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City Commission takes action on proposed downtown hotel, two theater renovation projects

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ALBANY – A number of downtown projects are on the Albany City Commission’s radar, including the holy grail of them all in the form of two vacant landmarks that developers are trying to revive as a hotel project.

Two historic theaters are also among the ongoing efforts downtown and were under discussion this week.

On Tuesday, commissioners took another step in the saga to transform the former Water, Gas & Light building at the corner of Pine Avenue and North Washington Street and former Davis Brothers De-

partment Store/Albany Herald location across from it in the intersection into a hotel.

Bethesda, Md.-based Woodmont Lodging has developed plans for the former WG&L building as The Gordon, borrowing from the original name of the building as the Hotel Gordon, which was constructed more than 100 years ago.

The commission approved a purchase agreement with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of Albany to allow the organization to have control of the buildings at 205 and 207 Pine Ave. and the former Herald building at

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Special Photo

The Albany Theater, which opened in September 1927, was damaged in a 2018 fire. An earlier attempt by a private developer to renovate the building failed. The Albany City Commission has earmarked \$2 million to address contaminants and structural issues with the building.

Special Graphic: ASU
ASU Foundation Blue & Gold Scholarship Gala event will take place April 3 at the ASU West Campus Arena.

Tickets go on sale for ASU Blue & Gold Gala

Albany State opens ticket sales for the 2027 Blue & Gold Scholarship Gala, a student-centered celebration supporting scholarships and student success.

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ALBANY – Albany State University has opened ticket sales for its 2027 ASU Foundation Blue & Gold Scholarship Gala, an annual celebration supporting student achievement and scholarships. The event will take place April 3 at the Albany State University West Campus Arena.

This year’s gala will introduce a new, student-centered experience designed to place Albany State students at the heart of the evening. Under the direction of Chief University Growth Officer Troy Beetz, guests will hear directly from students about their Albany State experience, accomplishments, aspirations and the opportunities that are helping prepare them for success.

“The Future Is Golden: Celebrating Student Promise. Investing in Possibility.” will serve as the theme for the 2027 Gala, which will feature a Roaring Twenties-inspired black-tie experience, entertainment, student speakers, and opportunities for guests to connect directly with Albany State students.

Presidential Scholars will play a featured role throughout the evening, engaging with guests at tables and sharing their personal experiences as Albany State students. Their participation will provide guests with a first-hand look at the impact of investing in student success and the promise of the next generation of Golden Rams.

A portion of the funds raised through the Gala will support the Presidential Scholars Program; a needs-based scholarship initiative designed to attract high-achieving students, strengthen retention and increase four-year graduation rates.

“Recruiting students is only the beginning,” Beetz said. “Our responsibility is to create an environment where students are supported,

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Historic church demolished



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church facility at 1905 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive is now a pile of rubble. The now-demolished facility served as the congregation’s second home after it moved from the historic church building on Whitney Avenue. The facility on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive was deemed uninhabitable after vandals struck, damaging the building and stripping wiring. The church reportedly plans to build a new structure at the location to serve as a polling site for county voters. The precinct has been moved temporarily to the First Mount Olive Jake Edwards Fellowship Hall precinct located at 513 Corn Ave., the site voters will use for the Nov. 3 election.

Wild Game Dinner marks 34 years as South Georgia Scouting reaches for next generation

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ALBANY — More than a century after organized Scouting first took root in southwest Georgia, local leaders say the program is working to preserve its traditional mission while adapting to a new generation of young people.

That effort will get a major boost Oct. 8, when the South Georgia Council of Scouting America hosts the 34th annual Lem Griffin Wild Game Dinner, Auction & Gun Raffle at the Exchange Club Fairgrounds in Albany.

The fundraiser supports Scouting programs throughout the council’s

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Special Photo

Attendees gather for a previous Lem Griffin Wild Game Dinner at the Exchange Club Fairgrounds in Albany. The annual fundraiser supports Scouting programs across the South Georgia Council’s 28-county service area.

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Daily Horoscopes

SATURDAY SEPT. 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It can be hard to wait on things you feel ready to do, but better outcomes are worth the wait. While this week was completely underwater, next week brings some days with better odds for better results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): That frank talk you could be thinking about is better left in the realm of thought for now at least. Your perspective could be more subjective than you realize, and today is the worst day of September for helpful outcomes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Ignore the special offer today, no price drop or added benefit is worth what happens when you initiate something under dark stars. Timing will always impact satisfaction, performance, and lifespan. Of anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't discard a new insight but don't immediately take it on board as truth with a capital 'T.' Live with it a while, kick the tires, see how it feels. You could be insightful but stars this deep into quicksand can distort things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A major purchase today would likely become a major mistake — the purchase date sets the Ruling Chart for whatever you buy. Today would set up a chart to run from, not a chart that could benefit your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might feel a little vulnerable in the world for a few hours and it's not the worst idea to mitigate risk today. Worst days are the highest risk days generally, your personal cycles deter-

mine how exposed you could be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): While you may want to grab a new concept and run with it, don't. At least not until Monday or after. Focus on the deepest elements of who you are, you could be in a process of reinvention. Freedom awaits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scrolling can lead you through many versions of life, but it can also manipulate emotions. Beware a roller coaster ride leading nowhere under today's nowhere stars — keep your energy internally-focused and solid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional turmoil, whether conscious or buried, is a driver of the worst decisions. Don't decide today, poor stars are the second component of the 'why not.' Focus your mind on what you can build going forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relationships could be sticky with today's deeply below-zero stars and your sector of relationships filled with drama. Work through issues Monday or after, today and tomorrow aren't helpful days.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Just getting routines handled could feel like a lot today, moods could change quickly and dramatically in you and in everyone else. Put one foot in front of the other and don't let frustration take over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The path to creation could be full of speed bumps and potholes today, the artistry is in working with what's in front of you. Today's materials are different than yesterday's, and also different than tomorrow's.

TUESDAY SEPT. 8

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Creators could be in their zone today even with below-zero stars. Since stars slide even lower tomorrow, don't initiate anything important. Rely on tried-and-true techniques and methods now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A path to a positive improvement could emerge in your living space, but there will be a better chance of successful integration if you wait to initiate it until Thursday or Saturday or another above-zero day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let ideas continue to clarify and improve — they very likely will. Odds are always better when Universal day scores are above zero, consider this when planning when to hold important conversations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A big financial idea might not be a total solution, and it's not time to put anything significant into service now. Continue to work on plans. Put them into motion when positive day scores bring better odds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your mood could be strong and feel okay to run with, but it could come across as very much over the top to others — better to keep things low-key today and tomorrow. Postpone financial decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might need to work through something bothersome to arrive at your place of inner peace. Don't be afraid to show up as yourself but also calibrate a bit if today's

sinking stars are throwing people off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk a friend down off the precipice and into a more balanced viewpoint from which they will be able to make better choices. More time invested into your inner life can take you where you need to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Given a choice between something extreme or something stable, align with what's stable for far better long-term results. Dearest friends can make life sweet and very much worth living.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Career matters could be highlighted, advance yourself on above-zero days, do careful risk management on sinking days like today into tomorrow. Consider expanding your knowledge-base.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): While an idea for shared space or resources could clarify and be actionable, the timing is off for making it a success now. Wait until Thursday or for another above-zero day to initiate a plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A heart connection with someone close could feel deep and meaningful today. Hold off on money moves now including investments, opening a financial account, or making big decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You could glean more satisfaction from your daily rounds now than is normal — make your day a moving meditation, be grateful for the small moments. A relationship could become central.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Life is just a mirror, and what you see out there, you must first see inside of you."

Wally "Famous" Amos,
cookie maker (1936-)

CORRECTION

This newspaper is committed to publishing fair and accurate information. Errors should be brought to the attention of Editor Carlton Fletcher at (229) 888-9300. Corrections or clarifications will appear in this space.

SQUAWKBOX

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Congratulations, MAGA. You got your cuts in government regulations resulting in recalls and outbreaks of food contamination. By the way, we have a \$1.8 trillion budget deficit, and you can't blame it on the "liberals in Congress." Enjoy your dinner and hope you don't get E. coli. That Man Without a Family

As difficult it is to say, it seems long overdue for Albany and Dougherty leaders to take a fresh look at the level of services provided to low-income individuals in the area. While some are needed, it has become clear to anyone with a brain that many organizations, many religious groups, illegally skim off the top. Too many able-bodied adults choose not to work. Everywhere is hiring. This laziness is a cancer in our community. Anyone that claims differently has been part of the problem for 25 years. Taxpayers' pockets are empty. Time for change.

I see people in this forum complaining more and more about local government, but complaining is all any of them do. Why not take action to recall these crooks, to bring state pressure down on them?

Heard may be about the simplest little man I've ever seen. He decided attempts to repair the falling-apart jail are "political plots" against him, so he and that engineering genius Clinton Johnson say "just put this 30-year-old HVAC system back together with bubble gum and a gem clip." Stupid, stupid, stupid.

The former "lawyer"/tax assessor gets to stay on, making decisions on the value of people's houses when her house should be an 8x8 cell. How stupid is it to keep this person in a position where she can continue to screw up people's lives?

Squawker, I notice you only have unkind words for city and county leaders who don't look like you. Could it be that your useless rants are "color-coded?"

Fletcher, it looks like your column Saturday about the Braves is hitting home. I don't know how -- well, other than Chris Sale is an amazing ballplayer -- this meager group swept the Dodgers, but they're headed right back down to earth with losses to the loser Giants and Nationals. And so it goes.

The fact that Albany city commissioners are using taxpayer dollars for a retreat this October tells you everything you need to know about their character. Taxpayers here are at wit's end on higher tax bills and incompetency across city services. Do the right thing. Cancel the retreat. Save those funds, and have a meeting in town to consider how to serve people here. We don't want to pay for your vacation.

We need way more Bodine Sinyards, a lot less Lorenzo Heards.

Here's what's sad, Squawkers: Many of you in this forum and in the community at large continue to talk openly about how the Dougherty County Commission, and especially its chairman, is conducting illegal practices with misuse of taxpayer funds, but the group that put him in office continues to support him no matter what. Sounds like that other group who do the same for Trump. Both are disgusting.

Weather Forecast



Today
91°
75°



Sunday
91°
75°



Monday
87°
74°



Tuesday
88°
71°



Wednesday
90°
72°



Thursday
91°
72°



Friday
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74°

Daily Bridge Club

The five daughters

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

Question: Grace's mom has five daughters: ChaCha, CheChe, ChiChi, ChoCho and ...

If you answered ChuChu, you

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may be the type of person who would play today's four spades the same way as the actual declarer.

When West led the king of clubs, South grabbed the ace. He next took the A-K of trumps. When West discarded a diamond, South led a club, and West won with the jack and shifted to a diamond: three, king, ace. When declarer conceded another club, West cashed his queen of diamonds, and East's queen of trumps won the setting trick.

DISCARD

South could succeed if he resisted playing impulsively: He must let West's king win the first club. If West leads a second club, South takes the ace, cashes his high trumps and loses a club, setting up a club in dummy to

pitch his jack of diamonds. If instead West shifts to a diamond at Trick Two, South captures East's king and returns the jack. Dummy's ten furnishes a club discard.

The fifth daughter, of course, is Grace.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S A J 7 3 H 4 D 10 5 3 C 8 6 5 3 2. Neither side vulnerable. Your partner opens one spade, and the next player doubles. What do you say?

ANSWER: You should bid the limit of your hand immediately, both to inform your partner and to make it harder for the opponents to come in. Bid three spades. Your jump-raise over the double is weak and preemptive. If you had a good hand, you would have options, perhaps including a redouble.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Boyfriend asks partner to give up her dog

By Eric Thomas
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Dear Eric: My special friend and I are in our late 70's and have lost our long-time spouses. We are blessed to have found each other on a hiking trip and for two years have been inseparable.

His family loves me and I love his family. Recently he has asked me to sell my house and move in with him.

So, what is the problem? I have a small dog, only five years old and house trained, and I enjoy him and our long walks together. When Gary and I travel I leave my dog with a good friend that I have known for 30 years.

Gary does not want a dog in his house and has casually commented that maybe I could give him to my friend if I move in with him. I am torn; I love my little dog but would like to live the rest of my life with Gary. Is there a solution to this conundrum?

— Out of the Dog House

Dear House: Not to get too hung up on terminology, but if you were to sell your house and move in with Gary, it would be your home, too. So, while Gary may not want a dog in his home, you do want a dog in your home, and his wants shouldn't supersede yours. You should be able to define home as together.

Moving in with a partner requires a lot of compromises and creative solutions. But it's a time when you get to merge your lives and see what new thing you can create together. That doesn't necessarily mean that Gary has to become man's best friend's best friend all of

a sudden, but it shouldn't be off the table.

Unless there's a financial imperative for you, it may not be in your best interest to sell your home. What's stopping you from keeping your home and your dog while spending more time at Gary's — provided you can continue to arrange suitable dog sitting when you're there? This way you don't begin this new phase of your relationship grappling with a loss and can fully enjoy the deepening relationship you're building.

Dear Eric: I recently discovered that two sisters I knew 50 years ago passed away in tragic circumstances, one at the age of just 27 and the other at my age. I knew them when we were in college together at a tough time in my life. For two years, these two sisters invited me to visit and study often in their little rented home next to a park with hiking and biking trails and outdoor ice skating in the winter. Over the years we somehow completely lost touch.

I recently learned about a third sister that I never knew, and she lives a few hours away from me. We texted some stories about her sisters, and she said she would like to meet with me to tell me more about her sisters' lives. I would love to know more and have so many questions, but she never follows through to set up a meeting.

She is a nurse who obviously cares about others very much, and I would love to meet her because she reminds me of her two sisters who invited me into their lives long ago. I sup-



Eric Thomas

pose that would make me feel I'm experiencing something of their wonderful personalities beyond the grave. But I haven't pressed by texting or emailing her again. I would never want her to think I'm something like a stalker. It's been about six months. Should I try to contact her again?

— Seeking Sisters

Dear Seeking: Being a little more proactive about setting a time and place to meet with the third sister might help her and you. It's possible that other life commitments distracted her and kept her from following through with the plan you discussed. It's also possible that she, understandably, has complicated emotions about the meeting. But it's fine to take her at her word that she wants to talk with you and share about her sisters.

To make that happen, you might say something more concrete about future plans like, "I'll be in your area next week and I have an open schedule. Can I take you to lunch or coffee so we can talk about your sisters?"

It will help if you offer a set date or dates but leave enough flexibility that she can work around her schedule. It's also a good idea to make plans at a public place and perhaps choose an activity that has a natural time limit, like lunch. The goal is to give her an easy way to say yes and not feel boxed in, while also leaving plenty of space for her to decline or suggest a modification, if she so chooses.

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File Photo
Young people from across south Georgia will meet at the Flint RiverQuarium in Albany in September for a youth cleanup day.

Students to take part in second Flint River Youth Cleanup Day

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ALBANY -- One hundred young leaders — including local students and youths traveling from across south Georgia — will gather at the Flint RiverQuarium here Sept. 26 for the second annual Flint River Youth Cleanup Day.

This initiative brings students together for hands-on riverfront restoration along the Flint River, environmental education and community advocacy. Through this experience, participants learn a critical ecological reality: The Flint River flows directly into the Gulf of Mexico. What begins on our riverbanks in Albany impacts marine ecosystems and ocean health worldwide.

This event is possible thanks to a collaborative network including Cultivating Lives

Educational Services, Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful, the Healthy Ocean Coalition, the Flint RiverQuarium and local leaders.

To keep this program 100% free for every child, organizers are inviting local businesses, churches, financial institutions, and community organizations to join as partners. Organizers currently are seeking bottled water donations and \$150 sponsorships (a \$30 per-child ratio) to cover program admission, supplies and logistics.

Investing in young people and protecting natural waterways benefits all of southwest Georgia. Youth Cleanup Day organizers encourage local partners and businesses interested in sponsoring a child or donating supplies to reach out and stand with rising environmental leaders.

Albany Museum of Art painting class series launches this fall

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ALBANY -- Autumn sparks creativity with days becoming shorter and cooler while nature bursts with brilliant seasonal color. When fall arrives this month, artist Joseph Bryant will lead a series of Wednesday-evening classes at the Albany Museum of Art, allowing high school and adult participants to express themselves on canvas.

“Joseph will teach the process of creating a painting from the first raw sketches to the finished details in this series of six weekly workshops,” AMA Director of Education and Public Programming Annie Van Oteghem said. “He will guide participants through the painting process, covering foundational drawing, proportion, light and shadow, color mixing, painting techniques, and finishing a completed work.”

The workshops will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on six consecutive Wednesdays starting on Sept. 16 — just a few days before fall officially arrives — and concluding on Oct. 21.

“We have gotten requests for art classes for teens and adults, and this will be an excellent series for both those who have never painted and want to learn how, and those with experience who want to refresh and work on their skills,”



Special Photo: Albany Museum of Art
Artist and teacher Joseph Bryant, standing left, and AMA Director of Education and Public Programming Annie Van Oteghem, seated right, join middle and high school students and their artwork during a week-long portraiture art camp that Bryant taught last June. Bryant will teach a series of six Wednesday evening painting classes for adults and high school teens starting Sept. 16.

Van Oteghem said. “Plus, it’s always more enjoyable painting together. It creates great synergy for the artists.”

Bryant is in his fourth year of teaching art at Deerfield-Windsor School’s upper campus.

“Joseph really connects with his students, and that showed this past summer when he taught a week-long portrait painting art camp for high school students at the AMA,” Van Oteghem said. “The teens had a great time, and they did

outstanding work.”

While interested artists can sign up for all six classes individually, they are encouraged to take the full series. Each class will build on the skills introduced in the previous session, allowing participants to develop their work and confidence over the full six weeks.

“We also will offer participants in the series free independent studio time in the AMA Classroom on Saturdays,” Van Oteghem said. “We will let

them know the exact Saturday hours of availability when the series gets underway.”

All painting materials are included with registration, but participants should bring their own sketchbooks.

The dates for the workshops are Sept. 16, 23 and 30, and Oct. 7, 14 and 21. The cost for each session is \$20 for AMA donors, or \$25 for non-donors. The online registration link is at www.albanymuseum.com/fall-2026-painting-series/.

Miss Volunteer America, Miss Volunteer Georgia to visit Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany

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ALBANY – Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany will welcome Miss Volunteer America 2027 Amanda Higginbotham and Miss Volunteer Georgia Sarah Jane Houston to The Club at Thornton Park on Sept. 4 from 4:30-5 p.m.

During their visit, Higginbotham and Houston will work

with upper elementary and middle school girls participating in a SMART Girls lesson focusing on building confidence and self-respect. The visit will provide an opportunity for the young women to engage directly with club members, share their personal perspectives on what confidence and self-respect look like in their own lives, and provide real-life examples of how these qualities can help young people navigate challenges and pursue their goals.

SMART Girls is a small group program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls ages 8-18. The program focuses on health, fitness, prevention and education while promoting self-esteem and positive decision-making. Through discussion, activities, and positive relations with adult mentors and peers, SMART Girls helps participants develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to make health choices and build positive futures.

Higginbotham’s visit is especially meaningful as she begins her year of service as Miss Volunteer America 2027. The national, service-oriented scholarship program empha-

sizes scholarship, education, responsibility, volunteerism and empowerment, providing title holders with opportunities to use their platforms to serve their communities and inspire others.

As Miss Volunteer Georgia, Houston represents Georgia through the Volunteer America program’s commitment to community service, leadership and personal development. Her participation in the SMART Girls lesson will give club members another opportunity to learn from a young woman who is using her platform to encourage others and make a positive difference.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany is proud to provide experiences that expose club members to positive role models and encourage them to become confident, responsible, and successful young adults, program officials said.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Al-

bany is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and enabling young people in Albany and surrounding communities to reach their full potential. For more than 60 years, the clubs have provided a safe, positive space for children and teens across eight locations in Dougherty, Macon and Sumter counties.

The club’s after-school and summer programs promote academic achievement, character development and healthy living. Through targeted initiatives in education, arts, sports, leadership and life skills, the clubs help young people grow into productive, caring and responsible citizens.

With a commitment to redefining the success equation for young people, Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany ensures that every young person who walks through the doors of the club has the opportunities and resources necessary to build a great future.



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Southwell teams with stroke specialists through telehealth

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TIFTON – Southwell has partnered with TeleSpecialists to provide remote stroke care services at Tift Regional Medical Center, connecting the hospital’s clinical team with board-certified stroke specialists. The program recently went live, providing the facility on-demand neurological expertise at the moment it matters most: when a patient’s outcome depends on rapid, accurate treatment decisions.

This collaboration with TeleSpecialists complement the services of TRMC’s two on-staff neurologists: Dr. Brad Lindsey and Dr. Tarek Bakdash.

For communities across south Georgia, geographic distance has long shaped what specialist care is available and how quickly it arrives. Southwell recognized that sustaining and strengthening TRMC’s stroke care required around-the-clock specialist support with the ER

TeleStroke program offered by TeleSpecialists. When a suspected stroke patient arrives to the TRMC Emergency Department, a board-certified stroke specialist is on screen quickly, guiding the clinical team through assessment and entering orders directly into the hospital’s electronic medical record.

The TeleStroke program is the foundation of a broader neurological care continuum at TRMC. TeleSpecialists is also providing TeleNeuroHospitalist Rounding and remote electroencephalogram interpretation, providing the community a path to comprehensive neurological support without leaving the region.

“Expanding access to rapid stroke care is exactly the kind of work that drives our team,” Laurie Mayer, the quality program specialist for teleSpecialists, said. “TRMC brings the same clinical seriousness to this collaboration that we

do, and that alignment is what makes positive outcomes possible. We look forward to what this program delivers for their patients.”

Dr. Kimberly Megow, Southwell’s chief quality and academic affairs officer, said the TeleSpecialists partnership means patients presenting with stroke symptoms will be treated quickly and have improved chances of better outcomes.

“Getting a prompt diagnosis and treatment recommendation is crucial after a stroke,” Megow said. “It increases the chances that clot-dissolving therapies called thrombolytics can be delivered in time to reduce stroke-related disability. Time is brain for stroke patients, and quick diagnosis and treatment are crucial for giving patients the best chance of a good outcome.

Megow said it’s all about enhancing timeliness of care and improving clinical outcomes.

SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX
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The County Commission best get ready for a big-time fight with property owners both residential and commercial. The county already has the highest tax rates in Georgia, further evidenced by our huge number of vacant buildings (homes and businesses). Additionally, there is a continuous loss of population and tax revenue leaving Dougherty county for Lee county.

The Riverfront Park attempted shooting just echoes yet again the dangerous absence of law enforcement in our community. Days go by without seeing a patrol car. These criminals aren't crazy to think they can get away with a lot. Where are our tax dollars? Do we have to ask for another 10 years for more patrol? The 259th community barbecue is not the answer.

Reading the "Cruising Slappy" story really brought back a lot of happy memories for me. I was reminded of a simple time when everyone drove around to see friends, listen to music and just hang out. Now, the young people are out looking for rival gang members with violence foremost on their minds. Boy do we need some of those good old days.

Corruption is rampant in this county, and it's being carried out by corrupt local politicians who continue to spend our tax money illegally with no consequences. Seeing some of these low-lives in jail would be a good place to start.

How is the chairman of the Dougherty County Commission allowed to use taxpayer money to fly to Washington to seek more money for his phony housing projects? Dougherty taxpayers are constantly being ripped off by the corrupt little man, and we just let it happen.

People like Clinton Johnson, Sherrell Byrd, Orlando Rambo and Chris Pike have ripped this community off repeatedly, and we just keep on smiling and writing them checks. Until we demand action, this is going to continue to happen.

Albany taxpayer's frustration with County and City commissioners is both unfortunate and completely warranted. It seems like the pastor only cares about projects that provide money to his church, friends or related contractors looking to make a buck. Brown seems to only care about her own age cohort. And it largely continues with the rest of them. Rarely do any of them express concern for all of us and our collective safety and well-being. It is selfish and shameful.

It's time the people of this community took action: If we're tired of being ripped off -- giving money to friends of commissioners who are being paid for ridiculous things like virtual tours, poorly planned housing projects, freebies given to anyone with a hand out -- we need to take action. We can complain to our commissioners (which will do nothing; they're the ones ripping us off) or we can reach out to our state and national officials demanding they investigate.

Every time I see that political ad where the stay-at-home mother of two (kids who don't appear to be special needs or young babies) saying, "My husband works two jobs and at night," I wonder, why she doesn't get a job? No successful, married couple with children can afford to have only one spouse work. Especially in this or any economy since maybe the '50s. Remind me: Which party controls both chambers of Congress and the executive branch? Exactly.

Remember: One of the people who are making decisions on the ridiculously inflated tax value of your home has been arrested and charged with felonies. Yet she still "serves." Only in Albany.

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

More than passing thoughts

People only die when they are forgotten.
— Isabel Allende

The main character in John Kenney's book "I See You've Called In Dead" is an obituary writer named Bud. While awaiting a decision on whether or not he still has a job after drunkenly posting his own obituary on his newspaper's web page, Bud "goes to the wakes and funerals of total strangers to learn how to live again."

It's not as far-fetched as it sounds. I did something like that during my 40-year career in logistics. The only difference between Bud and me is that I worked with someone closely related to the deceased. And while my intent in attending funerals wasn't the same as Bud's, the results were similar. Not only did it teach me how to live again, it also made me learn to appreciate the fact that there are still a lot of good people left in this world.

A conservative estimate is that I've attended somewhere in the neighborhood of 250 funerals. I discovered that seeing death up close can serve as a stark reminder that life is much too short. That means there's no better time than the present for doing the things you'll regret later if you don't.

Like telling those you love how you feel about them ...

before it's too late. And doing all those things you planned on doing ... eventually. Beyond that, I appreciated the opportunity to hear about the lives of people who otherwise were perfect strangers.

It's impossible to put a number on how many people -- people I hadn't known while they were alive -- enriched my life in some way. Here are some I'll never forget:

-- The young man who always played his music loud, but after returning from Vietnam a simple clap would trigger his PTSD, which led to an addiction to narcotics that

ultimately took his life. (FYI: The military performs a ceremonial flag-folding for the departed. The moment the flag is presented to a loved one is guaranteed to tear your heart out.)

-- The father whose lifelong dream was to see his daughter get married, only to end up dying from a heart attack shortly after toasting the bride and her new husband at the wedding reception.

-- The elderly woman who lived alone her entire life and fed the pigeons in the park every Saturday afternoon up until the day she died. She passed on a Saturday afternoon, surrounded

by a flock of hungry pigeons and with a smile on her face. It was the day of her 94th birthday.

-- The recently-retired husband and wife were in their truck on the way to pick up their granddaughter for breakfast on New Year's Day. Their trip was interrupted when they were struck by a car that ran a red light, operated by someone

who had celebrated a little too much the night before. They were both killed instantly.

-- The fit 47-year-old man in the prime of his life had already beaten cancer four times. But when the cancer returned for a fifth time, he wasn't as fortunate.

The reasons I won't ever forget them are because of the impressions they made on others and the legacies they left behind. Here's the rest of their stories:

-- When he could afford to, the young man who fought in Vietnam paid for the meals of any random stranger who appeared to need a helping hand. When he couldn't, he made it a practice to hold doors open for others to enter first and always gave up his seat to strangers on crowded buses.

-- The father of the bride always hoped to have a son of his own, but until that day came

he was content spending most of his free time coaching young boys in baseball. One year he even took a team to the Little League World Series.

-- The woman who loved pigeons had a soft spot in her heart for stray animals as well, and was constantly taking them in until she could find them a forever home -- even if that forever home turned out to be her own.

-- The recently retired grandparents were helping to raise money for a new center for senior citizens, the one where they had volunteered since the day they were married.

After their death, the new center dedicated its reading room to their memory -- and is

where their granddaughter is now employed.

-- The man who defeated cancer four times was the godfather of his best friend's son. It wasn't until the reading of the man's will that anyone knew about the \$37,513 he had quietly saved over the years for his godson's college tuition.

This is just a small sampling of the kinds of stories you'll hear at funerals. If there's one thing I've learned after all these years, it's that everyone has a story to tell. And if we're lucky enough, there will be someone willing to pass them along. They're really pretty easy to find: All you have to know is where to look.

COLUMNIST ■ RALPH NADER:

Trump's plans to steal the election are already underway

You'd never know it by the title "Dancing in the Dark," but the Washington Spectator's recent investigation is about the various steps (mostly illegal) Trump is taking, including the use of enforcement tools and violence, to prepare to reverse any overall Democratic victory in the November Congressional races. The article's authors, Mark Medish and Joel McCleary, believe Trump needs such a coup to save himself from Impeachment, congressional investigations and subpoenas seeking more proof of crimes throughout his lawless, corrupt, dictatorial regime.

Currently, Trump's polls are so low that he is endangering enough Republican seats in the House and Senate to give the feeble, corporate money-indented Democratic Party a chance to win control of Congress. This is precisely what Trump fears, even though he has control of the executive branch and the immunity given him by six Injustices of the Supreme Court.

In 23 single-spaced pages, Medish and McCleary walk readers through the events, directives, ballot seizures, and draft emergency orders Trump could use to assert federal control over a midterm election and use a domestic paramilitary force of unprecedented size and budget. Trump and his minions have already expanded their dictatorial control of our democratic institutions.

They then describe the "Devil's Accordion File" meaning "the elements of a ramified, radical strategy to hold on to power at almost any cost as we approach the test of the 2026 elections ..." Although they describe Trump as a brilliant mastermind concentrating extraordinary power in his hands, they remind us that he is

also in "full command of his office, directing the Justice Department, the FBI, ICE, the IRS, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, the intelligence community and the armed forces.

Focusing on swing electoral districts -- including those politically redistricted earlier this year -- and on the various junctures between now and the final certification process in the House of Representatives on Jan. 3, 2027, the authors write that "the political will, personal motivation, legal architecture and technical infrastructure by now [are] all in place."

To obstruct the vote in key precincts, then fabricate a need for national-security powers to purge and miscount ballots, falsely charge fraud, illegally seize ballots, threaten precinct workers, and claim without evidence foreign interference are preparations for instant escalation.

Trump tried a dress rehearsal in his July 16 national televised address, pushing his Save America Act, which is stalled in Congress. The speech "bombed" drawing widespread criticism, ridicule and dismissal even by the mainstream media along with some of his Republican partisans.

The authors warn: "The full election subversion strategy mixes subtlety and brutality, subterfuge and open tactics. It represents unprecedented intensification and escalation of the attack on our once seemingly settled Constitutional order."

Led by Stephen Miller, his fascist White House adviser, Trump and his Injustice Depart-

ment have already launched attacks on so-called "antifa" advocates labeling them

"domestic terrorists." Trump could falsely use this moniker to include any of his selected political opponents. Remember, in 2025, he called for the execution of six Democratic members of Congress, including two

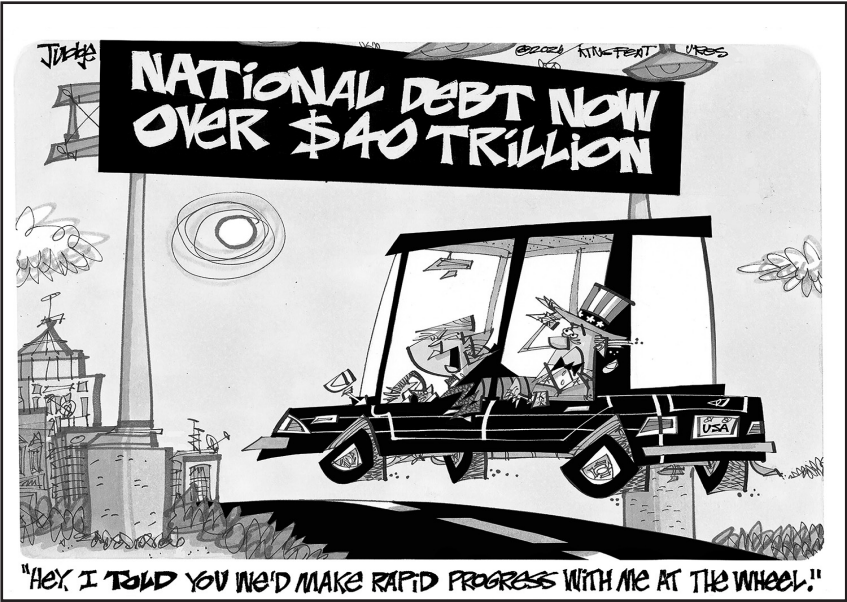
Senators, for reminding U.S. soldiers that they have under Army law a legal obligation to resist illegal orders from their superiors. Hegseth filed charges against Sen. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., a retired Navy captain for making such a statement. The case was dismissed in federal court.

Trump has often mentioned using the vaguely worded Insurrection Act, which he claims could enable him to quell unrest, including by using unrest as the pretext for his own false-flag operation. Imagine the chilling effect of Trump arbitrarily and illegally deploying federal soldiers to a city or region.

In his conclusion, "What Is



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“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”

John 10:11

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

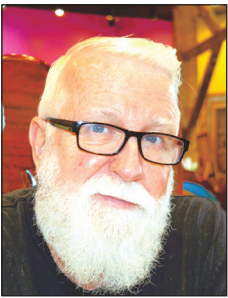
Leadership vacuum persists ... from Washington to Atlanta to Albany and beyond

Like Judas of old, You lie and deceive.
-- Bob Dylan

While the overwhelming majority of us pretty much bury our heads in the sand or throw up our hands and say, “There’s nothing I can do about it!” we are definitely in the midst of a severe leadership vacuum.

And it’s rampant at every level.

On the national stage, we have a president who campaigned on “no more foreign wars” who can’t seem to put an end to a needless war in Iraq, although he’s proclaimed that the war has ended going on 20 times now, the same man who says he “loves inflation” and is happy with “\$4 gas,” even after he told Americans it was on its way to \$2 a gallon.



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This man tells people who seem to hang on his every word, no matter how outrageous and how obviously false, that the economy is “the greatest in this country’s history” and other falsehoods, and for some reason his cult-like following and the sycophants in Congress who are afraid to stand up to him, no matter how outrageous his lies, because they’re worried about a voter backlash or, heaven forbid, a reprimand from their addled leader, keep feeding his massive ego.

We move on down to the state level, where majority Republicans are awaiting “a better time” to gerrymander their way to seemingly forever control in the state because a collection of nine Supremely Idiotic justices who, despite their call to be unbiased arbiters of the nation’s laws have decided to take away most of the freedoms gained through decades of sometimes bloody battles, have decided to allow states to do just that.

This same group in Atlanta has left millions in Georgia without insurance coverage, stubbornly refusing to increase Medicaid coverage because they have a disdain for what former Gov. Nathan Deal called “those people sitting on their porches waiting for government handouts,” a comment not used so much by today’s state leaders, but no less a guiding principle in their decision-making.

Then, there are the local elected officials ... where to even start? One group has created an unshakeable collection of four who, in essence, control the millions of dollars that taxpayers, a large number of whom are growing tired of what can only be deemed graft or political payoff, continue to fund what many claim are diminishing services. And there are the projects funded out of those same taxpayers’ pockets: \$200,000 virtual tours, free youth summer programs, millions of dollars in developer payoffs for projects that are abandoned with subcontractors left owing.

All of these examples point to a fact that many of us tend to dismiss: When we elect individuals based solely on party affiliation, church membership, skin color, empty campaign promises that are impossible to keep, or because some other highly placed politi-

cian told us to, we’re bringing the decline of government at all levels on ourselves.

Candidate A might be a really good guy who’s always been a good neighbor and a fellow member of the First Free Goodwill Church of the Pentecost, but what we’re failing to do is find out what Candidate A thinks about the issues that are important to us – or if he or she is even aware what those issues are.

Candidate B might have gotten the endorsement of the big man in the White House or the outgoing governor who’s strong-armed his own personal agenda with the backing of fellow politicians who have their own eyes on the big house or even the bishop of one of the local mega-churches, but that does not mean Candidate B has the knowledge to vote on how a multimillion-dollar budget should be spent.

We watch in shocked amazement as local politicians make idiotic statements, get into embarrassing arguments, try to justify blowing your hard-earned money on projects that benefit only themselves and their friends, and we ask, rhetorically, how anyone in a position of authority could be so blind as to how these issues impact others who are not the politicians’ close friends or aren’t in the same religious, ethnic or special interest group.

But the answer to that question is actually quite simple. We have a penchant for putting people without the qualifications, the knowledge or the work ethic to do what it takes to run a city or county with budgets in the hundreds of millions or dollars like a business. They don’t see what the big deal is about giving a friend a wad of taxpayer money for something that is little more than a waste of that money because they don’t have the intelligence or the training to see a bigger picture that expands a bit farther than the front doors of their church or their next-door neighbor’s kitchen.

A growing number of angry local citizens are calling for state action to check the illegal spending frenzy that wastes taxpayer funds, and, sadly, the truth is that the elected officials who sit in judgment under the Gold Dome in Atlanta, most of whom are not really a whole lot more competent and able than the local politicians, aren’t going to encourage any of their colleagues from metro Atlanta to care more than a cupful what happens in the forgotten land south of Macon.

Two Georgias? Hah. There are three actually: Atlanta, Savannah and its massively growing automotive industry ... and the rest of us.

Who’s to tell how good – or bad – a politician might be when he/she runs for office? Well, actually, you. Do a little research. Find out where these people stand. Ask them questions. And when they get in office, hold them to their campaign promises. Until we get more actively involved in the actions of people who are elected to represent us in the seats of power, we’ll continue to get the kind of false leadership that’s tearing us apart ... from sea to shining sea.

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Over the years, I’ve written about Morgan many times, keeping notes on many of the conversations Morgan and I have had, so I’d never forget the things she told me.

They are the words of a young woman with a wisdom deeper than I am able to understand. She spoke these things in casual conversation, with no idea that her words are extraordinary. We call them “Morganisms.”

Some of the following paragraphs were spoken directly after she was placed under hospice care. Here are a few of my favorites:

—“I don’t think it’s fair that life is measured in years. There are some people who live many years and don’t do

much with their lives. There are also people who live a short time and do a lot of stuff. I think life should be measured in the amount of love you collect. And the amount of love you give. If that’s how life was measured, I would be very, very old and very wealthy.”

—“Life is too short to fight with people. I’m hard to fight with. I just stay silent. Let the other person win.”

—“Every day is a chance to make a new best friend.”

—“I’ve heard that in heaven there is no time. No clock, no future, no past. Only eternity. So since the future and past are all happening at the same time, this means everyone is already there in heaven. I’m there. You’re there. My mom and dad are there. All my loved ones are there. We’re all in heaven. Right now. All the people who are alive right now on earth, they’re waiting for each other in eternity.

“This means that as soon

as I close my eyes in death, time won’t be holding you here. So the first thing I’m going to see is all my friends and all my loved ones. You’ll be there, too. I’ll see you instantly, on the other side; it will be like we were never apart. Then maybe you and I will laugh together and wonder why we ever took earthly life so seriously.”

—“Up there, we’ll be perfect. No more chronic pain. I’ll be able to get a full breath. And I’ll finally be able to see.”

—“Don’t live like you’re dying. Die like you really lived.”

—“Whenever it’s my birthday, instead of my friends singing ‘Happy Birthday,’ I ask them to sing ‘Amazing Grace’ because after all, it’s not my birthday that allows me to stand here. It’s grace.”

—“I hope they have Kraft mac and cheese in heaven. The blue box.”

—“Of all the things I can’t do anymore, I think I miss

seeing most of all. The beauty of this earth is something people take for granted. Seeing is so great. Trees, birds, skies, stars, colors. Is there anything better than sight? If I could see like sighted people can, I would never close my eyes.”

—“I don’t want a funeral. I want a party.”

—“I recently went skydiving with my friend Kylie. I was in the beginning stages of sepsis, and I knew my time was short. I knew this would be my last chance to skydive, so I went that afternoon.

“The infection was already getting bad. I had a fever and chills, and I knew I wasn’t going to survive this. I knew I wouldn’t have another chance. So I went skydiving.

“Jumping out of the plane was like falling into big, strong arms. Total release. Being set free. My parachute opened, and we got sucked up into a cloud. And it was

like nothing I’ve ever seen before. Even with my dim vision, I could see nothing but beauty.

“Suddenly I forgot about my fever and my chills. There was whiteness everywhere. And it was so cold. It was like a dream world happening before my eyes. And then I got to thinking, you know, we see clouds every day. But sometimes we forget just how big they are, how ever-present, and how special. Sometimes we treat God the same way.”

—“Life is too short not to eat chocolate ice cream.”

—“If you ever want to feel my spirit after I am gone, go watch the sunset. No matter how far apart we are, we can always watch the sunset together. Of course, I’ll have a much better view than you.”

—“After my death, I’ll give you signs from the other side to remind you that I am not really gone. Little winks. Pay attention. Especially to the

color purple. That’s my favorite color.”

—“When you grow up as a child with health issues and disabilities, you learn to feel different than everyone else. A school nurse sits with you all day, in the middle of class, and all your classmates sort of look at you like you’re weird. But the truth is, you’re not weird. You’re gifted, because unlike them, your whole life isn’t about fitting in, or chasing boys, or being one of the crowd. Your gift is learning how to surrender, learning to accept, to allow, and not resist what is; you learn to receive and accept love, and then give that love back. Everyone’s life is about this. The only difference is, most folks don’t know it.”

—“Where I’m going, I’ll finally get my miracle.”

—“I love you, Sean. I love that we are friends. I love that we happened.”

—“My whole philosophy? Jesus loves me. This I know.”

COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Our shrinking summer vacations

People of a certain age enjoy telling our younger friends how things were so much better when we were kids. Of course, they always have a snappy comeback or two. “Oh yeah, life was good before seat belts, right? Y’all must have really enjoyed breathing all that polluted air. I’ll bet it was fun watching three black and white TV channels.”

“Okay, we didn’t get everything right, and there were many things we hadn’t figured out. But at least we had enough sense to wait until after Labor Day to go back to school.



CARROLL

There are pockets of resistance. In Murray County, Georgia, the school year starts the day after Labor Day. During the 2009 recession, the district made the move, primarily for financial reasons. At the time, school officials said that for transportation and utilities alone, the school district would save hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Some Murray County teachers and parents say the longer summer vacation (about 12 weeks, compared to nine weeks for most districts) results in fewer school-year interruptions, providing a better environment for teaching and learning.

It’s a hot topic in Texas, too. State Rep. Jared Patterson is getting involved, introducing the Save Our Summer Act. He told a reporter, “This is one of the dumbest things we do, starting school in the hottest month of the year.” He added, “We must protect the health and welfare of our students, our athletes, and band members from the sweltering heat.”

Despite concerns from educators that a longer summer break would result in lower-income students suffering from learning loss and food insecurity, Rep. Patterson is unmoved. “We raised multiple generations of Texans going to school from Labor Day to Memorial Day, and we should do that again,” he said, referring to it as “common sense.”

The Texas lawmaker faces an uphill battle. Nationally, 84% of students are back in class by the end of August, while only 16% get to extend their summer into early September.

School calendars are not “one size fits all.” No matter which dates are chosen, someone will complain. But the heat wave of ‘26 cannot be ignored. School board members should review the additional costs of cooling massive school facilities in scorching heat, check the condition of school buses, and review the instances of kids missing out on outdoor play because of extreme heat.

Like all educational issues, the school calendar is voted on by adults. I just wonder how many of them ask, “What’s best for the students?”

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COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

The gospel according to Morgan

Summer of recalls exposes holes in nation’s food safety net

By Anna Claire Vollers
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Jalapenos. Frozen berries. Beef. Alfalfa sprouts.

A summer of food recalls, including the record-shattering cyclosporiasis outbreak tied to iceberg lettuce that has sickened thousands, has raised many Americans’ fears of contracting a foodborne illness.

The recalls have focused attention on the Trump administration’s decision to cut funding and staff at several public health agencies, and prompted questions about whether those changes have made consumers more vulnerable.

In fact, this year’s tally of food recalls is roughly in line with the numbers in recent years. About 48 million people each year get sick from a foodborne illness. But experts worry that the scope, severity and scale of outbreaks and their associated food recalls are growing.

While the United States sees some cyclosporiasis cases every year, this year’s outbreak has crushed records: Since May, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed more than 17,000 cases, with another nearly 12,000 reported cases still under investigation. The outbreak has resulted in at least 922 hospitalizations and two deaths.

Federal officials have blamed this year’s multistate outbreak on processed iceberg lettuce from central Mexico. The let-

tuce was brought to the U.S. by Taylor Farms, a distributor that supplies foods to thousands of restaurants and grocery stores, including Target, Taco Bell, Whole Foods, Kroger, Walmart, Costco and Jack in the Box.

The CDC and the Food and Drug Administration are investigating at least six other clusters for which a source hasn’t yet been confirmed.

Cuts at the CDC and FDA haven’t necessarily increased consumers’ chances of food contamination or outbreaks, said Jennifer McEntire, a food microbiologist and the founder of a food safety consulting firm. However, McIntire said, “I do think the cuts may have influenced the way outbreaks unfold.

“I think there are valid questions around the timing of the response, the time it took for agencies to recognize the outbreak and to start to investigate it, get boots on the ground in Mexico.”

Darin Detwiler, a food safety expert and professor emeritus at Northeastern University, noted that the U.S. is seeing more recalls affecting multiple states, rather than a small area. He added that more recalls are being tied to a problem earlier in the food chain — such as contaminated irrigation water at a large lettuce farm rather than, say, improperly stored deli meat at a sandwich shop — which can spread the pathogen to a

far higher number of people and make it harder to track and contain.

“We’re seeing so many people impacted, so many states impacted, and the recalls are dragging on for a long time,” Detwiler said. “There’s ambiguity or lack of transparency over who’s even behind a recall.”

The White House dismissed concerns about the federal government’s ability to handle outbreaks.

Last year, the Trump administration laid off thousands of employees at federal public health agencies, including the CDC, which tracks and responds to disease outbreaks, and the FDA, which oversees and regulates food safety.

While some of the layoffs were reversed through lawsuits or by Congress, the nation’s health public agencies remain at diminished capacity. The CDC workforce has been reduced by 28% since December 2024, the month before Trump took office, according to a Stateline analysis of data from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Employee numbers at the FDA are down 23% during the same period.

Last year, U.S. inspections of foreign food facilities, such as the Mexican farming operation linked to the cyclospora outbreak, plummeted to historic lows following those staffing cuts. The FDA suspended a quality control program for food testing. And the parasite surveillance staff at the CDC,

which responds to outbreaks, was downsized last year by the Department of Government Efficiency from 11 people to three.

Sandra Eskin, a food safety expert who worked in the office of food safety at the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the Biden administration, likened federal public health cuts to the game Jenga, where players construct a tower of wooden blocks and then remove the blocks one at a time while trying not to make the tower fall.

“I think that’s what we’re seeing,” said Eskin, who now leads a public health nonprofit called Stop Foodborne Illness, which advocates for stronger food safety policies. “Whether it’s cuts in staff, cuts in funding that trickle down to the states, or late responses to outbreaks — these are all pieces of wood in that game where you start pulling them out and then the whole thing collapses.”

The federal government also has delayed requiring companies to comply with new food safety rules, included in a law enacted more than a decade ago, that would help regulators track where food comes from and where it’s going during outbreaks.

Detwiler and other experts say the new rules could have helped speed the government’s sluggish response to the cyclospora outbreak investigation after Taylor Farms initially tried delaying the recall.



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Summer food recalls, including the record-shattering cyclosporiasis outbreak tied to iceberg lettuce that has sickened thousands, has raised many Americans’ fears of contracting a foodborne illness.

Last year, the Trump administration also drastically scaled back FoodNet, an early warning surveillance system that required tracking of infections caused by eight different foodborne pathogens. The federal-state collaboration is now only required to track two pathogens: salmonella and Shiga toxin-producing E.coli. The other six pathogens, including cyclospora, were made optional.

The CDC says the change was made because other surveillance systems monitor those pathogens. But McEntire and other food safety experts want them reinstated on FoodNet.

Infectious outbreaks like cyclosporiasis are typically investigated by state and local health departments, which largely rely on federal dollars distributed through the FDA and CDC. Public health has

been chronically underfunded for decades under several administrations, experts say.

But the Trump administration since last year has terminated \$5.78 billion in CDC grants — funds that were appropriated by Congress but had not yet been spent.

Michigan, at the center of the cyclosporiasis outbreak with the highest number of cases and clusters, is one of 23 states (plus the District of Columbia) that successfully sued the Trump administration in June 2025 over federal funding cuts.

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GSW launches \$15 million ‘Rising Together, Shaping Futures’ campaign

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AMERICUS — Georgia Southwestern State University celebrated the public launch of the largest fundraising campaign in Hurricane history, “Rising Together, Shaping Futures,” recently in the Storm Dome.

During the celebration, GSW announced that the five-year campaign has already raised \$12 million toward its original \$12.5 million goal, prompting the university to increase the campaign goal to \$15 million for completion by the Gold Force Gala in February 2028.

The campaign focuses on advancing GSW’s future in three key areas:

Student Success – Advancing experiential learning, internships, college-skills programming, mentoring and athletics facilities to provide students with a transformative educational experience.

Student Access – Expanding scholarships, enhancing campus facilities and increasing emergency funds and degree-completion awards to attract, support and retain the next generation of Hurricanes.

Faculty & Staff Excellence – Providing endowed professorships and leadership positions, professional development opportunities and teaching support to promote employee success and satisfaction.

The launch opened with remarks from Stephen Snyder, the assistant vice president for Advancement and executive director of the GSW Foundation.

“We knew a goal of \$12.5 million was aspirational, but the support over the last two years has been extraordinary,” Snyder said. “We’ve seen more donors, more leadership-level donors and more major gifts than during any comparable period in our institution’s history, with total giving increasing by 92% compared to two years ago. We are incredibly grateful to those who have brought us this far and excited to build on that support as we move toward our new goal.”

“The state of our university is strong, and as we enter our fourth consecutive year of record enrollment, we have an opportunity to build on that



Special Photo: GSW Steering Committee

Members of the Georgia Southwestern financial campaign steering committee include, from left, Doug Moses, Stephen Snyder, Bill Bradshaw, Harry Kitchen, Lou Chase, Kerry Palmer, Bill Harris, Danny MacQuirter and Alf Tuggle.

momentum,” GSW President Kerry Palmer said. “When you make a college education possible for a student, you don’t just change that student’s life — you can change the trajectory of an entire family for generations. Education opens doors, and through this campaign, we want to open those doors for as many students as possible by reducing financial barriers and creating opportunities for them to succeed.”

One student who has benefited first-hand from donor generosity is Cassidy Brunner of Dillsburg, Pa., who shared the impact of scholarships from a student’s perspective.

“As a student-athlete, balancing academics, practices, games and campus involvement keeps me very busy,” Brunner, a junior mathematics major with a concentration in computer science, who is also a member of the women’s soccer team and the President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program, said. “The scholarships I receive have made a tremendous impact on my life, allowing me to focus on my education and extracurricular activities without having to work long hours to cover tuition costs. In fact, scholarships were one of the biggest reasons I chose GSW.”

Opportunities like the one Brunner received are made possible thanks to donors like Alf Tuggle, Class of ’75.

“One of the greatest joys of giving is seeing the impact first-hand,” said Tuggle, who established the Fort Family Scholarship with his wife, Marianne, a member of the Class of ’76. “Every scholarship recipient represents a dream made possible, a burden lifted,

ed, and a future strengthened.

“When you see students thriving because someone believed in them, you realize that a gift is much more than a financial transaction: it is an investment in their future.”

The campaign’s success has been fueled by the generosity of donors and the leadership of the Campaign Steering Committee, whose members have helped champion the effort and build support for GSW’s future.

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Campaign Steering Committee Chair Lou Chase, ‘90 reflected during the launch on her fond memories as a GSW student and member of the Lady Hurricanes softball team and recognized her fellow committee members for their dedication to the campaign.



Special Photo: SRTC

Nurses in the Southern Regional Technical College graduating class who had a 100% pass rate on board exams include, front row, from left, Emily Walker, Lashonta Fullwood, Rylee Bryant, Ja’Nyri Horace, Sara Dunn, Emma Howansky and Jasmine King; and, back row, from left, Jeremy Blalock, Tiffany Daniels, Kaitlyn White, Kaeli Parsons, Dareia Powell, Litrevis Williams, Nancy Johnson and Trysten Johnson.

SRTC-Moultrie practical nursing class achieves 100% pass rate on board exams

MOULTRIE -- Spring 2026 graduates from Southern Regional Technical College’s Practical Nursing program in Moultrie achieved a 100% passage rate on their National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. The NCLEX-PN exam is a standardized exam that each PN graduate must pass to obtain a license as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

The graduates include Lashonta Fullwood of Albany.

Each graduate passed their board exam on the first attempt. This 100% first-attempt pass rate is a major accomplishment for this program and its students, as that percentage is well above the national average for nursing programs.

“I am incredibly proud of our Practical Nursing graduates for achieving a 100% first-attempt pass rate on the NCLEX-PN,” Dean for Nursing Bobbie Hester said. “This accomplishment is a testament to their hard work and dedication. I am confident that they will go on to provide exceptional care as Licensed Practical Nurses.”

The Practical Nursing program is a three-semester certificate program designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care. This is done through a selected number of academic and occupational courses providing

a variety of techniques and materials necessary to assist the student in acquiring the needed knowledge and skills to give competent care

A variety of clinical experiences is planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor. For more information about SRTC’s Practical Nursing Program, call (888) 205-3449.

For the most up-to-date information on registration, class dates, and program offerings, interested individuals can log on to www.southernregional.edu or call (888) 205-3449. Spring semester begins Jan. 12.

New execution date set for Cobb killer

By Ty Tagami
Capital Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia will execute Stacey Ian Humphreys on Sept. 16 after postponing a prior execution scheduled for late last year.

Humphreys was convicted of murder and other crimes in the 2003 deaths of Cyndi Williams and Lori Brown in Cobb County.

Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner Tyrone Oliver selected the new execution date after a

Cobb Superior Court judge ordered it between Sept. 16 and Sept. 23.

Humphreys exhausted his appeals in October when the U.S. Supreme Court decided against him after twice declining to hear his earlier appeals. The Georgia Supreme Court had twice issued decisions against him.

Humphreys was born in 1973, the year Georgia reinstated capital punishment after a brief pause over litigation.

He was sentenced to death for the murders of two real estate agents during the lunch hour on Nov. 3, 2003. The women worked in a construction company’s model home at a new Cobb subdivision when Humphreys walked in and killed them.

In September 2007, a jury convicted him of murder, assault, armed robbery and kidnapping. He pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon and was sentenced to death.

Georgia elementary students invited to take STEM Challenge

Staff Reports

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MACON – The registration period for the 2026 Georgia Ag Experience STEM Challenge is open through Sept. 11. The Farmers Market Madness STEM Challenge invites third– through fifth-grade students to explore how to design and operate an agriculture-based market stand or school farmers market. Special education classes, home-school groups and community or after-school groups with third- through fifth-grade students are encouraged to participate.

Students will apply critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork while discovering the importance of Georgia agriculture.

Each participating team will receive a digital toolkit of resources and a tailored educational program for their students. The challenge offers flexible completion time over a 10-week period. Submissions are due by 5 p.m. on Nov. 11. Winners will be announced via email on Nov. 30.

Participants will create a video (5 minutes or less) documenting their project, including everything learned throughout the process. The video should address the main topic, showcase creative solutions, and highlight the project’s connection to agriculture and STEM.

A top winner will be selected for each of five categories. Winners will receive a \$250



cash prize for their classroom and up to \$100 in physical prizes of their choice.

The STEM Challenge is an annual contest operated by the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture and Georgia Farm Bureau’s Ag in the Classroom program.

The challenge was developed to introduce elementary teachers and students to the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills involved in the production of food and fiber. It aims to help students recognize their role in agriculture by involv-

ing them in real-world agriculture problems that they can help solve in their own classroom.

Visit <https://gfb.ag/GFA26STEMChallenge> for complete contest details and to register.

The GAE is a mobile classroom, created by the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture, housed in a 36-foot trailer that gives third- through fifth-grade students and consumers a chance to virtually visit a poultry house, cattle pasture, stand of timber, horticulture nursery, cotton and peanut fields, and a produce stand full of fresh Georgia fruit, vegetables and pecans.

Colorful farm photos, interactive technology and displays of products made from the various ag commodities

highlight the importance of Georgia agriculture to Georgians’ daily lives. All exhibits and lessons that are part of the GAE mobile classroom have been professionally designed to meet STEM curriculum standards.

The Georgia Ag Experience has been visiting schools statewide since January 2021 and has visited every county in Georgia at least once. Each year the mobile classroom travels across the state educating students on the importance of agriculture in their communities and the role agriculture could play in their future.

For more information about the Georgia Ag Experience, visit www.georgiaagexperience.org.



Special photos

Mauldin & Jenkins appoints eight professionals as partners

ATLANTA -- Mauldin & Jenkins, a leading provider of assurance, tax and advisory services nationwide, has announced appointment of eight professionals to partner, effective Sept. 1

“Each of these professionals has made a clear and lasting impact on Mauldin & Jenkins,” Managing Partner Hanson Borders said. “They have built trusted relationships, supported the development of their colleagues and approached their work with professionalism and integrity. Their appointment reflects both their individual accomplishments and the confidence we have in their continued leadership.”

Newly appointed partners are: Kirk Arich, CPA: Partner in the firm’s governmental practice who specializes in serving state and local governments. Services provided to clients include traditional audit and attest engagements, including agreed-upon procedures, examinations, reviews and financial statement compilations. Arich is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants (GSCPA) and the Georgia Government Finance Officers Association.

Jason G. Clem, CPA, CVA, CVGA: Partner in the firm’s advisory practice, specializing in business valuation, litigation support, consulting, planning and assurance services for governmental entities and nonprofits. As a Certified Valuation Analyst, Clem performs valuations for management planning, estate and gift tax matters, and litigation support, helping clients understand value and identify

growth opportunities. He is a member of the AICPA, ASCPA, NACVA and Corporate Value Metrics -- Value Growth Community.

Benjamin Ellis, MBA, Chief Information Officer: Partner who leads the firm’s technology vision and strategy. With more than two decades of experience in technology and operations, he plays a key role in advancing innovation across the firm to meet the evolving needs of its clients and professionals. His expertise includes mergers and acquisitions, cybersecurity, regulatory compliance, and digital transformation initiatives.

Kevin D. Hakes, CPA: Partner in the firm’s private client services practice and a trusted advisor to middle-market business owners, closely held enterprises, and high-net-worth families. His clients are primarily focused in the areas of manufacturing and distribution, real estate, and private wealth. Hakes delivers strategic planning, complex entity structuring, and proactive consulting services designed to enhance his clients’ long-term financial success. He is a member of the AICPA and the GSCPA.

Hays Lacey, CPA: Partner in the firm’s private client services practice. She provides tax and advisory services to individuals, trusts, nonprofit organizations, and closely held and family-owned businesses and their owners. She has extensive experience with S corporations and partnerships across the professional services, agricultural, construction, manufacturing, and real estate industries, helping clients navigate tax planning and compliance matters. She is a member of

the AICPA and GSCPA.

Brian Nicholson, CPA: Partner in the firm’s governmental and education practices, providing audit, attest and internal control consulting services to clients. His experience spans a range of state and local governmental organizations, including cities, counties, education systems (K-12 and higher education institutions), and other

special-purpose entities. Nicholson serves on the firm’s Education Committee and is a member of the AICPA, GSCPA, SCACPA, GFOASC and SCASBO.

Krystle Stell, CPA: Partner in the firm’s governmental practice, bringing nearly two decades of public accounting experience to her role. Though her foundational background lies in small business and nonprofit development, she now specializes exclusively in state and local government accounting. Of her nearly 20 years in the industry, Stell has spent the last 12 with Mauldin & Jenkins. She is a member of the AICPA, ASCPA, GFOA, GFOAA, and the Birmingham Women’s Leadership Association.

Paul Stuart, CPA, CMA: Partner in the firm’s private client services practice, advising closely held businesses and their owners on tax planning, compliance and strategic growth opportunities. His expertise includes real estate development and brokerages, Qualified Opportunity Zone Businesses, financial institutions, professional services, distributors, individuals, and high-net-worth families. He is a member of the AICPA, TSCPA, Institute of Management Accountants and Chattanooga Tax Practitioners.

NOTICE

Upcoming Appointment of _____Dougherty_____ County Board of Equalization

In accordance with Georgia laws (O.C.G.A. § 48-5-311), the _____Dougherty_____ County Grand Jury is required to appoint a member and alternate member of the _____Dougherty_____ County Board of Equalization each fall during the _____ term of the Superior Court of _____Dougherty_____ County..

Any resident of the _____Dougherty_____ County having the following qualifications and an interest in serving on the board may nominate himself or herself for appointment by submitting a nomination form as indicated below:

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- (3) No person shall be eligible to hear an appeal as a member of a board of equalization unless, prior to hearing such appeal, that person shall satisfactorily complete the 40 hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization processes and procedures required by law. Any person appointed to such board shall be required to complete annually a continuing education requirement of at least eight hours of instruction in appraisal and equalization procedures, as prepared and required by the commissioner. The failure of any member to fulfill the requirements of this subparagraph shall render that member ineligible to serve on the board; and the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies on the board are filled.

Term of Office

Members and alternate members of the Board of Equalization serve a three-year term of office. The term of office of persons by the Grand Jury for appointed for the term of office described herein shall begin on January 1, 2026 and end on December 31, 2028.

Please obtain an **Application form** from the Clerk’s office and mail it by to:

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Please note on front side of the envelope in which the form is mailed the following:

Attention: Board of Equalization

Bottoms, Jackson feud over gubernatorial debates

By Alanader Rocha
Georgia Recorder

ATLANTA -- Months after the campaigns of Republican Rick Jackson and Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms first issued challenges to the other over when, where and how to debate ahead of the November elections, there’s still little agreement on how voters will hear from each of the two candidates for governor.

So far, both campaigns have agreed to only one town hall-style debate hosted by Atlanta News First and Gray Media on Oct. 6.

The Bottoms campaign first challenged Jackson to three debates in June, to which the Jackson campaign responded by proposing one debate. Nearly two months later, Bottoms agreed Monday to it and is now pushing for five more.

“Georgians deserve to hear directly from candidates for public office with multiple debates around the state,” Bottoms said in a statement. “I’m ready to debate Rick Jackson in Atlanta, Macon and Savannah.”

Aside from the ANF debate both candidates agreed to,

Bottoms is also challenging Jackson to the Atlanta Press Club Loudermilk-Young debate on Oct. 12, another on Sept. 17 hosted by Middle Georgia Matters, an 11Alive debate on Sept. 22, a WJCL-TV debate on Oct. 13 and one hosted by CNN at an undetermined date.

The Jackson campaign criticized the move, with campaign spokesman Garrison Douglas saying that “only the flailing campaign of a failed politician would spend more than six weeks ducking a debate, then suddenly demand six of them after Georgians begin to learn the truth about her disastrous record as mayor of Atlanta.”

The Democratic Party of Georgia instead focused on Jackson not yet accepting the Atlanta Press Club debate. Jackson participated in the press club debate during the Republican primary but cited a scheduling conflict with the debate scheduled for the primary runoff with Lt. Gov. Burt Jones.

“Over two months later and Jackson still won’t commit to a debate that gubernatorial candidates in both parties have participated in for more than 20 years,” DPG spokesperson



Special Photo: Ross Williams/Georgia Recorder

Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms and Republican Rick Jackson, both candidates for governor, are arguing over proposed debates.

Jake Strickland said.

The Jackson campaign has not yet indicated a reason for not accepting the Atlanta Press Club debate, where a panel of journalists asks the candidates questions.

Debates are unlikely to change voters’ minds, but participating in them provides candidates a massive platform to build name recognition and excitement amongst voters, said University of Georgia political communications professor David Clementson.

Clementson said it’s in both candidates’ interest to participate in as many debates as possible in what he called the “the single most watched political events by far.”



Special Photo: Kameron Taylor

Georgia Tech running back Justice Haynes breaks away from a Colorado defender Thursday night in Atlanta. The transfer rushed for 64 yards in the Yellow Jackets' 14-13 season-opening loss to the Buffaloes.

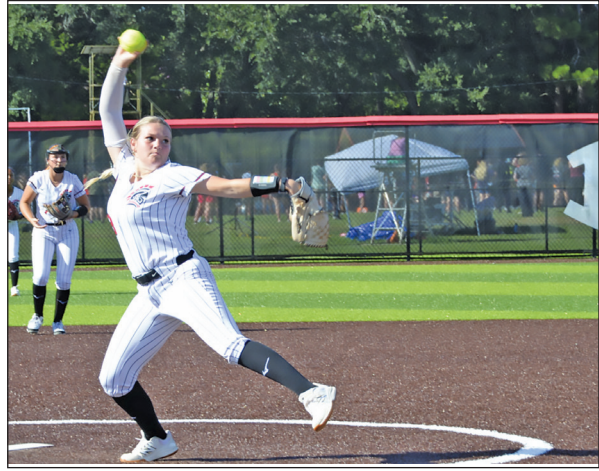
Blocked kick seals Tech's 14-13 loss

Field Level Media

Julian Lewis hit Charlie Williams with a 20-yard touchdown pass with 37 seconds left, Boo Carter blocked Aidan Birr's 45-yard field goal try on the final play, and the Colorado Buffaloes rallied to beat the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, 14-13, in Atlanta on Thursday night. Lewis had 60 of his 124 passing yards on the final drive and finished 14-for-27; Micah Welch ran for 58 yards and a touchdown, and Damien Henderson II added 65 rushing yards for Colorado (1-0). After Colorado drove 75 yards without a timeout to take the lead in the final minute, Alberto Mendoza connected with Dalen Penson for 42 yards, and Georgia Tech used

three more plays to inch forward to the Buffaloes' 27 with three seconds left. Carter came off the left edge and got a hand on Birr's kick to seal the win. Rahkeem Smith returned a kick 100 yards for a score, Mendoza was 17-for-23 passing for 237 yards, Jordan Allen had eight receptions for 113 yards and transfer Justice Haynes rushed for 64 yards for Georgia Tech (0-1). Both teams squandered chances to score in the first quarter. Birr missed a 35-yard field goal at the end of Georgia Tech's first drive, and Colorado was stopped on fourth down on the Yellow Jackets' 1-yard line. Georgia Tech failed to get a first down, and the Buffaloes took pos-

session at the Yellow Jackets' 35. After an incomplete pass, Welch rushed four straight times and punched it in from the 5-yard line to give Colorado a 7-0 lead, but Smith returned the ensuing kick 100 yards to tie it with 12:52 left in the second quarter. Georgia Tech drove 92 yards on its next possession to set up Birr's 22-yard field goal to make it 10-7 at halftime. Colorado had a chance to tie it midway through the fourth quarter but Shymeik Jones blocked Daniel Gerlach's 38-yard field goal attempt with 7:35 left. The Yellow Jackets responded by driving to the Buffaloes' 11, and Birr's 29-yard field goal with 1:40 remaining made it 13-7.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Lee County's Makinley Duke winds up for a pitch during Thursday's first game against Northside in Leesburg. Duke gave up just two hits in shutting out the visitors during the first game of the double-header.

No. 3 Lady Trojans with 12th straight

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — The September sun isn't the only thing running hot in Southwest Georgia. So are the Lee County Lady Trojans. No. 3 Lee County swept Northside 10-0 and 19-1 Thursday, extending its winning streak to 12 games and improving to 12-1. "What I love most about this team is that it's not just one or two kids carrying us," coach Hannah Spencer said. "We're getting contributions up and down the lineup, 1-14." Thursday proved her point. Kennady Patrick drove in four runs in the opener, including a game-ending three-run homer in the sixth. Makinley Duke provided an inside-the-park homer and pitched a two-hit shutout, striking out five over six innings. Mac Davis and Porter Butler had two hits apiece, while Jaydynne Frisbee and Izzy Evans helped Lee County score five times in the third inning. Patrick, Reese Watkins and Frisbee each drew two walks. Lee County's depth took over in Game 2. The Lady Trojans scored nine runs in the first and 10 in the second on their way to a 19-1 victory. Aubree Spencer, Kinley Shepard and Jaylyn Purvis combined for four hits, five runs and four RBIs. Purvis delivered a two-run double, while Butler drove in three with a second-inning double. Davis had two sacrifice flies, Frisbee singled home two runs and Patrick collected two hits. Brylyn Parsons walked three times and joined Patrick with multiple stolen bases. Watkins earned the victory, allowing one hit and one unearned run over three innings while striking out two. "Our defense has been near perfect, and our pitching staff has been outstanding," Spencer said. "When you can pitch it, defend it, and have that many kids contributing offensively, you give yourself a pretty good chance to win." The Lady Trojans haven't lost since opening day, but Spencer isn't interested in celebrating yet. "We just want to keep getting better and stay hungry because the biggest games are still ahead of us." Lee County travels to Tift County Tuesday.

Braves blank Lee West, 14-0

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Lee West found ways to move the football Wednesday evening at Hugh Mills Stadium. The problem was keeping the yards it gained. Penalties repeatedly derailed promising Lee West drives, while Merry Acres capitalized on its opportunities to earn a 14-0 victory in Deep South Conference action. The Braves needed less than three minutes to take the lead. Quarterback Jaidyn Sapp capped the opening possession with a 12-yard touchdown pass to William Dukes for a 6-0 advantage. Lee West threatened immediately. Ethan Anderson broke a long run to the Merry Acres 29, and Daquan Styles followed with a run to the 10. Then everything unraveled. Motion, holding and facemask penalties turned a first-and-goal opportunity into fourth-and-32 near midfield, where an incomplete pass ended the drive. Merry Acres made the Trojans pay. Sapp connected with tight end Caden Smith for a first down on fourth down, and a Lee West late-hit penalty helped move the Braves to the 16. Three plays later, Lahmier Whitfield scored to make it 12-0 at halftime. The Braves threatened again in the second half. Another completion to Smith moved Merry Acres across midfield before Whitfield broke through the middle and reached the Lee West 21. Emauri Harris stopped the drive by intercepting a pass near the goal line and giving Lee West possession at its own 3. But on the Trojans' next play, a bobbled snap in the end zone resulted in a Merry Acres safety and a 14-0 lead. Lee West received one final opportunity after Merry Acres fumbled the ensuing kickoff. The Trojans drove to the Braves' 9, but penalties again pushed them backward before Merry Acres took over on downs. Lee West twice reached the Merry Acres 10-yard line and came away without a point. Merry Acres made sure those missed opportunities added up to a shutout.



Staff photo: Joe Whitfield

Merry Acres' Caleb Hill, left, battles for the ball with Lee West's Michael Hill Jr. during Wednesday's Deep South Middle School Conference game at Hugh Mills Stadium.

Falcons bring back Lee County's Jammie Robinson

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ATLANTA — Jammie Robinson is staying close to home. The former Lee County High School standout has re-signed with the Atlanta Falcons, joining the team's practice squad Wednesday as he begins his fourth NFL season. Atlanta also signed defensive lineman Zach Harrison and defensive end Khalid Kareem to the practice squad while releasing defensive back Cobee Bryant and defensive end Cam Sample. For Robinson, the move contin-

ues a relationship with the Falcons that began late last season. Robinson initially survived Atlanta's final roster cuts this summer and made the Falcons' 53-man roster before being waived Monday when the team claimed three players following the NFL's cutdown deadline. Two days later, Atlanta brought him back on the practice squad. The 25-year-old defensive back appeared in six games for Atlanta last season, primarily contributing on special teams.

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File photo

Jammie Robinson reacts after being handed the state championship trophy when the Trojans won the title in Atlanta. He is back in Atlanta now after being re-signed to the Falcons' practice squad.

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Clippers fined \$30M, lose 5 first-round picks

Field Level Media

The NBA fined the Los Angeles Clippers \$30 million and stripped away five first-round draft picks to punish the franchise for violating salary cap circumvention rules involving star forward Kawhi Leonard, who was ordered to pay \$700,000, the league announced Wednesday.

The NBA's investigation, conducted independently over the course of a year, "found a pattern of misconduct and multiple significant rules violations by the Clippers organization, a prior offender of the salary cap circumvention rules," the league said in a statement.

The heart of the issue was the team introducing Leonard to club sponsors for off-court income opportunities and endorsement agreements, offering the companies business from the team as inducements and paying personal expenses for Leonard and his representatives, among other violations.

The businesses identified were Boingo Wireless, Daktronics, Lockton Insurance, and Aspiration Partners, the latter a financial technology firm that went bankrupt last year. Aspiration allegedly signed Leonard to a \$28 million endorsement deal and had a 23-year, \$300 million sponsorship deal with the Clippers.

The Clippers must forfeit a first-round pick in each draft from 2029 to 2033. Leonard,

35, has been fined \$700,000 while several Clippers executives have been suspended.

The NBA suspended owner Steve Ballmer for one year from all league and team activities "for knowingly seeking to help Mr. Leonard obtain off-court income opportunities, for approving a business deal that he knew was a precondition for Aspiration to enter into an endorsement agreement with Mr. Leonard, and for his failure to create conditions under which his organization abided by the NBA's circumvention rules," the league said.

Team president of business operations Gillian Zucker is suspended without pay for a year "for being primarily and directly culpable for the impermissible endorsement arrangements and for providing false and misleading statements to investigators," the league said.

Lawrence Frank, the president of basketball operations, is suspended for six months without pay "for his involvement with the impermissible endorsement arrangements and for approving impermissible expenses incurred by Mr. Leonard and his family," the league said.

The Clippers issued a statement Wednesday disputing the league's conclusions and the validity of the investigation. The team and Ballmer repeatedly have denied any wrongdoing related to Leon-



Special Photo: Jayne Kamin-Oncea-Imagn Images

Los Angeles Clippers star Kawhi Leonard was fined \$700,000 as part of NBA penalties stemming from an investigation into salary-cap circumvention involving the franchise and the two-time NBA Finals MVP.

ard's contract.

"We vehemently reject the NBA's findings, which are the result of a heavily biased investigation seeking to justify a predetermined narrative rather than facts and evidence," the Clippers said in the statement. "What the league told us privately differs from what it announced today publicly, and they have not held themselves close to the standard our Commissioner (Adam) Silver set at the start of this investigation to ensure its fairness and accuracy.

"For the past year, we cooperated fully and in good faith and we will now fight just as hard to demonstrate our innocence," the statement continued. "We intend to vigorously challenge these findings and penalties through every avenue available to us and look forward to an ethical and impartial arbitration process."

Leonard, though new agent Harrison Gaines, issued a statement saying he had "no knowledge of any intent on anyone's part to circumvent the salary cap."

"Integrity and respect for this game are fundamental to who I am," Leonard said in the statement. "I accept full responsibility for lapses in judgment by people within my inner circle and regret the distraction this situation has caused the fans and my family."

The NBA said the Clippers failed to report improper solicitations for off-court income made on Leonard's behalf by Dennis Robertson, his uncle and then-business manag-

er. Robertson was banned by the NBA for five years from doing business or engaging with league teams and their affiliates.

"I entered into my contract with the Clippers as well as the agreements in question in good faith, fully committed to fulfilling my obligations and with no knowledge of any intent on anyone's part to circumvent the salary cap," Leonard said in his statement.

The Toronto Raptors, who lost Leonard to the Clippers via free agency after winning the 2019 NBA championship, agreed in principle to a trade on June 30 to bring him back. The deal has yet to be executed as the teams waited for the league's investigation to be completed.

"For 15 years, my priority has been giving everything to my family, the game, and those I share the court with," Leonard said. "As I return to Toronto, I am focused on what I can control, closing this chapter, and moving forward with a clean slate."

The NBA and the NBA Players Association have agreed the penalties are final and binding.

"The NBA's collectively bargained system for determining player compensation is a fundamental component of the basketball competition that the league oversees for the benefit of the teams and players and ultimately the fans," Silver said in a statement. "I am deeply

disappointed by the flagrant violations of our rules and by the Clippers' institutional and leadership failures that led to this misconduct. The severity of the penalties reflects the seriousness of the violations."

The law firm of Wachtell, Lip-ton, Rosen & Katz conducted the investigation and continues to receive information, leaving open the possibility of further action as appropriate, the league said.

Leonard is a two-time NBA Finals MVP, having won the award in title runs with the San Antonio Spurs (2014) and Toronto (2019).

Leonard averaged 27.9 points, 6.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists in 65 games last season for the Clippers, who finished ninth in the Western Conference and lost their play-in game to the Golden State Warriors.

A seven-time All-Star and two-time Defensive Player of the Year, he has made the NBA's All-Defensive Team seven times.

The league's statement did not indicate whether Leonard has been cleared to join the Raptors. If that indeed is the case, then the original deal called for the Clippers to receive forward Brandon Ingram, guard Grady Dick, two first-round picks, two second-round picks and one pick swap.

Per ESPN, the trade is expected to be consummated "in the next few days."

Acuña fastest ever to 200-200

By Ian Nicholas Quillen
Braves.com

WASHINGTON -- Braves superstar Ronald Acuña Jr. added another feat to the record books.

Acuña became the fastest player in MLB history to reach 200 homers and 200 stolen bases when he launched a three-run shot in the seventh inning of Wednesday afternoon's 9-0 win in the series finale at Nationals Park.

"Any time you're first, or even top 50 on any list in this game, it's amazing when you think about the history of this game and the people who have played it," manager Walt Weiss said. "We know Ronald's talent. It's freakish talent. So he's capable of doing unbelievable things."

It was the 14th round-tripper of an injury-interrupted season for the 2023 National League MVP, and it extended the NL East-leading Braves' lead to 6-0.

With 225 stolen bases -- he recorded his 200th stolen base back on June 24, 2025 -- Acuña joined the 200-200 club in his 904th game, 25 games quicker than seven-time All-Star Alfonso Soriano reached the milestone.

"I know how much I've kept working to be here," Acuña said. "For me, it's an honor to be on that list with Alfonso Soriano."

And the list of luminaries who occupy the next four spots on the list is also impressive: Eric Davis (1,053 games), Bobby Bonds (1,065), Sammy Sosa (1,094) and Barry Bonds (1,094).

Acuña sat on the precipice of the accomplishment for 16



Special Photo: Braves.com

Atlanta Braves star Ronald Acuña Jr. became the fastest player in Major League history to reach 200 home runs and 200 stolen bases, reaching the milestone with a three-run homer Wednesday against Washington.

games since homering on Aug. 15. In his previous 15 games, he slashed an uncharacteristic .207/.292/.241. He finished 3-for-5 on Wednesday.

Acuña had already singled twice and stolen his 225th base before he came to bat with two aboard in the seventh against Nats reliever Max Kranick. He jumped all over a first-pitch fastball at the top of the zone -- a pitch he had struggled against recently -- sending it a Statcast-projected 379 feet into the visitors' bullpen walkway in left.

"When he's getting to heaters, that's a good sign," Weiss said. "And hitting them out of the park, that's a really good sign. Ronald, he's capable of pretty much anything on the field. And he's another one that's missed a lot of time the last couple years. It takes time for those

guys to get caught back up to the speed of the game."

Sean Murphy had two hits and four RBIs, opening the scoring with a three-run homer in the sixth inning. Austin Riley added a two-run single in the eighth for Atlanta, which did all of its scoring after a one-hour, 26-minute rain delay helped spoil a potential breakthrough in the top of the fourth.

That was more than enough production to salvage a series-splitting victory for the Braves, who moved to four games up on the second-place Phillies. Those clubs will begin a four-game wrap-around set at Citizens Bank Park on Friday.

"I love to play against Philly," Acuña said. "This weekend, it's like playoff games. So let's see what happens in Philadelphia."

Reliever Elieser Hernán-

dez pitched three scoreless frames during a combined two-hitter in his third Braves appearance after his contract was selected from Triple-A Gwinnett pregame on Wednesday.

In his other two outings, Hernández pitched three scoreless innings to enable a comeback victory in Baltimore on July 24, and he converted a three-inning save against the Nationals in Atlanta on July 31. Each time, he was designated for assignment and granted free agency afterward before resigning with the Braves.

"Elieser saved us again," Weiss said. "He's done it multiple times this year, and he's been really good. He was a big part of this."



File photo

Tiger Woods agreed to a five-year suspension of his driver's license Wednesday after pleading no contest to reckless driving and refusing to submit to a urine test stemming from a March crash in Florida.

Tiger Woods reaches deal in Florida crash case

Field Level Media

Tiger Woods pleaded no contest to willful, wanton, and reckless driving and refusing to submit to a urine test in a brief hearing Wednesday at the Martin County Courthouse in Martin, Fla.

Woods agreed to two concurrent five-year suspensions of his driver's license and was fined \$1,000 in exchange for a DUI charge originating from his March crash on a residential road being dropped.

Judge Darren Steele told Woods the simultaneous five-year revocations of his license would be served concurrently rather than consecutively for a total of 10 years, but warned he must strictly follow the driving ban.

"There are no exceptions. If you were to drive for any reason ... you go immediately back to jail," Steele said during the hearing Wednesday.

Police reporting to the scene on March 27 suspected Woods was driving under the influence and impaired when he clipped a truck and rolled his vehicle on a beachfront road on Jupiter Island.

Woods, 50, pleaded not guilty

to misdemeanor DUI with property damage and refusal to submit to a lawful test in his initial court hearing.

Woods and the driver of the other vehicle were uninjured in the crash. Deputies said Woods claimed he was looking down at his phone and changing the radio station when he hit the truck.

Attorney Douglas Duncan, who represents Woods, filed notice of the change of plea hearing Tuesday. A defendant is required to appear in-person for such hearings. The Wednesday court appearance came days before Woods was scheduled to appear at a status hearing on Sept. 8.

Duncan represented Woods in court when the legendary golfer had DUI charges reduced to reckless driving in 2017.

He also successfully lobbied Steele in April to permit Woods to travel outside the country to receive "comprehensive inpatient treatment" after his March arrest. Officers said they found two pain-killing pills in Woods' pocket at the scene.

He was accompanied by the courtroom on Wednesday by girlfriend Vanessa Trump.

From 9A FALCONS

Robinson has played in 27 NFL games with two starts over three seasons, recording 21 tackles.

His road to the NFL began in Southwest Georgia.

A Cordele native, Robinson came a standout at Lee County, helping the Trojans

establish themselves among Georgia's elite programs before beginning his college career at South Carolina. He was a vital part of Lee County's defense that helped the Trojans win the state football championship in 2018. He was named the Class 6A Defensive Player of the Year.

After two seasons with the Gamecocks, Robinson transferred to Florida State and developed into one of the ACC's

top defensive backs.

He earned first-team All-ACC honors in both of his seasons with the Seminoles, becoming the first Florida State defensive player since Jalen Ramsey to earn first-team all-conference recognition in consecutive years.

Robinson saved one of his best seasons for his last.

He led Florida State with 99 tackles in 2022 while adding five tackles for loss, a sack, an

interception, five pass break-ups and a fumble recovery. He was named the Seminoles' Defensive MVP.

Carolina selected Robinson in the fifth round with the 145th overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft.

He appeared in 15 games and made two starts as a rookie before playing six games for Carolina in 2024.

Robinson's NFL journey eventually took him through Ari-

zona, Kansas City and Detroit before Atlanta signed him to its practice squad in November 2025. The Falcons elevated him for several games and eventually signed him to the active roster in December.

He remained with Atlanta throughout the offseason and training camp and did enough to earn a spot on the initial 53-man roster.

Although Monday's roster maneuver briefly put his fu-

ture with the Falcons in doubt, it didn't take long for Atlanta to bring him back.

Now Robinson will begin the 2026 season on the Falcons' practice squad -- and continue his NFL career less than 200 miles from where it began at Lee County High School.

Obituary

announcements

Charles Floyd Hatcher

Charles Floyd Hatcher, a former congressman, attorney, veteran, and devoted family man, passed away on September 1, 2026, in Alexandria, Virginia, surrounded by his family and those who loved him. He was 87.

Charles was born July 1, 1939, in Doerun, Georgia, to Clifford Edward "C.E." Hatcher and Agnes Faircloth Hatcher. Charles enjoyed his rural upbringing and forever loved the people and peanut fields of Baker and Mitchell Counties. He continued to return to those roots often despite many decades and many miles lived away. Charles served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1962 before attending Georgia Southern University where he earned a bachelor's degree. He went on to earn a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1969.

Following law school, Charles developed a thriving law practice in Albany, Georgia; however, his commitment to serving others soon led him to public office. Charles first represented his community in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980 and then in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represented Georgia's 2nd Congressional District for six terms, from 1980 to 1992. He continued his public service as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the Clinton administration. In retirement, not only did he enjoy golf, but he also continued to give back to his community. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and other charitable foundations while also being an active member of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

While Charles was proud of his years in public service, the titles he held never defined him. He will be remembered most for the way he made people feel. Charles was loving, generous, and deeply interested in everyone. He never met a stranger and had a gift for making people feel welcomed, valued, and heard. He was an ambassador to everyone, whether he was walking the halls of Congress, spending time with family, or visiting with his neighbors at Marina Towers. Wherever Charles went, he built relationships, brought people together, and made his community feel like home.

The greatest beneficiaries of his love and generosity were his family, who Charles adored. He is survived by his wife, Krysta Harden; his sons, Chuck and his wife, Tracey, and Jon and his wife, Kris; his five grandchildren, Ansley, Chase, Boone, Tingen, and Walker; and his brother, Marcus Hatcher and his wife, Joy. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Polly Hatcher; his parents, C.E. Hatcher and Agnes Faircloth Hatcher; and his siblings, Clifford "Bubba" Hatcher, Irma Carr, Grace Adkins, and Glenn Hatcher.

Charles leaves behind a lifetime of service, friendship, and love. His family and the many people whose lives he touched will remember his kindness, sense of humor, genuine care for others, and ability to make anyone feel like an old friend. He will be deeply missed.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00pm on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at Camilla United Methodist Church in Camilla, Georgia, with interment at Oakview Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Washington Street United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Parker-Bramlett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Mr Karl "Bucky" Hunter Thomas

Karl Hunter (Bucky) Thomas of St Simons Island passed on August 29, 2026. Born in Johnson City, Tn to George Hunter and Irene Johnson Thomas and hailed from Wheelwright, Ky. A gifted athlete he was recruited to Statesboro, Ga. to play basketball and continue his education at Georgia Southern University. It was there that he met on a double blind date, the love of his life Rosalyn Applegate. They married in 1957 and moved to Lexington, Ky to complete their education at the University of Kentucky. After graduating they moved back to Statesboro and eventually settled in Albany, Ga. Then upon retirement they moved to St. Simons Island, Ga.

Bucky was an avid golfer and a huge University of Kentucky Wildcats fan. He was also a member of The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Bucky is survived by his wife of 68 years Rosalyn, two sons Hunter (Carla) of Leesburg, Ga and Karl (Leslie) of St Simons Island, Ga. Three grandchildren Jay of Grapevine, Tx, Joanna (Cayce) of Wellington, Fl, Bradlee (Hunter) of Sylvester, Ga. Five great grandchildren Noah, Samuel, Lyla Grace, Ace and Kole. A sister Carolyn (Jim) Rhodes. Three brothers in law Jim (Diane), Richard (Rose), and Steve (Janice) Applegate. And a sister in law Mary Alice Applegate.

No service is planned. Anyone who wishes may make a donation to the Hospice of the Golden Isles 1692 Glynco Pkwy Brunswick, Ga 31525.



Betty Wingate (Gregory)

Betty Gregory Wingate
September 2, 1942 - March 19, 2026

Betty Gregory Wingate, 83, of Winder, Georgia, and formerly of Albany, Georgia, was called to be with our Lord and Savior on March 19, 2026. She attended Albany High School in Albany, Georgia. As family and friends prepare to celebrate her life, they reflect on the love, faith, and memories she shared with so many.

Her love for God was apparent and visible in the way she approached life and treated others. She loved gospel music and listening to Elvis Presley.

Betty dedicated many years of her life to the grocery store industry. Betty valued excellent customer service and was known for her strong leadership as a front-end manager. She was loved by everyone, and many close and lifelong friendships were formed during these years. After many years of service, she began a new career path working for the Internal Revenue Service, until retiring in 2008.

Love and family connections were important to her. Betty cherished nothing more than time spent with her family. She loved taking trips to Panama City Beach, Florida, with her sisters and gathering family together for days filled with laughter. She delighted in telling stories of growing up



CHARLES HATCHER

From 2A

DINNER

purchased for \$100, with business and organization sponsorships ranging from \$1,000 for a Star Scout sponsorship, which includes a table and eight tickets, to \$5,000 for a Platinum Eagle sponsorship, which includes two tables, 16 tickets and top billing in the event program. Life Scout and Eagle Scout packages are available at \$1,750 and \$2,500.

Gun raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100 for a chance at one of four firearms, and buyers need not be present to win. Organizers ask that reservations be made by Sept. 30. Registration is available online at sgcbsa.org/content/136135/Wild-Game-Dinner, and checks may be mailed to the South Georgia Council, Attn: Wild Game Dinner, 3005 N. Ashley St., Valdosta, GA 31602.

Residents who cannot attend can still support the council by donating auction items or by volunteering with a local pack or troop. Families interested in enrolling a child, and adults interested in serving as leaders, can find local units at BeAScout.org.

For additional information or questions about the dinner, sponsorships or auction donations, contact Chehaw District Executive Michele Edwards at (229) 881-9155.

alongside her sisters and raising her children, while maintaining close relationships across generations throughout her life. Betty also loved visiting the Smoky Mountains every chance she could, and planned multiple trips each year and especially enjoyed the scenery and activities the mountains had to offer.

Betty is survived by her son, Keith L. Wingate; daughters, Cynthia Moore (Charles) and Kimberly Greve (Brian). Her legacy continues through her grandchildren: grandsons, Jason Griggs (Chrissy) and *Josh Griggs Sr. (Lisa); granddaughters, Erica DeLana (Drew) and Amy Callaway (Jeff); great-grandsons, Joshua Griggs Jr. (Sarah) and Nicholas Griggs (Iris); great-step-grandsons, Wyatt and Owen Crocker; great-granddaughters, Avery, Autumn, and Addison Callaway; great-great-granddaughter, Olivia Griggs; and sister, Barbara Gregory McDonald Osteen.

*The family will forever hold in their hearts the loving memory of Betty's grandson, Josh Griggs Sr., who was called home by the Lord on April 29, 2026, shortly after the passing of his grandmother.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Wilson William Wingate Jr.; daughter, Dreama Wingate Moore; parents, Lonnie and Lucille Gregory; brothers, Bennie and Junior Gregory; and her sisters, Shirley Tester and Patricia Howard.

Betty's memory will be cherished by all who knew her, and her legacy will continue to influence future generations.

Celebration of Life
A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026, at the Laurens County Sportsman Club, 308 Sportsman Club Road, Building 220, Dublin, GA 31021.

Bishop, friends pay last respects to former Congressman Charles Hatcher

Staff Reports

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. -- U.S. Congressman Sanford D. Bishop Jr. is among the dignitaries and close friends lamenting the loss of former Congressman Charles Floyd Hatcher of Georgia, who passed away Tuesday at his home here. He was 87.

"Today, Georgia lost a true public servant and leader," Bishop, who ousted Hatcher from his District 2 House seat in 1992, said. "Former Congressman Charles Hatcher was born in Georgia, served our country in the United States Air Force, and returned to southwest Georgia after earning his law degree and practicing in Albany."

"He served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980 and subsequently in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1981 through 1993. While we competed in the 1992 Democratic Primary for Georgia's Second Congressional District, which I won, I was glad to have his support and counsel nonetheless as I started my tenure on Capitol Hill."

Hatcher, a congressman,

attorney, veteran, and family man, was born July 1, 1939, in Doerun. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1962 before attending Georgia Southern University, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He went on to earn a law degree from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1969.

Following law school, Hatcher developed a thriving law practice in Albany that soon led him to public office. He first represented his community in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980 and then in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he represented Georgia's 2nd Congressional District for six terms, from 1980 to 1992.

He continued his public service as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the Clinton administration. He volunteered locally for Meals on Wheels and other charitable foundations while also serving as an active member of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

"Charles leaves behind a legacy of love and compas-

sion through his work and the relationships he built," Bishop said. "My wife, Vivian, and I extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Krysta, his children, his grandchildren, and loving family as well as all those whose lives he touched and helped make better. We will miss him dearly."

Hatcher is survived by his wife, Krysta Harden; his sons, Chuck and his wife, Tracey, and Jon and his wife, Kris; his five grandchildren, Ansley, Chase, Boone, Tingen and Walker; and his brother, Marcus Hatcher and his wife, Joy.

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Georgia Council for the Arts reaches out to high school students

Staff Reports

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ATLANTA -- Students are back at school, and the Georgia Council for the Arts has two opportunities for high school students to build confidence, strengthen communication and analytical skills, and explore their creativity through poetry – either by performing a poem or by writing an original work.

The Poet Laureate's Prize recognizes an original poem written by a Georgia high school student (grades 9-12).

Georgia Poet Laureate Chelsea Rathburn will select one winner and four finalists.

Winner and finalists:

Have their work published in Atlanta Magazine.

Are recognized by the Poet Laureate at a ceremony in the spring.

Receive a signed book of poetry.

Students do not need to be affiliated with a school or organization to participate. Minors must have permission from a parent or guardian to submit a poem.

Submission deadline is Jan. 15 at 11:59 p.m.

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation competition that helps high school students build public speaking skills and deepen their appreciation of poetry.

Students participate through local competitions organized by schools, school systems or community organizations. Individual students also can participate. The state winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national finals and is eligible for a cash prize.

Free lesson plans and resources make Poetry Out Loud easy to integrate into existing curriculum. Community organizations (including libraries, after-school programs, and arts organizations) also can partner with schools and school systems to create local competitions and expand opportunities for students.

Registration deadline is Jan. 27 at 11:59 p.m.

Albany recycling center enacts material separation rule

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ALBANY – Officials with the Albany Solid Waste Recycling Center announced this week that the center will no longer accept mixed recyclable materials at its 2521 Meredyth Drive facility.

The new rule goes into effect immediately and requires that items be separated prior to drop-off.

Materials must be separated by type (glass with glass, plastics with plastics, paper with paper, etc.). The center also requires that materials be clean and free of contaminants.

If individuals arrive with containers of mixed materials, staff will direct them to leave the facility and separate them before returning.

The recycling center is open from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday.



File Photo

Mixed recyclables will no longer be accepted at the Albany recycling center. The facility is located at 2521 Meredyth Drive and is open six days a week.



FLUSH SMART

7 Tips for Good Bathroom Etiquette

FEATURE IMPACT

Relationships and plumbing have something in common: they can both benefit from practicing smarter bathroom habits. Whether you're sharing a household with your family, a partner or roommates, good etiquette in these frequently shared spaces can save everyone's sanity – just like rethinking your flushing routines can save your pipes.

From simple annoyances like leaving the toilet seat up to potentially costly mistakes like clogging your plumbing by flushing the wrong items, a new survey from the Responsible Flushing Alliance (RFA) illuminated a variety of bad habits that cause the most tension in American homes.

In addition to shedding light on these problems, the alliance outlined solutions you can implement at home to restore peace in your restroom. Plus, you can gamify the habit changes to make them more entertaining.

“Our goal is to revolutionize public education by keeping it highly engaging, memorable and fun,” RFA President Lara Wyss said. “We are challenging the public to rethink their everyday habits.”

Get started with these seven tips:

Replace the toilet roll properly
Don't be the reason someone gets stranded with nothing but a cardboard tube in their moment of need. Keep extra rolls nearby, and when you're down to the last square of toilet paper, make it a race against the clock to replace it.

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Americans are still flushing things down the drain they know they shouldn't.

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Use the (flush) force
An unflushed toilet was listed as the biggest bathroom pet peeve by 37% of survey respondents. To make it fun for the family, introduce a new tradition: before you leave the bathroom, pretend there's an invisible force field pushing you back to make sure you've flushed and are good to go.

Hunt for sink and shower hair
Leaving hair in the drain isn't just a source of potential plumbing clogs – it's also an irritant for 35% of respondents. After you shower or style your hair, make it a game to see how many stray strands you can capture and deliver to the trash can.

Clean it and close it
You've probably heard jokes about people who leave the toilet seat up, so don't make yourself the punchline. For a completely un-mockable routine, grab the brush to give the bowl a quick swish after you flush, ensure the seat is down and use an anti-bacterial wipe to leave everything sparkling. You'll notice cleaning wipes bear the Do Not Flush symbol, which means they go in the trash and never the toilet.

Conquer the counter
Toothpaste and water often splatter all over the place, so to be a polite bathroom roommate, wipe up the mess before it's even had a chance to dry. Keep cleaning wipes or rags within easy reach and give yourself a 10-second deadline to leave surfaces spotless.

Practice good towel etiquette
Wet towels don't belong on bathroom floors. If they still have a use or two left in them, banish them back to your towel rack. Otherwise, challenge yourself to a game of laundry basketball, aiming for the hamper.



Don't flush the un-flushable
According to an RFA survey, half of Americans are still flushing things they know they shouldn't, like paper towels, feminine hygiene products and non-flushable wipes. Since clearing a clog in your home can cost anywhere from \$300-\$15,000 or more, the only thing you'll be draining with habits like these is your wallet.

“Always check wet wipes for the Do Not Flush symbol and disposal instructions, which helps us protect not only the health of our homes and environment but our relationships, too,” Wyss said.

Visit FlushSmart.org to learn more about good bathroom etiquette, take an interactive quiz and put these tips into practice with a seven-day challenge.

5 HIGH-ROI PROJECTS TO INSTANTLY BOOST CURB APPEAL

By Feature Impact
eLivingtoday.com

First impressions can make a big difference – especially when it comes to potential home buyers deciding whether they can envision themselves signing a deed. If you're actively selling your home or just contemplating how to increase your property's curb appeal for the future, these simple tips can capture that wow factor without breaking the bank.

Grab the Power Washer
Take a weekend to blast away the grime on exterior surfaces and see what a dramatic difference it can make when things are sparkling clean. With a power washer, you can make quick work of dirty siding, muddy walkways and stained driveways. If you feel like your home looks tired, a good cleaning might be just the thing to wake it up – with no expensive paint job required.

Refresh Your Landscaping
Trees, shrubs and plants add so much life and color to outdoor spaces. Your yard doesn't need to look like it fell out of a magazine, but don't



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underestimate the power of fresh mulch, trimmed greenery, weeded flower beds and a mowed lawn. When landscaping looks healthy and cared for, it automatically makes a

property feel more polished and welcoming.

Paint the Front Door
Your front door is the natural focal point of your home's

exterior, so if it's seen better days, that can make the rest of the house seem worn and dated too. However, there's an easy solution: Pick a paint color that matches the aes-

thetic of your property, grab a paint brush and transform your door with a look that makes your porch feel more current.

Add Window Boxes or Shutters

Windows are another great place to add some extra color, charm and visual interest to the outside of your home. Flowers in window boxes automatically appear cheerful and homey, and shutters can add more personality to the architecture. As a bonus, painting shutters to match your new front door makes the house feel thoughtfully designed.

Update Your Porch
The porch is a transition space between the inside and outside of your home, so it should be inviting to visitors. Start by clearing away clutter, banishing spiderwebs and touching up any peeling paint. Then consider a few new pieces of tasteful furniture or decor, like a new doormat, outdoor wall art or comfortable rocking chair.

Whether you're trying to impress potential buyers or design a space you don't ever want to sell, discover more home upgrade ideas at eLivingtoday.com.



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Squirrel (Falconry): NOW – March 15
Raccoon & Opossum: NOW – February 28
Dove: September 5 – October 11
Canada Goose: September 5 - 27
Ducks & Coot: (Falconry) September 5 - 27

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY – Today is the opening day of the Georgia 2026-2027 mourning dove season. For more than a century, this was a date marked on calendars and eagerly anticipated by wing shooters across the state.

Many are no doubt planning to enjoy a good shoot today or later this season. Unfortunately, opportunities have declined over the past decades. One of the appeals of the mourning dove for wing shooters is that it is a great equalizer.

A dove shoot can be a casual affair with a few friends setting up around the edges of a promising field. A shoot on a neighboring property might be the social event of the season with a bar and barbecue following the shoot. Dove can be harvested as easily with a hardware brand single-shot gun as they can with the highest-grade classic double barrel or technologically advanced automatic.

The second but strongest appeal to shooting dove is the opportunity to shoot a lot. The conventional measure of a good dove shoot is the numerous birds that “visit” the field while the shooters are there. The refrain “You should have been here yesterday,” likely originated on a dove field.

In recent years, the days, months or in some cases years between those good shoots have increased. This is due in a large part to a dramatic decrease in the overall population of mourning dove in the United States. It is also due to the reduced opportunities for many hunters to find places to shoot them.

The most recent figures from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on the status of mourning dove populations and harvest data highlight this reality. For study purposes, they have divided the U.S. into three regions with Georgia being in the Eastern region. The service uses estimates of survival, harvest, recruitment and abundance to evaluate species populations. Interestingly, the Eastern region is the only region in the country that has states where shooting mourning doves is illegal.

‘Mourning’
the loss of traditional
DOVE HUNTING



Special Photo
Mourning
dove season
opens today.

Much of the current USFWS data come from a banding program initiated in 2003.

Between 2003 and 2023, 1,345,918 mourning doves were banded across the country. During the same period, 37,050 bands were collected from birds harvested by hunters.

The most recent estimates by the USFWS indicate that bird abundance measures for mourning doves actually increased between 2022 and 2023. It was estimated that there were 337 million mourning doves in the U.S. prior to the 2024-2025 season.

Harvest levels are another indicator of mourning dove populations. The Harvest Information Program, which is a collaborative effort between USFWS, and state wildlife agencies, provide annual estimates of hunter activity and harvest for all migratory birds. The highest harvests come from the Central region of the country, and the lowest come from the Western region.

USFWS harvest records for the 2024-2025 season report on mourning doves indicate that 14,607,200 birds were harvested in the U.S. The Eastern region accounted for 5,193,100 of these doves. The Georgia harvest was reported to be 786,000 for the season. These are significant decreases for the same data collected during the 2023-2024 season when 16,759,700 mourning doves were harvested in the U.S.

At the same time, the Eastern region accounted for 5,981,800 birds, and the Georgia harvest for the season was reported as 871,600 birds.

USFWS data for hunter activity shows that for the 2024-2025 season, 947,000 hunters in the country spent 2,848,700 days in the field shooting mourning doves. In Georgia 49,7000 hunters contributed 144,500 of those days pursuing the birds.

Harvest activity reported for the 2023-2024 season also indicates decreasing numbers with 1,018,100 hunters spend-

ing 3,262,000 days in the field. Georgia had 56,600 shooters spending 151,800 days shooting mourning doves.

Unfortunately, these trends are nothing new. During the 1972-1973 mourning dove season harvest records indicated that 49.4 million birds were taken. A decade later, that number had fallen to 44.8 million birds being harvested during the next decade. Those numbers would remain relatively stable before beginning to decline steadily.

Mortality rates for mourning doves average 58%, with banded birds in the U.S. averaging 1.0 years for immature birds and 1.5 years for mature birds. In 1998, a hunter in Florida reportedly harvested a bird that had been banded in Georgia 30 years and 4 months earlier.

Following a recent online posting of the occurrence, many Georgia hunters acknowledged missing shots at him over the decades as he flew past.

The measure of a dove shoot

might be based on the number of birds that come to the field, but there are generally two measures used to rate the shooter. Although the total number of birds harvested within the 15-bird limit is one factor, the real measure of success is the number of shells fired per bird harvested. This is due in a large part to the fact that most wing shooters will acknowledge that doves are the hardest easy bird to hit and the easiest bird to miss, a fact backed not only by research but by the sale of dove loads across the country.

It is estimated that the average number of shells fired per mourning dove retrieved ranges between 4 to 8 shots, depending on the survey. Those who settle on five as the average, that’s five birds per box of shells. Therefore, the average wing shooter can expect to shoot three boxes of shells to get his limit on a good shoot.

The number of brightly colored spent shells surrounding some shooters indicates that

this average is not the norm. For most shooters, getting a limit of mourning doves with one box of shells is about as likely as the chance of shooting a unicorn with a rainbow mane flying across the field.

The challenge to overcome shooting issues is far easier to solve than the challenge of increasing mourning dove numbers. Habitat loss and fragmentation of farmland are considered leading factors. Urban sprawl and deforestation are significantly impacting the scrubby woodland areas where doves nest, as well as fallow areas where they feed when crops are not available.

Recent outbreaks of Avian Flu and parasitic-spread diseases also are suspect and being studied. Pesticides lead to a significant decrease in insect populations that are vital food sources for the feeding of young doves. At the same time, the widespread use of herbicides decrease the availability of wild seeds preferred by the birds.

Changes in agricultural practices, including crop selection, harvest dates and land clearing, also impact local populations as well as migratory patterns. Hunting pressure also is obviously a factor, especially when local populations of mourning doves are not increasing through recruitment from migrating birds. However, the declining number of hunters may continue to make that less of a factor, while shifting weather patterns and climatic changes are seen as a possible contributing factor that was not previously considered.

Another change in the tradition of dove shoots from impromptu social gatherings to commercial pay shoots is becoming more acceptable as the opportunities for many wing shooters to hunt has declined. A variety of hunts can now be found on social media sites as well as on flyers posted at sporting goods and feed and seed stores across southwest Georgia.

Although the days of pickup trucks gathering in parking lots on Saturday afternoons to caravan to a dove field are mostly a thing of the past, there is still hope that hunters will find a good field with some friends this season. Just be sure to take some extra shells.

Complete hunter education
course before taking to the fields

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SOCIAL CIRCLE – Are

you among the hunters getting ready to take part in the hunting opportunities that Georgia has to offer? Before

locking in your plans, make sure to complete a hunter education course.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division offers both fully online and in-person classroom options to get complete the course.

“Our goal is to educate hunters and set them up for success before they head to the dove field or hunting stand,” Jennifer Davison, hunter development program manager with the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division, said. “We offer multiple online courses as well as in-person instructor-led courses for those who prefer the classroom setting. “It is important to the department that we offer these different course options to accommodate all learning styles.”

There are 10 online course options available, including one in Spanish. Online courses have fees ranging from FREE to \$49.95. Fees are set and collected by the independent course provid-

ers. Fee-based courses are all “pass or don’t pay.”

For those who prefer an in-person option, the DNR classroom course is offered free of charge.

Completion of a hunter education course is required for any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, who:

- purchases a season hunting license in Georgia.
- is at least 12 years old and hunts without adult supervision.
- hunts big game (deer, turkey, bear) on a wildlife management area.

The only exceptions include any person who:

- purchases an Apprentice Hunting License or short-term hunting license, i.e., anything less than annual duration (as opposed to a season license).
- is hunting on his or her own land or is a dependent hunting on land of his or her parents or legal guardians.

For more information, go to GeorgiaWildlife.com/hunting/huntereducation or call (706) 557-3355.



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Before hunters lock in their plans for this year’s dove season, they should make sure to complete a hunter education course.

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Full-Time

Employer: Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc.
Position: Medical Technologist
Location: Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia
Duties: Provide laboratory information based on the performance of analytical tests on human body substances; correlate and interpret test data to detect evidence of or prevent disease or impairment and to promote and monitor good health; monitor quality assurance and maintain laboratory instrumentation including all documentation; follow established guidelines and protocols to provide requested clinical information to physicians, nurses, and other relevant health care personnel; and perform phlebotomy duties as needed.
Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology; 1 year experience in clinical laboratory in the same or similar discipline; Clinical laboratory scientist certification through CGFNS and medical laboratory scientist certification by one of the following: ASCP, AMT, NCA, or AAB.
Resume to: Savannah Hughes, srhughes@phoebehealth.com
Southwest Georgia Nephrology Clinic, PC is seeking a Physician (Nephrology). Must have M.D. or foreign equiv., completion of Internal Med Residency and Nephrology Fellowship. Must be BC/BE in Nephrology and possess or be eligible for a GA med. license. Locations: Dougherty, Sumter, Early, Terrell, Worth, Lee & Mitchell counties, GA.
If interested, mail resume to Louise Girard, Practice Admin., 1200 N. Jefferson St., Albany, GA 31701; louiseg@swganephrology.net.
If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Part-Time

What you'll do as a caregiver for my MOTHER
Foster relationships with HER through companionship and compassionate caregiving. Assist with light meal preparation & perform light housekeeping duties. Provide personal care services, including assistance with grooming, Transportation to appointments, Medication reminders and managing incontinence. The Job is 5 hours/day, 5 days a week & the pay is \$35 per hour. You can email me via lawrencecejob@gmail.com for more info.

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Albany Legals

Construction/Service Bids

A-857
INVITATION TO BID
#6 Copper Primary Re-Conduct/
Replacement Phase 5
BID REF. #27-017

Construction/Service Bids

Sealed bids will be received by City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 2:30 PM on September 25, 2026. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on September 3, at the Procurement division office with a Site Visit following. A 5% Bid Bond is required of all bidders. Bid documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Joshua Williams, Procurement Manager, at jswilliams@albanyga.gov.
'b\ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer
September 5, 2026

A-852
ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
1713 GADSDEN INTERIOR
BUILDOUT

The Albany Housing Authority (AHA) is soliciting proposals from qualified and properly licensed contractors for the **interior buildout and renovation of 1713 Gadsden, Albany, Georgia.**
The project generally consists of the interior renovation of an approximately 1,050-square foot residential structure.
Work includes, but is not limited to:
□ Selective interior demolition
□ Metal stud framing
□ Plumbing modifications
□ Electrical modifications
□ HVAC modifications
□ Drywall installation and repair
□ Kitchen buildout
□ Bathroom renovations
□ Laundry area construction
□ Interior doors, trim, and hardware
□ Flooring
□ Interior painting
□ Fixtures, accessories, and final cleaning
The successful contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, permits, inspections, disposal, and coordination necessary to complete the project.
Interested contractors may obtain the complete RFP package, plans, specifications, proposal requirements, and bid forms from: **Albany Housing Authority**
521 Pine Ave.
Albany, Georgia 31702
Electronic versions are available by request.
Contact: Doug Holdridge
Phone: 229-603-9458
Email: dholdridge@albanyha.com
A site visit will be held on:
Date: 9-9-2026
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: 1713 Gadsden, Albany, Georgia
Proposals must be received by the Albany Housing Authority no later than: **2:00 PM on 9-30-2026**
Proposals received after the stated deadline may not be considered.
The Albany Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities where permitted, and award a contract in the best interest of the Authority.
The Albany Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages participation by qualified minority-owned, women-owned, Section 3, and small business enterprises.

ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

Alcoholic Beverages

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BEER & WINE LICENSE

UJ & DH Inc., trading as Radium Spring Food Mart at 2524 Radium Springs Rd., Albany, Georgia 31705, gives notice that I have applied for an Alcohol License to be considered as a transfer of ownership.

Albany Herald Run Dates, September 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

A-813
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Joyce Ann Sherry, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 12th day of August 2026.
Sherman Willis, Attorney for Cynthia Collins, Executor of the Estate of Joyce Ann Sherry
GARDNER WILLIS PLAIRE & WILSON, LLP
P.O. Drawer 71788
Albany, Georgia 31708-1788
229-883-2441
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-864
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Oscar C. Fuller, Jr., deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us. The 28th day of August, 2026.
Yahya Sabree, Administrator of the Estate of Oscar C. Fuller, Jr.
305 Piney Woods
Cibola, Texas 78108
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-868
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-148
All creditors of the Estate of Robert Lee Clayton, 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.

State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-148
All creditors of the Estate of Robert Lee Clayton, 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.

Debtors & Creditors

Rodney Clayton
Administrator of the Estate of Robert Lee Clayton
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-883
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
IN RE: Estate of Dennis Orrin Gilletly
All creditors of the Estate of Dennis Orrin Gilletly, 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 Robin Dunn, Executor, c/o Tyson Pinson, LLC, P.O. Box 107, Camilla, GA 31730.
Robin Dunn, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Dennis Orrin Gilletly, deceased
Tyson Pinson LLC
P.O. Box 107
Camilla, GA 31730
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-804
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of James Bruce Folmar, 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 11th day of August, 2026.
To be published: Four consecutive Saturdays
Ellen Schramm Folmar, as Executor of the Estate of James Bruce Folmar, deceased
c/o Perry & Walters, LLP
Post Office Box 71209
Albany, Georgia 31708
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-839
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY: All creditors of the Estate of SYDNEY NELSON CONNER, III, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to VICKI HARPER, at 1210 Baker Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31707, Personal Representative of said estate, in accordance with Georgia law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Personal Representative of said estate. This the 4th day of August, 2026.
ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE OF SYDNEY NELSON CONNER, III, DECEASED
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-841
NOTICE
GEORGIA DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Constance Houseman, deceased, to present an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law, and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Thomas Hardison, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Constance Houseman
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-805
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Gewanma Cambell Hicks, of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 11th day of August 2026.
Adrian B. Hicks, Executor of the Estate of Gewanma Cambell Hicks
c/o S. Tanner Lowe, Esq.
MOORHEAD LAW FIRM LLC
314 W. Residence Avenue
Albany, Georgia 31701
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-863
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Geraldine Jones Norris of said county, deceased, to render an account of their demands to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. All persons indebted to the estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 28th day of August 2026.
Vincent Jones, Executor of the Estate of Geraldine Jones Norris
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esquire
MOORHEAD LAW FIRM LLC
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, Georgia 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-870
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-147
All creditors of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton, 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. Rodney Clayton
Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-858
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Ruby Jean Maples Anderson, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 27th day of August 2026.
JENNY LYNN ANDERSON SLEDGE

A-870
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-147
All creditors of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton, 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. Rodney Clayton
Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

Albany, Georgia 31705
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road (31707)
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708
(229) 888-3338
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-849
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of BETTY TAYLOR, 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 August, 2026.
Donna Kaye Barwick, as Administrator of the Estate of Betty Taylor, deceased
c/o Perry & Walters, LLP Post Office Box 71209
Albany, Georgia 31708
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-845
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Susie M. Fletcher, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 24th day of August 2026.
ROBERT S. FLETCHER
Executor of the Estate of Susie M. Fletcher
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-885
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF JERROLD ALVIN DOLLAR, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Jerrold Alvin Dollar, 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 Jerrold Alvin Dollar. This 1st day of September, 2026.
Stephanie Dollar Najjar, Executor of the Estate of Jerrold Alvin Dollar
3103 Cane Mill Drive
Albany, Georgia 31721
or
MOORE, CLARKE, DuVALL & RODGERS, P.C.
2829 Old Dawson Road
Post Office Drawer 71727
Albany, Georgia 31708-1727 (229) 888-3338
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-844
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Johnny Strawder, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 24th day of August 2026.
KRISTY LEIGH STRAWDER TYUS
Executor of the Estate of Johnny Strawder
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
August 29, Sept 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-848
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF Marilyn Gredell Nobles, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Marilyn Gredell Nobles, DECEASED late of Dougherty County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. Gregory Nobles
307 W Holston Avenue
Johnson City, TN 37604
Executor of Marilyn Gredell Nobles, deceased
O.C.G.A § 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..."
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-870
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-147
All creditors of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton, 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. Rodney Clayton
Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-858
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Ruby Jean Maples Anderson, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 27th day of August 2026.
JENNY LYNN ANDERSON SLEDGE

A-858
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Ruby Jean Maples Anderson, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 27th day of August 2026.
JENNY LYNN ANDERSON SLEDGE

Debtors & Creditors

Executrix of the Estate of Ruby Jean Maples Anderson
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-803
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of William Ernest Nordstrom, late of Dougherty County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 11th day of August 2026.
MARY N. SHAPARD
Executor of the Estate of William Ernest Nordstrom
% DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-855
IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
RICARDO ANTHONY BROWN, Plaintiff/Husband,
vs.
NYZHIA NICHANTIS CIERRA JORDAN, Defendant/Wife.
DOCKET NO. 26D680
NOTICE OF SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: NYZHIA NICHANTIS CIERRA JORDAN, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking an absolute divorce was filed against you in said court on May 12, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on August 21, 2026 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon RICARDO ANTHONY BROWN, Plaintiff, whose attorney's address is Michael K. Walker, Esq. BPR # 028756, 341 Harrison Street, Nashville, TN 37219, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication at METROPOLITAN CIRCUIT COURT, 1 PUBLIC SQUARE, #302, NASHVILLE, TN 37201. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-784
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Sharolyn Miller V.
Respondent: Marqita Miller
Civil Action Case Number: 26CV6478-1

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
To: Marqita Miller, Respondent
Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on 7/20, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 8/5, 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 2806 Capers Lane Albany, GA 31721. 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 the 6th day of August, 2026.
Samantha Sebastian, Dep Clerk
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-884
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia, County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-147
All creditors of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton, 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. Rodney Clayton
Administrator of the Estate of Patricia Deloris Clayton
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

Name Changes

A-853
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty County
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Karen Holt Ransom
Civil Action File No. 26-SUCV-724-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
filed a petition in the Superior Court I, Karen Holt Ransom, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 26th day of August, 2026, to change my name from Karen Holt Ransom to Karen Holt. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 26th day of August, 2026.
Karen Holt Ransom, Petitioner
407 Williams St
Albany Ga 31705
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-884
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty County
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Khanie T. Bowens
Civil Action File No. 26CV777-4
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
filed a petition in the Superior Court I, Khanie T. Bowens, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 18 day of August, 2026, to change my name from Khanie T. Bowens to Kylie Kaomi Baker. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 18 day of August, 2026.
Khanie T. Bowens, Petitioner
2710 W Oakridge Drive Lot 67
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-854
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Henritta Williams filed her petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 27th day of August, 2026 praying for a change in the name of Petitioner from HENRITTA WOODEN WILLIAMS to

Name Changes

HENRIETTA WOODEN WILLIAMS. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

Probate Court Administration

A-794
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: DOMEKA D. HICKS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-252
Terrika Brantley has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **DOMEKA D. HICKS**, 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 **September 8, 2026.**
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
August 15, 22, and 29, September 5, 2026

A-792
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: GARY LEE SMITH
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-253
Lisa Merritt Smith has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **GARY LEE SMITH**, 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 **September 8, 2026.**
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
August 15, 22, and 29, September 5, 2026

A-793
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CARLOS R. PEREZ A/K/A CARLOS PEREZ
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-245
Luz Marina Alonzo has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **CARLOS R. PEREZ A/K/A CARLOS PEREZ**, 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 **September 8, 2026.**
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
August 15, 22, and 29, September 5, 2026

A-793
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CARLOS R. PEREZ A/K/A CARLOS PEREZ
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-245
Luz Marina Alonzo has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **CARLOS R. PEREZ A/K/A CARLOS PEREZ**, 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 **September 8, 2026.**
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
August 15, 22, and 29, September 5, 2026

A-793
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CARLOS R. PEREZ A/K/A CARLOS PEREZ
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-245
Luz Marina Alonzo has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **CARLOS R. PEREZ A/K/A CARLOS PEREZ**, 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 **September 8, 2026.**
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
August 15, 22, and 29, September 5, 2026

A-862
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: VICKIE OHMART
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-236
Ben Ohmart has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **VICKIE OHMART**, 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 **September 29, 2026.**
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before **September 29, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

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September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-826
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: LARRY LEE
LANE
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-128
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE
FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

TO: Je'Nita Lane and All Other
Interested Parties

The Petition of **Jacqueline Myrick** for a year's support from the estate of **LARRY LEE LANE**, Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **September 21, 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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Probate Court Wills

A-806
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
CASE NAME: MAMIE CARTER
NELSON

CASE NO: 2018-ES-629
IN RE: The Amended and Restated Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: PAUL SMITH, EDDIE B. CARTER, TROY CARTER, ALONZO CARTER, DARRELL STUBBS, NAT THOMAS, SONYA THOMAS, JANE DOE (UNKNOWN DAUGHTER OF HOWARD THOMAS, JR. & GRAND DAUGHTER OF INEZ THOMAS) AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition in this Court on or before **September 8, 2026**.

Be notified further: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Leisa G. Blount
Probate Judge
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

Public Sales/
Auctions

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Public Auction

Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:

Monday, September 14, 2026
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Unit 214 Kameron Mitchell: Furniture

Unit 434 Kieren Jackson: Furniture, totes & decor

Unit 724 Andrew Steen: Miscellaneous items

Unit 736 Kiesha Crawford: Furniture
August 29, September 5, 12, 2026

A-846
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, September 17, 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 A40 Shalissa Brown-Furniture.

Unit A72 Shakiem White-Furniture.

Unit A89...Diane Mcmanus-HH Goods.

Unit B20-Natalya Williams-HH Goods.

Unit E40 Lawanda Harper-Furniture.

Unit F16 Emmanuel Williams-HH Goods.

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Auctions

Unit F93 Cory Mitchell-HH Goods
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Paint Pro Towing,LLC
2804 Wilmar Lane
Albany,Ga.31707
September 16,2026
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

1.) 2000 Dodge Dakota
(Vin # 1B7FL26X5YS59450)
Case # 2026-143AV

2.) 2016 Ford Fusion
(Vin # 3FA6POH70GR228362)
Case # 2026-141AV

3.) 2003 Chevy S-10
(Vin # 1GCCS19X638173024)
Case # 2026-142AV

4.) 1999 Ford Crown Victoria
Vin # 2FAFP71W0XX147826)
Case # 2026-143AV

5.) 1995 Buick Roadmaster
(Vin # 1G4BT52PA6R412763)
Case # 2026-164AV

6.) 2008 Chevy Equinox
(Vin # 2CNDL23F986066498)
Case # 2026-162AV

7.) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria
(Vin # 2FAHP71V29X139651)
Case # 2026-193AV

8.) 2016 Chevy Malibu
(Vin # 1G11C55A6GF119203)
Case # 2026-140AV

9.) 1996 Ford Mustang
(Vin # 1FALP45X1TF218431)
Case # 2026-194AV

10.) 2022 Nissan Sentra
(Vin # 3N1AB8CV7NY21707)
Case # 2026-161AV

11.) 2004 Chevy Suburban
(Vin # 3GNEC16Z14G289707)
Case # 2026-196AV

12.) 2005 Chevrolet Impala
(Vin # 2G1WF52E259292612)
Case # 2026-195AV
August 29, September 5, 2026

A-866
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: _September 23,2026 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: Denali
Year: UNKN
Model: 50 Moped
Vehicle ID#: LL0TCAPC3NG000234
Vehicle License #: UNKN
State: UNKN
Magistrate Court Case No.: 2026-242AV
September 5, 12, 2026

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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: LEXUS
Year: 2007
Model: ES
Vehicle ID #: JTHBJ46G772113054
Vehicle License #: P7606147
State: GA

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

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

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:
Business Name: Hook Em Towing and Wrecker Service
Address: 204 Poplar Street Albany, Ga 31707
Telephone #: 229-496-2011
September 5, 12, 2026

A-847

For the public sale to the highest bidder of the contents of the following storage units at Air Safe Self Storage, 2711 Gillionville Rd Albany, GA 31721

Unit 384 Alvin Tyson Jr Miscellaneous

Unit 524 Tomey Fred Miscellaneous

Unit 112 Rashaunda Muldrow Miscellaneous

Units 517 & 510 Marlo Newbill Miscellaneous

Unit 413 David Milner Miscellaneous

Unit 345 Steven Anderson Miscellaneous

Unit 291 DaShawnia Smith Miscellaneous

Unit 426 Fredrick Davis- Miscellaneous

Unit 299 Abner Stephens Miscellaneous

Auction is 10:00am Friday, September 11, 2026 at Air Safe Storage at 2711 Gillionville Albany, GA
August 29, September 5, 2026

A-877

Miles towing & recovery
Abandon motor vehicle
advertisement notice

Vehicle make- CHEVY
Model - EXPRESS WHITE VAN

Public Sales/
Auctions

Year: 2007
VIN-1GCGF15X1711165643
License # SKX3475
State- GA

Your are here by notified in accordance with ooga 40-11-19.1(b) (2) that the above referenced vehicle are subject to a lien and a petition has been filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at 313 n Jefferson Street Albany GA 31701. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately at miles towing & recovery at 313 n Jefferson street Albany ga 31701, or call at 229-431-2949 thanks.
September 5, 12, 2026

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ABSOLUTE CAR AUCTION
TIME: 10:00 AM
DATE: WEDNESDAY September
23,2026
LOCATION: A1 WRECKER
SERVICE
213 7TH AVE
ALBANY, GA 31701

IN ACCORDANCE WITH O.C.G.A. SECTION 40-11-02, THIRTY-ONE (31) ABANDONED, WRECKED AND STOLEN VEHICLES ARE TO BE AUCTIONED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

TERMS OF PAYMENT: CASH, CHASHIERS CHECK OR PERSONAL CHECK WITH LETTER OF CREDIT FROM YOUR BANK. TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20) CAR PREMIUM CHARGE ON EACH PURCHASE.

Make: Ford
Model: Expedition
Year: 2005
Vin #: 1FMPU13525LA25340

Make: Honda
Model: Accord
Year: 2002
Vin #: 1GYSA4PKL2NR28553

Make: Subaru
Model: WRX
Year: 2017
Vin #: JF1VA1E67H9800054

Make: Ford
Model: Explorer
Year: 1997
Vin #: 1FMDU32EXVUC91876

Make: Chevrolet
Model: Silverado 1500
Year: 2001
Vin #: 2GCEC19V211258656

Make: BMW
Model: 5 Series
Year: 2007
Vin #: WBAANE73537CM46009

Make: Lincoln
Model: MKC
Year: 2015
Vin #: 5LMCJ1A96FUJ33711

Make: Nissan
Model: Altima
Year: 2017
Vin #: 1N4AL3AP0HC173414

Make: Chevrolet
Model: Camaro
Year: 2001
Vin #: 2G1FP22K612117137

Make: Honda
Model: Pilot
Year: 2011
Vin #: 5FNFY3H58BB023713

Make: Lexus
Model: GX460
Year: 2013
Vin #: JTJBM7FXD45059827

Make: Mercury
Model: Grand Marquis
Year: 2006
Vin #: 2MEFM75V36X630969

Make: Toyota
Model: Camry
Year: 2011
Vin #: 4T1BF3EK8BU145054

Make: Hyundai
Model: Santa Fe
Year: 2001
Vin #: KM8SC83D61U089723

Make: Chevrolet
Model: Impala
Year: 2017
Vin #: 2G110S35H9112411

Make: Ford
Model: Fusion
Year: 2016
Vin #: 3FA6POH7XGR219247

Make: Subaru
Model: Outback
Year: 2012
Vin #: 4S4BRBL7C3260331

Make: Chevrolet
Model: Trailblazer EXT
Year: 2004
Vin #: 1GNES16S246147655

Make: Ford
Model: Escape
Year: 2008
Vin #: 1FMCU93108KA99506

Make: Mitsubishi
Model: Lancer
Year: 2015
Vin #: JA32U2FU5FU024961

Make: Lexus
Model: LS400
Year: 1997
Vin #: JTB8H28FXV0073985

Make: Jaguar
Model: S-Type
Year: 2001
Vin #: SAJDA01N81FL94535

Make: GMC
Model: Yukon
Year: 2004
Vin #: 1GKEC13Z84J321379

Make: Ford
Model: Ranger
Year: 1993
Vin #: 1FTCR14A2PTA30296

Make: Chevrolet
Model: S10
Year: 1996
Vin #: 1GCCS1948T8109119

Make: Utility
Model: Flatbed Trailer
Year: ?
Vin #: 1UYFS2484J5382703

Make: Chevrolet
Model: Express Cutaway
Year: 2005
Vin #: 1GBHG31V251154709

Make: Toyota
Model: Tacoma
Year: 1995
Vin #: 4TAVN73F6S2040951

Make: Chevrolet
Model: Trailblazer

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Year: 2002
Vin #: 1GNDS13S022233969

Make: Chevrolet
Model: S10
Year: 2003
Vin #: 1GCCS14H838219811
September 5, 12, 2026

Service by
Publication

A-840

IN THE STATE COURT OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
AALIYAH SHARIF, Plaintiff,
v.
MEGAN LEWIS-MOORE,
Defendant.
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
STSV2026000363

NOTICE OF SUMMONS – SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION

TO: Megan Lewis-Moore
109 Constitution Court
Albany, Georgia 31721
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Complaint for Damages and Demand for Jury Trial was filed against you in said court on May 13, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on August 19 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Valerie J. Pallos, Esq., Counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 10745 Westside Way, Suite 165, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Witness the Honorable John M. Stephenson, Judge of said Court.
This the 19th day of August, 2026.
John M. Stephenson
Clerk of State Court, Dougherty County
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

Foreclosures

A-780
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-5 et seq.;
48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1803 N SLAPPEY BOULEVARD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-45, 46)
Take notice that:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock(4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA§48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, consisting of 0.46 acres, more or less, and being located at 1803 N Slappey Blvd, and is a portion of that property identified as "Tract 1" in that

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Foreclosures

expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after October 1, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 94 of the First Land District of Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of Lot 11 according to a map or plat of survey entitled "Plat Property of Mrs. Frances Wellman" dated January 26, 1959 and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 28 in the Dougherty County, Georgia Superior Court Clerk's Office. Being commonly known as 2731 Moultrie Road according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 00146-00001-011 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2026, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 61 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Assertive Acquisitions, Inc
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

A-829
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et
seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO FARM, LLC;
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA FARM CREDIT ACA;
FLINT DIVERSIFIED FARMS INC.;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 2800 MOULTRIE ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A.

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A-773
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1114 THIRTEENTH AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia and in the City of Albany, and being more particularly described as follows: All of Lot Nine (9) in Brookwood Subdivision, according to map or plat of same recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 100, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, being improved property with dwelling at 1114 13th Avenue. Being commonly known as 1114 Thirteenth Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000N 00027 018 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 183 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-779
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1700 N SLAPPEY BOULEVARD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being the south portion of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 37 of Rawson Circle Subdivision, according to a map or plat of same recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 17 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the northeast intersection of North Slappey Drive and Tenth Avenue, thence run east along the north right-of-way line of Tenth Avenue 155.2 feet; thence run north at an angle of 90 degrees along the east line of Lot No. 7 a distance of 70 feet; thence west parallel to Tenth Avenue 154.1 feet to the east right-of-way line of Slappey Drive; thence south along the east right-of-way line of Slappey Drive 70 feet to the point of beginning. Being commonly known as 1700 N. Slappey Boulevard according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000N 00032 003 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 201 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

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A-781
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 2019 WHISPERING PINES ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and more particularly described as follows: All of Lot 2 of Groveland Subdivision which Lot 2 is a redivision of parts of Lots 50 and 49 of Groveland Subdivision according to a plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 116 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Being commonly known as 2019 Whispering Pines Road according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000O 00005 003 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 203 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-800
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

TO: HARRISON AND WALKER PROPERTIES LLC [3000 CORPORATE CENTER STE 375, MORROW GA 30260] **AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OF RECORD IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON, THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW:**

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
ADDRESS: 511 WEST MERCER AVE
PARCEL ID: 0000E/00006/009
REAL
DESCRIPTION: BLK 46 PT LT 47
DISTRICT: 001 CITY OF ALBANY
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.
THE REPAYMENT: \$2312.27 for tax Auction, previous tax year tax, interest and service fees.
Cash or cashier's check will only be accepted.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5TH day 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: 131-132. Filed: September 30, 2025 at 8:31am.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 25TH Day of September 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
Tax-Sale Purchaser:
ANTONIO M. KENDRICK
Address For Redemption:
512 W. MERCER AVE
ALBANY GA 31701
Please be governed accordingly.
Tax-Sale Purchaser
Date: AUGUST 10, 2026
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-797
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION TO:

HARRISON AND WALKER PROPERTIES LLC, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN 509 MERCER AVEAVE Albany, Georgia 31701 and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property: Take Notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY, GEORGIA, BEING ALL OF BLK 46 PT LT AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5339, PAGE 133-134 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IS LOCATED AT 1408 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE of record, as set forth in the aforementioned deed Parcel No.0000E-00006-010 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026. The Tax Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5TH day of August 2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 300-300. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: ANTONIO M. KENDRICK, 512 W. MERCER AVE Albany, GA 31701 PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY. By: 229/288-7979 mahkey75@ aol.com.

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A-873
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 404 FIFTH AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock(4 p.m.) on and after October 15, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being part of Lot No. 38 of Block 21 on the south side of Fifth Avenue, and being more particularly described as follows: From the southwest corner of the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Jefferson Street, run west along the south side of Fifth Avenue, 85 feet for a starting point; from this starting point run south 0 degrees 22 minutes east 100 feet; thence south 57 degrees 52 minutes west for a distance of 47 feet; thence run west 12.7 feet; thence run south 0 degrees 7 minutes east 39.5 foot to the centerline of the dividing wall of a garage; thence west 21 feet; thence south 0 degrees 7 minutes east a distance of 35.5 foot to the north side of an alley; thence west along the north side of the alley a distance of 31 feet; thence north 0 degrees 22 minutes west a distance of 200 feet to the south side of Fifth Avenue; thence east 105 feet to the starting point. Being commonly known as 404 Fifth Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000F-00020-012 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 141 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Sunchase Holdings, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-778
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1110 THIRTEENTH AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock(4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Dougherty, State of Georgia, and more particularly described as the west 70.3 feet of Lot 5, Brookwood Subdivision, according to a map or plat of same recorded in Plat Book 2, page 100 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Being commonly known as 1110 Thirteenth Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000N 00027 020 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property;and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at DeedBook 5339, Page 184 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-770
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

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TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;

ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 408 FIFTH AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that part of City Lot of Land Number Forty (40) on Fifth Street, in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, described as follows: Begin at the northeast corner of said lot and go west on the south side of said Fifth Street Seventy (70) feet, for a starting point, and thence go south two hundred (200) feet to Alley, thence west on said Alley Seventy (70) feet, thence north two hundred (200) feet to said Fifth Street, thence east on the south side of said Fifth Street Seventy (70) feet to said beginning point, the same being the middle one-third (1/3) of said lot number Forty (40) said Fifth Street above referred to is known as Fifth Avenue according to the present map of the City of Albany. Being commonly known as 408 Fifth Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000F 00020 014 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 112 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-775
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO COMMERCIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1807 N SLAPPEY BOULEVARD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock(4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, consisting of 0.76 acres, more or less, and being located at 1807 N Slappey Blvd, and is a portion of that property identified as "Tract 1" in that quit claim deed between Thomas James Marshall Jr and Greenleo Commercial Rental LLC in DeedBook 4441, Page 72, Dougherty County, Georgia public records, being bounded as follows:On the North by Dougherty County Tax Parcel ID 0000N 00027 023 (now or formerly owned by Lagrange 4584, LLC) as well as an alley to the west of said parcel; on the West by Dougherty County Tax Parcel ID 0000N 00027 008 (now or formerly owned by Greenleo Commercial Rental LLC); on the South by Dougherty County Tax Parcel ID 0000N 00027 008J (now or formerly owned by Greenleo Commercial Rental LLC); and bounded on the East by the western right-of-way of N Slappey Blvd. The above-described property being known as 1807 N. Slappey Boulevard according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000N 00027 081 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 197 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

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Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537

Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-856
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
1301 Eleventh Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31701

and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property: Take Notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lot No. 113, North Slappey Heights Subdivision, according to a map or plat of record recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 258, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.

Also a strip of land lying immediately to the West of Lot No. 113 and immediately South of a 20 foot alley, being approximately, 13 feet wide, more or less, and extending the length of said Lot No. 113, 99.2 feet. Also an additional strip of land 31 feet wide, more or less, and 295.7 feet long, more or less, lying immediately North of the property owned by Frances R. Wellman, there being excepted from this property an alleyway which lies North and East of Lot No. 8 Hillcrest Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 257. Together with any interest Grantor has or may have in and to a 10 foot alley lying immediately to the North of Lot No. 113, North Slappey Heights. Parcel No. 0000G/00003/009 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **26th day of October 2026**.

The Tax Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of August 2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in **Deed Book 5339, Pages 151-152**. The property may be redeemed at any time before the **26th day of October 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

JOSH MCCORKLE
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
By:/s/ TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Josh McCorkle
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

A-785
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by James H. Coston and Anita S. Coston to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for BBMC Mortgage A Division of Bridgeview Bank Group, Its successors and assigns dated January 26, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 4481, Page 189, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to U.S. Bank National Association, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$226,743.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, October 6, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LAND LOT 37 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 263 OF ST. ANDREWS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SAME AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, VISIBLE AND OF RECORD, IF ANY.

DEED TYPE: WARRANTY DEED BETWEEN CHARLES A. CLARK, AND HAZEL F. CLARK AND JAMES H. COSTON AND ANITA S. COSTON DATED: 1/20/2000, RECORDED DATE: 1/20/2000, IN BOOK: 2051, PAGE 176.
Said property is known as **2405 East Albersom Drive, Albany, GA 31721**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Anita S. Coston and The Representative of the Estate of James H. Coston, successor in interest or tenant(s).
U.S. Bank National Association as Attorney-in-Fact for James H. Coston and Anita S. Coston
File no. 26-084664
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30338
(770) 220-2535
https://www.logs.com/
*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL

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BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-798
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION TO:

JENNIFER ARLENE FOUNTAIN AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN **321 SOUTHWOOD DR, Albany, Georgia 31701** and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property: Take Notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY, GEORGIA, BEING ALL OF LOT 24 OF FLINTLAND SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 181, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Subject to visible easements and easements and restrictions of record, as set forth in the aforementioned deed Parcel No.000BB-00023-002 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026. The Tax Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5TH day of August 2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 260-260. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: ANTONIO M. KENDRICK, 512 W. MERCER AVE Albany, GA 31701 PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY. By: 229/288-7979 mahkey75@ aol.com.

August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-777
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1805 W OGLETHORPE AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot No. 34 of Avondale "B" Subdivision according to map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Being commonly known as 1805 W Oglethorpe Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000Q 00017 009 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 207 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

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And Restrictions Applicable To The Property And To The Valid And Enforceable Laws, Ordinances And Regulations Governing And Regulating The Use Of The Conveyed Property. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Bank United N.A. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with Bank United N.A. (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, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 And 1400, Orange, CA 92868, 800-561-4567. 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 **1009 Summit Drive, Albany, Georgia 31707** is/are: Jamaica Allen And Travis Allen or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Bank United N.A. as Attorney in Fact for Jamaica Allen And Travis Allen. This Law Firm Is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. To obtain options and alternatives to foreclosure please contact Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC directly, toll-free by the following telephone number: (800-561-4567). 00000010742583 Barrett Duffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398

September 5, 2026

A-772
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]
TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 837 VAN DEMAN STREET, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: **The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:** All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being described as follows: All of the north one-half of Lot Number 5 of Block "K" of Rood Pecan Park Subdivision, as per map or plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 102-103 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Said one-half lot fronting one hundred one (101) feet on the west side of Van Demon Avenue and extending west same width a distance of one hundred eighty two (182) feet, more or less, on which is located a frame dwelling now or formerly known as the H.E. Dean House and lot located at 837 Van Deman Avenue. Being commonly known as 837 Van Deman Street according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 00001 00004 009 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 100 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.

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August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-820
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]
TO:CANUGA PROPERTIES, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 520 W BROAD AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: **The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after October 1, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:**

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being the easterly portion of City Lot 86, Block 10, on Broad Avenue, more particularly described as follows: From a point formed by the intersection of the west right of way line of Monroe Street and the South right of way line of Broad Avenue, go thence west along the south right of way line of Broad Avenue a distance of 410.0 feet to the northeast corner of the said Lot 86 and the point of beginning; go thence west along the south right of way line of Broad Avenue a distance of 111.7 feet to a (a) go thence south along a chain link fence, a distance of 210.0 feet to a point located on the northerly right of way line of a 20 foot public alley; go thence east along the north right of way line of said alley, a distance of 118.2 feet to a point which is the southeast corner of said Lot 86; go thence north along the east line of the said Lot 86 a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning. The property herein conveyed is all that portion of the said Lot 86 which lies east of a line denominated as "New Chain Link Fence" on that certain plat made pursuant to Boundary Line Agreement and recorded in Deed Book 331, Page 147 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia, reference to which is hereby made. Being commonly known as 520 W Broad Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000B 00002 018 Avenue per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 118 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Assertive Acquisitions, Inc
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537
Please be governed accordingly.

August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

A-768
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;
ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1401 W THIRD AVENUE, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: **The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock(4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:**

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of Lot no. Seven (7) of Relswood Terrace, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 99 of the Land Records of Dougherty County, Georgia. Being commonly known as 1401 W Third Avenue according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0000G 00039 014 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 154 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
WUPA, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.

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Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537

Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-799
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION TO:

GEENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC AND THOMAS MARSHAL, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN **1409 EAST LINCOLN AVE Albany, Georgia 31705** and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property: Take Notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in THE CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY, GEORGIA, BEING ALL OF LOT 3 OF ISABELLA HEIGHTS ADDITION ACCORDING TOA MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 84 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IS LOCATED AT 1408 EAST LINCOLN AVENUE of record, as set forth in the aforementioned deed Parcel No.000QQ-00010-009 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026. The Tax Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5TH day of August 2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 300-300. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: ANTONIO M. KENDRICK, 512 W. MERCER AVE Albany, GA 31701 PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY. By: 229/288-7979 mahkey75@aol.com.

August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-772
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:ELLEN MARIE ZIRKELBACH GILES;
CITY OF ALBANY;

ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 3320 NEWTON ROAD REAR, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: **The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock(4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:**

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 9 of Block A of Colonial Place Subdivision, according to the plat of the subdivision as is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 273, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. EXCEPTED FROM THE LOT is the western 175 feet of the lot and the tract conveyed fronts 100 feet on the eastern side of Newton Road and runs back east an even width of 175 feet. The described tract is known as 3320 Newton Road Rear according to the current system of numbering of street in the City of Albany, Georgia. The described property was acquired by Donald R. Zirkelbach by a deed recorded in Deed Book 490, Page 244, in the Dougherty County land records. Being commonly known as 3320 Newton Road Rear according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 0054 00001 09A per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2026, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 229 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Aaron Development, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537

Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-774
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:GREENLEO COMMERCIAL RENTAL, LLC;
CITY OF ALBANY;

ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 1809 N SLAPPEY BOULEVARD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: **The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 21, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever**

Foreclosures

date is later:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City Of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, Consisting of 9.6 Acres, more or less, and being located at 1809 N Slappey Blvd, and is a portion of that property identified as "Tract 1" in that quit claim deed between Thomas James Marshall Jr and Greenleo Commercial Rental LLC In Deed Book 4441, Page 72, Dougherty County, Georgia Public Records; being bounded as follows: On the North by an alley, the north side of which alley forms the southern property line for lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 of Brookwood Subdivision; On the East by Dougherty County Tax Parcel ID 0000N 00027 08I and Dougherty County Tax Parcel ID 0000N 00027 08J (both now or formerly owned by Greenleo Commercial Rental, LLC); On the South by an alley, the south side of which alley forms the northern property line of Lots 100 through 104 (inclusive) of Block G & Lots 105 through 112 (inclusive) of Block H of the North Slappey Heights Subdivision; on the West by the western right-of-way of Hoover Street; said tract also being bisected by Taft Street. The above-described property being known as tax parcel number 0000N 00027 08 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County Tax Assessor and Tax Commissioner TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 182 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

OCMC Investments, LLC
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537

Please be governed accordingly.
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

A-823
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO:BERNICE P. BATTEN;
ROBERT JAMES PRATHA, JR.;
CITY OF ALBANY;

ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 3406 ARISTEDES ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
RE:FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46)

Take notice that: **The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after October 1, 2026, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:**

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being all of Lot 20 of Carver Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 129, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Being commonly known as 3406 Aristedes Road according to the present system of numbering properties in Dougherty County, and also being known as tax parcel number 247-2-00000-037 per the maps and records of the Dougherty County tax assessor and tax commissioner. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2026, and is recorded at Deed Book 5339, Page 97 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Jeff Dube
c/o John Coleman, Esq.
Coleman Law, LLC
Trinity Title Building
437 E. Ponce de Leon Ave
Decatur, GA 30030
404.974.4537

Please be governed accordingly.
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

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A-837
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF SADIE HOLT CONLEY DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P29

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: All interested parties, creditors and unknown heirs and to whom it may concern: JOHN KEVIN CONLEYand SHEILA DAVIS has petitioned for John Kevin Conley & Sheila Davis to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of SADIE HOLT CONLEY deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or

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before Sept, 28 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Annie Dorris Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 87
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

A-836
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN ANDREW CONLEY DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026P28

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: All interested parties, creditors and unknown heirs and to whom it may concern: JOHN KEVIN CONLEYand SHEILA DAVIS has petitioned for John Kevin Conley & Sheila Davis to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of JOHN ANDREW CONLEY deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Sept, 28, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Annie Doris Holden
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 87
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

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by Luis Campos
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Previous Solution: "This is an interesting thing about songs ... You're delving into stuff that maybe would be difficult to talk about." — Paul McCartney

TODAY'S CLUE: O spenbe 7

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Previous Solution: "I think a lot of characters are wish fulfillment ... That's one of the nice things about movies, I guess." — Anna Kendrick

TODAY'S CLUE: O spenbe 1

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

- ACROSS**
- Nowhere near
 - Allegro
 - Improvise
 - Podcaster's software option
 - Cricket field shape
 - Conversion that some pray will be successful?
 - Work with Python, say
 - Arise
 - Retraced one's steps, in a way
 - Light touch
 - Hybrid punctuation mark
 - Unsure where to go
 - Logical start
 - Jane in a suit?
 - Pantheon honoree
 - Cereal with a vanilla-flavored Confetti version
 - Back up
 - Kleptocracy ruler
 - "The Mystery at Lilac Inn" sleuth
 - Setting of Frank McCourt's "Angela's Ashes"
 - Hermitslike
 - Wanders in an airport?
 - Sportscaster Patrick
 - Words of warning
 - Absolute noob
 - Steered
 - Pretty penny or bad penny
 - Collection of highlights, perhaps
 - Dreamcast maker
 - Help line?
 - Kathryn of "Vandaveion"
 - Strong desire for one in search of just desserts?
 - Secondary social media accounts
 - Pernod flavor
 - Headphones maker based in Milwaukee

- Word with pop or op
- Like an Inverted Jenny stamp
- Turn sharply to the right?
- "Cancel the launch!"
- 2025 WNBA Rookie of the Year Bueckers
- Something that may be on display while playing D&D
- "Silent Spring" subj.
- Informal lexicon
- Vegetarian sushi option
- Beggared belief
- Fundraising promise
- Turn into a competition, say
- Subpar
- Trampoline park gear
- "We agreed on this!"
- Bar exam setting?
- Utah's Capitol National Park
- Article

- Neighborhood that may contain a paifang
- Minute Maid brand
- Unserious
- Mine wagon
- Intruder from under the surface
- Semisoft cheese
- Halt
- Country star Yearwood
- 43 Showed up at dinner?
- 45 Zen riddles
- 46 "The Wrestler" Oscar nominee
- 47 Light blades
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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31 "Have a little
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32 Succulent that
grows pups
33 Horned sheep
36 "Pick me! Pick
me!"
37 Dish marinated
in soy sauce and
mirin
40 Spotted
rainforest cats
43 Stovetop
vessel

45 Driver's path:
Abbr.
46 Misfortunes
47 Moth magnet
48 Harder to find
49 Lawn care device
50 Like some
whiskey barrels
51 Small brown bird
55 Snoozefest
56 "Right away!"
58 Identify on social
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59 Rep.'s colleague

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 word for idle thumbs (9)	_____
2 John Wilkes Booth, for one (7)	_____
3 hippo or rhino (9)	_____
4 filch (6)	_____
5 nanny's partner (5)	_____
6 Spain's flag carrier (6)	_____
7 city of northwestern Poland (8)	_____

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1. PRAISE 2. FOUR 3. GRIZABELLA
 4. SHORTENING 5. VOWEL 6. ARTEMIS 7. CRENELLATED

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 crate or bin (9)	_____
2 where emails can pile up (5)	_____
3 expressed disapproval (5)	_____
4 ending with a whimper (8)	_____
5 its flag has a cedar on it (7)	_____
6 3X Tony winner Patti (6)	_____
7 big bloomers (10)	_____

TAI	CON	INB	FIZ	BOO
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Saturday's Answers: 1. TWIDDLING 2. PLOTTER 3. PACHYDERM
4. PILFER 5. BILLY 6. IBERIA 7. SZCZECIN

[illegible]

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by **Luis Campos**

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

" M P P Y S V M K T G S P P M V Z S A C K M P G Q S ,
P Y S Q S M Q S K A Q S R S Q F S X R S M P R
... M K X B A G W M K ' P P M H S M K B P Y E K I
U E P Y A G P A Q I M K D M P E A K ."
— M . M . Y E Z E N Q M K X A Z N Y

Previous Solution: "The world doesn't need you to be perfect. It needs you to ... keep going even when things don't go as planned." — Simone Biles

TODAY'S CLUE: 1 step to 3

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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"READ THE INSTRUCTIONS" BY KATIE HALE

ACROSS

1 Add some oomph to

6 In good ____

11 "The Marvels" director DaCosta

14 Latch (onto)

18 Spiked horses

19 Dodge

20 Zingy flavor

21 "Sorry, I slipped"

22 "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink," e.g.?

25 "Frozen" reindeer

26 "Come back ____"

27 See 91-Across

28 Like rum barrels

29 Ms. Marvel, for one

30 Fruity drink suffix

32 "Oral contracts are binding," e.g.?

35 Cause of a soccer ball bending midair

40 Vigor

41 Fish eggs

42 Character who calls Homer "neighborino"

43 Romania neighbor

45 Letters said while showing a badge

47 "Ew, stop talking!"

50 "A new pope shall be chosen at a conclave," e.g.?

55 Fall (over)

56 Et ____ and others

57 Polite contraction

58 Castle protectors

59 Turn to rubble, briefly

60 Ancient land of the Fertile Crescent

63 Scout leader?

64 NHL trophy namesake

66 "The strike zone is between the chest and knees," e.g.?

71 Significant amount of spots?

74 Piglet moms

75 Drank daintily

79 ____back

80 Unsettling look

82 Target of some laser therapy

85 City bond, for short

86 Birthplace of MLK

87 "The ball must hit the cushion before dropping into the pocket," e.g.?

91 With 27-Across, patriotic Muppet

92 Home security co.

93 Malaysian fleet

94 ____ for tat

95 Mexican lager

97 AKB48 genre

100 Miami Beach fair for gallerists and curators

102 "Chickens will be fed in the coop," e.g.?

107 Designer initials

108 Former Yankee slugger, familiarly

109 "That wasn't wholly true"

110 Tennis star Naomi

114 Airport pickup option

118 Space City pro

119 "Wear sensible shoes and a lumbar support belt," e.g.?

122 Coming-of-age story subject, often

123 Cheap, plastic camera type

124 Curtain beam, often

125 Agree to take part

126 Latin 101 verb

127 Copy

128 Public affairs network

129 Source of wealth

DOWN

1 Petulant cry

2 Petulant look

3 Salt and pepper, e.g.

4 Like Dracula

5 Air pump meas.

6 Super Monkey Ball developer

7 Rating for mild language, perhaps

8 Countess counterpart

9 French farewell

10 Recliner room

11 Part of a table setting

12 Shoreline feature

13 Sales rep

14 "Gee, that seems unlikely"

15 Treasure-y note?

16 ____ glasses

17 Jen Psaki's network

20 Dress-up box item

23 Liam of "The Naked Gun"

24 Draped neckline

31 Moore of "The Substance"

33 Get close

34 "____ go brag!"

35 Shuts up tight

36 "Hijack" star

37 Elba

38 Dabble in

39 Just hanging about

42 Dozes (off)

44 Sweet Sixteen org.

44 ____ and vigor

45 Toned

46 Sarajevo's region

48 "Light My Candle" singer in 117-Down

49 Long-term goals for some startups

51 Sleeper sofa

52 Dubai leader

53 "Downton Abbey" countless

54 Powdery mineral

59 Imagined

61 Issa of "Barbie"

62 "What a downer"

63 Rte. finder

65 Anxiety-related med. condition

67 Novelist Dinesen

68 Tuna roll wrap

69 Singer Stefani

70 Force measured in newtons

71 Start of a lament

72 "Star Trek" android

73 Movie soundtracks

76 Family-friendly hotel room

77 How anchovies may be packed

78 Guinness serving, often

81 59-Across stuff

82 ____ Lanka

83 Michael of "Barbie"

84 Vegan thickener

87 Indonesian island

88 Gawik

89 Tripoli resident

90 Small clock inserts

96 "And I'm finished"

97 "Come along for the ride"

98 Italian "You're welcome"

99 Bet calculations

101 Drinks noisily

102 Wasabi product

103 Some deco pieces

104 ____ Wafers

105 Sludgy stuff

106 Big cat sounds

111 Finger click

112 College basketball

113 coach Barnes

113 Potter's oven

115 Objections

116 Author Wiesel

117 Musical set in Alphabet City

120 Involuntary spasm

121 Southwestern Indian state

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ALL FOR KIDS!



Family Time Crossword

The (K) Clues Are for Kids
Edited by Timothy E. Parker September 6, 2026

ACROSS

1. Dressed from head to toe

5. (K) ___/her/hers

8. Head-over-heels in love

12. Pear-shaped instrument with strings

13. (K) Piggish deli slice

14. List-ending abbr. (2 words)

15. (K) Spiky plant with soothing gel

16. "Now I get it!" cry

17. (K) Hint

18. Dark rye bread

21. Feeling blue

22. Minnesota's state bird

23. (K) Word before "fountain" or "park"

26. Tie the knot

27. (K) Empty space

30. Vibe surrounding a person or place

31. (K) Owned in the past

32. Small bump along an eyelid

33. (K) Hit the slopes

34. (K) Firefly or worm

35. "None of the above"

36. (K) Peaceful

38. (K) Road-trip ride

39. Deliberate and methodical

44. (K) Microsoft Word files, casually

45. (K) Scrap of cloth

46. (K) 123 Elf Road, North ___, 88888 (Santa's address)

47. Archipelago part

48. (K) Put to work

49. (K) Tall Australian birds that cannot fly

50. Writer who makes every line count?

51. (K) Quiet around new people

52. (K) River-blocking structures

DOWN

1. (K) Sound made by two meeting palms

2. Something remarkable, informally

3. (K) Tiny building block of matter

4. (K) Like the ocean's darkest habitats

5. Piece of broken pottery

6. Chemistry Nobelist Otto

7. (K) Sent through an inbox

8. (K) Wall-climbing lizard with sticky toes

9. In exhaustive detail (2 words)

10. Ancient resident of what is now France

11. Traditional tankard pour

19. (K) Corn unit or sound catcher?

20. (K) North Atlantic fish

23. (K) Past tense of "is"

24. Northern bird built for diving

25. (K) Three-wheeler

26. (K) Move like a happy dog's tail

28. Deckhand's yes

29. For each

31. (K) Upper-arm bone with a funny name

32. (K) Like a zebra's coat

34. (K) Sandwich letters

35. (K) Granola grain

37. Something on a balance sheet

38. Cunning

39. (K) Neither good nor bad

40. (K) Pulverize, as potatoes

41. Unwakeupable state

42. Former student, for short

43. (K) Smaller in amount

44. Quick swim or chip companion?

Can you find the answer to this riddle within the solved puzzle?

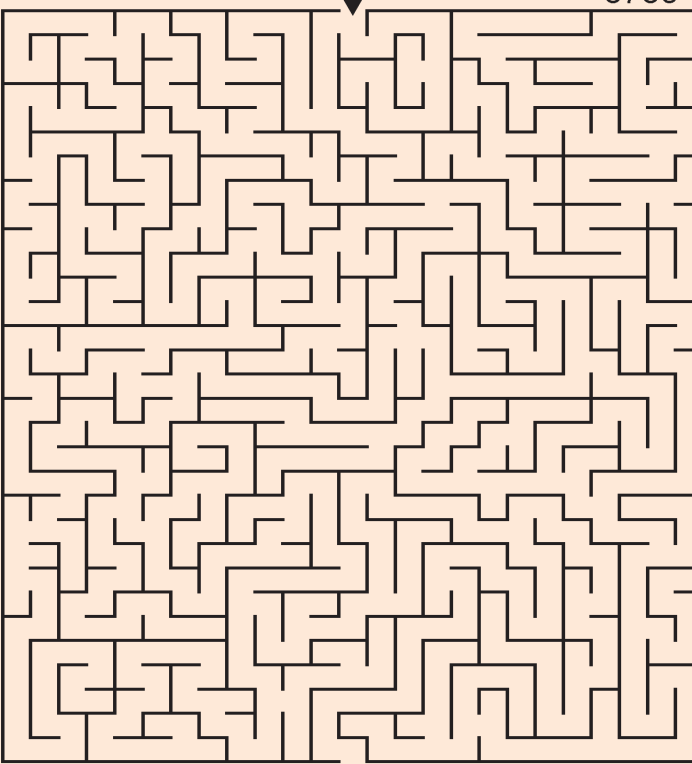
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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Kids

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and colored box contains ALL the numbers from 1 to 6. Bonus clue: which number should go in the circle: 5 or 1?

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Humans see tigers as orange because our eyes have three types of color receptors — which means we see red, green and blue very clearly. Deers and boars only have two color receptors, so orange looks like green to them. That means a tiger is camouflaged and can sneak up on them through the bushes!

TRUE but STRANGE

Look through today's paper to see how many different colors you can find.

Use the News

See if you can guess the favorite color of friends and family ... then ask them and see if you guessed correctly!



LITTLE OOP

BY JOEY ALISON SAYERS & JONATHAN LEMON



HEY, PENELOPE! YOU KNOW HOW YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING I DON'T DO ENOUGH AROUND HERE?

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T.

IN THIS CASE, I DID.

YOUR MOM IS ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT HER COMPUTER, SO I FIXED IT.

WOW, ALLEY! NOT THAT LONG AGO, YOU WERE A BUMBLING CAVEBOY WHO COULDN'T EVEN FIGURE OUT HOW A FORK WORKED!

AW, THANKS.

TWO QUICK QUESTIONS: DO YOU KNOW WHERE THESE GO? AND DO YOU HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

NO RUSH! SHE SAYS SHE'S MUCH HAPPIER NOW!

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Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of 9/11 are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

AIRPLANE, ATTACK, BENCH, CENTER, CRASH, CREW, DECADE, FLIGHT, HIJACK, MEMORIAL, NAMES, ORAL, PASSENGER, PENNSYLVANIA, PENTAGON, SKYSCRAPER, TRADE, VICTIMS, WALL, WORLD.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

23-A) WATER

Today's answer: It can be well preserved?

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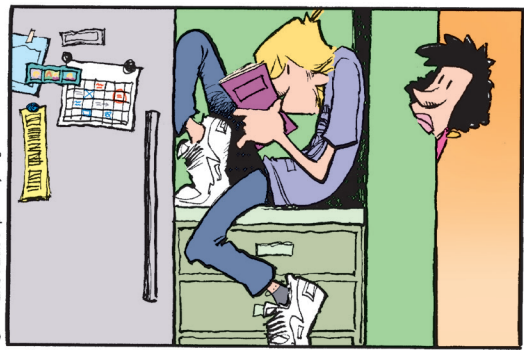
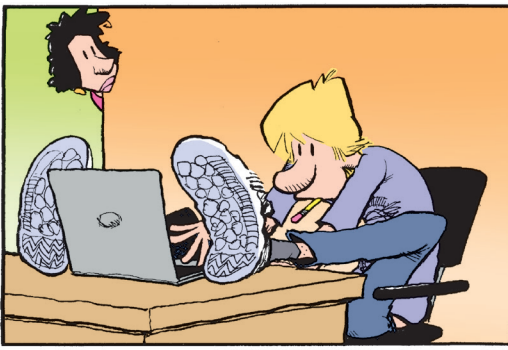
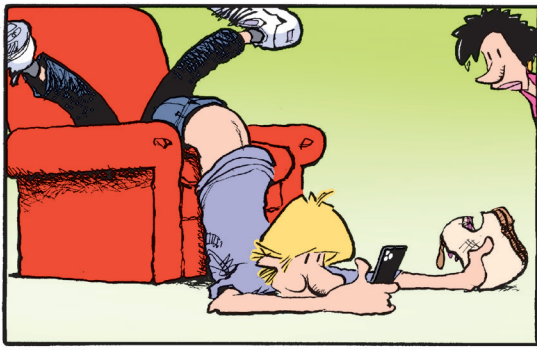
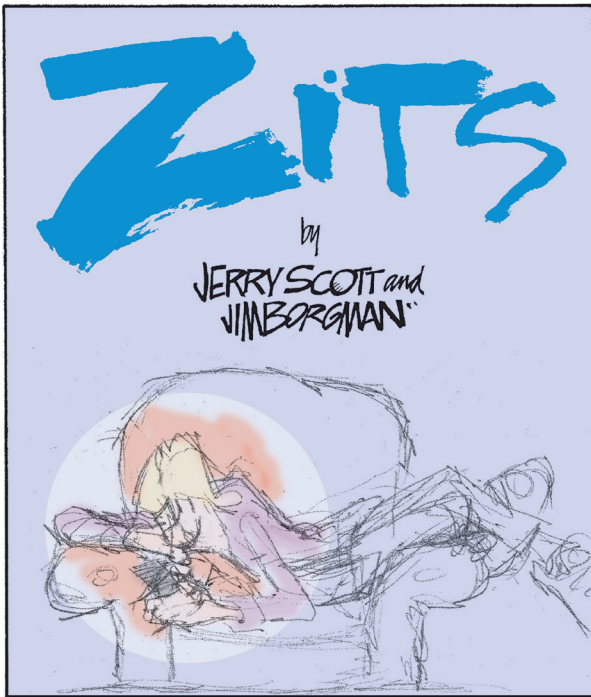
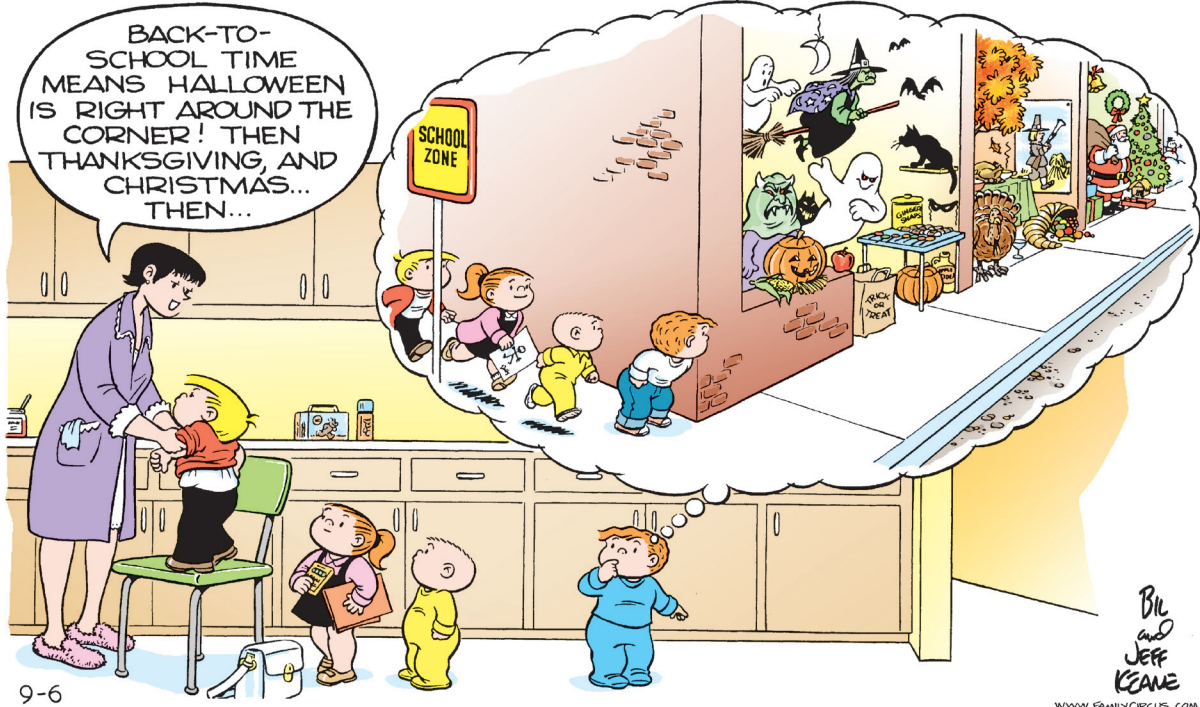
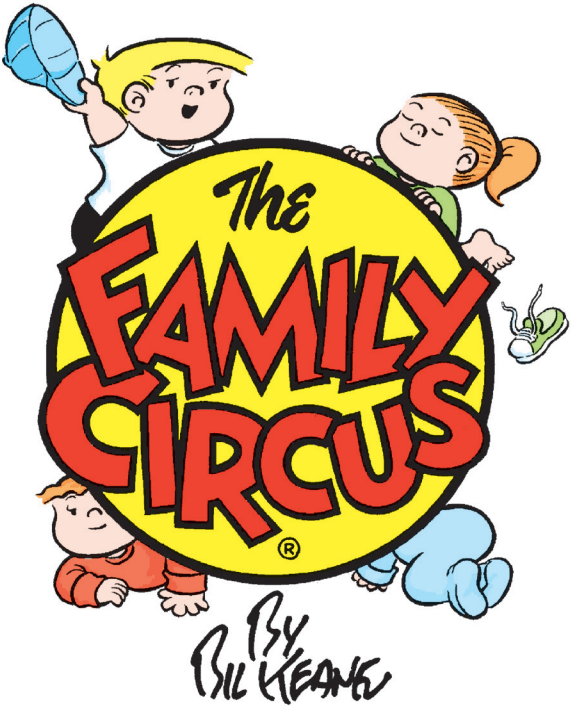
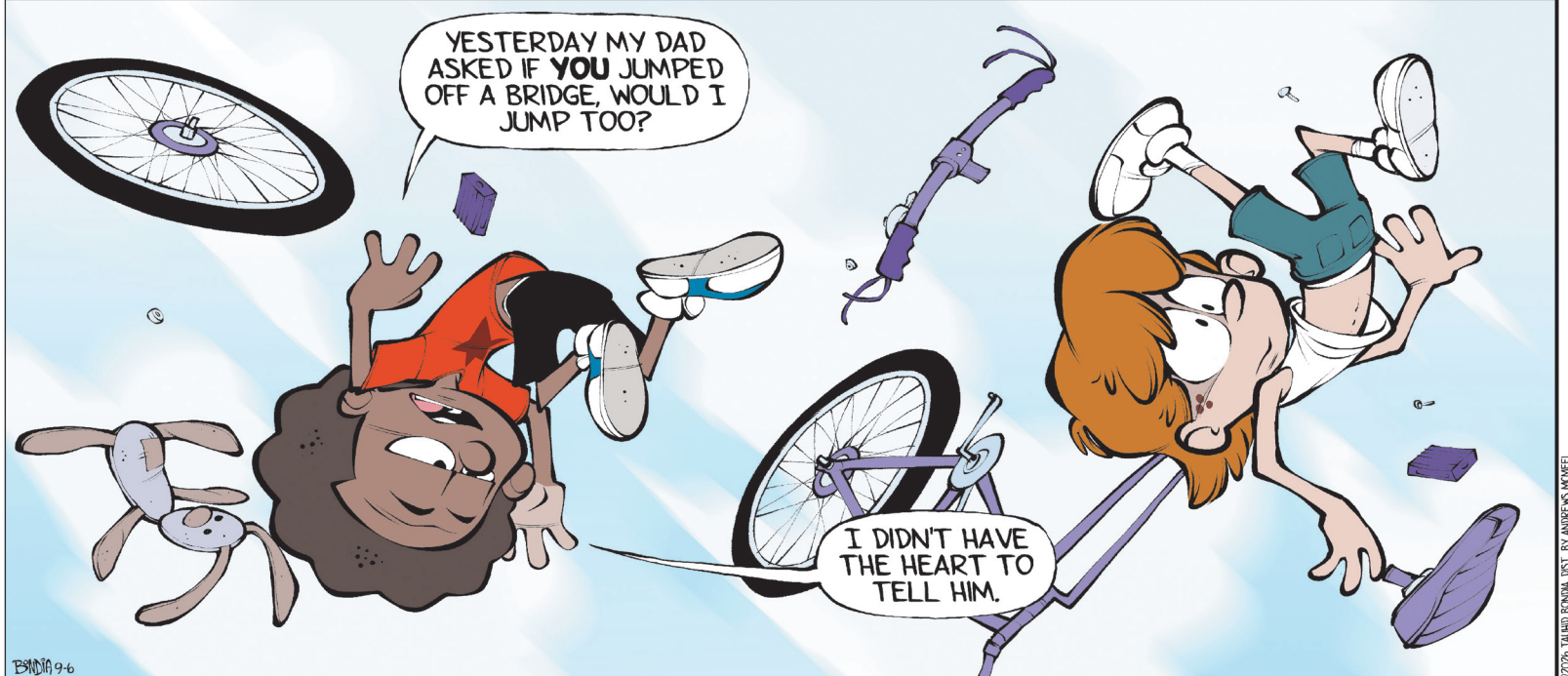
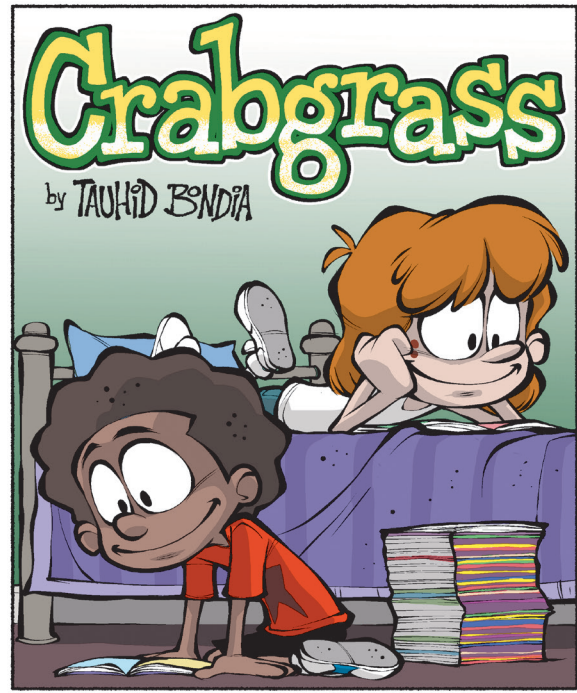
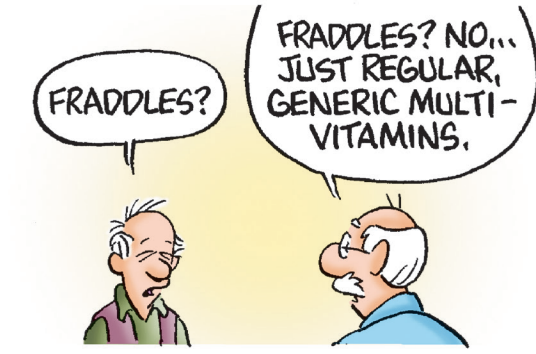
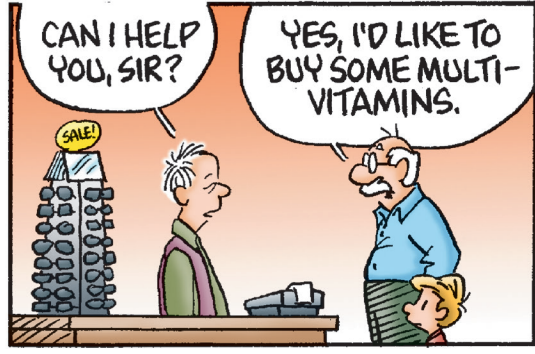
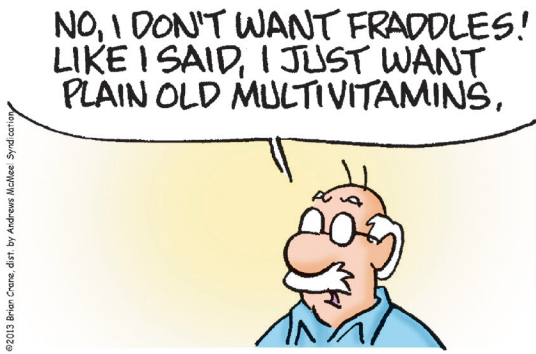
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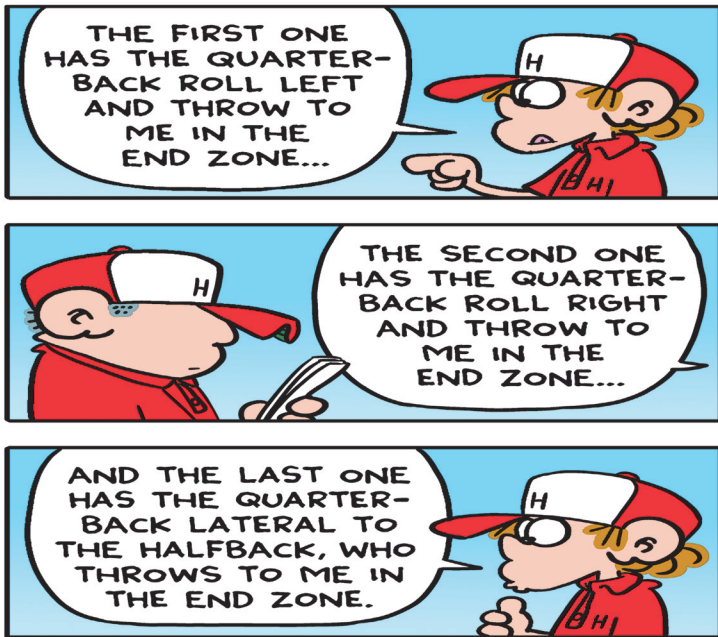
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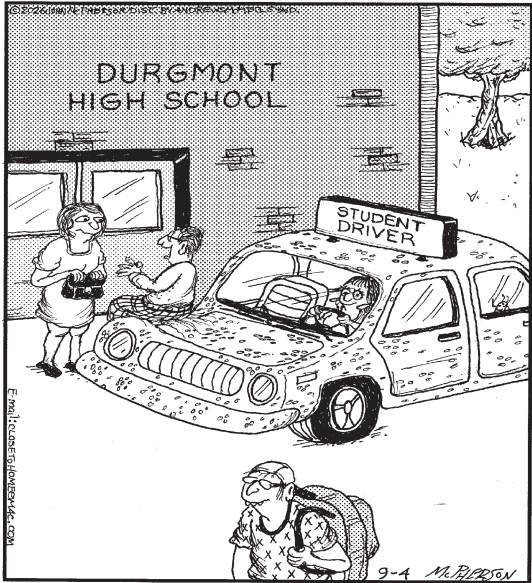


FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



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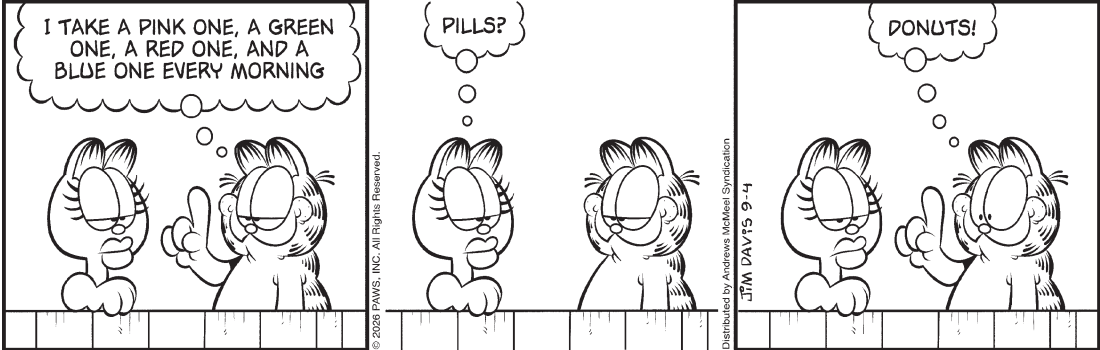
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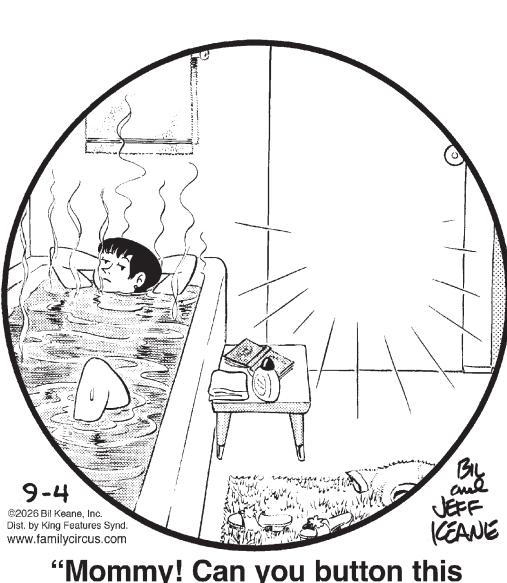


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

ACROSS

1 Breaks down
5 Virginie-Occidentale et Californie
10 Chilean sea —
14 "Love ya!"
15 Diana Taurasi's jersey number
16 Joined with
17 Bach title
18 Settles
19 Leader of a chipmunk band
20 Concern that one's sneakers are hopelessly out of style?
23 Bakery allure
25 First responder gp.
26 Indication that docs are included
27 Knocked over a bottle of booze?
32 Forest carpet
33 Chitchat
34 Web design lang.
35 Not well-balanced, or an apt title for this puzzle?
39 Phillipa of "Hamilton"
41 Tax return fig.
42 Hit close to home?
46 "Project Runway" timer?
51 See 45-Down
52 Tyke
53 Pirouetting, say
54 Going on and on about one's new cookware?
59 Pont des Arts city
60 Olympic gymnast
61 St. Louis landmark
64 "My Brilliant Friend" novelist Ferrante
65 Etsy business
66 Macaroni art need
67 Curl counts
68 Al ___ pasta specification
69 Looks at

DOWN

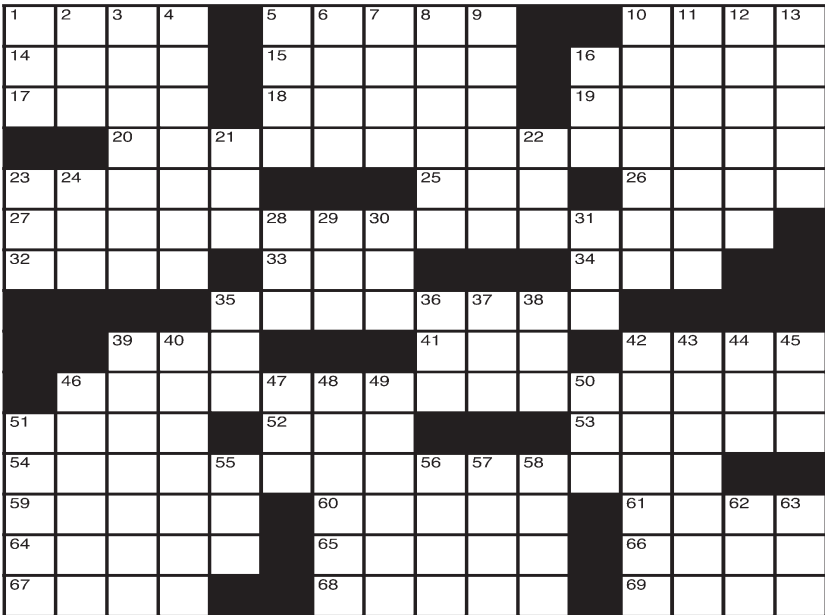
1 "I can't believe u"
2 Be behind, in a way
3 Does a pub crawl
4 Crayfish kin
5 Engrave
6 "Don't be like ___!"
7 Folk singer
8 Protein in some vegan ribs
9 Tahini ingredient
10 Convictions
11 Onsets
12 Knit or purl
13 Some smart TVs
16 Buildup on a menorah, perhaps
21 Miss
22 Research-funding org.
23 Cash provider
24 Hopping pal of Pooh
28 Motivation for a vanity project
29 Big name in sealant
30 "Frankly," in texts
31 In need of salt, say
35 Publisher with a mountain peak logo
36 Put away the groceries?
37 Many moons —

49 Rays home, for short
50 Court
51 Three-time Oscar nominee Laurie
55 Intel org.
56 Persia, today
57 Lit ___
58 Unit equal to 20 north-south blocks in New York City
62 Pool necessity
63 Guys

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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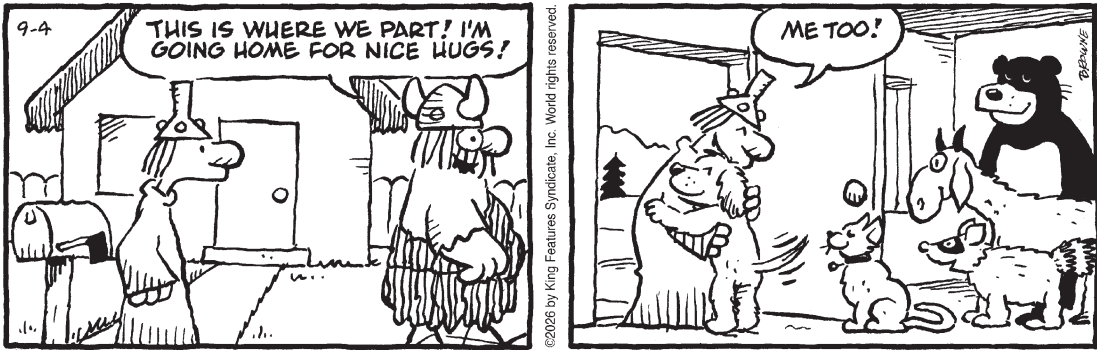
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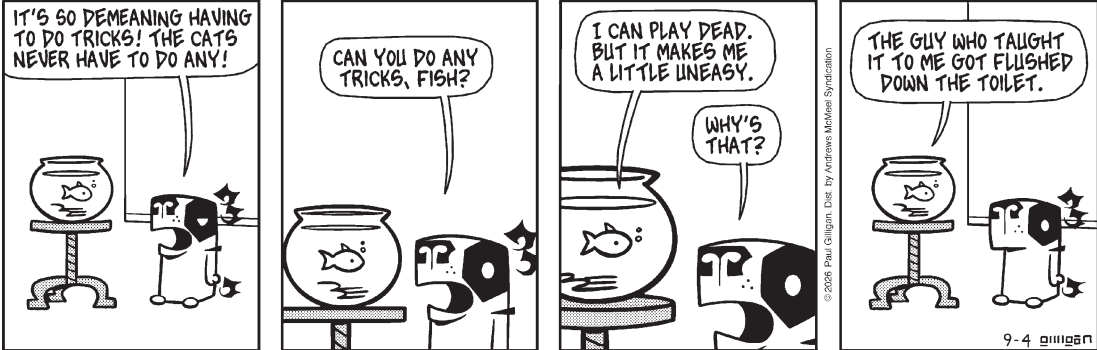
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

RED RIDING HOOD Solution: 6 letters

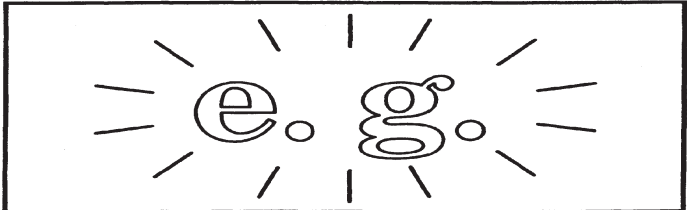
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Basket

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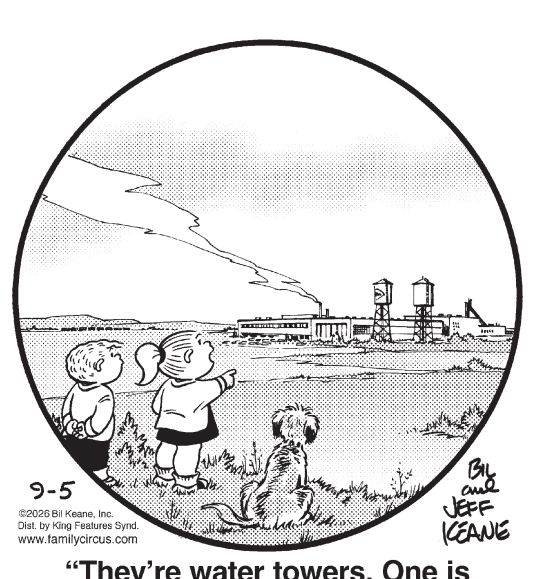
TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: A shining example

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



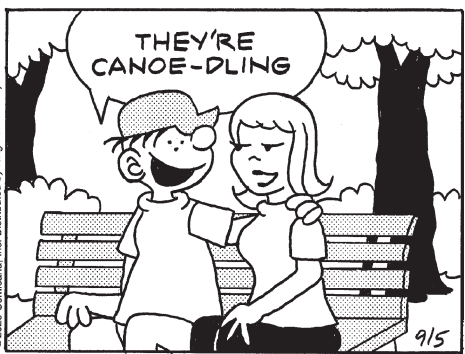
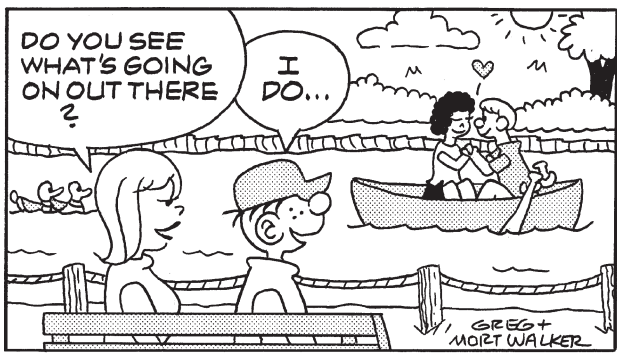
Stricken by laryngitis, Norm hired a voice-over actor to speak for him during his root canal.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane

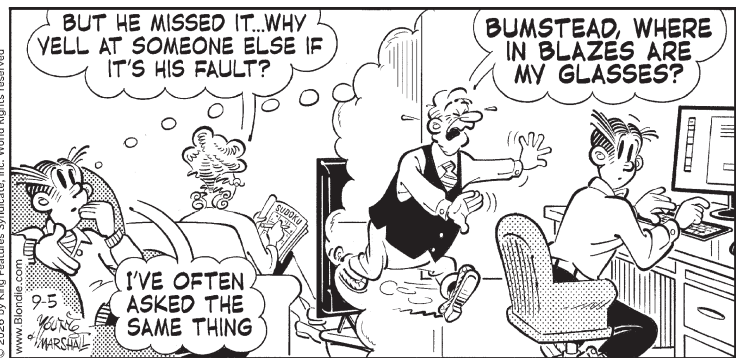
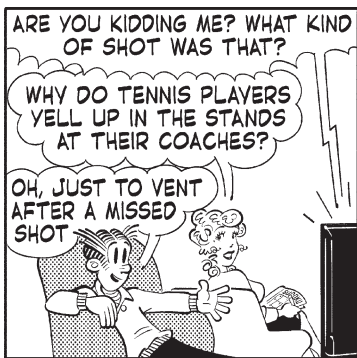


They're water towers. One is for hot, the other's for cold.

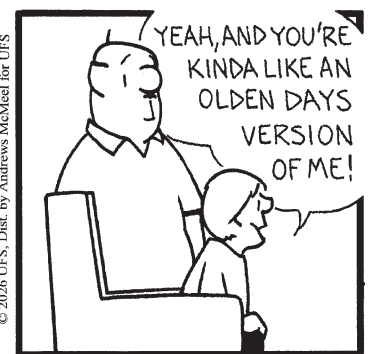
BEETLE BAILEY Mort & Greg Walker



BLONDIE Dean Young & John Marshall



THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- 1 Lass
 - 4 Suet
 - 7 Actor — Alda
 - 11 Swellhead's problem
 - 12 Put on the payroll
 - 13 Logical
 - 14 Beige
 - 15 Yoked animals
 - 16 Singer — Turner
 - 17 Jargon
 - 19 Brandy flavoring
 - 21 "Able was I — ..."
 - 22 Cup handle
 - 23 Racetrack shape
 - 24 "— Given Sunday"
 - 25 "Survivor" network
 - 28 Send out
 - 29 Attack command
- 30 Succulent plant
- 31 "Better — than never"
- 32 Poem
- 33 Gentle hill
- 34 Cook in oil
- 35 Color
- 36 Gets older
- 37 Title for a knight
- 38 Cask
- 39 Idea
- 43 River of forgetfulness
- 46 Toward shelter
- 47 — Major
- 49 "I could — a horse!"
- 50 Property claim
- 51 Perches
- 52 Kindled
- 53 Links warning
- 54 Tofu base
- 55 Historic time

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

A	R	E		A	O	S		E	R	O	F
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E	N	V	S		A	R	E		H	O	G
A	N	L	A		F	A	T		F	A	L

- DOWN
- 1 "I — — kick out of you"
 - 2 Culture medium
 - 3 Staying power
 - 4 Mend
 - 5 Length x width
 - 6 U.K. coin
 - 7 Bustling
 - 8 Secular
 - 9 Part of A.D.
 - 10 In good order
 - 12 Inn
 - 18 Deliver a speech
 - 20 Flat fish
 - 23 Actor — Sharif
 - 24 — -de-camp
 - 25 Regular customers
 - 26 Supervisor
 - 27 Understand
 - 28 Sprite
 - 29 Grouchy sort
 - 30 Bicker
 - 35 Hasten
 - 36 Book of maps
 - 37 Play part
 - 39 Farm baby
 - 40 Mixture
 - 41 — -do-well
 - 42 Three musicians
 - 44 "Aquarius" musical
 - 45 Singer — James
 - 48 Piggery

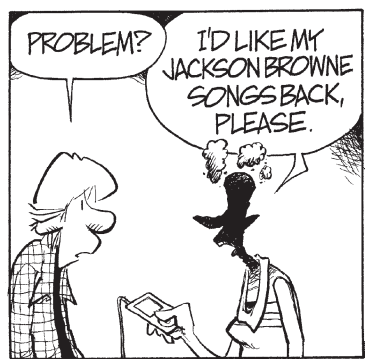
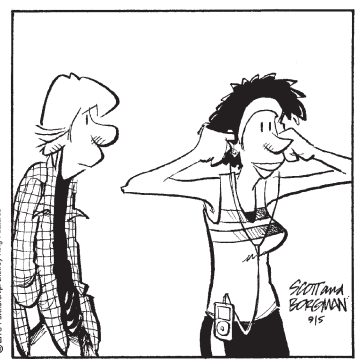
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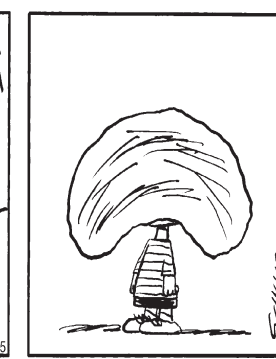
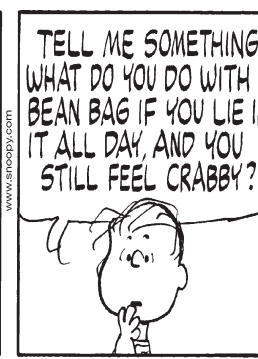
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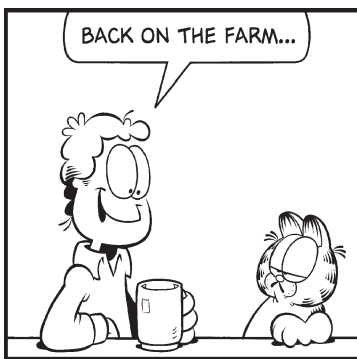
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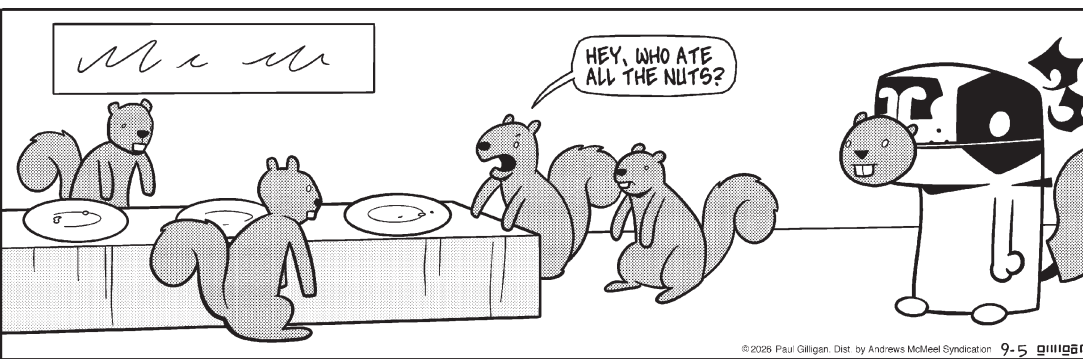
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GARFIELD Jim Davis



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



PICKLES Brian Crane



WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

CAROLINA — 2026 STANLEY CUP CHAMPS Solution: 5 letters

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N	O	R	A	E	N	J	A	R	V	I	S	H	N	O
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Y	J	O	R	D	A	N	P	L	A	Y	O	F	F	S

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TODAY'S ANSWER: Canes

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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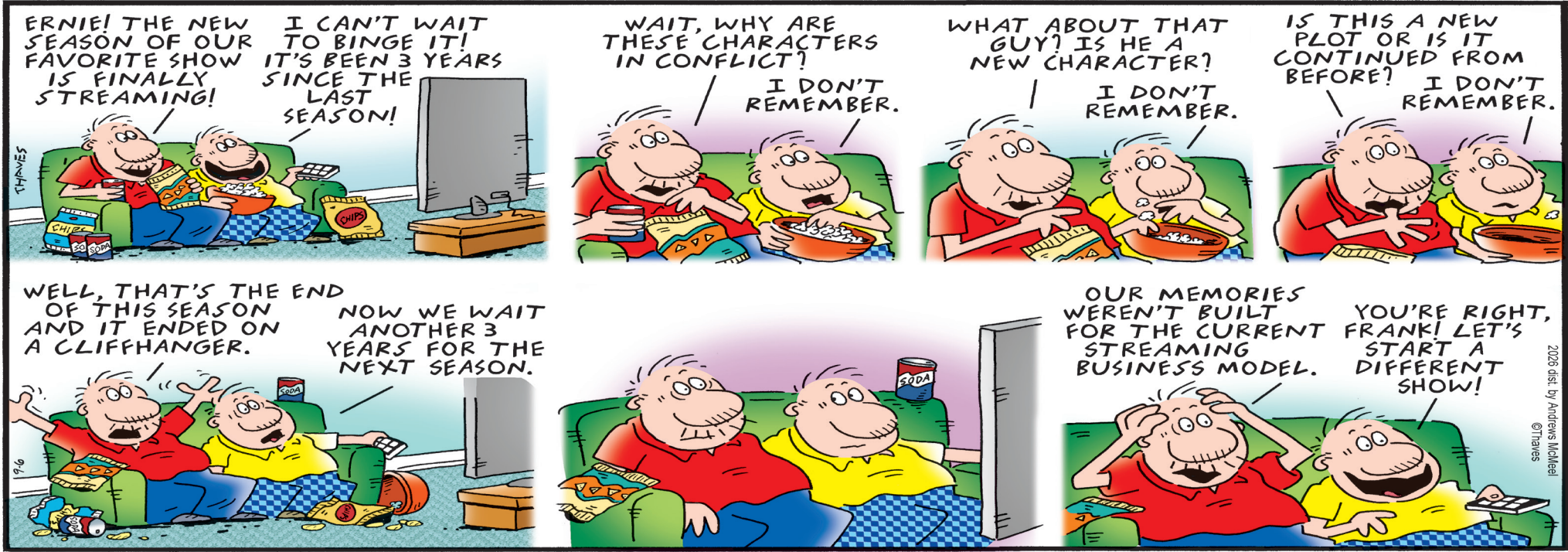
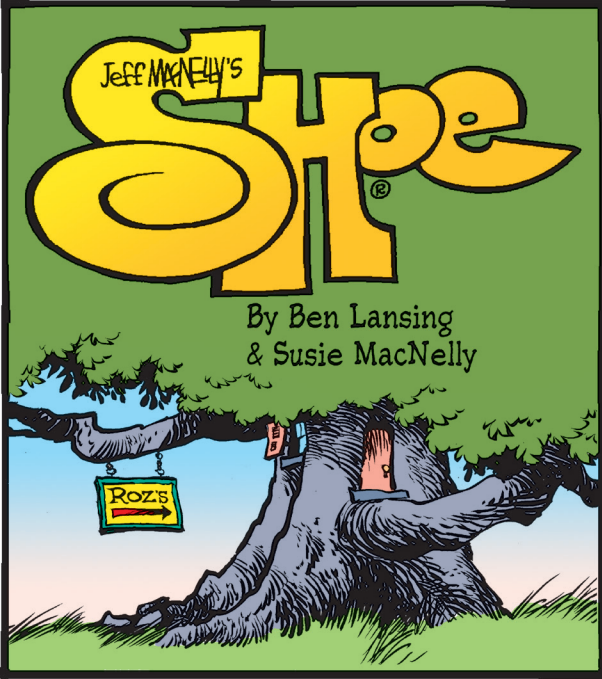
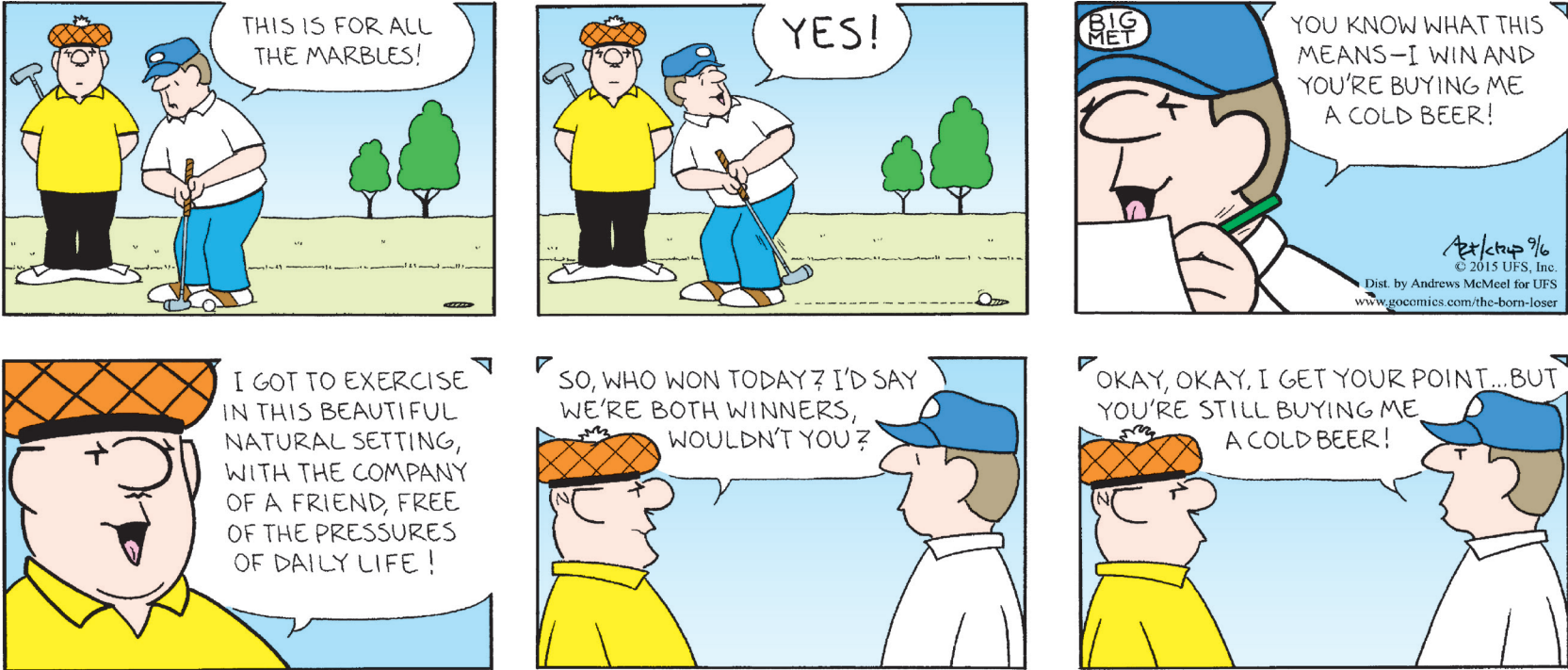
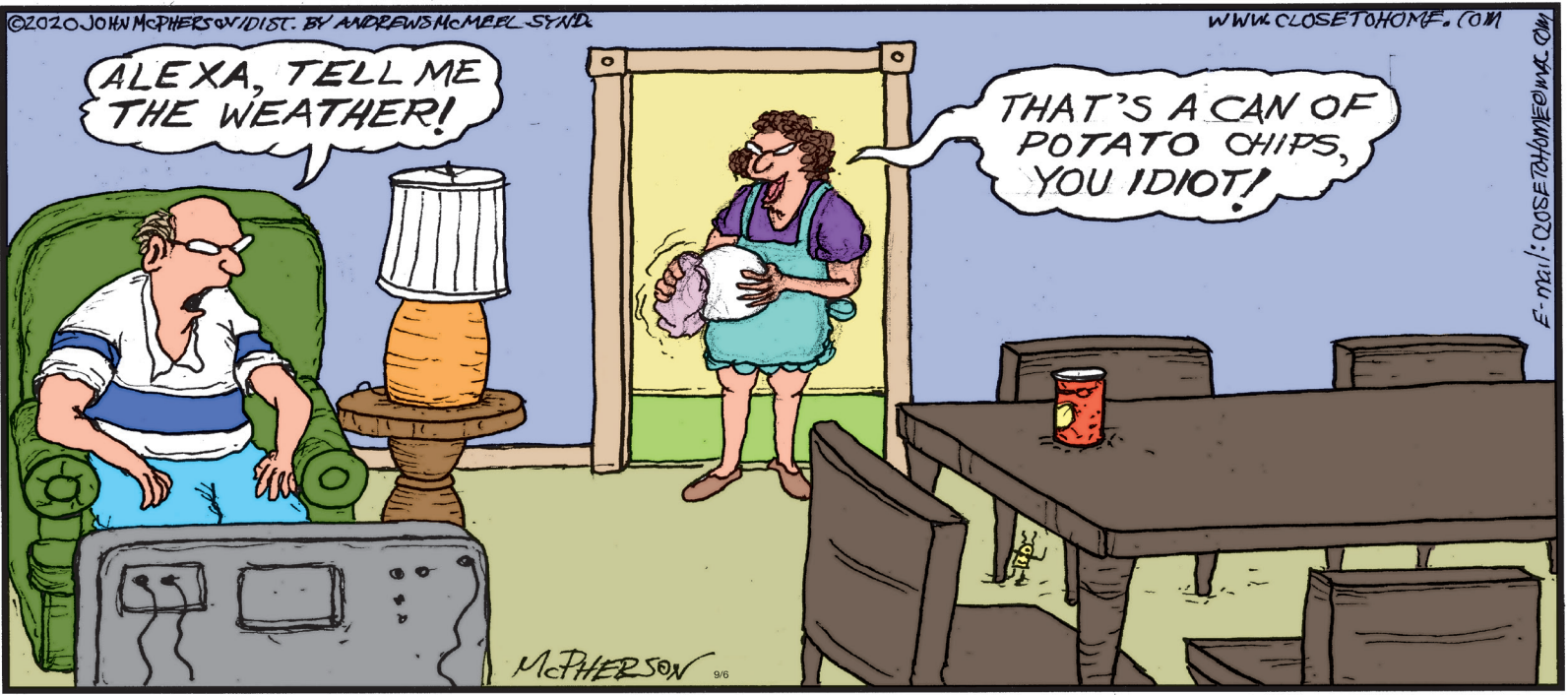
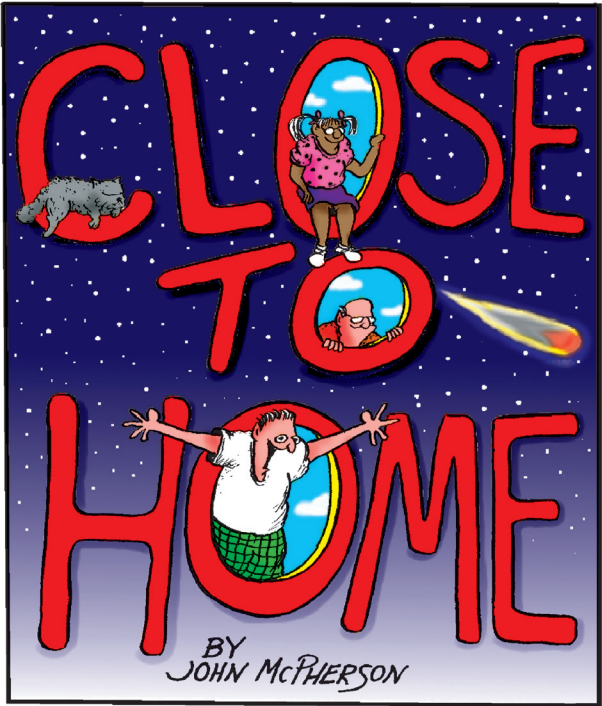
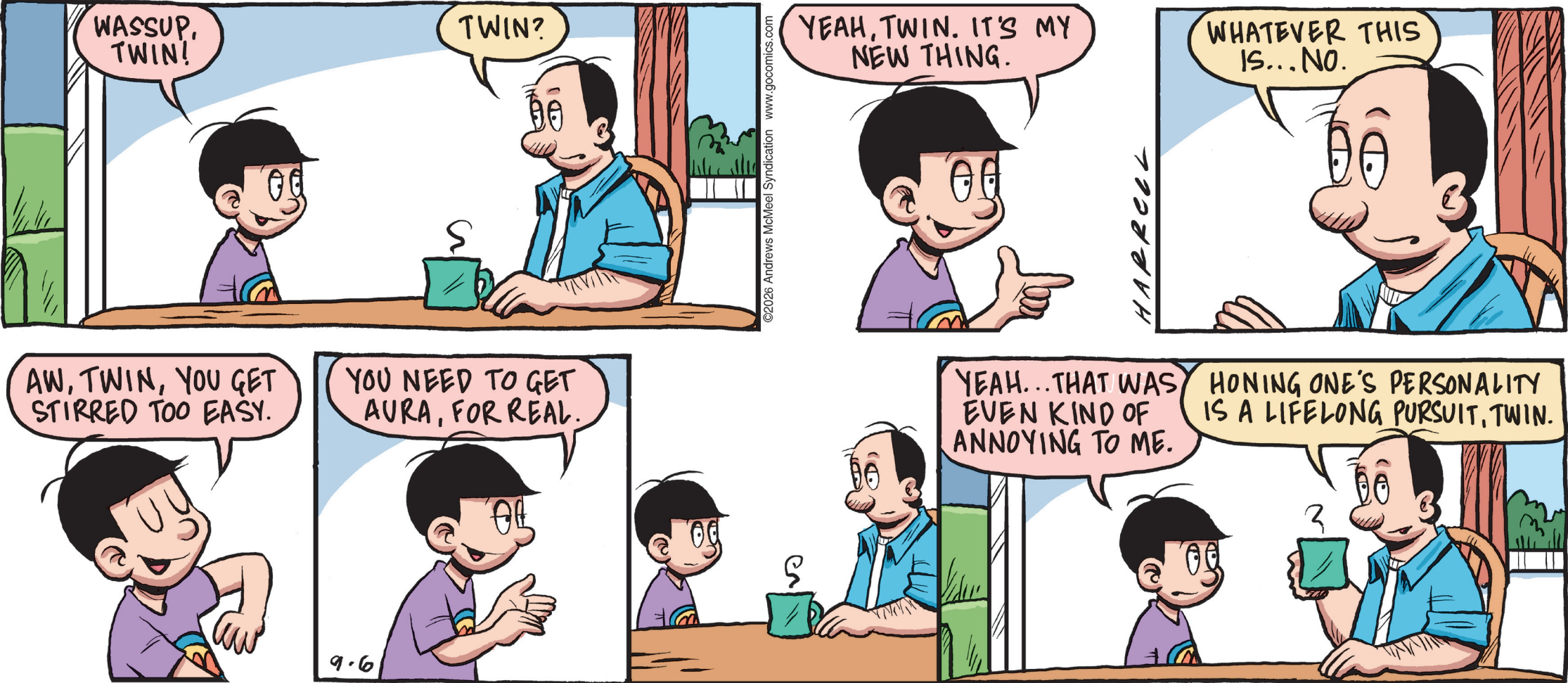
I heard it through the grapevine

TODAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION:

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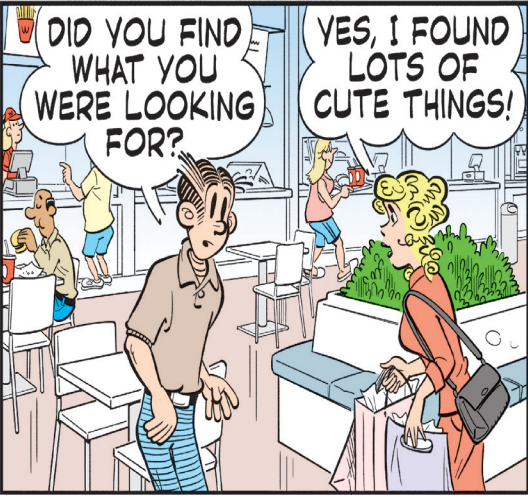
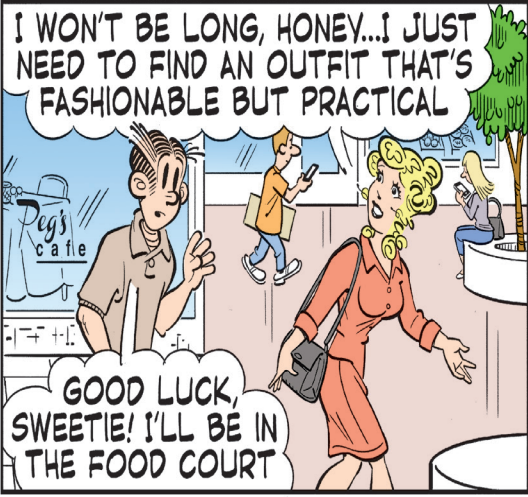
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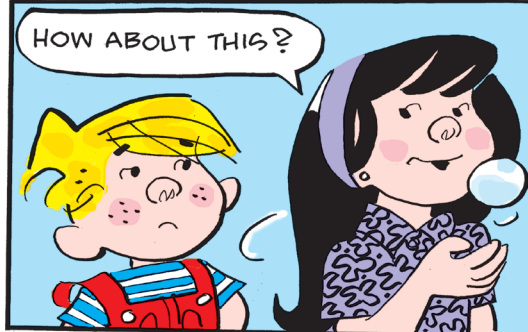
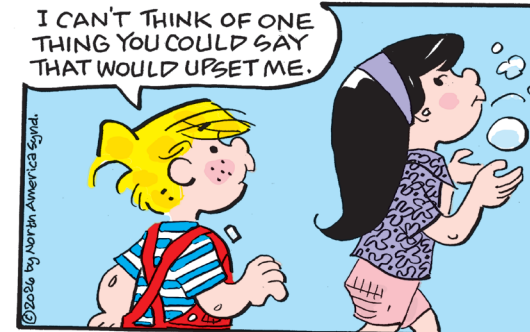
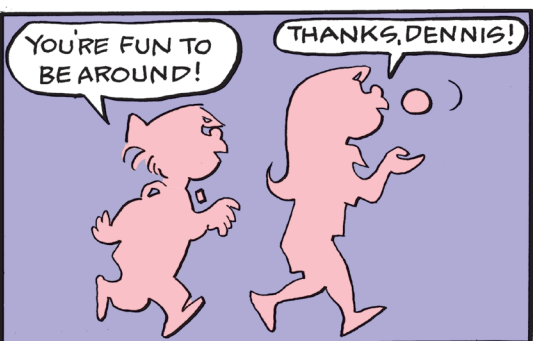
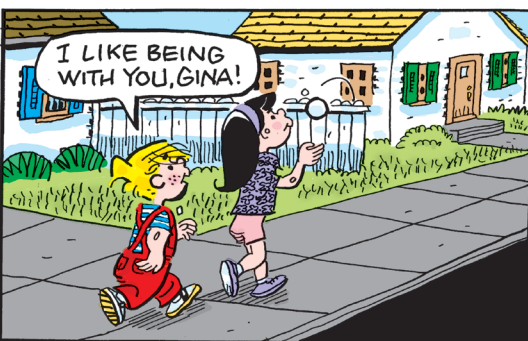
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Mort Walker's beetle bailey

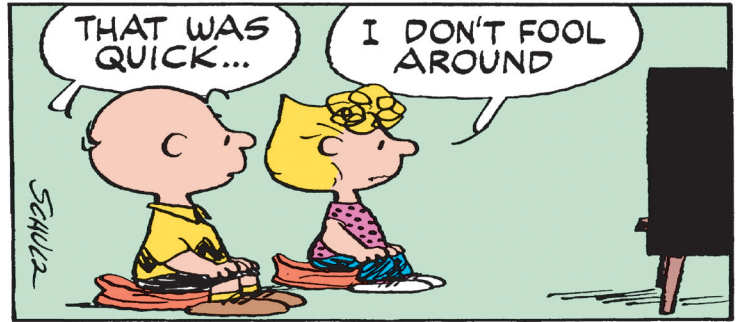
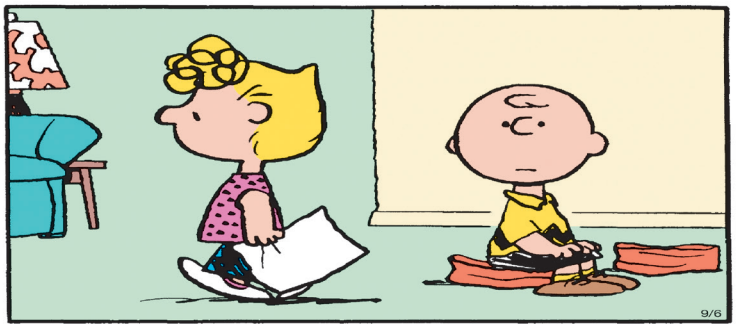
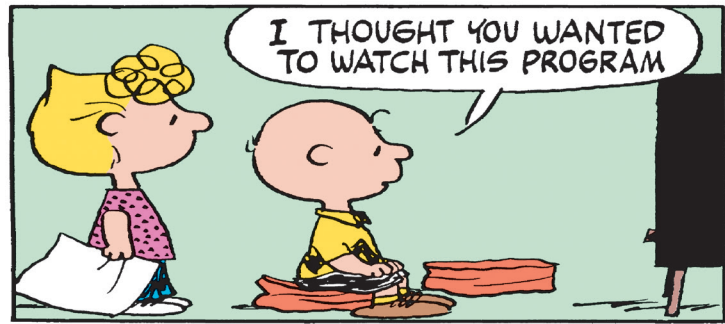


Hank Ketchum's Dennis the Menace "CATCH PHRASE"



CLASSIC PEANUTS

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