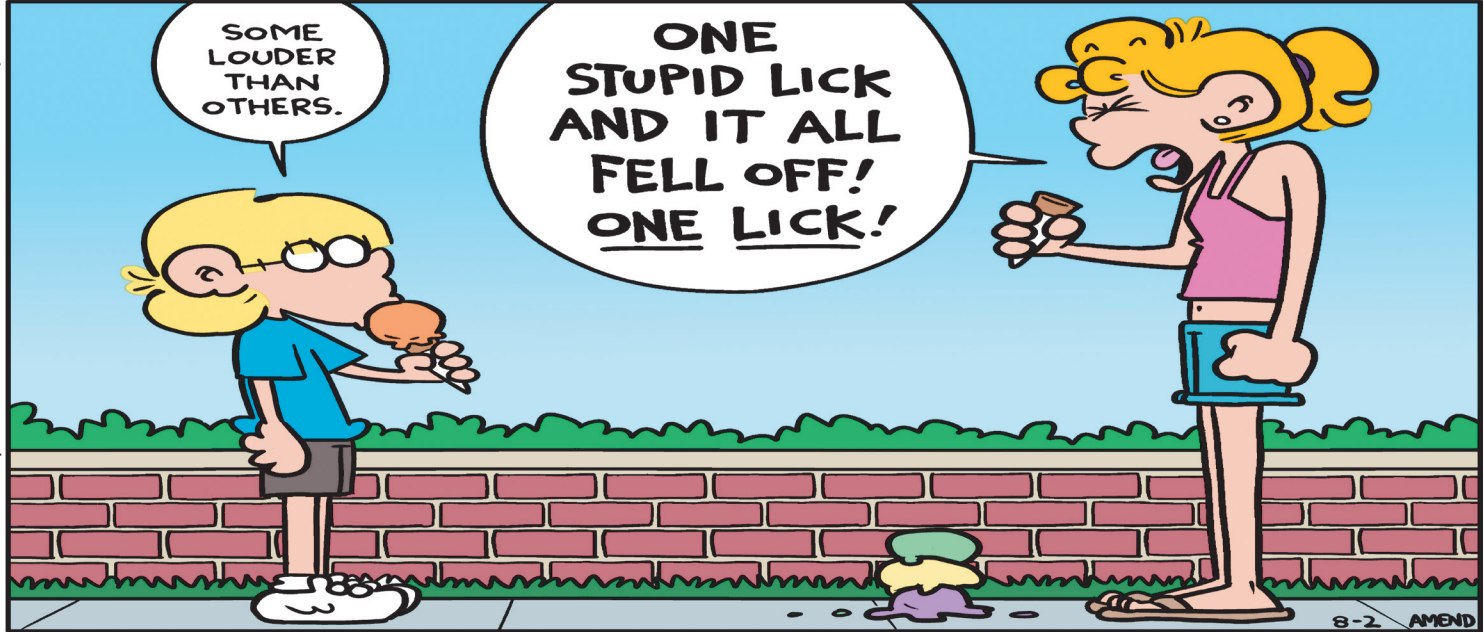
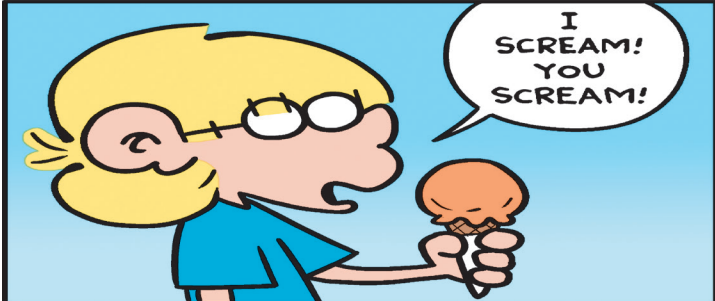
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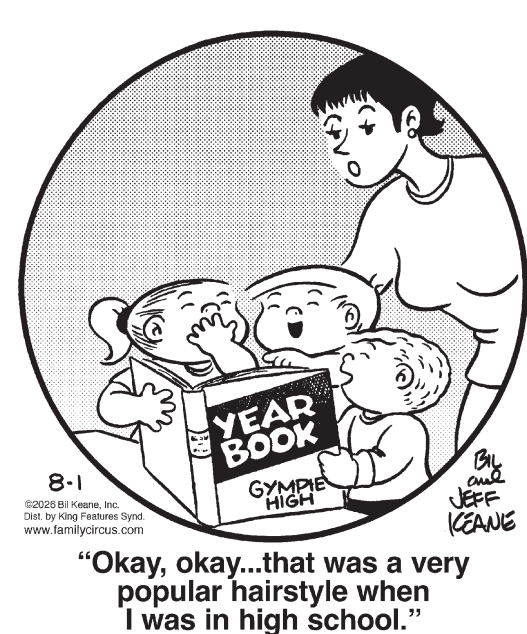


FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



IF NO ONE HAS AN OBJECTION TO MY PLAN, WE WILL PROCEED

XXXX

GREG MORT WALKER

I DO

I DO

I DO

I DO

EXCELLENT PLAN, SIR!

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MR. B, AS SOON AS I GOT HOME FROM CAMP, MY MOM SIGNED ME UP FOR KARATE!

MFLBM...

THAT'S BESIDES BEING ON A BASEBALL AND SOCCER TEAM!

UH...HUH

IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK SHE WAS TRYING TO KEEP ME OUT OF THE HOUSE

Z

Marschall 8-1

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YOUR PROBLEM IS YOU ARE A YES MAN!

I'M NOT A YES MAN!

OH, YOU'RE NOT, ARE YOU?

YES, I'M NOT!

SEE!

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JEREMY IS GOING TO APPLY FOR THAT JOB AT PIPKIN'S!

GREAT!

IN FACT, HE'S UPSTAIRS NOW PUTTING ON A TIE.

I'M GOING CORPORATE, BUT NOT TOO CORPORATE

I SHOULDN'T LOOK, SHOULD I?

NOT YET.

GROTTMANN BORGHMANN

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I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THAT, PEARL!

WE'LL KEEP LOOKING. I'M SURE WE'LL FIND IT..

MUFFIN HAS NEVER STOLEN A PURSE BEFORE.

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

**LION
LION
LION
LION**

JOY

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:

Pride and joy

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

[illegible]

37 Green —
Packers
38 Rounds of
applause
40 Sand hill
41 To the other
side
44 Swamp
45 Food fish
46 Jam-packed
50 Plastic
container
51 Theater
worker
53 Cakes and —
54 Fuss
55 Contaminate
56 Bite
57 Soak flax
58 Game show
host
59 Make lace

- 1 Top performer
- 2 City on the Tiber
- 3 Small telescope

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BLE Chris Browne

BUT I THOUGHT YOU BEING A **ZOOKEEPER** WOULD MAKE US COMPATIBLE!

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SORRY! I CAN'T LIVE WITH COMING HOME TO MY WORK!

JEFFREY PRICE

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SCALZ

WELL, WE TRIED USING MY MASTER TO GET INTO A BUTCHER SHOP, AND THAT DIDN'T WORK.

AND WE ALSO TRIED GETTING INTO AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET, AND A PINING CAR ON A TRAIN, AND THOSE DIDN'T WORK EITHER.

ANY LAST THINGS WE HAVEN'T TRIED?

NOPE, CAN'T THINK OF ANY.

OKAY. I GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.

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By DAVID
OUELLET

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

POPULAR 'GIRLY' TATTOOS

Solution: 9 letters

S	R	E	B	M	U	N	O	I	L	E	D	N	A	D
E	E	K	A	N	S	T	N	E	L	L	E	N	R	I
S	S	P	I	N	E	N	V	O	L	T	G	E	A	A
R	S	C	A	N	S	E	O	A	O	E	A	S	N	M
O	W	O	A	H	E	C	M	U	L	M	E	®	K	R
H	A	L	E	L	S	S	Q	R	C	V	©	S	L	E
A	P	L	S	T	R	E	E	A	A	®	U	D	E	M
E	L	A	H	E	A	R	T	W	®	T	E	B	I	A
S	E	R	C	L	O	C	K	N	O	T	S	N	E	N
D	A	S	R	R	H	U	E	L	A	T	I	T	E	D
U	V	E	T	E	O	E	Y	D	A	G	U	R	L	A
O	E	N	R	D	G	W	S	F	L	C	E	Y	G	L
L	S	I	I	N	F	I	N	I	T	Y	E	L	A	A
C	B	V	W	A	I	S	T	A	C	L	O	V	E	R
S	G	N	I	W	R	I	S	T	E	U	Q	U	O	B

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Angel, Ankle, Bouquet, Cats, Clock, Clouds, Clover, Collar, Cool, Crescent, Crown, Cute, Dandelion, Date, Dreamcatcher, Eagle, Elegant, Heart, Infinity, Keys, Lace, Leaves, Lotus, Mandala, Medusa, Mermaid, Mini, Moon, Numbers, Paws, Planet, Quote, Ribs, Rose, Seahorse, Shapes, Shells, Sleeve, Small, Snake, Spine, Star, Tiger, Tree, Vines, Waist, Wand, Waves, Wings, Wrist

TODAY'S ANSWER: Butterfly

ADAM@HOME

BY ROB HARRELL

CLAY MONSTERS?

YEP. IT'S TOO HOT OUTSIDE.

QUITE THE MENAGERIE YOU HAVE GOING.

YEAH. I'M TRYING TO GET CREATIVE.

THIS IS GROMTHOMPER.

THIS IS THE STOMPCLOMPER.

THIS IS THE BUZZINATOR.

THE BUZZINATOR LOOKS FAMILIAR.

IT HAS MAYONNAISE FOR BLOOD AND SPITS COFFEE FROM ITS NOSE.

CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON

IT'S NICE THAT THE COUNTY CARES ABOUT OUR HEALTH, BUT CROP-DUSTING US WITH SUNSCREEN IS A BIT MUCH.

SPLAT!

SPLAT!

THE BORN LOSER®

by Art & Chip Sansom

JEFF CRETER! LONG TIME, NO SEE!

WHAT'S NEW, THORNY?

I'VE BEEN SAVING UP TO GET A POOL. TODAY IS MY OFFICIAL OPENING!

PERFECT TIMING, WITH THIS HEAT WAVE WE'RE HAVING, YOU LUCKY DOG!

THAT'S WHERE I'M SPENDING THE AFTERNOON! WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME?

I'D LOVE TO! I'LL GET MY SWIM TRUNKS, SHOULD I STOP BY IN ABOUT AN HOUR?

YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT A BIT LATER THAN THAT,

I HAVEN'T BLOWN IT UP YET!

Jeff MacNelly's SHOE

By Ben Lansing & Susie MacNelly

GOOD MORNING, ROZ. LET'S HEAR TODAY'S SPECIAL.

TODAY IS SPECIAL!!!

LAZY & LAZY

NOTHING IS BITING TODAY, FRANK. SHOULD I CHANGE MY BAIT?

FOR THE FISH? YES...

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN KURTZ & JOHN MARSHALL

I THINK YOUR CARPOOL IS LEAVING WITHOUT YOU

NO! NO! NO! I CAN'T BE LATE FOR THE BOSS'S BIG PRESENTATION THIS MORNING!!

GOTTA GO! I LOVE YOU!!

GOOD LUCK HONEY!

STEP ON IT! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!!

WAIT! STOP! I'VE GOTTA GO BACK!!

WHAT FOR?!

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HOW FAR DID YOU GET?

37TH AND MAIN

Mort Walker's

beetle bailey

I'M GETTING DEPRESSED

YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE

WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU, BEETLE?

THE ARMY IS TOUGH, DOC...

I CAN NEVER SLEEP IN...

THE BARRACKS ARE HOT AND CROWDED...

THE FOOD IS TERRIBLE...

AND I GET BOSSSED AROUND CONSTANTLY

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SO, WHY DID YOU ENLIST?

I SLEEP THROUGH MY ALARM, I CAN'T PAY RENT, I DON'T COOK, AND I HAVE NO AMBITION

Hank Ketchum's

Dennis the Menace

PICTURE PERFECT

CAN'T I JUST WATCH TV?

I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!

LET'S PRETEND WE'RE IN A MOVIE THEATER...

...AND THIS IS A BIG SCREEN!

JUST SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW!

YOU FORGOT SOMETHING.

WHAT'S THAT?

THE SODA AND POPCORN.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

AND NOW WE JOIN A MEETING OF THE NATION'S BILLIONAIRES, ALREADY IN PROGRESS...

Gentlemen, all we know for sure is that no matter which party is in charge, **WE** have the power... Which is why our wealth only **GROWS!**

HEAR HEAR!

And why there are now 1,000 of us American billionaires holding more money than the bottom 170 million Americans combined!

HUZZAH!

But the natives are getting restless. They're catching on to the fact that they're getting hosed no matter **WHAT** party's in office.

What do we do?

WE DISTRACT! DIVIDE! MAKE THE PEASANTS FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES!!

BIOLOGICAL MEN SHOULD PLAY IN WOMEN'S SPORTS!!

THEY'RE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS!!

HIP HIP HURRAY!

THE POWER STRUCTURE EXPLAINED

BUT BIOLOGICAL MEN ARE SO MUCH STRONGER!