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2026 Voter Guide

Writing in the Georgia 2026 midterm elections?
HERE'S KEY INFORMATION

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Georgia's 2026 general election could be one of the most important in the country, with voters needing to be sure they understand how to vote. Here are some key things to know about the process.

Never voted in Georgia?
What you need to know before Nov. 3

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The good news is that the basic process is pretty straightforward. All you need to do is make sure you're registered to vote in Georgia. If you want to vote in person, you'll need to go to your local election office.

Special Illustration:
Voter guide is inside.

Voter Guide offers insight on state elections

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In today's edition of The Albany Herald, readers can catch up on the campaigns and campaign promises of candidates running for state offices in a comprehensive Voter Guide, prepared by the Georgia Trust for Local News. The guide includes information on how, when and where to vote and offers detailed information about candidates seeking state offices, including U.S. Senator, governor, superintendent of schools, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, agriculture commissioner, insurance commissioner and labor commissioner.

As Georgians prepare to go to the polls Nov. 3 for an election that could change the face of national, state and lo-

cal politics, the Voter Guide offers opportunities for voters and would-be voters to learn more about the people who have earned the right to represent them in earlier primary elections.

The Albany Herald will offer additional information about local races and candidates in the days leading up to Election Day with comprehensive coverage not available anywhere else.

All of Dougherty County's 66,663 registered voters, as well as voters in surrounding southwest Georgia communities, are encouraged to cast their ballots in elections that should change the face of government locally, state-wide and nationally.

If change – or the status quo – is the will of Georgia voters, the power to bring it about is in the hands of the electorate. So cast a ballot during early voting or make arrangements to show up at the polls on Election Day.

The Voter Guide also is available online at Albany-Herald.com.

Joshua Harrison pounds the pavement to provide shoes for Dougherty County kids



Staff Photo: Alan Mauldin

Joshua Harrison has been collecting aluminum cans since July to help make a difference in the lives of children in the community. Harrison plans to use the proceeds from selling the cans to support an annual shoe giveaway hosted by the Hands Extended Across Reaching Together (H.E.A.R.T.) organization that is now in its 18th year.

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ALBANY – If anyone has seen a young man picking up bags and bags of cans around Albany, it's a good chance the can collector is Joshua Harrison.

The 22-year-old has been grabbing cans from streets, alleys and lots of other places for several months, amassing a collection that now is piled high in a pickup truck.

The idea is to turn what other people toss out of their car windows into cash and to raise awareness for an annual program that provides shoes to needy children.

Hands Extended Across Reaching Together (H.E.A.R.T.), an organization formed by Procter & Gamble retirees, is having the toughest year funding its annual shoe giveaway to elementary school students. H.E.A.R.T. faces an Oct. 15 deadline to order shoes to distribute in December.

In addition to the shoe giveaway, the organization also offers the G.L.O.W. (Girls Leading Others Wisely) program in Dougherty County schools.

"It's not easy to get all this," said Harrison, who has been involved with H.E.A.R.T. for several years. "You go in the heat. You go in the rain. I went in the woods. ... I went down Slappey (Boulevard) to raise money for the children to put their best foot forward."

From his past school experience, Harrison said he knows that children in school can be bullied, and clothing and shoes are items of appearance that bullies often focus on.

"Being able to work with the H.E.A.R.T. organization -- and they work with me as one

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Lee County would repay \$30 million for a hospital it won't own

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LEESBURG — The Hospital Authority of Lee County held a public hearing Tuesday on plans to borrow up to \$200 million for a proposed

hospital, advancing a financing arrangement that would rely on county payments to repay roughly \$30 million of the debt.

The authority approved resolutions moving the process forward. Final construc-

tion costs, interest rates and repayment terms remain unsettled. The larger portion of the borrowing depends on a federal guarantee that has not yet been approved, and

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Staff Photo: Kathryn Crockett

Jane Gray, a retired health care executive and Lee County resident, addresses the Hospital Authority of Lee County during a Sept. 22 public hearing in Leesburg. Gray urged officials to release the proposed hospital's feasibility study and questioned its financial assumptions and potential risks to taxpayers.

Lee County approves hospital bond payments in 95-second vote

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LEESBURG — Lee County commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday night to commit the county to payments on up to \$31 million in hospital bonds under a contract that requires payments to continue even if the hospital ceases operations.

There was no board discussion during the regularly scheduled voting session. From Chairman Luke Singletary's introduction of the item to the gavel, approval took about 95 seconds.

Questions came afterward, from a resident who wanted to know what the commitment would mean for taxpayers.

County Attorney Jimmy Skipper described the contract as an initial legal step in the hospital project.

"There's a lot of steps to go, obviously, but we have to

get this step out of the way to keep it moving," he said.

Singletary asked whether commissioners had questions. None did. Commissioner Billy Mathis moved to approve the agreement, Vice Chairman Chris Guarnieri seconded it, and the motion passed with no audible opposition.

The contract makes the county's payment obligations "absolute and unconditional," explicitly including circumstances involving "the cessation of operations at one or more of the projects." It also requires the county to levy property taxes, within a seven-mill statutory limit, if needed to make the payments. The county must budget for them annually and cannot stop paying if the Hospital Authority defaults.

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Valdosta man convicted of domestic violence faces 15 years in prison on firearms charges

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ALBANY — A Valdosta resident is facing up to 15 years in federal prison after he admitted to illegally possessing three firearms, including a stolen machine gun, when he was taken into custody for a probation violation for a prior domestic violence misdemeanor conviction.

“Individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms can expect to be held accountable at the federal level, especially when they have a violent criminal history and illegally possess a machine gun,” U.S. Attorney Will Keyes said. “This case underscores that people with prior domestic violence convictions, including misde-

meanors, are generally prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law. Working with law enforcement, we are identifying repeat offenders with violent criminal pasts and bringing them to justice.”

“We appreciate the strong cooperation we have with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, which helps us keep repeat offenders with guns off the streets,” Lowndes County Sheriff Ashley Paulk said. “Their collaboration with our office is essential in ensuring these individuals are held accountable.”

Eddie Arnold, 24, of Valdosta, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a crime

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From 1A HARRISON

of their protege sons -- it really made my life different,” Harrison said. “I want to let children feel better about themselves. With all these cans, I want to reach my goal to help buy every child a pair of shoes so they can feel good and they can say ‘I got a brand new pair of shoes.’”

On Wednesday, the can collector was still at it, having collected a load of soft drink and beer cans along West Broad Avenue so large that he had to call someone to pick him up.

“There’s different fundraisers you can use for the children, for your community,” he said. “You can do a fundraiser for school supplies. I use my time doing this. I did this to help the H.E.A.R.T. ministry. I really appreciate being able to do my fundraiser to help the children.

“Whatever we put our mind to, we can change a child’s life in the community.”

The organization’s largest single fundraiser each year is held during the annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast that H.E.A.R.T.

sponsors. It also holds a “Dollars of Hope” campaign each July through October to help pay for shoes.

This year’s goal is 500 pairs of shoes, H.E.A.R.T. CEO and President Anne Johnson said. That will come at a cost of about \$25,000.

“This is the hardest season we’ve ever had” in 17 years, she said. “Right now, we’re at \$8,000. We’ve got a long way to go.”

The deadline for placing the order to have the shoes ready in December is Oct. 15, so the organization is asking area residents to pitch in for the next few weeks to help them reach the goal.

“We are asking the community to help us,” Johnson said. “We did five (schools) last December, then we got a call from Alice Coachman (Elementary School). So we wanted to pick that school up. We made a commitment to do 500 pairs.”

To make a donation, visit the H.E.A.R.T. website at www.heartcares2.com.

Harrison has been an inspiration in the past and has excelled this year, Johnson said.

“Josh didn’t come up with an excuse,” she said. “He came up with a plan of action.”

From 1A LEE

the entire plan must still be validated in court.

Bond attorney Roger Murray, a partner at Murray Barnes Law LLP who has specialized in public finance since 1989, outlined the steps that remain.

“It’s not the final authorization; it just allows us to go to the next step,” Murray said.

The public hearing at the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building gave residents a chance to comment on the proposed tax-exempt financing. County and authority attorney Jimmy Skipper said the County Commission must also approve the financing plan.

How the structure works

The arrangement works something like buying a house.

Most of the price is covered by a mortgage. But the buyer

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the borrowing as \$30 million. The approved resolution authorizes up to \$31 million. Interest would add to the county’s total repayment cost.

During public comment, resident Brian Granberry asked whether taxpayers would have to cover payments if the hospital could not.

“No, no,” Mathis said. “The taxpayers are going to pay it anyway from the beginning.”

Mathis estimated annual debt service at about \$2 million, paid from the general fund.

“So can we afford that payment? Yes, we can, without a tax increase,” he said.

The obligation would remain if the project failed, he said.

“Let’s say the hospital went belly up,” Mathis said. “Well, the payment’s still going to

still has to bring money to the closing table, and this buyer doesn’t have it. So a second, smaller loan supplies that money — and someone other than the buyer agrees to repay it.

If MCLCG Inc., the nonprofit that will own the hospital, is a young couple buying their first home, Lee County is the parent who took out a loan to cover what the couple owed at closing. The couple gets the house. The parent gets the payment book.

In the actual financing, the mortgage is the roughly \$169 million issue insured by the federal government and repaid from what the hospital earns treating patients. The second loan is the roughly \$30 million issue Lee County has agreed to repay. That money doesn’t stay with the county — it goes into the project and is spent building the hospital, which MCLCG will own.

The comparison isn’t exact. Hospital financing covers more than a purchase price: construction, equipment, startup costs, working capital and the cost of borrowing itself. But the central point holds. Borrowing that upfront contribution creates a separate repayment obligation — someone has to make the payments.

Under the plan Murray described, that someone is Lee County.

“The county-backed bonds will be paid solely with intergovernmental contract payments by the county,” Murray said.

The two issues have separate backing. A proposed U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guarantee would protect the larger issue if hospital revenue falls short, subject to federal review. County payments directly support the smaller one.

Who issues the bonds, and who pays

The Hospital Authority would issue both series, but it has no money of its own.

That distinction explains how the public notice can say the bonds are not a debt of Lee County while the county still makes the payments. The bonds are issued in the authority’s name. The county’s obligation lives in a separate document, the intergovernmental contract.

In the house comparison, whose name is on the loan and whose name is on the check are two different questions. The paperwork at the bank doesn’t cancel the promise the parents made in writing to cover the payments.

Both statements are accurate. The bonds are not county debt. However, the county has agreed, by contract, to pay them.

Authority Chairman Rick Muggridge made the point after District 1 Commissioner Dennis Roland questioned the arrangement during public comment.

be the same.”

The annual amount is not final. At the Hospital Authority’s hearing earlier Tuesday, bond attorney Roger Murray said payments would depend on interest rates and a repayment period that could span 20, 30 or 40 years.

Singletary described the county-backed borrowing as an “operating bond,” separate from construction financing, and said officials did not anticipate using the entire \$30 million.

The resolution authorizes broader uses, including acquisition, construction, equipment, startup costs, working capital and a debt service reserve. Both Singletary and Mathis said development around the hospital would help cover county payments through additional tax revenue.

“We anticipate growth around the hospital to more than offset this,” Singletary said, adding

that businesses were waiting for the project to proceed.

He also said county savings could supplement payments if the hospital underperformed.

Mathis said the county eventually expects reimbursement once the hospital meets financial benchmarks. The contract references reimbursement from “excess cash,” but does not define that term. The separate agreement establishing those provisions has not been made public.

Earlier in the meeting, Singletary said the county anticipated no millage rate increase this year. Commissioners expect to set the rate at their first October meeting.

The hospital financing still requires court validation and federal review. The county has approved its payment commitment, but the repayment term, final annual payment and total cost remain undetermined.

“This board, this hospital authority, we don’t have the power to levy taxes. We don’t have any money,” Muggridge said. The county-backed bonds could be issued only with a commitment from the County Commission to fund the payments, he said, which come with an estimated cost of \$1.8 million a year.

The numbers aren’t final

Murray cautioned that the \$1.8 million estimate is not settled. The figure depends on interest rates and whether repayment is structured over 20, 30 or 40 years.

“That was an estimate,” he said.

He also said the financing team is developing a way for excess hospital cash flow to reimburse the county — though a future County Commission could instead choose to leave that money with the hospital for improvements or expanded services.

In the house comparison, that resembles expecting rental income to reimburse the parent making payments on the second loan. Peoples Health System LLC would be the property manager, overseeing operations intended to generate that income. Whether enough money remains after operating expenses to reimburse the county is a separate question from the county’s commitment to make the bond payments.

The \$200 million figure is a borrowing ceiling, Skipper said. Proceeds would cover acquisition, construction, equipment, startup expenses, working capital and financing costs.

Some bonds would be taxable and others tax-exempt. Murray said the goal is to use as much tax-exempt financing as possible, because investors accept lower interest rates when their earnings are exempt from federal income taxes. He compared 6% taxable borrowing with 4% tax-exempt borrowing to illustrate the savings; although those were not rates announced for this project.

What the county has already spent

Murray said architects, engineers, an investment banker, a feasibility consultant, attorneys and other specialists have worked on the financing plan over roughly two years.

How much of that work Lee County has already paid for is unclear.

The 2024 intergovernmental contract assigns the project’s “Upfront Costs” to the county — expenses and legal fees for planning, design and proposed financing, including architectural and engineering work. The contract estimates those costs at \$3 million to \$4 million. The county can be repaid from bond proceeds, but only if the bonds are issued and only “with the consent of the owners of the bonds.”

Separately, the contract commits the county to pay for

utility lines and public roads serving the site, but sets no limit on that amount, and provides no reimbursement.

Two costs are not the county’s. The contract assigns the feasibility study and the certificate-of-need work to the hospital’s manager, People’s Health Systems.

The county has not released an accounting of what it has spent on the project to date.

What happens next

The financing plan goes first to a court for validation, which Murray described as a review of whether the financing complies with Georgia law. The process gives investors assurance the bonds were legally authorized.

Project representatives would finish architectural plans and construction cost estimates, then feed those figures into the feasibility consultant’s financial models. Murray said feasibility work already exists and is being updated with the final version reflecting completed plans and current pricing.

That study, an appraisal and other required documents would go to HUD for independent review. If HUD approves the guarantee, the team would update its calculations, sell the bonds and lock in interest rates. Final authorizing resolutions would return to the authority before closing releases the money to begin construction.

Residents press for numbers

Jane Gray, who identified herself as a retired health care executive, asked how the projections account for staffing, physician recruitment, reimbursement rates and operating costs, and urged officials to release the feasibility study and its assumptions.

“The most beautiful facility without doctors and staff to work there will not do this county much good,” Gray said.

Laura Hancock also asked for more transparency, and whether the authority would be prepared to stop if the eventual borrowing terms made the project impractical.

Mike Sabot supported the plan, saying Lee County needs a hospital and more competition for Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in nearby Albany.

Muggridge said the authority’s role is to facilitate the financing, and that questions about county revenue, land transactions and infrastructure commitments involve other public bodies.

All five authority members were present: Muggridge, Vice Chairman Dr. Bruce Houston, Secretary Jennifer Heyer, Dana Hager and Cole Williams. The board unanimously approved a resolution requesting county approval of the financing plan, then approved separate resolutions advancing each bond issue.

The Lee County Commission was scheduled to consider approval of the financing plan later that evening.



Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your moods could change rapidly for the next couple of days. It would be better to let yourself settle rather than take decisive action based on a transitory feeling. It could be a good period to improve a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Old business could come up to process internally. Instead of pointing fingers, you'll get real power from owning your piece of what happened, learning the lesson, forgiving them, forgiving yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Live like there's no one watching. You are allowed to build a life that makes sense to you, you're not here to live anyone else's life. Friends could be moody and unpredictable for a few days.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today could be a good day to think through work-life balance if you're lucky enough that that can even be a conversation. If balance and survival aren't compatible right now, do what you have to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Teaching and learning are a circle, to be fully in your potentials you need to practice both as lifelong habits. Even if someone is actively scoffing or pretending disinterest, they might actually be listening hard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): While you could be squarely focused on getting financial matters into better order, someone else could be going through a sequence of moods affecting the topic. Give it a few days but then don't act immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): I versus thou could be a conversation even if you're single and just having the conversation with yourself. The next few days could yield a few wonky ideas, but also some genuinely productive insights. Discern.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): How you fit into the cosmos could be a topic for a few days, but while you're thinking, handing regular tasks could seem like some kind of quest. You may need to defeat a monster or two to get things

done. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't let a petty mood disrupt a key friendship, but by the same token, don't let someone else dictate your reality, values, or preferences. Your lighter side could feel dampened at times for a few days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Being out in the world could be a small relief even it it's through work. Home vibes could fluctuate for a few days — stay grounded and responsible, then handle what's left to handle once things settle down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Choose words very carefully over the next few days, it's not a time to free associate unless you want to deal with consequences. Tread wisely and let reactive moments remain unexpressed. Dial up some helpful inspo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Moods and money aren't a reliable combo, and moods could drive financial choices for the next few days. Don't make a financial decision or a big purchase until your inner money landscape feels truly clear.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Whew! Much of 2026 could have been a zinger, what's left of the year could answer many prayers. October could bring significant, even life-changing insights, you'll want to ponder all this to be able to deploy the intel for greatest improvement. Question your beliefs, discard anything that isn't what you thought it was. November could bring multiple gifts — creativity, a new income stream, a happy surprise, and even more needed sources and resources to help you build your next phase of life. While you're busy maximizing all the possibilities, don't make a foolish move that could tank something important. December could resolve or heal something deeply important; you might have to push or advocate but it's likely to happen. Your talents could be on full display in late December or early January, and the world could be watching.



1789 - Thomas Jefferson is appointed the first United States Secretary of State by George Washington

1914 - The Federal Trade Commission Act establishes the United States Federal Trade Commission

1933 - The nickname for FBI agents, G-Men is born, when Machine Gun Kelly is arrested and shouts "Don't Shoot, G-Men!"

1959 - Typhoon Vera hits Japan, killing 4,580 people and leaving nearly 1.6 million people homeless

1960 - The first televised debate between U.S. presidential candidates takes place in Chicago, when Richard M. Nixon debates John F. Kennedy

1973 - The Concorde makes its first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic Ocean

1980 - An Oktoberfest terror attack in Munich kills 13 people, and injures 211 more

2000 - The MS Express Samina sinks off Paros in the Aegean Sea killing 80 passengers

2002 - The Senegalese ferry, MV Le Joola which was overcrowded, capsizes off the coast of Gambia killing more than 1,000 people

2009 - Typhoon Ketsana kills over 700 people when it hits the Philippines, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand

2014 - A mass kidnapping of 43 male students occurs in Iguala, Mexico

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- Compliance Officer Day
- European Day of Languages
- Family Health and Fitness Day USA
- Fish Amnesty Day
- Human Resource Professional Day
- Johnny Appleseed Day
- Kids Day
- Lumberjack Day

- Mesothelioma Awareness Day
- Museum Day
- R.E.A.D. in America Day
- Record Store Day
- Save Your Photo's Day
- Shamu the Whale Day
- Situational Awareness Day
- World Contraception Day

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I see my body as an instrument, rather than an ornament."

Alanis Morissette,
singer/songwriter (1974-)

CORRECTION

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SQUAWKBOX

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It's not apathy, it's resignation. How long does it take for Congress to make a right decision or how many years before a criminal in Albany is brought to trial? Who in their right mind would vote on a ballot choosing between incompetents or serve on a jury for \$25/day in some pretense of justice served among a parading circus of society's most incurable, vile, reprehensible and irresponsible.

I'm always amazed at the people getting into trouble and shot in the middle of the night, like the three teens, one shot, two arrested for breaking into autos at 2:40 a.m. this week. 18 years old and staying out all night. Their lives have absolutely no direction.

We need an interim chief of APD because a lame duck leader has no interest in maintaining order.

Facebook post: "For those who keep calling liberals 'Communists,' please note that banning news you don't like is Communism." That Man Without a Family

It is hard to take the two squawks in Thursday's paper seriously when the word "I," the start of sentences, and proper nouns are not capitalized. Maybe we should revive the old "Schoolhouse Rock" animated program from the '60s and '70s. Please, Squawkbox, exercise the paper's executive privilege for capitalization.

Ronald Acuna is as fragile as a peach. Every time he is bumped or brushed, he has to be "checked out" by doctors, who usually put him on the injured list.

Substitute "Trump's GOP" for "the Democrats" in the MAGA acolyte's squawk on 9/15 for real truth. Things don't just "look" bad, they really are. When the head of your party is the father of lies, the phrase "you cannot believe the lies" should never come out of your mouth.

Billy Bow-Tie may get "his" hospital, but it's the taxpayers of Lee County who will be paying for it for the foreseeable future.

You would think they could use AI to stop all those internet scams, spam and phishing. Maybe they don't want to?

I had a serious issue with thugs disrupting my business, so I reached out to my city commissioner and the city manager. My response from both? A big fat nothing. Perhaps I didn't fit into their demographics.

Please vote for the Constitutional amendment that requires Probate court judges to be elected in a nonpartisan ballot, just like every other judge in the state. Having a judge with a D or R by his or her name gives the appearance of partisanship. Judges are not supposed to be political.

Weather Forecast



Today
82°
55°



Sunday
85°
57°



Monday
87°
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Tuesday
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Wednesday
89°
63°



Thursday
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69°



Friday
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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

By Frank Stewart
Tribune Content Agency

Simple Saturday columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

When many players defend,

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Frank Stewart

they operate in a fog of uncertainty. They get busy, snatching winners and leading from honors when they should go passive. They don't count their winners. They don't form a picture of declarer's hand, based on clues from the bidding and play.

Today's West leads a diamond against four spades. Declarer takes dummy's ace and cashes the A-K of clubs to discard his last diamond. Dummy next leads a trump. If East plays "second hand low," South loses only a trump and two hearts.

HIGH CLUB

South's preemptive jump to two spades suggested a six-card suit, and East can infer that his pattern is 6-4-2-1. If South had a second diamond loser, he would have pitched it on dummy's third

high club.

East must win the first trump and lead his deuce of hearts. West wins, returns a heart to East and ruffs the next heart. East's chances of success with any other defense are next to zero.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S J98. H Q104. D A74. C AKQ5. Your partner opens one spade, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: A response of 3NT, showing 16 or 17 points and balanced pattern, would not be an error and once upon a time would have been a standard choice. But that bid takes up a lot of bidding space and may hinder slam investigation. Many pairs now assign some conventional meaning to a 3NT response. They might prefer an economical response of two clubs.

East dealer
E-W vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Father doesn't know how to talk to daughter about mother's infidelity

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: This is something that has bothered me for decades and I still don't know whether I did the right thing or not.

When it was revealed that my wife had been cheating for a few years with a coworker who later became my children's stepfather half the time, I wanted to protect my daughter's relationship with her mother. My son was too young to understand any of this at the time.

My daughter was eight. When she was 12, she asked me if (the affair partner) "was around" in her mother's life when we were married. My focus was always on my children, and I did not want to damage their relationship with their mother since it was me and not them that she had cheated on.

I told her that when she turned 16, I would tell her the truth. She probably gleaned the truth from that, but I kept to the timetable. She did ask me then. My daughter and her mother have a very cool, though polite, relationship 30-plus years later.

Is there a hard-and-fast rule to handle this situation? It seems that no matter what, cheating spouses create a large blast area of emotional damage.

— *Hard Truths*

Dear Truths: Unfortunately, the only hard-and-fast rule is that in situations like this there is more than enough pain to go around and sometimes there are no good choices, only good intentions. The empathy you showed to your daughter and to her mother was kind. You were put into a tough position, and an unfair one. This isn't a knock against

your daughter. She naturally had questions and sought answers from someone she trusted. It sounds like you did what you thought was best in the moment.

I encourage you to release yourself from wonder and regret about these conversations with your daughter. If you were to do it again, you might have talked to your ex-wife about your daughter's questions, leaving it to her to be proactive about parenting your daughter, framing what happened, and maintaining the relationship with her. But it sounds like you were operating from a place of good intentions in a tough situation. If your daughter and her mother haven't been able to establish a closer relationship, that's not your fault and it's not within your power to fix.

Dear Eric: I am a 74-year-old female caring for my 66-year-old brother with dementia. I left my home and relocated to take care of him as his wife passed and his two children do not help or really care.

I am exhausted from constant cleaning him hygienically and his inability to sleep through the night. He constantly soils himself.

He is in home hospice care with aides coming three days a week. As soon as they leave, he soils himself while in bed or in his recliner. It is constant changing of bed sheets and washing.

I love him and try to take care of his needs cheerfully and not begrudgingly but am having a hard time wondering if he is just lazy, doesn't care or is truly this incontinent.

When do I say enough is enough and put him in a nurs-



Eric Thomas

ing facility? Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

— *Struggling Sister*

Dear Sister: As a caregiver, a lot is being asked of you, physically, logistically, and emotionally. This is a hard job and the level of frustration you're feeling makes sense. You're trying so hard and it never seems to be enough.

While it may be hard to take the emotion out of your decision about what to do next, that may be the most helpful thing. Ask yourself what scenario is going to provide your brother with the best care, especially as his condition worsens and his needs change.

Also ask yourself if you're the best person to be providing his needs. This isn't meant to be critical of you at all. Rather, the hope is that it becomes a little easier to separate a sense of obligation from pragmatic decision-making. There could be other options that give you relief and maintain his quality of life.

Talk to his doctors, his social worker, and the aides about other options. There may be more in-home help available, there could be other support available to you from your local or state government to supplement the work you're doing. Also, his team may advise that a specific nursing home or memory care facility would improve his quality of life in some ways.

Thinking about other options that can relieve some of the burden on you is also a loving act. It's not pushing the can down the road. It's shameful that his children aren't supporting him or you. But you don't have to do this alone.

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Albany leaders support nonpartisan elections for Probate judges

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ALBANY — Former Albany Mayor Tommy Coleman and former state Senator and Dougherty County Magistrate Judge Michael Meyer von Bremen have joined nearly 70 current and former elected officials, faith leaders and community leaders from across Georgia in signing a letter supporting the proposed Constitutional amendment that would require all Probate judges in Georgia to be elected in nonpartisan elections.

Coleman and Meyer von Bremen join a group of Georgia leaders that includes former Govs. Roy Barnes and Nathan Deal; Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper; former Georgia Labor Commissioner and former DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond; former State Rep. Calvin Smyre; former Lt. Govs. Casey Cagle and Mark Taylor; former Secretaries of State Karen Handel and Lewis Massey; former U.S. Rep. Buddy Darden; and dozens of state and local leaders from communities throughout Georgia.

Together, nearly 70 Georgia leaders have signed the letter supporting the Constitutional amendment appearing on the Nov. 3 ballot:

“Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require that all Probate judges be elected in nonpartisan elections?”

The letter centers on the principle that Georgia’s judges should be elected based on their qualifications, experience and ability to administer justice fairly, rather than their affiliation with a political party.

Georgia already elects its Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, Superior Court judges, State Court judges and Magistrate judges on a nonpartisan basis. Probate judges remain the exception.

Probate courts serve Georgians during some of the most important and personal moments in their lives. Depending on the jurisdiction, these courts handle matters involving wills and estates, guardianships, marriage licenses, weapons-carry licenses and

other responsibilities established by Georgia law.

“The participation of Tommy Coleman and Michael Meyer von Bremen reflects the breadth of experience represented among the nearly 70 Georgians who have signed this letter,” Kevin Holder, executive director of the Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia, said. “Both have devoted decades to public service in Albany and southwest Georgia. Michael also brings the perspective of someone who has served in both the legislative and judicial branches of government.”

The nearly 70 signatories represent communities across metropolitan Atlanta, north Georgia, middle Georgia, south Georgia and coastal Georgia and include current and former state officials, legislators, mayors, county commissioners, faith leaders and other community leaders. The letter states that moving



Tommy Coleman

Probate judicial elections to a nonpartisan basis would bring Probate judges in line with Georgia’s other elected judges and further the principle that judges should serve without the label of a political party attached to their names on the ballot.

The proposed constitutional amendment will appear statewide on Georgia’s November 2026 general election ballot.



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Church’s chicken on hold

The Church’s Chicken restaurant on West Oglethorpe Boulevard in Albany met up with a wrecking ball this week, as construction crews took down the popular establishment. An updated, prefabricated building is expected to replace the establishment in the coming month.

GSW’s Day of Giving sets new record: 668 donors from all 50 states

Staff Reports

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AMERICUS — Georgia Southwestern State University celebrated its eighth annual Day of Giving on Sept. 17, with a record 668 donors from all 50 states contributing \$139,125 in support of the university.

The 24-hour giving challenge is powered by gifts from alumni, community members, parents, friends, faculty, staff and students. Day of Giving brings the campus and community together, connecting Hurricanes across the country in a shared mission to support GSW’s students, scholarships, academic programs, departments and athletics.

“GSW’s eighth Day of Giving has been a huge success,” Stephen Snyder, executive director of the GSW Foundation and assistant vice president for Advancement, said. “I am profoundly grateful to our Hurricane family for continuing to raise the bar year after year, through volunteering, advocating and giving. I am so proud of our community.”

The campaign’s success was driven by online and social media efforts as well as strong support from the local commu-



Special Photo: GSW

GSW’s Executive Leadership and Division of Advancement teams kick off the university’s Day of Giving on Sept. 17 at Chick-fil-A Americus, one of 24 participating merchants.

nity. Throughout the day, supporters showed their Hurricane pride by dining and shopping at the 24 participating Americus businesses, each of which donated a portion of the day’s sales to the campaign.

A signature part of Day of Giving is the challenge to “turn the map gold,” with each state turning gold once a gift is received from that state. This helps visualize the campaign’s success. GSW received gifts from all 50 states for the fourth consecutive year, once again making Day of Giving a nationwide effort.

GSW also turned the town gold. Nearly 200 students, fac-

ulty and staff volunteered at the participating businesses throughout Americus. Many of the student volunteers benefit from the very scholarships that Day of Giving helps fund, bringing the impact of the campaign full circle.

On campus, students joined the celebration with a raffle and trivia competition, featuring prizes including Downtown Dollars donated by Downtown Americus Main Street to spend at participating downtown businesses.

“I was truly blown away by the energy, enthusiasm and support surrounding Day of Giving,” GSW President Kerry Palmer said. “It was inspiring

to see everyone come together as Hurricanes to support GSW and our students. This incredible response speaks volumes about the strength of the GSW community and the pride people have in this university. Go ‘Canes!”

While donors could contribute to any fund of their choosing, GSW highlighted five funds during this year’s Day of Giving:

Southwestern Promise: These scholarships automatically provide \$1,000 and \$3,000 to eligible GSW freshmen who meet certain academic requirements.

President Jimmy Carter Leadership Program: Contributions support the existing program and enhance additional opportunities and involvement.

General Athletics: Contributions to GSW Athletics support areas including athletic facility improvements, scholarships and recruiting enhancements.

Southwestern Annual Fund: This general-purpose fund supports student needs including conference expenses, extra-curricular learning programs, scholarships, emergency expenses, and textbook assistance.

Hurricanes Back-on-Track: This fund provides financial assistance to students facing

unexpected hardships that may prevent them from completing their degree.

Three newer funds also received significant support during Day of Giving: the Morgan Whaley ’24 Memorial Endowment, William Rambo Memorial Golf Scholarship and J. Thurston Clary Memorial Scholarships, each established in memory of individuals with meaningful connections to GSW.

Donors who gave \$250 or more for GSW’s Day of Giving received an exclusive Julia Gash 500-piece puzzle, while those who gave \$120 or more received a special felt pennant commemorating GSW’s 120th anniversary this year.

The campaign was led by the Day of Giving Committee: Chelsea Collins, Kim Comer, Lisa Courtney, Emily Crenshaw, Benjamin DeLoach, Caitlin Downs, Hunter Peak, Cody Reeves, Sydney Scott, Angela Smith, Haley Skipper, Stephen Snyder, and Tracy Taylor.

For more information about GSW’s Day of Giving, visit gsw.edu/DayOfGiving. Those who missed Day of Giving but would still like to support GSW can make a gift at gsw.edu/Give.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Brandon Marshall (26-063) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting rezoning of an .64-acre parcel from C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District) to C-3(Commercial District) for a Transport & Towing Company with Vehicle Storage Lot. The parcel is located at 1314 W Broad Ave. (0000H/00002/005). The owners of the property are Brandon and Patricia A Marshall. The applicant is Brandon Marshall. **Ward 3**

Chad Warbington (26-065) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting rezoning of an .64-acre parcel from C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District) to C-R (Community Residential Multiple-Dwelling District) to construct a residential duplex. The parcel is located on 600 2nd Ave. (0000D/00001/022). The owner of the property is Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc. The applicant is Chad Warbington. **Ward 2**

Zoning Ordinance Revision: Timeframe for Reapplication; Title III, Sections 4.04(D) and (E)

The Albany zoning ordinance, Title III, Sections 404(D) and (E), sets the time allowed to apply for a rezoning after a denial of a previous application at 12 months for citizens and 6 months for the City/County Commission. The request is to ask the Planning Commission to make the time period consistent for all applicants. O.C.G.A. §36-66-4 states that “same property may not again be considered for rezoning until the expiration of at least six months immediately following the defeat of the rezoning by the local government”.

The Albany Dougherty Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this request on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100, Albany, GA. Based on the information presented at the public meeting, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation and forward it to the Board of City Commissioners.

The City of Albany Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** in the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701.

The Dougherty County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, October 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701.

Meetings of the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission and the City of Albany Board of Commissioners are open to the public. Those wishing to speak or provide comments should contact the Planning & Development Services Department before the meeting at (229) 438-3901, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Albany does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to or treatment or employment in its programs or activities. The Human Resources Department has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the Department of Justice Regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rights provided there is available at the Office of Human Resources. The City of Albany will assist citizens with special needs given proper notice (7 working days). Any requests for reasonable accommodations required by individuals to fully participate in an open meeting, program, or activity of the City of Albany, Georgia, should be directed to Paul Forgey, AICP, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, Georgia, 31701, (229) 438-3901.

ACTE announces Tifton teacher as National Award finalist

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ALEXANDRIA, Va.—The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) has announced that Melissa Busbin, a teacher at Tift County High School in Tifton, is the 2027 ACTE Region II Teacher of the Year. This award recognizes the finest career and technical education teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Busbin, a distinguished Career and Technical Education teacher at Tift County High School, has dedicated her career to expanding access to emerging technologies and ensuring that students in rural communities have the opportunity to develop the skills needed to succeed in the digital age.

A first-generation CTE student who began her own journey as an FFA and Work-Based Learning student in rural Georgia, Busbin brings a unique perspective to her work in education. With 17 years of classroom experience, a Ph.D. in Career and Technical Education from Auburn University, and an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Valdosta State University, she combines her experiences as an educator, researcher and parent of CTE graduates to advocate for meaningful opportunities for students.

Throughout her career, Busbin has been a catalyst for growth in high-demand Computer Science and Information Technology pathways. Her leadership in AI education was recently recognized with the CYBER.ORG Educator Award. She also serves as a Computer Science Virtual Specialist for the Georgia

Department of Education, providing professional learning and implementation support to educators across the state. Her commitment to expanding technology access and addressing rural technology equity has also included work with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

At Tift County High, Busbin focuses on creating innovative learning experiences that connect students with real-world opportunities. As an FBLA adviser, she mentors students as they compete at the national level and co-manages Diablo’s, a student-led enterprise that helps students develop essential employability skills. Her students also participate in community projects that address real-world needs, including developing switch-adapted toys for children with disabilities and creating a K–5 Mobile Computer Science Lab. Through these experiences, students apply their classroom knowledge to authentic challenges while developing skills and connections that support future internships and careers.

Busbin’s work is driven by a commitment to ensuring that geography never determines opportunity. Through innovative, equitable, and industry-aligned CTE programs, she continues to empower students to become ethical, highly skilled contributors to the workforce while helping educators prepare learners for an ever-changing technological future.

Busbin is one of five finalists for the 2027 national title. The national winner will be announced at the ACTE Awards Gala, an award presentation recognizing the best CTE educators in the country. The event will take place on Dec. 2. An Awards Gala is sponsored by Express Employment Professionals, Goodheart-Willcox, The Army, and Stratays. For more information about the ACTE Excellence Awards, visit the group’s webpage.

SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX

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No action from city commission and mayor after recent murders and shootings is pathetic. Taxpayers deserve new law enforcement strategies and more patrols. We have fewer residents, better technology and financial resources. Call Persley a nice guy, but not holding him professionally accountable just because he is retiring is municipal incompetence at its worst. The city commission needs to man up. Cancel the October retreat and do the real work.

Voting for the Democratic candidates for Public Service Commission is the only way to get affordable utility rates across the state.

It has been over three years since the City Commission was presented with the idea of a citywide apartment inspection program. And probably another year before the program gets started, with one inspector. Surely the commission can see the wisdom of the program. Then why can't they move on and make it a priority? The program and the renters in Albany deserve better.

So Billy and Luke are the big-wigs of record for the alleged Lee hospital? I still don't see it happening. If it does, Lee County taxpayers, get out your checkbooks.

The taxpayers of Albany deserve a police chief from out of town without biases. We need a nationwide search away, out of reach of the local scam artists that prey on taxpayers and the poor, including the corrupt pastors.

I wouldn't vote for Mike Collins in exchange for a winning lottery ticket, but Jon Ossoff needs to stop quoting Collins out of context and focus instead on how he voted with Trump 100% of the time. He needs to focus specifically on how Collins and other Trump Republicans have hurt working-class people. That Man Without a Family

Just how much money, in total, has been spent already on the Lee County Hospital project?

In Georgia, it's illegal to give people standing in long, hot lines a drink of water. But it's OK for the person who is supposed to be our president to try and bribe voters with our own tax money?

Around election time, the alleged "preachers" in many local churches start preaching about who their parishioners should vote for. If some brave people in the churches would report these criminals, the churches would lose their tax-exempt status. Then they'd go away.

Amen,Michael Ferguson, telling it like it is.

Chris Sale was interviewed recently regarding his pitching success. He said several times "you have got to throw strikes." I hope Atlanta's other pitchers will take his advice.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ GAIL DRAKE

America's First Father: His formative years

Editor's Note: First in a three-part series.

"Let no man despise your youth, but be an example." I Timothy 4:12

Another dishonest revision of history, smearing a noble, self-sacrificing American founding father. A Smithsonian museum in Manhattan currently displays the familiar silhouette of George Washington – with raging red flames – with bold letters: "Town Destroyer."

Underneath reads, "The American armies destroyed 40 ... (Iroquois) towns and burned their harvest."

No context. No acknowledgment whatsoever of Washington's 20-plus years of association and treaties with Iroquois chiefs. No mention of the provocations by the Indigenous allies of the British during the ongoing Revolutionary War.

Made me so annoyed, I went to the library and checked out a 3-inch, comprehensive, Pulitzer Prize-winning biography by Ron Chernow entitled "Washington: A Life." (So why can't the Smithsonian do the same research? It isn't that hard.) This long, detailed but interesting read only bolstered my understanding of our First Father as an overcomer, described as a "granite of self-control." His early years shaped the character he displayed later as our nation's first president.

Modest Upbringing. Washington was born an English subject in the colony of Virginia in 1732, to a modest family living at a place called Popes Creek. He was the first of six children of his mother, Mary. His father, Augustine, a

justice of the peace and political figure, had four older children by his first wife. He did not have a close bond with George. Neither did his mother.

The family moved to a farm on the Potomac River, then moved near Fredericksburg.

George was age 11 when his father died, and he inherited the Fredericksburg house. His brother, Lawrence, inherited the farm and renamed it Mount Vernon.

Because of his father's early death, George did not have the formal education in England enjoyed by his older half-brothers, but rather attended local schools in Virginia, and then worked hard to care for his mother and younger siblings.

"Rules of Civility" Author. An interesting anecdote is that sometime before age 16, George compiled more than 100 rules for social behaviors. He copiously copied into his exercise book from an English translation of a French Jesuit writing – in his handwriting: "Every action done in company, ought to be with some sign of respect, to those that are present."

"Spit not in the fire, nor stoop low before it."

Land Surveyor. George trained as a draftsman and mapmaker. A neighbor to Mount Vernon, Williams Fairfax, mentored George and helped him obtain a surveyor's license from the College of William and Mary. He surveyed parts of the Shenandoah Valley and was appointed surveyor of

Culpeper County, Va., in 1749.

Caribbean Journey. In 1751, George traveled with his brother, Lawrence, to Barbados, hoping the climate would cure Lawrence's tuberculosis. The journey exposed him to wider aspects of the British Empire. It also exposed him to smallpox, which scarred his face but provided immunities from future infection.

Sadly, Lawrence died, and George leased Mount Vernon from his widow, Ann. When Ann died, Georgia inherited the small house with livable attic and its acreage.

British Diplomat. Because Lawrence had served as adjutant general in Virginia's militia, George aspired to seek a British military commission. His mother refused to let him join the Royal Navy. Then he was appointed special envoy to the French forces who were building forts in the Ohio River Valley. George was to make peace with nearby Iroquois. He met Half-King Tanacharison in October 1753 and forged an informal friendship. He then delivered a formal demand to the French commander to vacate those lands.

George made that long trek to the Ohio River, met with Commander Jacque Legardeur de Saint-Pierre, and was given a firm, French "non." George documented his dangerous winter journey, which was published in Virginia and London and brought George some small notoriety.

British Soldier. In February 1754, Washington was promoted to lieutenant colonel of the Virginia Regiment with orders to

confront the French again at the Fork of Ohio. Washington and his Indian allies ambushed the French, and the Half-King brutally slaughtered French commander Joseph Jumonville. (The gory details are in the book.) The French found their comrades scalped and blamed Washington, who had retreated to Fort Necessity. On July 3, 3,900 French troops attacked the fort and forced Washington to surrender.

Not knowing French, Washington unwittingly signed that he was responsible for "assassinating" Jumonville. The incident ignited the French and Indian War, in which the Indians now fought with their new friends, the French..

In 1755, Washington fought as a volunteer to again expel the French out of Ohio Country. The general in charge followed traditional British warfare of marching in columns ("Charge of the Light Brigade" style), and two-thirds of the British became casualties at the Battle of Monongahela.. Having learned some guerilla warfare from his Indian friends, Washington rallied the survivors and retreated. During that battle, Washington had two horses shot out from under him (yes, that detail was verified) as well as bullet holes in his hat and coat.

The Virginia Regiment reconstructed in August 1755, and Washington was again appointed commander. His superiors refused to promote him because he was from the colonies.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ KELLY WESSELMAN

NAMIWalks brings community together for mental health awareness

I saw my life as a mental health advocate go to a whole new level when I took a picture of my friend holding a bright red, homemade sign: "You Are Not Alone."

I took that same sign and marched in the 2025 Albany State University homecoming parade with fellow members of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Albany. On Oct. 10, I will help lead NAMIWalks Albany in the 2026 ASU parade.

If you want an example of mental health recovery, that is worlds away from the terrified high school student who hid in the bathroom stall eating a sandwich

rather than walking into the school cafeteria.

This is NAMI Albany's sixth year participating in this exciting community celebration. It is also the opportunity to celebrate our annual fundraiser, NAMIWalks Albany. It is unique. More than a walk, it helps support the free education, support, advocacy, and resources NAMI provides to individuals and families affected by mental health conditions. After the walk, our work continues

throughout the year.

The walk is an opportunity to bring family, friends and community groups together to show support for mental health in southwest Georgia.

The support of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners, AKA Sorority -- Delta Eta Omega Chapter, Albany Episcopalians, The Change Center, CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates), The Clubhouse with Aspire, col-

lege students and key local businesses helps this nonprofit, volunteer organization fulfill its mission.

Register, donate, or simply show up Oct. 10 by 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St.. We will gather in the back parking lot and walk together to our place along the parade route.

Every person who participates helps us show that mental health matters in Georgia. Look for me holding a new round sign with the same message: "You Are Not Alone."

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

Shooting hoops in Heaven

Cindy and I attended a play at the Legacy Theater in Tyrone recently. The play, "After Zoey," was about a young woman with an autoimmune deficiency that ultimately caused her death. It was based on a true story.

During intermission, I ran into a man who immediately recognized me. I had trouble placing him, although his face looked familiar. When he said his name was John, I remembered him with a full head of hair -- and being the assistant coach of my son Josh's basketball team in 1995.

I remembered the year because that team was truly something special. We fondly reminisced about that season before catching each other up on what we were doing at this stage of our respective lives. I asked about his son Jack, and he filled me in.

Then John asked about Josh.

The Bulls were undefeated and won the city's league championship for 10-year-old boys in 1995. I remember it well because I was their head coach. We had one hell of a team. I would have put our starting lineup of Josh, Jack, Ryan, Lee and Trevor against any five boys that age in the country. They were that good.

In my mind I can still picture

them out on the court:

-- Josh was born to play basketball from the moment he could walk. The first time he held a ball in his hands, it became a part of him. His ability to dribble was exceeded only by his ability to pass the ball. He was the only boy his age who got more satisfaction from an assist so a teammate could score than making a basket of his own.

-- Jack rarely missed a shot, because he was just a natural-born shooter. Watching the rainbow arc of the ball on his shots from behind the three-point line was truly a sight to behold. Whenever the team needed a clutch basket, more often than not Jack was the one to make it.

-- Ryan was a holy terror on defense. Whenever a player on the other team began scoring at will, Ryan was called on to shut him down. Although usually the shortest player on the court, Ryan had no fear whatsoever of being assigned to guard the tallest player on the other team.

-- Lee, a lefty, could always be counted on to make two or three plays a game that were well beyond his years. He possessed an

intricate knowledge of the game and an uncanny ability to make something out of nothing.

-- Trevor Lorber was the tallest boy on the team. Having never played organized basketball before, at first he reminded me of a baby deer trying to stand on all four legs. In an early-season game, Trevor made a spectacular albeit surprising turnaround jumper off the backboard. I told Trevor it reminded me of Christian Laettner, and if he stuck with basketball he could be just like him one day.

The five of them together on one team were, quite literally, unbeatable.

It was an eerie coincidence that I ran into John at a play about the death of a young girl. That's because during our conversation I felt obligated to tell him that Josh, as well as two other boys on our team, were no longer with us. John offered his apologies and said he had no idea that any of the boys on our team had passed away, although it wasn't necessary. I could tell just by the look on his face.



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"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."
Romans 8:1

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

Looking for truthful answers to some hard questions

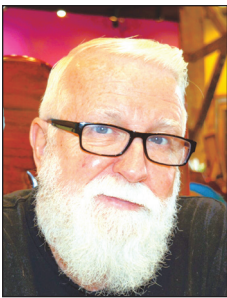
*Believing the things you say, Being the fool.
... Ain't that what you said? Ain't that what
you said? Liar, liar, liar.*

-- Three Dog Night

This is going to be a tough one, boys and girls, but I want you to try really hard to follow these simple directions: Before you read the following, put away your preconceived notions about national news stories and think rationally, without considering any individual currently dominating news cycles. And answer the questions honestly.

The concept is a simple one. If you read the following about any political candidate in this country – and knew nothing about him or her – would you vote for the candidate? Would you vote for someone who:

- Paid off a porn star with whom he/she had had an affair to keep word from leaking out about the affair?
- Despite claiming to be a shrewd businessperson, filed for bankruptcy seven times to keep from paying people he/she owed money?
- Got separate mistresses pregnant while married?
- Refused to release tax returns as every other candidate in his/her position has throughout the country's history?
- Was convicted of 48 felonies?
- Referred to countries struggling for survival as "sh– hole" countries?
- Promised to bring gas prices down to \$2 a gallon then started an illegal and useless war that has pushed gas prices above \$4 a gallon – and rising – and diesel fuel priced at around \$6.50 a gallon ... then proclaimed "I love these gas prices?"
- Lied so many times over the course of less than two years – including incredible made-up stories – that no one feels comfortable believing a word he/she says?
- Told a public barely managing to make ends meet that prices were "going down across the board" in "the greatest economy in this country's history" when the overwhelming majority of that public refuses to believe this series of outstanding lies ... and does a slow burn when said person proclaims "I love this inflation."
- Promised to hand out checks – of taxpayer money, it should be noted, although it doesn't matter because the checks have never been sent – to the general public and then promised another windfall of \$5,000 if his party won the upcoming election, another broken law that criminalizes trying to buy an election?
- Is linked, through photographs, anecdotes and other evidence, to the most notorious child sexual predator in the world's history?
- Placed a bunch of know-nothing yes men and women in positions of power whose only qualifica-



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tions for Cabinet-level jobs is that they do whatever he/she demands?

- Used tariffs to "punish" countries whose leaders crossed him/her, driving up prices that American consumers pay, and then when the tariffs were deemed unconstitutional, gave rebate money to large corporations, ignoring the consumers struggling to eke out a living?
 - Threw paper towels at Puerto Ricans struggling in the wake of Hurricane Maria rather than giving these American citizens hope that relief aid would be coming to help with the devastation that had entered their lives?
 - Made racist overtures to Klan and White Supremacist groups after members of those groups killed peaceful protesters in Virginia?
 - Unleashed an American paramilitary organization – ICE – on American citizens, making excuses for members of that organization even after they killed innocent American citizens?
 - Has such a large ego, he/she lied about the size of attendees at his/her events (inauguration, failed Independence Day celebrations) as if people couldn't see for themselves how small said events were?
 - Confessed to admiring dictators like those in Russia and North Korea?
 - Blamed administrations previous to his own – Biden, Obama – for issues that have arisen during his/her own administration?
 - Continued to lie about results of an election that took place six years ago even after returning to office?
 - Made a call heard around the world to Georgia officials asking that they "find" enough votes to declare him winner in the state?
 - Illegally kept legitimate members of the media from covering events that citizens deserve to know about because of a childish temper tantrum that is one of the landmark actions of his/her time in office?
 - Slept through so many key events – including Memorial Day celebration and meetings with heads of foreign states – after staying up all hours of the night to post usually absurd rants on social media?
 - Pardoned traitors – some of whom were murderers, rapists and drug dealers – who attacked their country's seat of power in an attempt to try and halt the transfer of power after their candidate lost an election?
- Now, answer truthfully. If such a person as that were seeking office, would you vote for him or her? Obviously, no one in their right mind would, and yet an ever-shrinking but cult-like group in America continues to support a person who has done all of these things and so much more.
- And we wonder how so many people in Germany could devote themselves to an evil despot like Adolf Hitler.

GUEST COLUMNIST ■ MICHAEL MEYER VON BREMEN:

I have served in politics and on the bench. Judges should be nonpartisan

For five terms, I had the privilege of representing southwest Georgia in the Georgia state Senate. Most recently, I had the honor of serving the people of Dougherty County from a very different seat – as a magistrate judge.

Those two experiences taught me many things about public service. But perhaps none is more relevant today than this: Politics has an important place in our democracy, but that place should not be on the judicial bench.



MEYER VON BREMEN

This November, Georgia voters will have an opportunity to amend our state Constitution to require that all probate judges be elected in nonpartisan elections. I believe we should vote yes. I say that as someone who has experienced public service from both sides, as a partisan elected official and as a judge.

When I served in the state Senate, party affiliation was a part of the process. Democrats and Republicans may have disagreed about taxes, budgets, education, health care and countless other questions of public policy. Of course, there were many instances where bipartisan legislation was successful. Those debates are inherent in a representative democracy.

Voters have every right to consider a candidate's political philosophy, among others, when deciding who should write our laws. But judging is different. When a person walks into a courtroom, it should not matter whether that person is a Republican,

Democrat, Libertarian or independent. It should not matter whether the judge shares that person's political views. The questions before a judge should be answered by the facts and the law.

During my years on the bench, the responsibility I felt was not to a political party. It was to the law, to the Constitution and to the people who entered the courtroom expecting to be treated fairly. That distinction matters.

Georgia already recognizes nonpartisan elections throughout much of our judicial system. Our Supreme Court justices and Court of Appeals, Superior Court and State Court judges are elected on a nonpartisan basis. Yet Probate judges have remained an exception.

The Constitutional amendment before voters would change that. It would not eliminate elections for Probate judges.

es. It would not take power away from voters. Georgians would continue to decide who serves as their Probate judge. The difference is straightforward: Candidates would seek that judicial office without a partisan label beside their names. That is an important distinction because Probate judges perform serious judicial responsibilities.

Families come before Probate courts following the death of a loved one. Probate judges handle estates, guardianships and conservatorships. Their courts

perform other important statutory responsibilities affecting citizens throughout Georgia. These are not Republican responsibilities or Democratic responsibilities. They are judicial responsibilities.

And the people appearing before those courts deserve the same expectation of impartial justice that they should have in every other courtroom.

There is another reason I believe this amendment deserves support. Public confidence in our institutions is precious. Americans increasingly view almost every issue through a partisan lens. We may not be able to remove politics from every aspect of public life, nor should we. Political disagreement is part of democracy. But we should be careful about allowing partisan identity to become synonymous with justice.

A judge should never have to wonder whether doing what the law requires will be viewed as inconsistent with a political party's position. Likewise, a citizen should never enter a courtroom wondering whether the party designation beside a judge's name tells them something about how their case will be decided. Justice must be impartial. And it must be perceived as impartial.

The General Assembly ultimately came together around this principle. The proposed

Constitutional amendment passed the Georgia House 147-20 and, after considerable debate, received final passage in the Senate by a unanimous 46-0 vote. Those numbers are worth remembering. Republicans and Democrats may disagree about many things under the Gold Dome. I certainly witnessed my share of those disagreements during my years there. But the question before voters this November should not be about which political party wins.

It should be about strengthening public confidence in Georgia's judiciary. I have been privileged to serve in the legislative branch, where vigorous political debate is appropriate and necessary. I have also been privileged to serve in the judicial branch, where something different is required: independence, impartiality, patience and fidelity to the law.

Having experienced both, I believe the distinction between them is worth protecting. When Georgians select a legislator, party affiliation may tell voters something important about how that person intends to make public policy. When Georgians select a judge, the most important questions should be different: Is this person qualified? Will this person follow the law? Will this person treat everyone fairly?

Will this person administer justice without fear or favor?

Those questions have no party affiliation. Neither should our Probate judges. This November, I encourage my fellow Georgians – and particularly my neighbors throughout southwest Georgia – to give favorable consideration to the Constitutional amendment requiring nonpartisan elections for Probate judges. Let's preserve politics where politics belongs and strengthen the expectation that, when Georgians enter a courtroom, justice does not come with a party label.

COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Don't beat around the bush

Let's explore the origin of some common sayings. After writing several columns about phrases like, "that takes the cake," and "dead as a doornail," many of you suggested some others.

I figured I had better write another column about those idioms now, or someone would accuse me of "beating around the bush." Where did that one come from? Oddly enough, it originated from hunters, hundreds of years ago. According to the website "Mental Floss," it alluded to hunters who would shake bushes and weeds to scare out birds, rabbits or similar creatures. The critters could then be caught or snared in nets.

Hunters still practice this today. Just as hunters would "beat around the bush" prior to the actual catch, the term became used to describe putting off the inevitable, as in, "David might eventually get to the point, if he ever stops beating around the bush." I am good at that.

Not all of these sayings go back to the old days. When I listened to Atlanta Braves games as a teen, announcer Ernie Johnson would say, "The Braves played well

tonight, but came up short. It was close, but no cigar." That idiom originated in the late 1800s. During that era, carnivals were a popular attraction, usually offering prizes to the winners of games like ring toss, shooting galleries, or the spinning wheel.

Guys like me always thought the game looked easy, and we were certain we could snag a prize. Not so fast. The more we played, the more we lost. But we were so close, we kept on trying. Cigars were considered "the smoke of celebration," so they were a perfect prize. When the carnival wheel stopped just one click away from the jackpot, the carny would loudly announce that "You got close, but no cigar."

I have written previously about my love for bananas, which are still the most amazing bargain in history. The price of everything we buy has skyrocketed in recent years, except for the humble banana. Somehow, through all of our economic crises, you can still get delicious bananas for around 59 cents a pound. I never ask why,

because I don't want to give retailers any ideas. So why is "going bananas" associated with losing one's mind?

Some writers trace it back to 1960s college campuses. It may have evolved from another popular saying, "going ape," which was used to describe someone exploding with anger, or erupting with enthusiasm.

Author Dan Koeppe, a fellow banana buff, wrote that "going bananas" might have originated from the youthful belief that a person could get high by smoking banana peels. We may never know for sure, but I will happily go (for) bananas any time.

During an election year, you might hear a candidate say, "Unless you vote for me, this country is going to hell in a handbasket." The dictionary tells us that means "a situation is getting worse very quickly and is heading towards total ruin." So if we are indeed doomed, why must we take our final ride in a handbasket?

Some researchers say the phrase



CARROLL

Congress Votes

By Targeted News Service

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

Along with roll call votes, this week the House also passed: the National Park System Long-Term Lease Investment Act (H.R. 4931) to authorize the extension of certain leases within units of the National Park System without opening the lease to bidding; the Stronger Engagement for Indian Health Needs Act (H.R. 741) to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to assistant secretary for Indian Health; the Common Cents Act (H.R. 10167) to direct the Treasury Department to stop minting the penny, change the authorized composition of the nickel, and authorize cash transactions to be rounded up or down to the nearest 5 cents.

The Senate also passed the Improving Social Security's Service to Victims of Identity Theft Act (H.R. 5345) to provide for a single point of contact at the Social Security Administration for individuals who are victims of identity theft.

HOUSE VOTES:

INVASIVE SPECIES: The House has passed the National Wildlife Refuge System Invasive Species Strike Team Act (H.R. 4219) sponsored by Rep. Ed Case, D-Hawaii. The bill would authorize the Fish and Wildlife Service's Invasive Species Strike Team program, which operates against invasive species in wildlife refuges. The vote, on Sept. 14, was 371 yeas to 33 nays. **NOT VOTING:** Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Carter R-GA (1st), Collins R-GA (10th)

YEAS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

NAYS: Clyde R-GA (9th), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th):

PROTECTING URBAN BIRDS: The House has passed the Local Communities & Bird Habitat Stewardship Act (H.R. 3276) sponsored by Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., to authorize the Urban Bird Treaty program at the Fish and Wildlife Service agency. The program covers federal agreements with individual U.S. cities for aiding local birds. The vote, on Sept. 14, was 345 yeas to 60 nays.

NOT VOTING: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Carter R-GA (1st), Collins R-GA (10th)

YEAS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), McBath D-GA (6th), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

NAYS: Clyde R-GA (9th), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th)

IMPEACHMENT: The House has tabled a bill (H. Res. 1486) sponsored by Rep. Al Green, D-Texas, that would have impeached President Trump for administering the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agencies in violation of the First, Fourth, and Fifth Constitutional amendments. The vote to table, on Sept. 15, was 232 yeas to 147 nays, with 47 voting present.

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

PRESENT: Bishop D-GA (2nd), McBath D-GA (6th)

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



Jon Ossoff

FINANCIAL FRAUD GRANTS: The House has passed the Guarding Unprotected Aging Retirees from Deception Act (H.R. 2978) sponsored by Rep. Zachary Nunn, R-Iowa, to authorize the issuance of grants to sub-federal law enforcement agencies for investigating various types of financial fraud. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 414 yeas to 7 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation, except Allen R-GA (12th), Carter R-GA (1st), who did not vote

FINANCIAL REGULATORY PRACTICES: The House has passed the Fostering the Use of Technology to Uphold Regulatory Effectiveness in Supervision Act (H.R. 8278) sponsored by Rep. Marlin A. Stutzman, R-Ind., to require various financial regulatory agencies to evaluate their use of technology in regulations and purchasing. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 417 yeas to 7 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation, except Allen R-GA (12th), who did not vote

HOUSING WHISTLEBLOWERS: The House has passed the Whistleblower Protection Act (H.R. 4646) sponsored by Rep. Monica De La Cruz, R-Texas, to extend broader federal government whistleblower protections to those revealing misdeeds involving money provided under contracts from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The vote, on Sept. 15, was unanimous



Raphael Warnock

with 424 yeas.

YEAS: Entire Georgie delegation, except Allen R-GA (12th), who did not vote

DIESEL ENGINE AIR EMISSIONS: The House has passed the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (H.R. 2140) sponsored by Rep. Doris O. Matsui, D-Calif., to reauthorize through Fiscal 2029 an Environmental Protection Agency program for subsidizing ways to cut emissions from diesel engines. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 343 yeas to 79 nays.

NAYS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Clyde R-GA (9th), Jack R-GA (3rd), McCormick R-GA (7th), Collins R-GA (10th)

YEAS: Bishop D-GA (2nd), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th)

NOT VOTING: Allen R-GA (12th)

TAXES AND FRAUD: The House has passed the Tax Relief for Fraud Victims Act (H.R. 9500) sponsored by Rep. Max L. Miller, R-Ohio, to change the tax code in various ways to benefit those who have been victims of theft by fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, including by increasing the tax deduction for those losses. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 408 yeas to 17 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NOT VOTING: Allen R-GA (12th)

NAYS: Clyde R-GA (9th), McCormick R-GA (7th)

CALIFORNIA SHIP EMISSIONS RULE: The House has passed a bill (H.J. Res. 210) sponsored by Rep. Vince Fong, R-Calif., that would revoke Environmental Protection Agency authorization for California to require reductions in air emissions from ocean-going ships. Fong said "California should not be able to impose costly shipping mandates that drive up prices across the nation, disrupt our supply chain, and put our energy security at risk." An opponent, Rep. Doris O. Matsui, D-Calif., said: "Nullifying this waiver does nothing to save Americans money. It drives up toxic diesel pollution that endangers the public health of our communities." The vote, on Sept. 15, was 216 yeas to 211 nays.

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

NAYS: Bishop D-GA (2nd),



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

IRAN WAR AUTHORIZATION: The House has passed a bill (H. Con. Res. 93) sponsored by Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass., that would require the cessation of U.S. military hostilities against Iran absent a Congressional authorization or declaration of war. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 220 yeas to 204 nays.

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

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

SANCTIONING IRAN AND RUSSIA: The House has agreed to the Senate's amended version of the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (H.R. 5334). The vote, on Sept. 16, was 262 yeas to 159 nays.

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

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

FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS: The House has passed the National Fraud Enforcement Division Act (H.R. 9576) sponsored by Rep. Brad Finstad, R-Minn., to authorize the recently established National Fraud Enforcement Division at the Justice Department. The vote, on Sept. 16, was 352 yeas to 72 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

FRAUD COLLABORATION WITH STATES: The House has passed the Preventing Rip-offs and Obtaining Oversight of Funds Act (H.R. 10326) sponsored by Rep. Jeff Van Drew, R-N.J., to require states to send information in response to Justice Department requests that deal with suspected fraud in Medicaid and other federal social welfare programs. The vote, on Sept. 16, was 217 yeas to 207 nays.

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

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

CALIFORNIA BOAT EMISSIONS RULE: The House has passed a bill (H.J. Res. 213) sponsored by Rep. James Gallagher, R-Calif., to cancel an Environmental Protection Agency waiver rule allowing California to issue its own regulations for air emissions from commercial boats. The vote, on Sept. 16, was 214 yeas to 208 nays.

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

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

ELECTRICITY COSTS AND RATES: The House has passed the Ratepayer Protection Act (H.R. 9340) sponsored by Rep. Gabe Evans, R-Colo., to require state regulators to consider implementation of a federal standard for assigning electrical generation and grid costs to large-load



Austin Scott

customers. The vote, on Sept. 16, was 417 yeas to 3 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

WATER PROJECTS: The House has passed the Water Resources Development Act (H.R. 9497) sponsored by Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo., to authorize water infrastructure projects at the Army Corps of Engineers. Graves said it "streamlines Corps processes by empowering the local communities and enhancing infrastructure resilience across the nation. This bill makes historic investments in both our inland and coastal water systems." The vote, on Sept. 16, was 415 yeas to 9 nays.

YEAS: Entire Georgia delegation

PRIVATE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS: The House has passed the Retire through Ownership Act (S. 2403) sponsored by Sen. Roger Marshall, R-Kan., to allow fiduciaries for employee stock ownership plans at a given private company to use a valuation given by an outside expert in order to determine how much shares in the company are worth. The vote, on Sept. 16, was 401 yeas to 14 nays.

YEAS: Loudermilk R-GA (11th), Bishop D-GA (2nd), Allen R-GA (12th), Scott, Austin R-GA (8th), McBath D-GA (6th), Carter R-GA (1st), Jack R-GA (3rd), Johnson D-GA (4th), Williams D-GA (5th), Collins R-GA (10th)

NAYS: Clyde R-GA (9th), McCormick R-GA (7th)

SENATE VOTES:

OHIO JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Matthew Byrne to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Byrne has been a state appeals court judge in Ohio for five years, following about 15 years at two different Cincinnati law firms and a stint as a White House staffer during the George W. Bush administration. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 52 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

BLOCKCHAIN DIGITAL ASSETS: The Senate has rejected cloture on a motion to proceed to the Digital Asset Market Clarity Act (H.R. 3633) sponsored by Rep. J. markets. The vote, on Sept. 15, was 49 yeas to 50 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

REGULATING COLLEGE SPORTS: The Senate has approved a motion to proceed to consideration of the Protect College Sports Act (S. 4668) sponsored by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. The bill would establish various measures controlling name, image, or likeness contracts in college sports. An opponent, Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., said: "This bill does not do enough to protect college athletes' health and safety and well-being." The vote, on Sept. 17, was 77 yeas to 22 nays.

YEAS: Ossoff D-GA

NAYS: Warnock D-GA

TEXAS JUDGE: The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Kasdin Mitchell to be a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Mitchell, currently a lawyer at the Kirkland & Ellis law firm, spent a year as an assistant solicitor general for the Alabama government and clerked for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. The vote, on Sept. 17, was 49 yeas to 45 nays.

NAYS: Ossoff D-GA, Warnock D-GA

PUBLIC NOTICE							
The City of Arlington City Council does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at Jimmie C Harpe Community Center October 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32 do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.							
CURRENT 2026 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY							
CALHOUN COUNTY		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
VALUE	Real and Personal	11,504,167	12,165,229	12,378,532	11,990,619	12,358,786	12,400,580
	Motor Vehicles	534,350	252,180	251,130	217,680	192,030	167,930
	Mobile Homes	173,511	194,892	219,814	204,591	229,233	230,337
	Timber - 100%	-	111,752	-	-	-	-
	Heavy Duty Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Gross Digest	12,212,028	12,724,053	12,849,476	12,412,890	12,780,049	12,798,847
	Less Exemptions	275,416	287,593	310,041	311,836	377,037	403,739
	NET DIGEST VALUE	11,936,612	12,436,460	12,539,435	12,101,054	12,403,012	12,395,108
RATE	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	15.617	14.833	16.264	16.778	16.362	17.224
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	5.418	5.462	5.189	2.916	2.971	5.211
	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	10.199	9.371	11.075	13.862	13.391	12.013
TAX	NET M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$121,742	\$116,542	\$138,874	\$167,745	\$166,089	\$148,902
	Net Taxes \$ Increase		(\$5,200)	\$22,332	\$28,871	(\$1,656)	(\$17,187)
	Net Taxes % Increase		-4.27%	19.16%	20.79%	-0.99%	-10.35%
	* Proposed						

Public Hearing						
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CURRENT 2026 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY						
EARLY COUNTY		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
V A L U E	Real and Personal	8,530,876	9,778,039	9,963,559	9,358,395	10,323,198
	Motor Vehicles	90,670	18,590	57,400	88,160	77,110
	Mobile Homes	171,252	190,682	177,732	187,831	213,628
	Timber - 100%	-	-	-	-	-
	Heavy Duty Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	Gross Digest	8,792,798	9,987,311	10,198,691	9,634,386	10,613,936
	Less Exemptions	99,301	107,919	295,491	279,213	495,072
NET DIGEST VALUE		8,693,497	9,879,392	9,903,200	9,355,173	10,118,864
R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	15.617	14.833	16.264	16.778	16.362
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	4.886	4.539	5.236	5.409	4.831
	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	10.731	10.294	11.028	11.369	11.531
TAX	NET M&O TAXES LEVIED	93,290	\$ 101,698	\$ 109,212	\$ 106,359	\$ 116,681
	Net Taxes \$ Increase		\$ 8,408	\$ 7,514	\$ (2,853)	\$ 10,322
	Net Taxes % Increase			9.01%	7.39%	-2.61%
	* Proposed					



Special Photo: Reginald Christian, ASU
ASU head coach David Bowser speaks to the Golden Rams after the team beat Allen University last Saturday. The Golden Rams are set for their first home game of the season Saturday with kickoff set for 1 p.m. in the Albany State Coliseum.

Worth County claims region softball title

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

CORDELE — Eight region games. Eight shutouts. A region championship secured without allowing a single run. Worth County’s remarkable run through Region 1-3A continued Tuesday night as the Lady Rams defeated Crisp County 6-0 to clinch the region title.

The Lady Rams have outscored their region opponents 121-0, a number that almost looks like a misprint. It isn’t. Worth County improved to 19-2 overall and 8-0 in region play with six regular-season games remaining. The Lady Rams are also No. 2 in the Class 3A state power rankings as they begin turning their attention toward the state playoffs. Appling County leads at No. 1. This shutout belonged to freshman Austyn Kate Rucker. Rucker struck out 14 and allowed only two hits over seven innings, improving to 9-0 in the circle. She walked three but never allowed Crisp County to break through against a defense that did not commit an error. Worth County gave its young pitcher an early lead. Ansley Bartley singled home a run in the top of the first inning, putting the Lady Rams ahead 1-0. They broke the



Special Photo: Submitted
The Worth County Lady Rams celebrate after claiming the region championship with a 6-0 win over Crisp County in Cordele. The Lady Rams have outscored region opponents 121-0 in eight games this season.

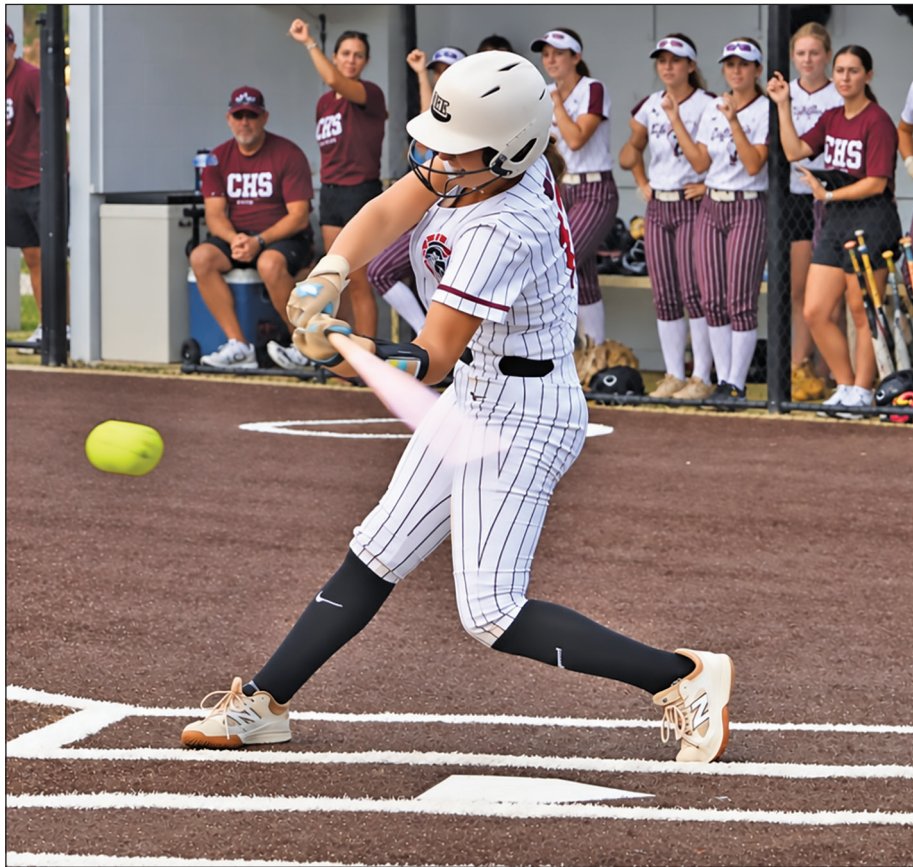
game open with four runs in the second. Molly Williford and Ellasyn Gandy delivered RBI singles before Kayelee Mathews drove a two-run double into the outfield, stretching the lead to 5-0. That was more than enough for Rucker. The freshman continued mowing through the Crisp County lineup, finishing with two strikeouts per inning on average. When the Lady Cougars did put the ball in play, Worth County’s defense handled it cleanly. Gandy led the defense with 14 chances as the Lady Rams completed another error-free performance. Worth County finished with 13 hits against Crisp County pitcher Josie Manders, who worked all seven innings.

Manders allowed six runs, five earned, while striking out four and walking four. Mathews led the Lady Rams at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Laurie Pritchard, Bartley, Isabelle Hancock and Williford each collected multiple hits. The Lady Rams also created pressure on the basepaths, stealing five bases. Hancock accounted for three of them. The victory officially delivered the region championship, but Worth County’s work is hardly finished. The Lady Rams still have six games to sharpen their pitching, defense and lineup before the postseason begins. If their region performance is any indication, opposing teams may have an even more pressing concern: figuring out how to score against them.

Softball roundup: Lady Trojans turn back Coffee; DWS, Monroe win

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — The Lee County Lady Trojans have put themselves in the driver’s seat in Region 2-6A. Now comes the stretch that will determine whether they stay there. Lee County strengthened its hold on first place Tuesday with a 5-3 victory over second-place Coffee, improving to 20-2 overall and 13-1 in region play. Coffee is 10-4 in the region, while Veterans remains in contention at 7-3. Lee County travels to Douglas for a doubleheader against Coffee on Thursday before playing another region doubleheader at Veterans next week. Those four games will go a long way toward deciding the region championship and the top seed for the Class 6A state playoffs. Porter Butler sparked Lee County’s 10-hit attack, going 3-for-3 with a double and two singles while also drawing a walk. Butler led off the bottom of the second with a double to center field, and Tina Benton followed with a walk. One out later, Brylyn Parsons doubled to center, scoring both runners and giving the Lady Trojans a 2-0 lead. Coffee tied the game in the third when Brown doubled down the left-field line, but Lee County responded immediately. Butler opened the bottom half with a walk, and Benton followed with a double to left. Makinley Duke then



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Lee County catcher Porter Butler drives the ball during Tuesday’s 5-3 victory over Coffee in Leesburg. The leadoff hitter went 3-for-3 with a double, two singles and a walk, reaching base in all four plate appearances.

drove another double to the fence in left, helping the Lady Trojans reclaim the lead at 4-2. Lee County added its final run in the fourth. Izzy Evans tripled to the fence in center field, and Butler brought her home with a line-drive single to left. Benton went the distance in the

circle, allowing eight hits and three unearned runs over seven innings. The right-hander struck out seven and walked three. She also went 2-for-3 at the plate. Parsons finished with two RBIs, and Lee County turned one double play behind Benton. Brown took the loss for Coffee af-

Albany State returns to Coliseum for key SIAC matchup There’s no place like home

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — David Bowser has coached Albany State through four games, four road trips and four unfamiliar stadiums. Saturday, he finally gets to hear what his football team sounds like at home. The band will be playing. Fans will line the route for the Ram Walk. Bowser hopes both sides of Albany State Coliseum will be filled with gold when the Golden Rams face Kentucky State at 1 p.m. on Family Weekend.

After a month on the road, it has all the makings of a celebration. There is just one problem. Kentucky State is coming to win the football game. The Thoroughbreds arrive in Albany at 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the SIAC, carrying the confidence of a program that reached the NCAA Division II playoffs last season. Albany State is 2-2 and also 2-0 in the conference after surviving Allen University 32-28 Saturday in Columbia, S.C. So beneath the band, the tailgates and the long-awaited return home is something

considerably more important: an early-season matchup between two unbeaten teams in conference play. “I am so excited to finally get to come to the Coliseum in front of the home crowd,” Bowser said. “We practice there, but it’s not the same thing. I’m looking forward to Saturday with the crowd, having the band and being with the alumni.” Bowser’s excitement hasn’t made him overlook who is coming through the other tunnel.

See **SIAC**, 10A



Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield
Merry Acres quarterback Jaidyn Sapp tries to get away from an Albany Middle School defender during Wednesday’s game at Hugh Mills Stadium. Sapp and the Braves threatened several times but never got into the end zone until 1:17 left and Albany Middle held on for a 12-8 win.

Indians earn shot at redemption

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Albany Middle waited an hour just to get started Wednesday afternoon. Then the Indians spent the final quarter trying to make sure their season lasted another week. Albany Middle built a two-touchdown lead and leaned on its defense to hold off Merry Acres 12-8 at Hugh Mills Stadium, sending the Indians into the Deep South Conference championship game and setting up a rematch with the only team to beat them this season. Sumter County Middle School defeated Lee West

28-8 in Wednesday’s other semifinal and will host Albany Middle at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday in Americus. The two teams met just last week at Hugh Mills Stadium, where Sumter County handed Albany Middle its only loss, 26-20. Now the Indians (6-1) get another shot with the conference championship at stake. First, they had to survive Merry Acres. The game was scheduled for 5 p.m., but there was no officiating crew at Hugh Mills Stadium. Players, coaches and fans waited about an hour before officials arrived and the game finally began.

After going three-and-out on its first possession, Albany Middle quickly found its rhythm. Running back Lionel Jackson Jr. broke a long run across midfield to the Merry Acres 25, and quarterback Josiah West hit Wontavious Porter on a screen pass to move the Indians to the 14. Then things went backward. Two motion penalties eventually left Albany Middle facing fourth-and-16. West erased all of that with one throw, finding Christian Watson open behind the defense for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead. Merry Acres threatened on its next possession, but Albany Middle stopped the Braves on downs at the Indians’ 36. The Indians struck again. A late-hit penalty helped the drive before Jackson broke through the defense and raced to the 10. West then connected with Bryce Rivers for the touchdown and a 12-0 half-time lead. From there, Albany Middle’s defense took over. Kristian Swint broke loose early in the second half and raced to the Indians’ 12, but Jarvis Newberry intercepted a pass in the end zone to end the threat. Merry Acres pushed into Albany territory twice more, but the Indians came up with another turnover and later stopped the Braves on downs at the 18. Merry Acres finally broke through with 1:17 remaining when William Dukes caught a pass and raced 58 yards for a touchdown. After penalties on two conversion attempts, Swint got into the end zone to cut Albany Middle’s lead to 12-8. The Braves still had one chance. They tried an onside kick. Albany Middle recovered it and ran out the clock. Now comes the rematch. Seven days after Sumter County came to Albany and handed the Indians their only loss, Albany Middle will head to Americus with an opportunity to return the favor. This time, a championship comes with it.

See **ROUNDUP**, 10A

Sale reaches 200 K's as Braves win

Field Level Media

Mauricio Dubon’s infield chopper to the mound in the 10th inning gave the Atlanta Braves a 3-2 walk-off victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.

With runners on the corners,

Dubon grounded a pitch from Luis Mey (0-1) in front of the plate. Mey tried unsuccessfully to barehand the ball but never got possession, allowing pinch-runner DaShawn Keirse­y Jr. to slide home with the winning run.

The Braves (93-65) improved

to 8-6 in extra-inning games and took a 3-2 lead over Cincinnati (73-84) in the season series.

The Reds were retired in order by Brent Suter (3-2) in the top of the 10th.

Atlanta starter Chris Sale pitched 5 1/3 innings and allowed one run on four hits with 10 strikeouts. He was allowed to start the sixth inning in order to chase his 200th strikeout of the season and got the job done by fanning Sal Stewart.

Sale joined Hall of Famer Randy Johnson as the only two left-handers with nine-plus seasons of 200 strikeouts. Sale moved past Frank Tanana and into 26th place on the all-time strikeout list with 2,779.

Cincinnati starter Andrew Abbott pitched a season-long seven innings and allowed two runs on six hits and one walk. He struck out six batters, threw a wild pitch and picked off his third runner of the year.

Cincinnati’s Juan Brito led off the game with a home run, his third, a 408-foot shot to center field that just eluded the glove of Michael Harris II.

Atlanta’s Matt Olson tied the game in the sixth inning with a solo homer, his 41st, on a 415-foot drive to center field.

The Reds regained the lead in the seventh inning off Robert Suarez, who was activated Wednesday after spending 80 days on the injured list. Matt McLain led off with a



Special Photo: Brett Davis, Imagn Images

Atlanta Braves ace Chris Sale struck out 10 batters Wednesday night, surpassing 200 strikeouts for the ninth time in his career. Sale also moved into 26th place on baseball’s all-time strikeout list with 2,779.

triple off the brick wall in right field and scored on rookie Will Banfield’s sacrifice fly, his first career RBI.

Atlanta’s Austin Riley tied the game 2-2 with a leadoff homer in the bottom of the

inning. His 18th homer just cleared the center field fence.

Brito and McLain both went 2-for-4 for the Reds, while Dubon, Olson and Riley each contributed two hits for the Braves.

Braves activate Suarez in time for playoffs

By Mark Bowman
Braves.com

ATLANTA — The Braves got one of baseball’s most effective relievers back Wednesday night.

Now they have a few days to get him ready for October.

Right-hander Robert Suarez returned to a major league mound for the first time in more than three months during Atlanta’s 3-2, 10-inning victory over the Cincinnati Reds, an important step as the Braves prepare for next week’s National League Wild Card Series.

Suarez was activated from the injured list before Wednesday’s game after being sidelined since June 19 with right elbow inflammation. Right-hander Owen Murphy was optioned to Triple-A Gwinnett in the corresponding move.

His first appearance back wasn’t perfect.

Suarez entered in the seventh inning with the score tied

1-1. Cincinnati’s Matt McLain led off with a triple off the brick wall in right field and scored on rookie Will Banfield’s sacrifice fly, putting the Reds ahead 2-1.

But getting Suarez back on a major league mound was as important to Atlanta as the result.

The Braves wanted him to make at least one or two appearances during the final week of the regular season before potentially taking on a significant role in the post-season.

“I think it’s important that he gets in a Major League game or two before he has to just be thrown into that postseason environment,” Braves manager Walt Weiss said Tuesday.

Wednesday provided the first one.

Suarez had been one of Atlanta’s most dominant relievers before the elbow trouble interrupted his season. The

two-time All-Star entered Wednesday with a 0.56 ERA in 31 appearances, giving the Braves another potential late-inning weapon alongside closer Raisel Iglesias.

His return began Sunday when Suarez worked a scoreless inning for Triple-A Gwinnett in a minor league rehabilitation appearance, his first game action in more than three months.

Wednesday was the bigger test.

With that hurdle cleared, Atlanta can give Suarez another appearance during its season-ending series in Miami if needed, allowing him another opportunity to sharpen his command and giving the Braves a chance to see how his elbow responds.

If Suarez remains healthy and effective, his return could significantly deepen a bullpen Atlanta hopes will become one of its strengths in October.

From 9A ROUNDUP

pitchers continue to get better in the circle by limiting the number of walks that we have allowed in the past. Thirteen hits with some small-ball stuff was the key to our offensive success. It was a good region win for our kids.”

Ross earned the win after pitching the first two innings. Mary Ruth Courtney worked three innings in relief, allowing two hits and two unearned runs while striking out three without issuing a walk.

Deerfield-Windsor finished with 13 hits and will host Southwest Georgia STEM Charter on Monday.

Harvey drives in seven as Monroe tops Westover

Glendalys Harvey drove in seven runs as Monroe defeated Westover 31-12 in a high-scoring matchup Tuesday.

Harvey went 3-for-4 with a triple and two doubles. She delivered a three-run triple and a two-run double during Monroe’s 13-run first inning, then added another run-scoring double in the third.

From 9A SIAC

He voted Kentucky State No. 2 in the SIAC preseason coaches poll. Four games into the season, nothing he has seen has changed his mind. “They’re very talented, very patient and very athletic,” Bowser said. “They’re a complete football team.”

Albany State, however, may be beginning to discover what kind of team it can become.

The Golden Rams have won two straight after opening the season with losses to Florida A&M and Johnson C. Smith, and their offense produced its best performance of the season against Allen.

Redshirt freshman Jayden Threatts exploded for 228 rushing yards, including an 80-yard touchdown, while quarterback Jeffery Davis completed 13 of 19 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns without an interception. Albany State piled up 465 yards of offense.

Special teams joined the act. Cameron Watts returned a punt 69 yards for a touchdown, and Jonathan Rodriguez kicked two second-half field goals. Watts was named the SIAC special teams player of the week for the second straight week.

Now Albany State gets to find out whether that performance travels home.

Kentucky State presents a considerably different challenge.

Quarterback Denim Johnson delivered the winning touchdown pass on fourth down in the Thoroughbreds’ 21-17 victory over Saginaw Valley State, and Bowser sees playmakers throughout the Kentucky State offense. Receivers Darius Cyprian and Jaden Hale and running back Tristan Thomas are among the players who have his attention.

But what stands out most to Bowser is what surrounds them.

“They’re well coached, and I like the way they play,” Bowser said. “Their offensive line is huge and very athletic. Their defense does a great job against the run. They’re a more experienced team.”

That last part could matter Saturday.

Albany State is still develop-

ing depth, particularly along the defensive front. Senior defensive end De’Avery Weeks, whom Bowser considers an all-conference and potential All-America-caliber player, has been limited since suffering an injury in the season opener at Florida A&M. He has returned but has yet to play an entire game.

“The depth has to be ready,” Bowser said. “Those guys have to grow up fast.”

Evan Wynn has taken on a larger role in getting the defense aligned and improving communication, while Ricky McCrary has emerged as one of the unit’s leaders.

Yet Bowser’s greatest concern Saturday may have less to do with Kentucky State than with his own team.

Albany State committed 10 penalties for 121 yards against Allen. The Golden Rams held the Yellow Jackets without a third-down conversion in 11 attempts, an extraordinary defensive number that was partially undermined when Allen converted four times on fourth down.

Bowser traced those extended drives back to mistakes.

“You can’t have double-digit penalties against Kentucky State,” he said. “We have to play with emotion without playing emotionally.”

That may be the balancing act Saturday.

Albany State wants emotion. Bowser wants the noise. He wants the band, the alumni, the students and a Coliseum packed in gold after his players spent the first month of their season living out of suitcases and playing in somebody else’s stadium.

He just doesn’t want that emotion spilling over between the lines.

“Our kids have been on the road for four weeks,” Bowser said. “This is the first time since last year they’ve had a chance to put on a show at home. It’s a great opportunity to pack this thing out.”

For four weeks, Bowser has been trying to build his first Albany State team on the road.

Saturday, the Golden Rams finally get to show Albany what they have built.

And waiting across the field will be one of the SIAC’s best teams.

Home finally arrives.

Georgia Bulldogs: The ‘Buster’ effect

By W. Michael Lawson
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“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” - Nelson Mandela

February 11, 1990. What a time. The beginning of the end. The beginning of the 1990s; a decade that seemed like the last quasi-innocent one, in retrospect, and the end of the 20th century. Cheers, The Cosby Show, and Roseanne dominated TV. The number one movie was a Steven Seagal vehicle. Paula Abdul’s “Opposites Attract” dominated the music airwaves and MTV. The video featured a cartoon character. Can you imagine that today? People were tight-rolling their jeans, buttoning their baggy shirts all the way to the top, with basically everyone looking like they stepped out of an episode of “Parker Lewis Can’t Lose”. Grunge was right around the corner. It was a different time.

February 11, 1990 was the day that Nelson Mandela was released from prison after spending 27 years locked up. This writer was young, but it was a memorable day. One that history marked as transformative. Something else happened that day, too: James “Buster” Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson to become the world heavyweight boxing champion. It was the biggest sports upset in a century.

Douglas came into that fight as a 42-1 underdog. He was a talented but inconsistent journeyman who had trouble putting the Krispy Kreme and chocolate cake down during training camp. In fact, he was labeled with the dreaded “no heart” stamp. That’s the biggest insult a boxer can get.

Tyson, on the other hand, was invincible. Dude was a menace. Tyson was so feared that other boxers couldn’t or wouldn’t look him the eyes during pre-fight instructions. Nobody on the planet had a chance in the ring with him. Certainly not “Buster” Douglas and his pre diabetes, sugar-laced training camp.

Until February 11, 1990, when he shocked the world.

As we head into this Saturday’s matchup between our beloved reigning SEC Champion Georgia Bulldogs and the Sooners of Oklahoma, the national sports media is hitting all the same notes. It’s like they all got one sheet of music, and they have an instrument that can only play one note.

The Dawgs are, as of this writing, a (14.5) point favorite in this game. The oUense has scored more points in the first three games of the season since the Calvin Coolidge administration. The first-team defense hasn’t allowed more than 10 points in a game, and Special Teams has blocked a kick and run a kick back for a touchdown. Pistons are firing.

Oklahoma, on the other hand, have been so underwhelming that their fans are calling for the Offensive Coordinator to be canned after three games. They scored 51 points against UTEP to begin the season, but have subsequently scored 10 points and 14 points against Michigan and New Mexico, respectively. I have my gripes about Coach Bobo, but sheesh.

You see, dear reader, where we are going with this. Georgia comes into this game looking like a legitimate National Title con-



Michael Lawson

tender, and Oklahoma struggled to run the ball on the Lobos of New Mexico. Poor lil’ Tink Tink.

I hate to do it, but I am going full Larry Munson on you. The Oklahoma Sooners are a proud team, with dudes all over the roster that Coach Smart and company recruited out of high school. David Stone (who might be injured, it turns out) might be the best defensive lineman in the conference. They made the playoffs last year and I can promise you they have not forgotten how to play football since then.

And there are some troubling things that persist with our Bulldogs. The QB position still seems to struggle to find open receivers at times. Our Offensive Line has struggled a bit in pass protection. The 2nd and 3rd units on defense have given up 24 points in the last two games combined. To Western Kentucky and Arkansas. Not good.

Still, UGA should come out of this game in Athens Saturday with a win. If, for some reason, the Dawgs lose, it will be because Oklahoma played their best game of the year and Georgia read all of their press clippings

anointing them the next Mike Tyson.

When Douglas stepped into that ring with Tyson in Japan on February 11, 1990, the world assumed Tyson would make short work of the undisciplined Douglas. What we didn’t know is that Douglas’ mom had been sick and died about three weeks before the fight. He dedicated his work to her honor and showed up in the best shape of his life. That night he knocked Tyson’s mouthpiece out, destroyed an idol, and took the crown.

Our champion Georgia Bulldogs should absolutely win this game. If the offense works efficiently, and the defense strikes with discipline and intentional strain, Georgia should absolutely win this game. But they can’t sleep on an opponent that looks wobbly coming into this. It will be a heavyweight fight between the hedges this Saturday. Mark that down.

Just like the legendary Larry Munson once exclaimed, “That’s why they play the game, folks! The good Lord is smiling down on Athens.”

Let’s hope the good guys are smiling Saturday.

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Lights Out

While most people sleep, warblers, swifts and flycatchers stream over U.S. cities, riding favorable winds toward wintering grounds from the southern United States to South America.

Some will fly nonstop for up to three days over the Atlantic. But their passage is far more dangerous over land, where bright buildings can lure them toward windows they can't see.

Experts are asking Americans to dim unnecessary lights from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. during peak migration in September and October.

More than 1 billion birds are estimated to die from building collisions in the U.S. each year.

More details available at earthweek.substack.com.

Earthquakes

Tokyo was jolted by a magnitude 5.0 quake centered just northeast of the Japanese capital.

- Other earth movements were felt in northeastern Papua New Guinea, western Java, Nepal, southwestern Germany, Hawaii's Big Island, Costa Rica and the San Francisco Bay Area.



Record Coal Use

World coal use is on track to reach a record 8.94 billion metric tons this year as the war around the Persian Gulf disrupts natural gas supplies, according to an International Energy Agency forecast.

Demand is now expected to rise 1.2%, overturning the agency's earlier forecast of a slight decline, and setting back efforts to phase out coal power plants.

Higher gas prices are prompting utilities in South Korea and elsewhere to run coal plants harder, while an intensifying El Niño in the Pacific raises cooling demand and reduces hydropower in India and Vietnam. China is also using more coal to make chemicals.

U.S. coal use is still projected to fall 7% this year from its 2025 level.

Tropical Cyclones

For the first time on record, the Atlantic basin reached September 18 without producing a single hurricane. It was mainly due to wind shear across the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean associated with the near-record El Niño strengthening in the Pacific.

- Tropical Storm Dujuan formed near the Northern Mariana Islands and took aim on Japan's Iwo Jima.
- Tropical Storm Norbert passed over the open waters of the Pacific between Mexico and Hawaii.

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Marathon Love Trek

Three African wild dogs, brothers from the same litter, left their birth pack and set off across Zambia in search of unrelated females and a territory of their own.

GPS collars traced a 2,564-mile journey that doubled back near the cities of Kitwe and Ndola, skirted reservoirs and crossed unprotected land before the brothers settled in the Luangwa Valley.

They have remained there, and researchers believe they may finally have found unrelated females, although mating and pups have not yet been confirmed.



Birds are drawn to bright lights, and more than a billion die each year after crashing into U.S. buildings. Photo: Vancouver Island University

Whale 'Grief'

A humpback whale mother was observed remaining beside her presumed stillborn calf for hours, and possibly days, off Australia's southern Gold Coast, in what researchers say is a rare documented case of death-related behavior in a baleen whale.

The female repeatedly stayed close to the calf on the seafloor, maintained visual contact and positioned herself alongside it, behavior consistent with caregiving and maternal attachment.

Such "post-mortem attentive behavior" has been documented more often among dolphins and toothed whales than baleen whales.

Scientists say the behavior does not prove the whale was experiencing grief as observed in other animals.

Volcanic Swarm

Another burst of the ongoing activity at Sicily's Mount Etna forced the nearby Catania airport to temporarily halt operations again.

- Three more Indonesian volcanoes, Mount Semeru, Mount Ili Lewotolok and Mount Ibu, erupted, following the recent eruptions at Sinabung and Anak Krakatau.

Obituary announcements



Morland Landis Flegel

Morland Landis Flegel Jr. was born on January 24, 1952, in Anniston, Alabama, to Morland and Marjorie Elizabeth (Moore) Flegel. Landis grew up in Ashland, Alabama, alongside his sister, the late Madelin Flegel Sellers, and his younger brother, Mike Flegel of Lincoln, Alabama.

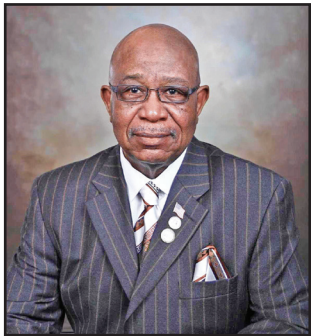
He graduated from Clay County High School in 1969 and earned his Eagle Scout Award while there. He went on to attend Auburn University, where he earned a degree in Education and was an active member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. It was at Auburn that he met Judy Gerst, who would become his wife. They married in August 1973 and eventually made their home in Judy's hometown of Albany, Georgia. Together, Landis and Judy had their son, Matthew Corey Flegel. Landis spent 40 years working in the plumbing wholesale business, a career that took him throughout the Southeast. No matter how busy work kept him, however, he always made time for one of the things he loved most: coaching Little League.

In 2015, Landis married Lyndon Wall Thomas. They made their home in Lincoln, Alabama, where Landis kept busy with the projects he loved, both inside and outside the house. Most recently, he built the home where he and Lyndy lived together—a testament to his determination, skill, and love of creating things with his own hands. Landis was an avid fisherman and golfer, a voracious reader, a proud Parrotthead, and a die-hard Auburn fan. He was also a longtime pass holder for Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and enjoyed every opportunity to spend time outdoors, on the golf course, or simply working on his latest project. Above all, Landis was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who found great joy in the people and activities he loved.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Madelin; his father and mother, Morland and Marjorie; and his late wife Judy. He is survived by his loving wife, Lyndy; his son, Corey (Angie), and grandson (Char-

lie); and his step-sons, Brian Y. Thomas (Ashley) and Donald "Matt" Thomas (Anny), along with their children (Madison, Hannah, Will, Emma, & J.T.). Landis will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His memory will live on through his family, the many lives he touched, and the countless stories and memories he leaves behind.

Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Wetumpka, Alabama, on Saturday, September 26. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Landis' name to the Lincoln Public Library. Checks may be mailed to: Lincoln Public Library 47475 US Hwy 78; Lincoln, AL 35096



Mr. John David Hawthorne, Jr.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN DAVID HAWTHORNE, JR.

Lieutenant Colonel John David Hawthorne, Jr. (United States Army, Retired), 77, of Albany, Georgia, entered eternal rest Saturday, September 12, 2026.

Born November 14, 1948, to the late Rosa Lee McGahee Hawthorne and John David Hawthorne, Sr., he lived a distinguished life of faith, leadership, and service.

In 1966, he made history as the first and only African American graduate in his class at Lake Placid High School. He graduated cum laude from Florida A&M University with a degree in Physics and earned an MBA from Albany State University.

Lieutenant Colonel Hawthorne served 26 years in the United States Army and was among the first African American officers to command a Pershing missile unit in Germany. His career included NASA's Apollo Saturn Space Program, Ford Motor Company, Procter & Gamble, and the City of Albany, where he served as Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development and Business Incubator Manager. He was also an entrepreneur, educator, affordable-housing advocate, and gubernatorial appointee.

He served New Salem Missionary Baptist Church as Chairman of the Deacons' Ministry and Special Assistant to the Pastor. Affectionately known as "JD," he was initiated into Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Florida A&M University

in 1969.

Public viewing will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Baconton. The Alpha Phi Alpha Omega Service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, 801 Swift Street, Albany. Full military honors will follow the service.

Interment will be Friday, September 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Andersonville National Cemetery, 496 Cemetery Road, Andersonville.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Iris A. Hawthorne; sons, John D. Hawthorne III and Marcus D. Allison; daughters, Kendra Hawthorne-Whitlock (Kenneth), Iris Ferguson, Jeanine D. Hawthorne, Adoria Minor, Fallon Stubbs, Melanie D. Calhoun, Tracie Laster (Reginal), and Frantasia Williams; sister, Verlinda G. Hawthorne (Jerry White); brothers, Thomas L. Hawthorne, Sr. (Lynette), Tony D. Hawthorne, Sr. (Joyce), Stanley D. Hawthorne, and Kinji L. Hawthorne (Dennis); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Final care and compassionate services are being provided to the Hawthorne Family with love, care, and uncompromising dignity by J.P. Moore Mortuary & Cremation Services—Tallahassee Chapel, (850) 669-6673.



Mrs. Muriel Sue Reakirt

Muriel "Sue" Reakirt, lovingly known to many as "Nanny," passed away on June 2, 2026, in Lafayette, CO, at the young age of 95.

Nanny was born April 19, 1931, in Trout, West Virginia, nestled in the hills of Appala-chia. At the heart of her child-hood were her beloved parents and three sisters, Thelma, Marty, and Joanne, with whom she remained deeply connected throughout their lives.

Growing up during the Great Depression shaped Nanny into someone who made sure the people she loved never went without. Tell her you liked something and there was a good chance she would give it to you, even if she was wearing it. The things themselves never mattered as much as the joy she found in making someone else feel special and loved.

Nanny's working life began the day after high school graduation, when her principal offered her a job as the school secretary. She

would go on to work as a civilian for the U.S. Marine Corps, spend 26 years with the IRS, and manage the office for Morrison Motor Sports' Corvette racing team, a career favorite. She worked another 10 years at Darton College before deciding 85 was a reasonable age to retire.

Nanny met the love of her life, Jay, in 1970. An artist and blacksmith with a bit of a hippie streak, Jay brought a new spirit of adventure to Nanny's life and created beautiful jewelry for her, including the large rings she proudly wore on nearly every finger. Together, they shared 34 years of marriage and countless Waffle House dates.

Nanny cared for her mother, "Big-Nanny," for more than 30 years and opened her heart and home to many animals along the way. The family dogs knew her best as "Nanny Treat," because a visit with Nanny ALWAYS came with a little snack, sharing her love of cookies and cake with them too!

Nanny loved her Hallmark movies and had a special place in her heart for all things Willie, Merle, Kris, and Elvis, but often said the greatest love of her life was her granddaughter, Lauren, whom she raised from age five. Nanny was a parent, home, best friend, and a constant through every chapter of Lauren's life. Their adventures carried Nanny far from the hills of WV to Washington and Colorado, where Lauren had the privilege of caring for Nanny during the final chapter of her life.

Nanny was preceded in death by her husband, Jay P. Reakirt; daughter, Anne Celeste Stola; parents, L.R. and Bernice McCurry; and sisters, Thelma Hastwell, Martha Orsini, and Joanne Niemeyer.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Lauren Stola and partner Ben Micek of Lafayette, CO; stepdaughter, Jeannie Reakirt-Gulbis of Atlanta, GA; and nieces Mary Chandler Beach and Sue Williams of VA.

Nanny will be laid to rest alongside her beloved Jay at Andersonville National Cemetery in Americus, GA, on September 28, 2026, at 2 p.m. Guests are encouraged to wear tie-dye in honor of Nanny's famous collection and the color she brought into the lives around her.

In lieu of flowers, find a beautiful flower and give it to someone you love, or a stranger whose day might be a little brighter because of it. Nanny spent her life finding joy in giving to others, and we can think of no better way to keep a small piece of her generosity moving through the world.

Russell W Roe



Russell Wayne Roe, 70, of Albany, GA., died Thursday, September 17, 2026 at his residence. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at his residence.



Mrs. Mari Pasino Wright

Mari Pasino Wright, 78, of Albany, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 21, 2026 at Willson Hospice House, following a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in downtown Albany. A private interment will be held in the church memorial garden immediately following the service and friends and family are invited to gather in celebration Of Mari's life in the church's Parrish Hall after the service.

Born in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, on the famed Jersey Shore, Mari was the only child of Natale "Tally" and Frances Pasino (nee Sortor) and graduated from Point Pleasant High School in 1966, before relocating to South Florida. After several years living in Florida and New Jersey, Mari moved to Albany with her family in 1986 and made her home there for the last 40 years. After the passing of her first husband of 32 years, Mari found joy and happiness once again after meeting local educator Lt. Col. Ted Wright USAF ret. Together they shared 20 years of joy, love and devotion to each other and their community.

Mari earned her Associates Degree from Darton State College before earning her BA in Health Administration from Albany State University and devoted most of her professional career to serving others and working to bring joy and comfort wherever she went. After a long career in bookkeeping, Mari transitioned to the nonprofit area serving as a blood and platelet donation coordinator with the the American Red Cross Blood Services before assuming the role of Executive Director of the Albany March of Dimes. Later, she also served as Executive Director of the Southwest Georgia Red Cross when formerly headquartered in Albany. Mari also worked for several years in special programs with Albany's Water, Gas and Light, and, following a brief retirement also served as Executive Director of the Albany Symphony.

Mari's greatest joy was her family and friends, followed closely by her beloved St. Paul's, where she was a faithful member and volunteer for 40 years. Mari was active in all areas of parish life and served in many ministries, chiefly leading the Altar Guild for several years. She was also a founding board member and early champion of St. Paul's Barney's Run for Warriors. With a larger than life personality and a fierce determination, Mari would make

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of domestic violence before U.S. District Judge Leslie Abrams Gardner. Arnold faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment to be followed by a maximum term of supervised release of three years and a maximum fine of \$250,000. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to court documents and statements in court, Arnold was wanted for probation violation for a prior domestic violence conviction. Investigators arrested Arnold on Jan. 9, 2025, at his residence on Ponderosa Drive in Valdosta. Investigators obtained a search warrant and found two semiautomatic firearms and a 9mm Glock stolen from Gainesville, Fla., with a machine gun conversion device attached, located in Arnold's bedroom.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the Department of Justice's nationwide initiative that brings federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement, prosecutors, and other public safety partners together to coordinate efforts to combat violent crime and make communities safe.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office are investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Sonja Profit is prosecuting the case for the government.

sure anything she was involved had purpose and was done the right way. And always with laughter and joy. She leaves behind an impressive legacy of love and service and will be missed by the many friends she always considered family.

Mari was preceded in death by both her parents and her first husband, David Williams McEwen. She is survived by her husband of 18 years Ted Wright, her only son Bradford McEwen and his wife Tay, of Albany; three grandchildren, Milla, Bear and Rhodes; a stepdaughter Mary Beth Smith (Jeremy) of Burke, VA; three step-grandsons, Parker, War-ner and Carter; and a nephew Robert Pasino (Gina) of Florida.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and staff of the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. and the to nurses and staff at Willson Hospice House in Albany.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Paul's Barney's Run or Barney's Corner, or the Anchorage of Albany.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1 - NKJV

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5 Hidden Ways to Save on Home Insurance Costs

FEATURE IMPACT

When you’re planning home improvements, you’re often thinking about improving the comfort, safety, aesthetic or value of your home. Many changes and renovations have the added bonus of unlocking insurance discounts, but these savings opportunities can easily fly under the radar when you aren’t actively on the lookout for them.

“Homeowners tend to think about their insurance when they buy the house or when they have a claim, but a lot can change in between,” said Larry Anderson, director of underwriting operations at Mercury Insurance. “Something as simple as reviewing your policy with your agent once a year can help make sure your coverage still reflects your home today and identify improvements or other factors that may qualify you for additional savings.”

The experts at Mercury Insurance, a multiple-line insurance carrier emphasizing competitive rates and excellent customer service, encourage homeowners to consider these five ways to save on home insurance costs.

Updating Older Parts of the Home

As a home ages, it’s wise to look at what parts and systems may be deteriorating and need upgrades for modernity or safety reasons. Replacing older electrical, plumbing or other major systems can protect your home from emergencies and loss risks. Depending on the state you live in, your specific policy and the improvements you made, it can also qualify your property for an updated-home insurance discount.

Keep records of major improvements – including receipts, work permits and information about when the work was completed – and plan to discuss the upgrades during your next insurance review.

Adding Protective Technology

Beyond replacing the batteries in your smoke detectors, you can outfit your home with a variety of protective devices that make a difference to insurers. Consider options like monitored burglar and fire alarms, smart water sensors and automatic water shutoff systems designed to detect problems before they become major losses. Remember, while security upgrades can make your home less risky to insure, they won’t save you money if your insurer doesn’t know you’ve installed them.

Improving Resilience to Damage

If you live in an area prone to extreme weather or other hazards, resilience upgrades could both safeguard your home and access insurance savings. Depending on your location, qualifying improvements could include a stronger roof, wildfire mitigation measures or flood defense options. Local insurance agents can provide more specific guidance on ways to make your home less vulnerable to damage – or whether you’re eligible for discounts because of work you’ve already completed.

Qualifying for Community Programs

Even if you haven’t personally made renovations to your home, certain changes in your community could help you save on insurance. That could include local wildfire mitigation measures, membership in a qualifying homeowners association or other neighborhood characteristics that affect coverage options, but specific programs vary by location.

Reviewing Insurance Products and Discounts

Whether something significant has changed in your home or community or not, it’s always valuable to review your insurance coverage on a regular basis. For instance, there may be new products or discounts that simply didn’t exist when you originally purchased your policy. Beyond savings considerations alone, ask your agent questions to make sure your coverage still reflects your circumstances and goals.

“Finding savings is always welcome, but the bigger goal of a policy review is making sure your insurance keeps pace with your life and your home,” Anderson said. “A house isn’t static. We improve it, maintain it and protect it in new ways over time. Your insurance should keep up with those changes.”

For more information on homeowner coverage and discount eligibility, visit [MercuryInsurance.com](https://www.mercuryinsurance.com).



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Questions to Consider During Your Annual Insurance Checkup

An annual insurance review is an opportunity to look for savings and update coverage. Use these questions as a jumping-off point for discussions with your agent:

- What has changed about my home?
- What has changed about my property or community?
- Have my circumstances changed?
- Are discounts available today that weren’t when I purchased my policy?
- Does my coverage still reflect what it would cost to repair or rebuild my home today?

5 SMART WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME TO WEATHER STORM SEASON

By Feature Impact
eLivingtoday.com

Whether your area is prone to thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes or other forms of severe weather, the best time to

prepare is before the first raindrop hits. By readying your home for storm season in advance, you can prevent minor problems from turning into major damage.

Consider these five tips to bat-

ten down the hatches when the skies are getting dark.

Check Your Roof and Gutters

Your roof has one job - to be a shield against the elements. Don’t wait for a storm to dis-

cover you have loose shingles that could fly off in high winds, cracked seals where the roof meets the walls or sagging gutters that aren’t capable of funneling water away from the house. Stay up to date on roof maintenance

and clear leaves, twigs and other debris from gutters to prevent clogging.

Trim Trees and Landscaping

Dead trees or weak branches can break and turn into projectiles during storms, potentially causing damage to your house, car or nearby power lines. Next time you have yardwork on the agenda, factor storm preparation into your landscaping plans. Keep trees and bushes trimmed and consider bringing in a professional to assess the health of any trees near your home that could be at risk of toppling.

Strengthen Your Home’s Weak Spots

Windows and doors are some of the most vulnerable places during storms, so pay extra attention to weatherproofing there. Look for any cracks in the glass, check for worn seals or drafty areas and make sure doors close securely and don’t rattle. If you live in an area prone to strong winds or hurricanes, consider upgrading your home with storm shutters for extra peace of mind when debris starts flying.

Turn Your Yard Into a No-Fly Zone

When there’s bad weather in the forecast, you probably aren’t planning to go out and lounge on patio furniture as the skies open up - so pack it up. Secure any items that are too large to bring inside and check around the yard for lightweight items like gardening tools, toys and anything else that could become airborne during strong gusts.

Make a Power Outage Plan

During a storm, nobody wants to fumble around in the dark trying to find batteries for a dead flashlight. Save yourself the trouble by assembling an emergency kit to help your household get by without power if the lines go down. Know where to find flashlights, fresh batteries, power banks to charge your phones, nonperishable food and first-aid supplies or essential medications. If you plan to use a generator, test it and make sure you know how to use it before you need it.

Discover more tips to protect your home at [eLivingtoday.com](https://www.elivingtoday.com).



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Beetles, blight threaten
more than fall colors

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY – Over the past few decades, the flowering dogwoods and sassafras trees in the southwest Georgia region have suffered from blight and beetles. Their numbers have declined to the point where they are almost absent from the region’s limited fall leaf season.

Although the fall foliage of southwest Georgia is not considered to be as vibrant as other regions, the deciduous trees here still respond to the seasonal changes of sunlight and temperature. The resulting loss of chlorophyll, which masks their other natural pigments with green, slows and finally stops allowing the carotenoids and anthocyanins to accumulate in the leaves here just as it does elsewhere.

The carotenoids that remain in the leaves as they change are responsible for the yellow and orange pigments in fall leaves, while the anthocyanins are responsible for the red and purple hues. These vibrant colors change to brown when all other pigments degrade and the tannins in the cell walls of the leaf are the only colors left on display.

This year the astronomical autumnal equinox occurred Tuesday at 8:05 p.m. However, astronomical seasons do not necessarily align with natural weather conditions. In southwest Georgia, temperatures remain warm well into October. “Meteorological Fall” may run from Sept. 1 through Nov. 30, with the conditions related to fall leaf changes in southwest Georgia coming in the latter half of the season.

The longer seasonal transition is one reason that the “leaf season” is not quite as spectacular in southwest Georgia as it is in the northern regions of the country, a condition that is being compounded with the loss of many of the dogwood trees in the region that are known for their deep vermillion blush in the fall. This vibrant display



Special Photo

Beetles are primarily to blame for destruction of foliage.

makes them almost as easy to spot in the fall as the cloud of white foliage they produce in the spring.

These trees are noted for their bright yellow flowers surrounded by four large white or pinkish flower leaves or bracts. Their bright red fruits are a favored food source of birds and mammals. Beyond their natural beauty as ornamentals, dogwoods once had commercial value with their hard wood being valued in the manufacture of pulley heels, golf clubheads, tool handles and bobbin heads.

Sadly, dogwood anthracnose caused by the fungus discula destructiva was discovered in Georgia in 1987. The fungal disease, also known as dogwood blight, was found in dogwoods in the Chattahoochee National Forest in northwest Georgia. By 2001 it had spread to 48

counties and has continued to spread across the state and the Southeast.

Anthrachnose spreads easily as the fungi spores can be carried by the wind to new leaves and trees. It attacks leaves on the tree and those that have already fallen. It also can attack the branches and trunk of the dogwood, killing it one section at a time. The fungus produces small, purple-rimmed spots on leaves. Twig dieback will progress from lower limbs upward and may lead to tree death within 1–3 years if the infection is severe.

Ornamental trees in yards should be watered, mulched, and fertilized periodically in an attempt to improve their overall health. However, overwatering can be counterproductive, establishing a breeding ground for the fungus. Watering to a depth of about 6 inches a week is sufficient.

Affected leaves cannot be cured; however, spraying with fungicides may save uninfected leaves. Typically, fungicides should be applied as the bud breaks and may need to be administered at regular intervals throughout the growing season. Digging trees in the wild for transplanting is not recommended, as they can accelerate the spread of the fungus.

The second species of native flora that is facing serious threat is the sassafras, a deciduous tree that can be found growing in every county in the state. It is listed as one of the top 20 fall trees in the United States by the Arbor Day Foundation. It is one of the few plants in southwest Georgia that offers multiple fall colors. The 3- to 7-inch multilobed leaves turn a variety of shades, including yellow, orange, red and purple.

Sassafras are unique in the fact that they grow three different shaped leaves, ranging from single, egg shaped leaves to leaves with up to five lobes, although three lobes is the average found on most trees. The tree’s fruit is a narrow cone that is 2–3 inches in length and re-

mains on the limbs after leaves fall in autumn.

There is not a part of this tree that has not been used for some purpose. The wood has been used to make fence posts, boats, cooperage and furniture. Sassafras oil has been used in perfumes, and the roots, bark, and leaves have been used since the area was inhabited by humans to create herbal teas and medicines. Dried sassafras leaves are ground to create file powder used to spice many Cajun recipes.

The fact that the trees tend to grow along forest edges and fence rows makes it highly visible. The trees are generally small, although some specimens can reach heights of more than 60 feet.

Another somewhat unique feature of the sassafras is it has male and female flowers on separate trees; The flowers have a sweet lemony scent, attracting and providing food for pollinators. Every few years, the female sassafras tree will bear a pea-sized blue oval fruit on red stalks. Although the fruit is not ranked high for its food value, it is highly favored by many species, including as a food source for pileated woodpeckers, wild turkeys, black bears, squirrels, rabbits and songbirds. It is also a host plant for the spicebush swallowtail butterfly.

Unfortunately, in 2002 a small brown beetle was detected for the first time in North America at an insect monitoring trap near Port Wentworth. It was later determined that the beetles had hitchhiked across the Pacific in wooden packing crates on a U.S.-bound freighter from another port in southeast Asia. A year later the insect, which would become known as the redbay ambrosia beetle, was discovered to be responsible for the death of a growing number of redbay trees in an area surrounding the port.

Redbay, or swampbay, is a small evergreen tree in the laurel family that is native to the coastal areas of the Southeastern United States. The beetles’ damage is not so much incurred by direct damage to a host tree, but by the fungus deposited along with the beetle’s eggs. This symbiotic fungus is designed to provide an improved food source for the developing larvae in the preferred host of plants in the lauraceae plant family.

The fungus now occurs across the Southeastern United States and is no longer restricted to redbay trees, having spread rapidly to other lauraceae hosts, including swampbay, spicebush, camphor trees, sassafras and avocado, which is a valuable agricultural crop in parts of the region.

The sassafras is one of the most desirable native horticultural plants in large part because of its bright fall colors. Research currently suggests that 48% of the sassafras in the U.S. will not experience sufficient cold exposure to restrict the continued spread of the beetle and the deadly fungus it carries.

The potential loss of sassafras in the Southeastern U.S. will have an impact beyond the loss of the color spectrum it offers during the months of fall. The economic, environmental, and cultural loss will be immeasurable and apparently inevitable with no cure in sight.



Special Photo

State regulations protect Georgia’s deer herd.

Self-regulated
counties show
deer harvests more
in line with state
management goals

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY – Mention white-tail deer and few people think of an antlerless deer or a doe. It’s like most humans are hard-wired to envision a buck with the stereotypical set of perfect antlers.

While many of those hunting deer in Georgia profess to be hunting for the freezer or culling does for herd management, harvest numbers tell a different story. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources indicates that during the 2025-2026 deer season, 298,303 deer were harvested across the state. Of this total, 134,702 of the deer harvested were bucks accounting for 45.8% of the total harvest. The remaining 163,303 deer harvested were does, accounting for 54.2% of the total.

At first glance, the almost even division among the sexes might seem natural. However, considering that the limits for hunters during the season allowed each hunter the opportunity “to harvest 12 deer during the season with no more than 10 being antlerless and no more than two being antlered.” That isn’t the case. Hunters are obviously focusing on harvesting horns.

Georgia deer hunting regulations define antlerless deer as “those having no visible antlers above the hairline (including button bucks)” and may only be taken during either-sex or antlerless seasons or hunts. During “buck only” hunts or seasons, a deer must have antlers visible above the hairline to be legal for harvest.

The harvest of antlered deer is restricted further with regulations stating that “one of the two antlered deer must have at least four points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or at least a 15-inch outside spread.”

The proof that horns matter to most hunters is reflected in the harvest numbers that indicate even though hunters in Georgia had the opportunity to harvest does at a better than 10:2 (83%) rate, the doe harvest accounted for only 55% of the total seasonal harvest. At the same time,

many of the same hunters responsible for this almost even harvest complain about the quality of Georgia’s deer herd when it comes to their chance to harvest a trophy buck.

In 1993, hunters in Dooly County were part of a three-year study conducted by DNR in response to a grassroots movement by local landowners and hunters to address the impact of the high harvest of young bucks. The goal was to protect young bucks so they could mature, increasing the percentage of older, large-antlered deer in the county’s deer herd. The county ruled that any buck harvested “must have an outside minimum spread of 15 inches to be legal for harvest.”

Dooly County is now recognized as the first county in the United States to adopt self-imposed government-mandated regulations for young antlered whitetail bucks. Macon County followed their lead in 2019. The same limitations they implemented are still in place 30 years after the study ended.

Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery, Randolph, Talbot and Troup counties have limited the harvest of any buck to one meeting the previously mentioned four points on one side or 15-inch spread set by the state.

In Dooly County, hunters harvested 1,722 deer during the 2025-2026 season under the county’s self-imposed regulations. Hunters in the county harvested 1,161 does, or 67.5% of the total harvest, with 561 bucks making up 32.55% of the total for a 12.7% improvement over the state average.

The harvest data for Macon County indicates almost the same ratio: 2,298 deer were harvested with 1,511 does making up 65.7% of the total harvest and 787 bucks making up the remaining 34.3% of the total. This is a 10.9% improvement over the state average.

For those who continue to complain about the trophy quality of Georgia’s deer herd, the ability to make a personal contribution is as simple as choosing which deer to harvest. The current statewide regulations

provide a great deal of latitude in hunters’ ability to have a successful hunt by most measures.



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State law dictates size of male deer that may be shot.



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Georgia’s fall colors are blight victims.

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BEER & WINE LICENSE
UJ & DH Inc., trading as Radium Spring Food Mart at 2524 Radium Springs Rd., Albany, Georgia 31705,

Alcoholic Beverages
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Albany Herald Run Dates, September 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, 2026
Debtors & Creditors

A-927
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Gary Thomas Starr 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 14th day of September 2026.
Linda Holloway Starr, Executor of the Estate of Gary Thomas Starr
c/o William D. Moorhead III
MOORHEAD LAW FIRM LLC
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 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 the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
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
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A-930
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF Charles Emanuel Black, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Charles Emanuel Black, 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.
Esther Black
2710 Robinson Pointe
Albany, GA 31701
229-881-1803
Executor of Charles Emanuel Black, 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..."
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-921
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Doris King Taylor James, 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.
Toni Russell and Maria Carter
Executors of the Estate of Doris King Taylor James
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-919
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Sonia Eubanks Brice, 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.
Louie Charles Baggett
Executor of the Estate of Sonia Eubanks Brice
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-915
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF KATIE J. EVANS, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Katie J. Evans, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 10th day of September, 2026.
Shebrea Jackson
Executor/Administrator of the Estate of Katie J. Evans, Deceased
c/o Elizabeth R. Gibson, Esq.
Georgia Bar No. 934088
The Givens Gibson Firm, PC
504 North Slappey Boulevard
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September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-920
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Evelyn Carroll Rogers, 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.
Nancy R. Webb
Executrix of the Estate of Evelyn Carroll Rogers
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-932
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Debra D. Roney, 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 16th day of September 2026.
DWAINE RONEY
Administrator of the Estate of Debra D. Roney
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-949
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of Geraldine Phillips Gleaton, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 22nd day of September 2026.
Deborah Gleaton Stahl and James Curtis Gleaton, Jr., Co-Executors of the Estate of Geraldine Phillips Gleaton, deceased
c/o W. Edward Meeks, Jr.
Georgia Bar 500850
Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
P O Drawer 720
Leesburg, GA 31763
229-759-9111 phone
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-948
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of James Curtis Gleaton, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 22nd day of September 2026.
Deborah Gleaton Stahl and James Curtis Gleaton, Jr., Co-Executors of the Estate of James Curtis Gleaton, deceased
c/o W. Edward Meeks, Jr.
Georgia Bar 500850
Meeks and Cannon, P.C.
P O Drawer 720
Leesburg, GA 31763
229-759-9111 phone
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-946
NOTICE TO DEBTORS & CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of David Lee George, 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 to the undersigned.
This 27th day of August 2026.
JENNY LYNN ANDERSON SLEDGE
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-940
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.
All creditors of the Estate of Carlos R. Perez, aka Carlos Perez deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 18th day of September 2026.
Maria Lucia Perez
Administrator of the Estate of Carlos R. Perez aka Carlos Perez
1307 Baker Ave
Albany, GA 31707
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-906
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA JO BROWN, DECEASED
ESTATE No. 2025-ES-407
All creditors of the Estate of Martha Jo Brown, deceased, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 8th day of September, 2026.
Joyce Ann Means
Executor of the Estate of Martha Jo Brown

Debtors & Creditors
c/o Jeanie K. Tupper, Attorney at Law
Law Offices of Jeanie K. Tupper, P.C.
P.O. Box 71371
Albany, Georgia 31708
Telephone: (229) 886-5555
Georgia Bar No. 718660
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 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-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.
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-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
Cibolo, Texas 78108
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 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-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
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-900
GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY,
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of CARMA LETA SCHOCH, Deceased, to submit 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.
RONDA I. BAILEY, Petitioner 2104 Weymouth Drive Albany, GA 31721
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 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

Divorces
A-925
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Joseph Stephens V.
Respondent: Alexis Stephens
Civil Action Case Number:

Divorces
26CV136-4
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
To: Alexis Stephens, Respondent
Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on 2/10, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 2/10, 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 1903 Churchill Drive 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 15th day of September, 2026.
Joseph W. Dent, Judge
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-953
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Sabreen Aladoui V.
Respondent: Ala Aladoui
Civil Action Case Number: 26CV298
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
To: Ala Aladoui, Respondent Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on 3/30, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 4/20, 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 209 Moore Ave Albany, GA 31705. You must file your Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to file an Answer, then a judgment by default will be taken against you, and the Petitioner will get everything he asked for in the Petition for Divorce. This the 20th day of April, 2026.
Samantha Sebastian Dep. Clerk
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 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

Juvenile Court
A-929
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: L.M., W/F, DOB: 12/26/2014
To: Charlene Mateo Vicente, Francisco Mateo or any other individual who might be the biological father of one female child born to Charlene Mateo Vicente on December 26, 2014
A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Supervisor Treena White, on the 25th day of August, 2026. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 9th day of September, 2026, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 17th day of November, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.
You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Jenifer Cummings.
Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.
Jenifer E. Cummings
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 70191, Albany, Georgia 31708
Phone (337) 661-9975, Georgia Bar Number 326291
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

Juvenile Court
(2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.
Witness the Honorable Valerie Brown-Williams, Judge of said Court this 9th day of September, 2026.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court

A-942
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: C.L.O., Black/Male, DOB: 03/24/2016; K.L.O., Black/Male, DOB: 01/07/2022; and J.E.O., Black/Male, DOB: 09/03/2024.
To: Kourtney Roberts, putative father of the above referenced male child born to Tijuana Alexandrious Rakhia Ousley on 03/24/2016.
To: Trell Johnson, putative father of the above referenced male child born to Tijuana Alexandrious Rakhia Ousley on 03/24/2016.
To: Keyondre Jatavious Green, biological father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandrious Rakhia Ousley on 01/07/2022.
To: Todd Hanning, putative father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandrious Rakhia Ousley on 09/03/2024.
To: "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandrious Rakhia Ousley on 01/07/2022.
To: "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandrious Rakhia Ousley on 09/03/2024.

A Petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Manager Maria Hernandez, on August 22, 2026. The Petition alleges the above-referenced children to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia, 31701, phone 229-431-2162.
By authority of an Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 17th day of September, 2026, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, located at 225 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia, 31701, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 26th day of January, 2027 at 9 o'clock am to then and there make defense to allegations of the Petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the Petition should not be granted, and why the said children and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.
You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Jenifer Cummings.
Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.
Jenifer E. Cummings
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 70191, Albany, Georgia 31708
Phone (337) 661-9975, Georgia Bar Number 326291
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

Juvenile Court
A-929
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: L.M., W/F, DOB: 12/26/2014
To: Charlene Mateo Vicente, Francisco Mateo or any other individual who might be the biological father of one female child born to Charlene Mateo Vicente on December 26, 2014
A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Supervisor Treena White, on the 25th day of August, 2026. The Petition alleges the above-referenced child to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks termination of your parental rights, if any. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication by the Judge of said Court on the 9th day of September, 2026, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 17th day of November, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said child and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.
You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Jenifer Cummings.
Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of this child shall lose all rights to this child and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-22 and (2) notice of the filing of the Petition to legitimate with the Dougherty County Juvenile Court.
Jenifer E. Cummings
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 70191, Albany, Georgia 31708
Phone (337) 661-9975, Georgia Bar Number 326291
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

Name Changes
A-913
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Kristen Ilene Beaty
Civil Action File No. 26CV866-2
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Kristen Ilene Beaty, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 9th day of September, 2026, to change my name from Kristen Ilene Beaty to Kristen Ilene Elm. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 9th day of September, 2026.
Kristen Ilene Beaty, Petitioner
1316 7th Ave
Albany, GA 31707
229-894-9562
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

Name Changes
A-912
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty County
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Trevor Lincoln Corey
Civil Action File No. 26CV865-1
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Trevor Lincoln Corey, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 9th day of September, 2026, to change my name from Trevor Lincoln Corey to Trevor Lincoln Elm. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file

Name Changes
objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 9th day of September, 2026.
Trevor Lincoln Corey, Petitioner
1316 7th Ave
Albany, GA 31707
229-894-5851
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-937
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty County
STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Jenna Hammond
Civil Action File No. 26CV893-1
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Jenna Hammond, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 17th day of September, 2026, to change my name from Jenna Grayce Hammond to Jenna Grayce-Luke. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 17th day of September, 2026.
Jenna Hammond, Petitioner
1820 W Lakeridge Drive
Albany, GA 31707
229-894-0977
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 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
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

Probate Court Administration
A-933
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: JOHN JEFFREY CASTRO, SR.
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-306
John Jeffrey Castro, II, has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of JOHN JEFFREY CASTRO, SR., 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 October 19, 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
September 26, October 3, 10, and 17, 2026

A-935
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: NANCY COLEMAN McLENDON
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-313
Whitney M. Dale has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of NANCY COLEMAN McLENDON, 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 October 19, 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
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 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,

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setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **September 29, 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

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

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A-861
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: JOHNNIE LOUIS WASHINGTON, JR.
AK/A JOHNNY L. WASHINGTON, JR.
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-294
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of Ravien Washington for a year's support from the above referenced estate of the 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 29, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

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

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-860
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CHRISTOPHER DAVID EDMUNDS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-297
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of **Denise O. Edmunds** for a year's support from the estate of **CHRISTOPHER DAVID EDMUNDS**, 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 29, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

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

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

A-894
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: GREGORY ANTONIO HADLEY
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-189
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The Petition of **Andrea Harris Hadley** for a year's support from the above referenced estate of the Deceased, for Decedent's surviving spouse having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any, on or before **October 5, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.

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

Leisa G. Blount
Judge, Probate Court
Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102

September 12, 19, and 26, October 3, 2026

Probate Court Discharge

A-928
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2026-ES-089
PETITION OF JOYCE JOHNSTON SADLER & DELORES JOHNSTON ZEIGLER
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: SARAH JOHNSTON

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before October 6, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All

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objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. 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, PROBATE JUDGE
Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102

September 26, 2026

A-939
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)

PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2024-ES-414
PETITION OF CYNTHIA BREED FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: JOYCE CASLEY

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before October 6, 2026.

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

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Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
(229) 431-2102

September 26, 2026

A-938
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)

PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2023-ES-006
PETITION OF GLENNETTE CYRUS & JUSTIN JOHNSON FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE ESTATE OF: HENRY LEE JOHNSON, JR.

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before October 6, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. 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, PROBATE JUDGE
Dougherty County Probate Court
Post Office Box 1827
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September 26, 2026

Public Sales/ Auctions

A-842
Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
229-446-2038
Date & Time:
Friday, October 16, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Thursday, October 15, 2026
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Unit 510 Billy Sanders: Maintenance Supplies & misc.

Unit 721 Jimmie Clyde: Boxes, furniture, dryer & misc.

Unit 807 Jodie Bridges: Boxes, tote & misc.

Unit 814 Mary Boyd: Box, bags & tote

September 26, October 3, 10, 2026

Service by Publication

A-936
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
DENZEL WIMBERLY, SR., PLAINTIFF,
VS.
SARAI WATKINS, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION NO.:
SUCV2025000703
TO: Sarai Watkins
9176 Raptor Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
By Order for Service by Publication dated the 14th day of September 2026, you are hereby notified that on the 17th day of July 2025, Denzel Wimberly, Sr., filed suit against you for Complaint for Change of Custody and Petition for Contempt. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, and serve upon the Law Office of Brittany B. Shiver, LLC an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication.

WITNESS, the Honorable Denise Marshall, Judge of the Superior Court.
This the 16th day of September, 2026.
Candee M. Nix
Chief Deputy Clerk
Dougherty County Superior Court
Prepared by:
Law Office of Brittany B. Shiver, LLC
2 Swindle Street / P.O. Box 193
Camilla, Georgia 31730
P-(229) 261-8529
F-(229) 999-7687
shiverlawoffice@gmail.com

Service by Publication

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

Trade Names

A-914
APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME. STATE OF GEORGIA. COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY.

The undersigned hereby certifies that they are conducting a business in the City of Albany, County of Dougherty, State of Georgia under the name of: Viva Senior Living at Albany, and that the nature of the business is Senior Living, and that said business is composed of the following: SSP Albany LLC, 101 Via Toluca , San Clemente, CA 92672. This affidavit is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title-10 Chapter-1 Section-490.

September 19, 26, 2026

A-911
APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

The undersigned hereby certifies that it is conducting a business in the City of Albany, County of Dougherty, State of Georgia under the name of: Cooksey Steel and that the nature of the business is metals service center and that said business is composed of the following: (Corporation) Business address:

Cooksey Iron & Metal Company, a Georgia corporation
735 North 19th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009
This affidavit is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title-10 Chapter-1 Section-490.

September 19, 26, 2026

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A-694
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from CORRIE E. APONTE-WALKER and ROHAN WALKER to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Colony Bank, its successors and assigns., dated April 26, 2024, recorded April 30, 2024, in Book 5185, Page 125, and re-recorded September 18, 2025, in Book 5336, Page 16, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Six and 00/100 dollars (\$221,906.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK "A", DESIGNATED AS A-11 IN THE SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SECTION NO. 1 OF RADIUM SPRINGS, INC., ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 282, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **121 REDBUD ROAD, ALBANY, GA 31705.**

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is CORRIE E. APONTE-WALKER, ROHAN WALKER, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: LoanCare, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, Telephone Number: 800-909-9525. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
CORRIE E. APONTE-WALKER,
ROHAN WALKER
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100,
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

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Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. LNC-25-03715-9
rslaw.com/proprty-listing
July 25, September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-918
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL ESTATE LLC and persons claiming thereunder

Take notice that: **F4K REAL ESTATE LLC** (Authorized Agent – Sebrica Moore)
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 County, Georgia, being more particularly described as all of lots 107 and 108 of North Slappey Heights Subdivision, according to a plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 258, in the land records of Dougherty County Records. The above property is at present improved with a Frame Dwelling known as 1205 Eleventh Avenue according to the present system of numbering in Albany, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 0000G/00002/005
Location Address: 1205 Eleventh Avenue will expire and forever foreclose and barred on and after the **10TH 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 the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339 Page 150.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **10TH day of October 2026** by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
F4K REAL ESTATE LLC
SEBRICA MOORE – Authorized Agent
3724 Castle Pine Lane
Albany, GA 31750
September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

A-934
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All that tract and parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lot 5 in Block C of Pineview Subdivision according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 259 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

This property is currently known as **204 Adelyn Road, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia**, Map and Parcel No. 00011-00009-007 will **expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 25th day of November, 2026.**

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 5, 2025, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339 at Page 296.

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:
230 South Jackson Street, Suite 350, Albany, Georgia 31701
Please be governed accordingly.
Kuni Property Investments LLC identified in the recorded Sheriff's Tax Deed as "KUNI PROPERTY INVESTMENT"
230 South Jackson Street, Suite 350, Albany GA 31701

September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-952
State of Georgia
County of Dougherty

Notice of Foreclosure of Equity of Redemption Pursuant to O.C.G.A §48-4-45 and O.C.G.A §48-4-46
TO: Greenleo Development LLC,
Thomas Marshall, and all heirs at law of Thomas Marshall, and all Persons both known and unknown having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon or occupying the following described property

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

00146-00001-013
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 94 1ST LAND DISTRICT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 13, 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.

will expire and will be forever foreclosed and barred on or after 4:00 pm on the 10th day of November, 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 63. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of November, by payment of redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Willa Watts & Lorenzo Covin
Please be governed accordingly.
c/o Mallory Wall Jones
Attorney at Law
410 West Lamar Street Post Office Box 488
Americus, Georgia 31709
Wallas Walls
Mallory Wall Jones Georgia Bar No. 599788
Gena
Gatewood, Skipper, Rambo & Moore, P.C.
410 West Lamar Street
Post Office Box 488
Americus, Georgia 31709
Telephone: (229) 924-9316
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-951
State of Georgia
County of Dougherty

Notice of Foreclosure of Equity of Redemption Pursuant to O.C.G.A §48-4-45 and O.C.G.A §48-4-46
TO: Carlton Kavaski Jenkins, any and all heirs at law of Carlton Kavaski Jenkins, and all Persons both known and unknown having any right, title, or interest in or lien upon or occupying the following described property.

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

000TT-00019-020
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE

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CITY OF ALBANY, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT 7, BLOCK H, JACKSON HEIGHTS ADDITION, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN AND RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 229 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-29) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

will expire and will be forever foreclosed and barred on or after 4:00 pm on the 10th day of November, 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 306. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of November, by payment of redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Lorenzo Covin c/o Mallory Wall Jones Attorney at Law
410 West Lamar Street Post Office Box 488
Americus, Georgia 31709
Please be governed accordingly.
Mallory Wall Jones
Mallory Wall Jones
Georgia Bar No. 599788
Gatewood, Skipper, Rambo & Moore, P.C.
410 West Lamar Street
Post Office Box 488
Americus, Georgia 31709
Telephone: (229) 924-9316
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-905
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC
917 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 lying and being in Land Lot 366 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, being more particularly described as all of Lot 5 in Block 42 of Rawson Circle, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 17 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-39), in the map or plat of said subdivision recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County. Said property being known as 917 Eleventh Avenue, according to the present system of numbering in the City of Albany.

This being the same property conveyed to George R. Teachey, as Trustee, of the George R. Teachey Trust U/A/D February 18, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 2808, Page 3, among the Deed Records of Dougherty County, Georgia. Parcel No. 0000N/00030/004 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of November 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 199-200.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of November 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

DAVID LAMAR MORMAN
% Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
By: /s/ (SEAL)

TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for David Lamar Morman
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-904
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: AMBER DANIELLE BLACKSHEAR
626 Jefferies 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 lying and being in a portion of Land Lot 335, 1st Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lot 13 in Block 26 of Ragsdale Subdivision Addition, said Lot contains 50 feet x 148 feet, and is shown on a map or plat recorded in Deed Book 15, Pages 334 and 335, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.

Parcel No. 000HH/00061/04A will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of November 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 247.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of November 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

CARLO B. RELIFORD
% Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
By: /s/ (SEAL)

TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Carlo B. Reliford
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

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

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sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning and subdivision ordinances and/or regulations; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or an inspection of the property; all liens for solid waste and the like; all real property ad valorem taxes or assessments, which may constitute liens upon said property; all liens which, under applicable law, would take priority over the Security Deed described above; and all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, security deeds or other encumbrances of record which have priority over the referenced Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party presently in possession of said property is J. LANE THEATER, LLC, its heirs, successors or assigns and/or a tenant or tenants.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

STATE THEATER, LLC
as Attorney-In-Fact for J. LANE THEATER, LLC
By: TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Georgia Bar No. 213025
Attorney for STATE THEATER, LLC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
(229) 883-1610

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-923
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Rico B Anderson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Paddio, a Missouri Limited Liability Company dated November 30, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 4912, Page 222-232, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$122,735.00, 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, December 1, 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 and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 15, Block 2, of Palmyra Homes Subdivision according to a map or plat of said subdivision as the same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 210 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-27), in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Said property is known as **1308 6TH Avenue, Albany, GA 31707**, 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 **Rico B Anderson and Odella Smith Anderson, successor in interest or tenant(s).**

NewRez LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Rico B Anderson

File no. 26-084157
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 BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE."
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 26, 2026

A-879
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from MELVIN ROBERTS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for New American Funding, LLC, its successors and assigns and recorded in Deed Book 5228, Page 156-171, Dougherty County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$235,653.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of DOUGHERTY COUNTY, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in October, 2026**, to wit: October 06, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 37 of Westgate Subdivision, Section I, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 337, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.

Being real property commonly known as 2318 MEADOWBROOK LANE, ALBANY, GA 31707.

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

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intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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

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

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

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

Rocket Mortgage, LLC as Attorney in Fact for MELVIN ROBERTS
Attorney Contact:
Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
26-003541-GA
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-881
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Bryant L Shorter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns dated 4/3/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3139 Page 101 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMNC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMNC2, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$60,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that certain property situated and being in Land Lot 242 of the First Land District of the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia and being more particularly described as all of Lot 325 of Kalmnon-Malone Subdivision, Section 3, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 3, page 30 (Cabinet 1, Slide A-78), in the Office of the Superior Court, Dougherty County, Georgia. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and

by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). **Said property is commonly known as 404 Vick Street, Albany, GA 31705** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Bryant L Shorter or tenant or tenants. Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PO Box 10826 Greenville, SC 29603-0826 1-800-365-7107 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMNC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMNC2 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Bryant L Shorter Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700,

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Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1263-5828A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1263-5828A

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A-903
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: TONY BROWN

639 Gaines 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 lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of Lot 23 of the resubdivision of Lot 18, Block "C" of the Emily G. Henderson Subdivision as the said subdivision is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 89, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, and is located at 639 Gaines Avenue, Albany, Georgia, according to the system of numbering that is in place for said City. Parcel No. 000BB/00006/006 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of November 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 234.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of November 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

CARLO B. RELIFORD
% Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

By: /s/ (SEAL)
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Carlo B. Reliford
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-902
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC

1605 Whitney 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 lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: All of Lot 3 in Block 1 of Avalon Subdivision "B", according to a map or plat of said subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 37, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County. Parcel No. 0000H/00012/004 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of November 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 155.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of November 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

ROXANN GUERRERO
% Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

By: /s/ (SEAL)
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Roxann Guerrero
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-901
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
112 Force Drive, 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 Land Lot 154, 1st Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 53 in Block "A" of Pecan Terrace Subdivision, according to the plat of the subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 232, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, and is located at 112 Force Drive, according to the present system of numbering streets in the City of Albany, Georgia. Parcel No. 00017/00000/053 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of November 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 224.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of November 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

ROXANN GUERRERO
% Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

By: /s/ (SEAL)
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Roxann Guerrero
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-897
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Valerie B. Dasher to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns dated

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1/13/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3097 Page 159 Dougherty County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee of Bosco Credit II Trust Series 20101, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$10,425.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Dougherty State of Georgia, and being more particularly described a all of Lot 203, Brierwood Subdivision Section 2 according to the plat of the subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 243 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-4) in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Subject to restrictions and easements of record. This sale is made subject to that Security Deed in the amount of \$55,600.00, recorded on 1/25/2006 in Deed Book 3097 Page 144-158, aforesaid records. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **406 Vintage Road, Albany, GA 31705** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Valerie B. Dasher or tenant or tenants. Franklin Credit Management Corporation is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Franklin Credit Management Corporation Loss Mitigation 101 Hudson Street, 24th Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302 800-650-7162 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee of Bosco Credit II Trust Series 2010-1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Valerie B. Dasher Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 2142-067A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2142-067A

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Amariyan Givens to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BankSouth Mortgage Company, LLC dated February 8, 2013 and recorded on February 13, 2013 in Deed Book 3987, Page 319, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, modified by Loan Modification recorded on February 20, 2025 in Deed Book 5272, Page 15, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on June 8, 2021 in Deed Book 4843, Page 201, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four And 00/100 Dollars (\$44,154.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2026 the following described property: All that tract of parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 413 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 150 of Avondale Subdivision "B" according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-52) in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Property Address: 107 Ingleside Drive aka 107 N Ingleside Dr, Albany GA 31707

Map Parcel No: 0000/00012/016

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Your mortgage servicer, Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as servicer for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT, can be contacted at 877-888-4606 or by writing to 8950 Cypress Waters Boulevard, Coppell, TX 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), 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. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Amariyan Givens or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **107 Ingleside Drive, Albany, GA 31707**.

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 holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT as Attorney in Fact for Amariyan Givens McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC

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together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Bernice Pretlow and Kazarra Z. Ayinde or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsgate Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Bernice Pretlow Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1120-7687A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-7687A

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Amariyan Givens to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BankSouth Mortgage Company, LLC dated February 8, 2013 and recorded on February 13, 2013 in Deed Book 3987, Page 319, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, modified by Loan Modification recorded on February 20, 2025 in Deed Book 5272, Page 15, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on June 8, 2021 in Deed Book 4843, Page 201, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Forty-Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four And 00/100 Dollars (\$44,154.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on October 6, 2026 the following described property: All that tract of parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 413 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 150 of Avondale Subdivision "B" according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-52) in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia. Property Address: 107 Ingleside Drive aka 107 N Ingleside Dr, Albany GA 31707

Map Parcel No: 0000/00012/016
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Your mortgage servicer, Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as servicer for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT, can be contacted at 877-888-4606 or by writing to 8950 Cypress Waters Boulevard, Coppell, TX 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), 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. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Amariyan Givens or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **107 Ingleside Drive, Albany, GA 31707**.

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 holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTPT Trust, Series 2021 BKM-TT as Attorney in Fact for Amariyan Givens McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC

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3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
404-474-7149
MTG File No.: GA2026-00067

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by TERRY ALLEN BISHOP AND VICKIE ANN BISHOP, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantor, as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated 7/31/2020, and recorded on 8/3/2020, in Instrument No.: D2020004580, Deed Book 4729, Page 312, Dougherty County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 7/27/2026 in Instrument No.: D2026-004419 Deed Book 5391, Page 26, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$39,368.00, with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 10/6/2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY, STATE OF GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF (1/2) OF LOT 2 OF THE C.C. BRANCH SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 290 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-73) IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Said property is commonly known as **440 BRANCH ROAD ALBANY, GA 31705-5301**.

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Attention: Loss Mitigation Department, 11988 EXIT 5 PKWY BLDG 4 FISHERS IN 46037-7939, Telephone No.: (855) 690-5900. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the security instrument.

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), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Please be advised that the highest bidder ("purchaser") at this trustee's sale may be required to provide information, documentation and/or certification as mandated by applicable federal law, and entity and trust purchaser should be prepared to provide beneficial ownership information as required by federal reporting requirements effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. If applicable, the required information must be provided to the trustee before a trustee's deed will be issued for covered transfers. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at https://www.federalregister.gov/docu ments/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-re sidential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party(ies) in possession of the property is (are) TERRY ALLEN BISHOP AND VICKIE ANN BISHOP, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP or tenant(s) or other occupants.

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

The sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for TERRY ALLEN BISHOP AND VICKIE ANN BISHOP, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP. Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205, Huntington Beach, California 92648, (888) 403-4115, TS #2026-26273-GA.

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property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Tahjanyque Barthel and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Tahjanyque Barthel, a married woman
Contact:
Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
Case #: 26-014133-1
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1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"
The following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 201 of Avondale "B" Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 123, (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-52), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
For Information Purpose Only: The APN is shown by the County Assessor as 000Q/00011/004; Source of Title is Book 2539, Page 263 (Recorded 02/28/03).
JD October 6, 2026
Our file no. 5368916
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

A-880
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Elijah Walters and Evelyn A. Walters to DCG Home Loans, Inc. dated July 19, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 3233, Page 287, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc. 2006-HE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE3 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3927, Page 221, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$84,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc. 2006-HE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-HE3, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **2005 Melrose Drive, Albany, GA 31707**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

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

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

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Executor of Deryl Sudderth, deceased
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September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

A-890
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: GERALD WAYNE HOLMES DECEASED
ESTATE NO.
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEARS SUPPORT

The petition of Nelline Sizemore Holmes for a years support from the estate of **GERALD WAYNE HOLMES** deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before Oct. 5 2026, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be held on Oct. 5, 2026 in the probate court of the above-named county, courtroom Court St Ste C, Morgan, GA. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Annie Doris Holder
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 87
Morgan, GA 39866
229-849-2115
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J B O Z T B Z W P M B P A B O H E W O S H Y D A S H .
V Y B O P P D H X W B G P D P M W V A H D T J H . "
— N D M O E D J P A B O W
Previous Solution: "I found myself making up stories and acting the different parts, and there's nothing like boredom to make you write." — Agatha Christie
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E F Y P S O F U . " — A N R X M A F C
Previous Solution: "I'd like to point out to people the divine in a musical language that transcends words. I want to speak to their souls." — John Coltrane
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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

RELEASE DATE—Sunday, September 27, 2026
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Patti Varol

“DROP IN ANYTIME!” BY JEREMY VENOOK

ACROSS
1 Hard work
6 Gym bottoms
12 “Sad to say ...”
16 Through
19 Up on the latest news
20 Forty winks
21 Accessory kits for new hires
23 Tacky style influenced by West Coast beach culture and Neapolitan food traditions?
26 Metric weight, for short
27 Crazes
28 Saxophone need
29 Wash
30 Continuing to count sheep
32 Tag line?
34 Tatami, e.g.
35 Spots
36 One tasked with keeping produce from spoiling?
43 Up to, briefly
45 Defines, as a boundary
47 Mac spec
48 Melee memento
49 Tribute penner
51 Tel ____, Israel
52 __ on a true story
54 Draw Four card game
55 Caption of a selfie next to one fine fen?
59 “We feel the same way”
61 Chicken cordon __
62 Microwave maker
63 Portuguese greeting
64 Rely (on)
65 Stacking figurines of a Canadian prog rock band?
71 Over again
74 Artist Yoko
75 Your and my
76 Alpo rival
80 In unison
81 Individual with exceptional integrity?
86 U.K. lawmakers
87 Spots for electron clouds
89 Took off
90 Completely lost
91 Textbook chapter

93 Colorful carp
94 Pickets
97 Genre that includes techno
98 Annual award coveted by handbag designers?
101 Next in line
103 Chaps
104 Maddens
105 Widened, as pupils
108 On the move
111 Guitar tuners
113 Campsite warmer
115 Prefix with watt
116 Is able to say, “This parrot is all the evidence I need!”?
121 Tough to comprehend
122 Urges into action
123 Japanese boxed lunch
124 Bashful
125 Poison ivy symptom

126 Tubes in antique radios
127 Olympic track great Owens

DOWN
1 Hasn’t
2 Keep an eye out for
3 Cager’s motto
4 Camden Yards player
5 Slo-mo reviewer
6 Toss
7 Word with farm or foam
8 Big name in small cars
9 Genetic messenger molecule
10 Spigot
11 Booze
12 Woodworking tool
13 Head up
14 Request
15 Carryall for a day on the slopes
16 Sweater __
17 Restless desire

18 Tennis icon honored on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia
22 Current condition
24 Helpful
25 Epsilon follower
31 Samsung product, perhaps
32 “Uncle!”
33 Converged
34 Viral post
36 Civil rights leader C.T. __
37 Put out
38 Thirdlove garments
39 Mascara target
40 Very serious
41 Rambled
42 Dickens title character Edwin
43 The Taj Mahal, for one
44 Pastoral poem
46 Turpentine tree
50 Dark lord of “The Lord of the Rings”

52 Dietary fiber
53 One-on-one contest
56 “Thereabouts”
57 Engine
58 Undefeated boxer Laila
60 Brace
64 On-campus residence
66 Eye layer
67 Uncountable ages
68 Cold open?
69 Green party?
70 Songs for two
71 Block
72 College sports channel
73 Polite denial
77 Avowals
78 Hosted, for short
79 Decorative pillow cover
81 Horseshoe spot
82 Leave out
83 Medicinal plants
84 __ carotene
85 Stand in a studio
88 Bout ends, briefly

92 Gym top
94 Meteor in the summer sky
95 Loaf with seeds
96 One who takes inventory?
99 More uncanny
100 Lofy
102 “Amen to that!”
105 Slag
106 Award quartets, for short
107 Oscar nominee Willem
108 Pros
109 Robe securer
110 City ticked by a wooden horse
111 Trident-shaped Greek letters
112 Inscribe with acid
113 Ascot-wearing driver of the Mystery Machine
114 Lollygagging
117 Pitching stat
118 Songwriters’ rights org.
119 Wall St. launch
120 Easy sammie

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ACROSS
1 Releases
6 Ardent supporter
13 Island country that changed the shape of the International Date Line by skipping December 30, 2011
14 “Anything you say”
15 Guttural sound
16 Outermost meningeal membrane
17 Hot
19 “Bad idea”
20 High return
21 41-Across teacher
23 Army __
24 Double-reed woodwind related to the shawm
26 Seldom seen
28 Racing headgear
30 Tailgating area
33 Angiogram image, perhaps
34 “__ bien”
35 Durable fabric
37 Drug featured in the Dock Ellis biopic “No No: A Documentary”
38 “How’s it hangin’?”
41 Dojo discipline
42 Bernie Sanders’ mittens, for one
43 Singer known as the “Goddess of Pop”
47 Harsh critics
49 PC IDs
50 Martinican poet Césaire who helped found the Négritude movement
51 Dessert often made with espresso
53 “Chocolate in every bite” cookie maker
56 Sonicare rival
58 Herb in fines herbes and herbes de Provence
59 Bring up

60 Welcome words?
61 Wrapped

DOWN
1 Key hit in panic
2 Platform game that debuted in 1983
3 “You sold me”
4 Bufotoxin source
5 Array at an izakaya
6 Genre in which readers are clued in to the plot?
7 Time to study
8 Beaut
9 Taqueria option
10 Guest room fixture
11 “__ you sweet!”
12 “Aw, phooey”
14 Vinyasa sequence also called Surya Namaskar
16 Event one must prepare for exhaustively?
18 Vibe well
20 Word in many union names

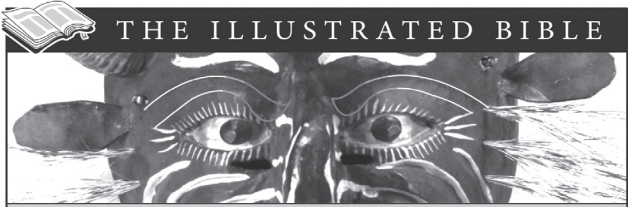
22 Halo-halo base
25 Part of i.e.
27 Make a lasting impression?
29 Skateboarding star Tony
30 “This bears repeating ...”
31 Instinctively
32 Hues
36 Muffuletta ingredient
39 Derivative laugh
40 “Buona __”

43 Tacos de nopales need
44 Percussion set
45 Dubai rulers
46 High-quality proof, for short
48 Camping treat
52 Home country of filmmaker Asghar Farhadi
54 Chump
55 Sit in a cellar, perhaps
57 Sack

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:
9/26/26

By Adrian Johnson
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TV-What to watch



Detail of Mexican devil mask dated to early 1900s

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you
and guard you from the evil one.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:3

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 revealing secrets (8)

2 insist on (7)

3 in a dashing way (7)

4 Winslow Homer medium (10)

5 like a profligate (8)

6 palace of Churchill's birth (8)

7 "on-line" clothing display (7)

SOLUTIONS

SPI CO RE ING AR

UI EFUL NDRY LOR IM

WAST HE WAT SM REQ

TLY LAU LL BLEN ER

Thursday's Answers: 1. BRAVELY 2. RAGGED 3. GRUMBLE
4. NEBRASKANS 5. PEJORATIVE 6. DIBBLE 7. TUNNEL 9/25

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CLUES

1 peppery salad ingredient (6)

2 extremely (7)

3 remove all traces of (6)

4 consolatory (10)

5 Artemis program spacecraft (5)

6 slowly, on a score (5)

7 poisonous Eurasian flower (9)

SOLUTIONS

CE RAD OR RLY ORI

ON TI MA ORE CO

ISH HEL LE MF EF

NTO JO NG FA LEB

Friday's Answers: 1. SPILLING 2. REQUIRE 3. SMARTLY
4. WATERCOLOR 5. WASTEFUL 6. BLENHEIM 7. LAUNDRY 9/26

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100 Volkswagen compact

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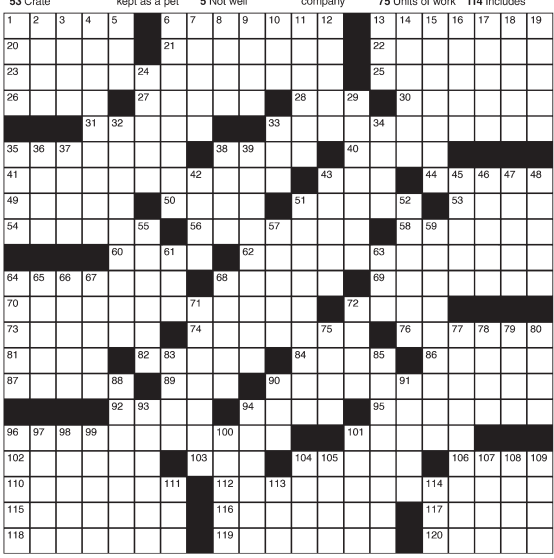
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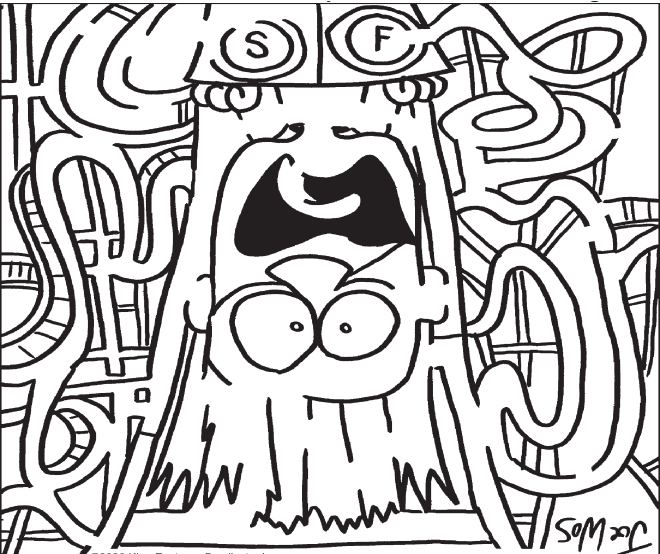
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I BELIEVE I CAN FLY



CryptoQuip

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Cue: E equals W

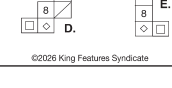
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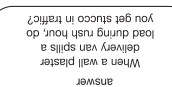
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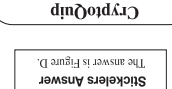
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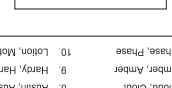
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B. 

C. 

D. 

E. 

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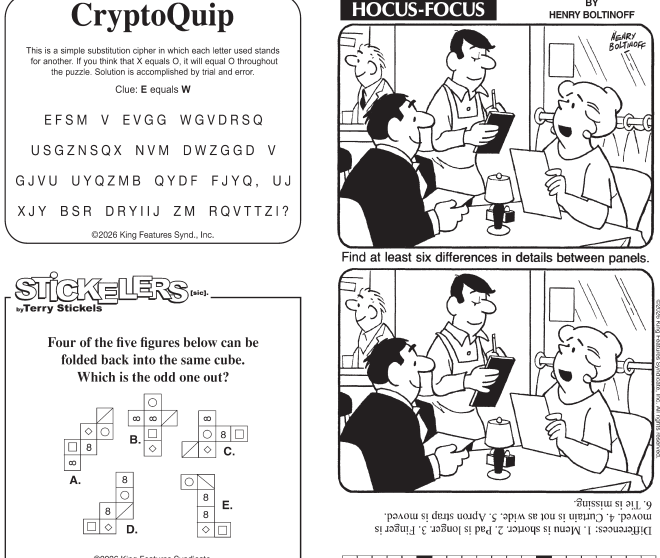
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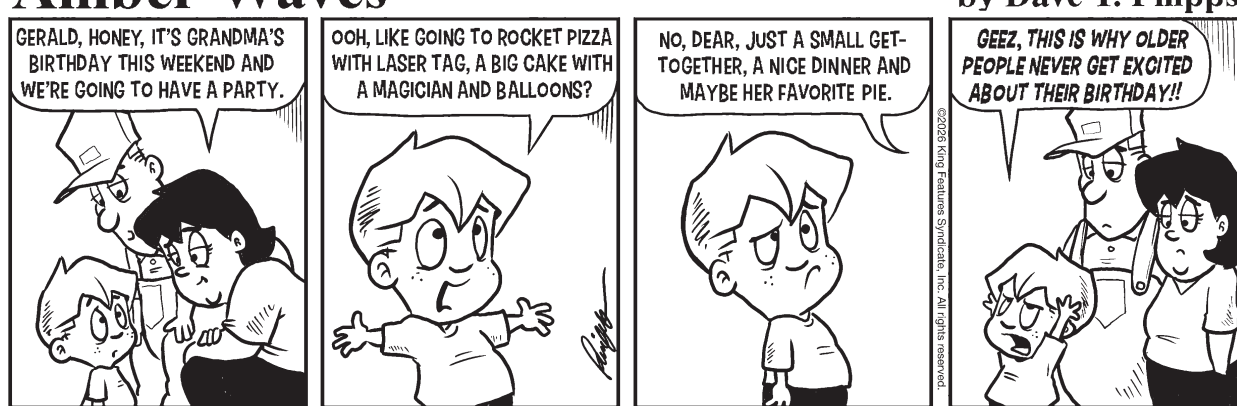
Amber Waves

GERALD, HONEY, IT'S GRANDMA'S BIRTHDAY THIS WEEKEND AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARTY.

OOH, LIKE GOING TO ROCKET PIZZA WITH LASER TAG, A BIG CAKE WITH A MAGICIAN AND BALLOONS?

NO, DEAR, JUST A SMALL GET-TOGETHER, A NICE DINNER AND MAYBE HER FAVORITE PIE.

GEEZ, THIS IS WHY OLDER PEOPLE NEVER GET EXCITED ABOUT THEIR BIRTHDAY!!



What to watch SATURDAY

September 26, 2026

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

College Football

CBS, The CW & ESPN, beginning at 3 p.m. Live

Saturday's games include Hawai'i at Wyoming, Central Michigan at Miami and Rice at Fresno State, all on The CW. CBS carries Arizona at Washington State and ESPN airs Georgia Tech at Stanford.

MLB Baseball

FOX, 7 p.m. Live

On the penultimate day of the MLB regular season, FOX presents either the Baltimore Orioles at the N.Y. Yankees or the Tampa Bay Rays at the Philadelphia Phillies.

Pumpkin Regatta Romance

Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

When their fathers refuse to move past a disagreement, Nadine, the daughter of a boat shop owner, and Ethan, a pumpkin farmer, team up to heal the feud and revive the town's Pumpkin Regatta. Stars Mishael Morgan, Corey Sevier and Jake Epstein.

Sole Survivor of Flight 119

Lifetime, 8 p.m. ■ Original Film

Inspired by actual events and Tammy Kling's memoir *Exit Row*, the drama stars Joy Bryant (*Parenthood*) and Sarah Wayne Callies (*The Walking Dead*) in a powerful story of courage and the will to survive following a devastating plane crash.

Austin City Limits

PBS, 11 p.m.

Grammy Award-winning R&B artist Miguel returns to the Moody Theater to perform fan favorites and songs from his 2026 album CAOS.

Saturday Night Live

NBC, 11:25 p.m. Live ■ Season Premiere

The venerable variety sketch show begins a new season with host Jalen Brunson of the NBA champion N.Y. Knicks and musical guest Katseye.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Two for One: Adam Shankman

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.



Director, producer and choreographer Adam Shankman returns for an encore presentation of two groundbreaking comedies. The French film **La Cage aux Folles** (1979) follows a gay couple asked to hide their relationship when their son becomes engaged to the daughter of conservative parents. Billy Wilder's **Some Like It Hot** (1959, pictured) stars Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon as musicians who disguise themselves as women to escape the mob, only to find more trouble when they join an all-female band with Marilyn Monroe.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE



'The Call of the Wild'

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Pet Sematary (1989, Horror) Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne **IFC, 6:30 p.m.**

Descendants: Wicked Wonderland (2026, Family) Kylie Cantrall, Malia Baker **Disney, 7 p.m.**

Trolls World Tour (2020, Children) Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake **NICK, 7 p.m.**

Dirty Dancing (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze **CMT, 7:30 p.m.**

Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz **E!, 8 p.m.**

The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **AMC, 8 p.m.**

Whispers of a Secret Life (2025, Suspense) Brittany Cavaco, Cait Moira **LMN, 8 p.m.**

The Other Guys (2010, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg **Paramount, 8:30 p.m.**

Halloween Kills (2021, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer **SYFY, 9 p.m.**

New Jack City (1991, Crime drama) Wesley Snipes, Ice-T **BET, 9 p.m.**

The Call of the Wild (2020, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Omar Sy **FXM, 9:30 p.m.**

Grease (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John **CMT, 10 p.m.**



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What to watch SUNDAY

September 27, 2026

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Collector’s Call

MeTV, 6:30 p.m.

Tori Calamito is a social media content creator who may be the internet’s leading authority on *The Wizard of Oz*. And in addition to podcasting about all things Oz on Facebook, TikTok and Instagram, she’s assembled a collection of Oz memorabilia that spans more than a century – from the first edition of the original Oz book to stage-worn costumes from the *Wicked* musical and beyond. Host Lisa Whelchel invites pop-culture expert and *Collector’s Call* favorite John Ragusa to appraise the entire collection – including such show-stopping pieces as autographs of the stars of the classic 1939 movie and a vintage Tin Man squeeze-toy so rare that, in John’s words, it “barely exists.”

CATCH A CLASSIC



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The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: The Making of a Movie Classic

MeTV, 7 p.m.

This 1990 documentary offers rare behind-the-scenes footage from *The Wizard of Oz* plus fascinating reminiscences from the cast members and their families.

America’s Funniest Home Videos

ABC, 7 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The long-running comedy video competition series returns with a two-episode premiere. Alfonso Ribeiro hosts.

2026 MTV Video Music Awards

CBS & MTV, 7:30 p.m. Live

The biggest stars celebrate the best music videos of the year as the MTV VMAs return to Southern California for the first time since 2017. Madonna, who has a career-high 13 nominations this year, opens the show with her first live VMA performance in 23 years. Nirvana receives the Video Vanguard Award. Snoop Dogg hosts.

Sunday Night NOIR!

MOVIES!, beginning at 8 p.m. ■ Catch a Classic

Robert Mitchum appears in two film noir favorites on MOVIES! First is Jacques Tourneur’s *Out of the Past* (1947), with Mitchum as a former private eye whose attempt to start over is threatened by Jane Greer and Kirk Douglas. Later is *The Locket* (1946), which stars Laraine Day as a mysterious bride whose troubled past is slowly revealed through a series of nested flashbacks. Mitchum has a small but important role in the second film, making this a strong double feature for anyone who loves noir’s secrets and doomed romances.

The Simpsons

FOX, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Marge (voice of Julie Kavner) hopes to save Springfield Elementary by inviting a reclusive British children’s author to appear at the school’s book fair, but Homer (Dan Castellaneta) botches his assignment of picking the author up at the airport. Emma Thompson and Colin Hanks provide guest voices in the Season 38 premiere “The Children’s Book Job.”

The Marlow Murder Club

PBS, 8 p.m.

In the second part of the “Murder in the Dark” story, Judith and Suzie (Samantha Bond and Jo Martin) team up with the police to find the murderer. Meanwhile, tensions reach a boiling point among Becks’ (Cara Horgan) housemates trapped in the house.



FOX

NFL Football: L.A. Rams at Denver

NBC, 8:15 p.m. Live

Matthew Stafford and the L.A. Rams visit Denver to face off against Bo Nix and the Broncos on *Sunday Night Football*.

Animal Control

FOX, 8:30 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Season 5 premieres with “Seahawks and Piglets.” Frank (Joel McHale) leads the team in a work stoppage, but he abandons his cause after being asked to recover the Seattle Seahawks’ missing mascot.

Universal Basic Guys

FOX, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The animated comedy returns with “Rhoda,” in which the Hoagies brothers’ (voice of Adam Malamut) mom comes back to Glanton town.

Marble Hall Murders

PBS, 9 p.m.

In the novel, the murderer in Corfu claims another victim. Back in reality, Eliot’s (Jamie Blackley) condition worsens, and Susan (Lesley Manville) unexpectedly finds herself a suspect in a murder case.

Grimsburg

FOX, 9:30 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

In “The Zast of Zus,” the Season 3 premiere, a ruggedly handsome, well-dressed stranger passes through Grimsburg and infects the town with a Zaddy virus.

Trespases

PBS, 10 p.m.

In the second episode of this four-part drama, Cushla’s (Lola Petticrew) relationship with Michael (Tom Cullen) deepens, despite growing tensions at home and school.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



‘Tangled’

DISNEY ENTERPRISES, INC.

Halloween Kills (2021, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer **SYFY, 6 p.m.**

National Treasure (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger **FX, 6 p.m.**

Panic Room (2002, Suspense) Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker **BET, 7 p.m.**

The Beekeeper (2024, Action) Jason Statham, Emmy Raver-Lam p.m.an **BBC America, 7 p.m.**

Pretty Woman (1990, Romance-comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts **CW, 7:30 p.m.**

Tangled (2010, Children) Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi **Freeform, 7:45 p.m.**

I Know What You Did Last Summer (1997, Horror) Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sarah Michelle Gellar **VH1, 8 p.m.**

Liar Liar (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney **CMT, 8 p.m.**

Toast to Italy (2026, Romance) Will Kemp, Torrey DeVitto **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

The Last Voyage of the Demeter (2023, Horror) Corey Hawkins, Aisling Franciosi **SYFY, 8:30 p.m.**

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight **FX, 9 p.m.**

Inside Out 2 (2024, Children) Amy Poehler, Kensington Tallman **ABC, 9 p.m.**

Joe Dirt (2001, Comedy) David Spade, Dennis Miller **CMT, 10 p.m.**

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NFL Football: Philadelphia at Chicago

ABC & ESPN, 8 p.m. Live

Week 3 of the NFL season ends with a *Monday Night Football* duel between Jalen Hurts’ Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field.

All American

The CW, 8 p.m. ■ Series Finale

The drama series concludes after eight seasons as one chapter ends and new chapters begin for the Crenshaw and Beverly crews. Spencer (Daniel Ezra) navigates one of the toughest and most important days of his life, and Olivia (Samantha Logan) faces a difficult decision in the series finale “To Live and Die in L.A.”

Celebrity Name That Tune

FOX, 8 p.m.

In the new episode “Comedy Clash!,” Thomas Lennon takes on D’arcy Carden, and a high school drama teacher goes up against an accident investigator. Jane Krakowski hosts with bandleader Robin Thicke.

Celebrity Weakest Link

FOX, 9 p.m.

Yvette Nicole Brown, Kate Flannery, Billy Gardell, Loni Love, Kevin McHale, Melissa Peterman, Paul Scheer and Scott Wolf battle to win up to \$1 million for charity in the new episode “8 More Degrees of Jane.”

Line of Fire

NBC, 10 p.m.

A bank heist turns deadly as the U.S. Marshals and FBI clash to bring down the fugitive in the new episode “A Bigger Picture.”



KEVIN ESTRADA, THE CW

CATCH A CLASSIC

Star of the Month: Ricardo Montalban

TCM, beginning at 8 p.m.

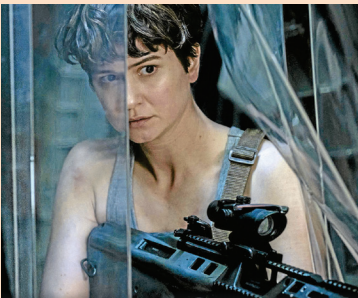
The final night of Ricardo Montalban’s Star of the Month tribute showcases some of his best-known later work. The drama *Let No Man Write My Epitaph* (1960) begins the evening, a story about a group of marginalized residents in a run-down urban neighborhood struggling with poverty, addiction and shattered ambitions. Montalban plays sinister drug dealer Louis Ramponi, who preys on single mother Nellie Romano



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(Shelley Winters). Next is *Escape From the Planet of the Apes* (1971), where he stars as a circus owner. Then Montalban returns to the role of Khan, which he first played on *Star Trek*, in 1982’s *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* (pictured). Also airing are *Sol Madrid* (1968) and *The Train Robbers* (1973), with John Wayne.

MOVIES YOU’LL LOVE



‘Alien: Covenant’

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Unstoppable (2010, Action) Denzel Washington, Chris Pine **AMC, 6 p.m.**

Field of Dreams (1989, Fantasy) Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan **BBC America, 6:30 p.m.**

Twister (1996, Action) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton **TNT, 6:45 p.m.**

Alien: Covenant (2017, Science fiction) Michael Fassbender, Katherine Waterston **SYFY, 8 p.m.**

Marry Go Round (2022, Romance-comedy) Amanda Schull, Brennan Elliott **Hallmark, 8 p.m.**

Wrath of Man (2021, Action) Jason Statham, Holt McCallany **AMC, 8 p.m.**

The Wedding Singer (1998, Romance-comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore **Paramount, 8:30 p.m.**

Ghastly Ghoul (2020, Children) Aisling Doyle, Michael McElhatton **Disney, 9:20 p.m.**

Jurassic World Dominion (2022, Action) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard **FX, 10 p.m.**

Sins of the Bride (2024, Suspense) Kyle Kankonde, Charlie N. Townsend **LMN, 10 p.m.**

She’s All That (1999, Romance-comedy) Freddie Prinze Jr., Rachael Leigh Cook **VH1, 10:30 p.m.**

Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike **AMC, 10:45 p.m.**

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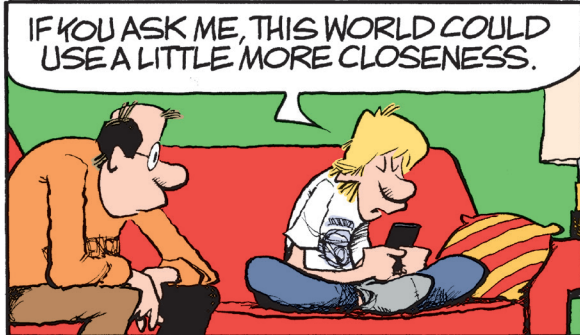
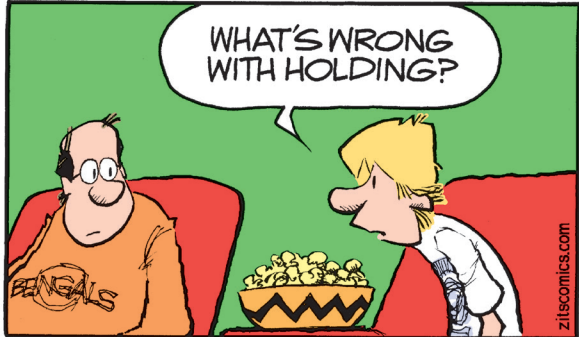
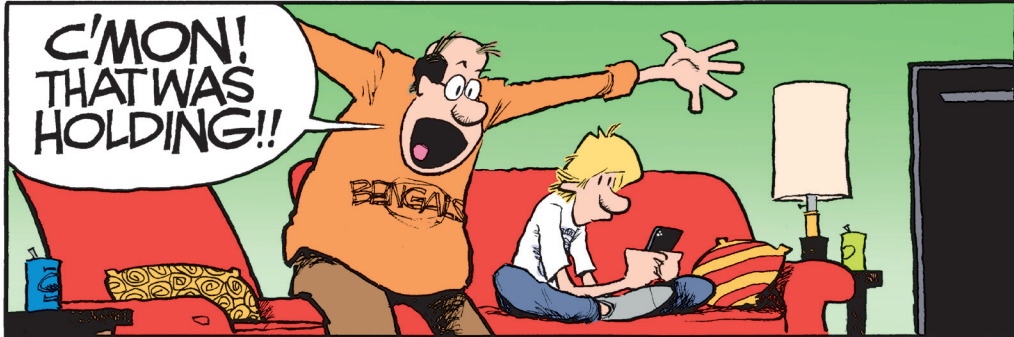
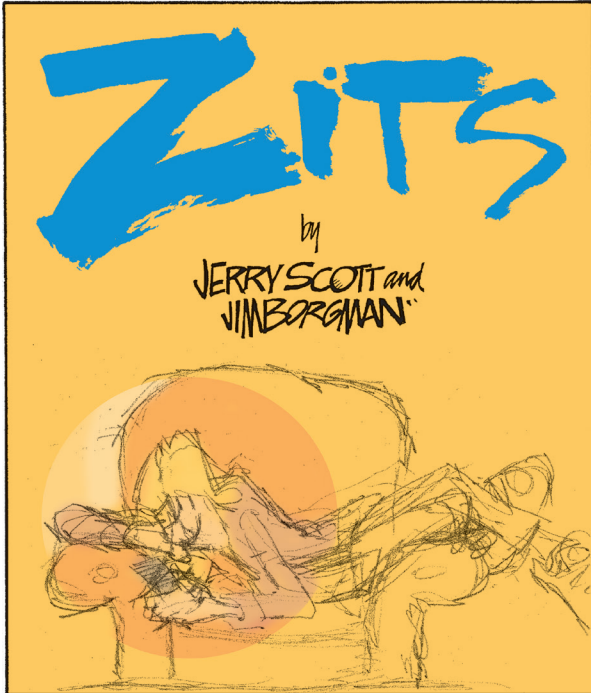
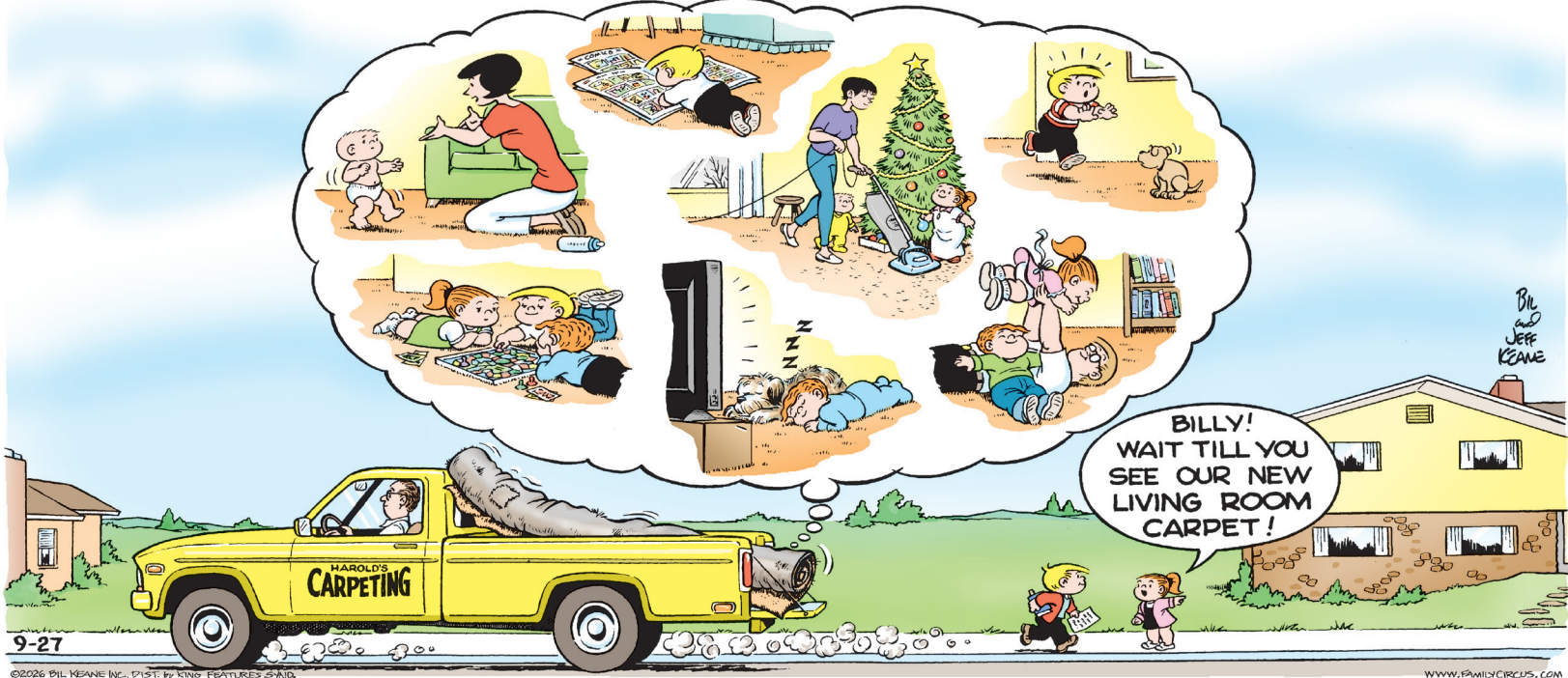
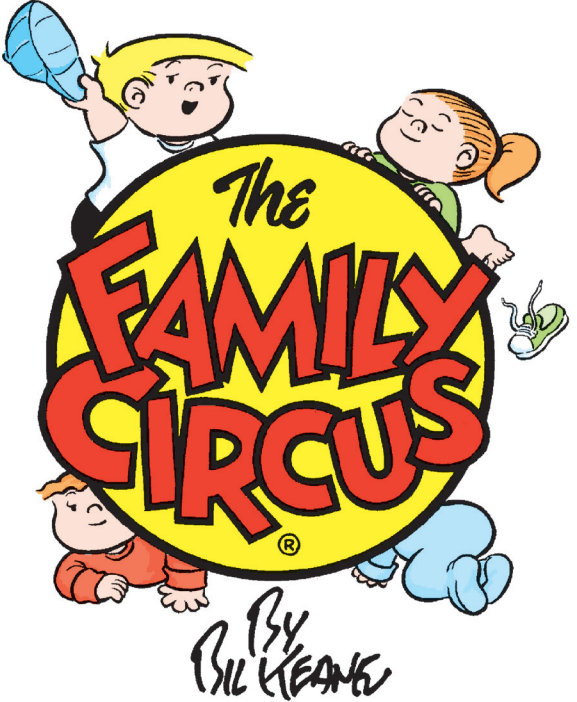
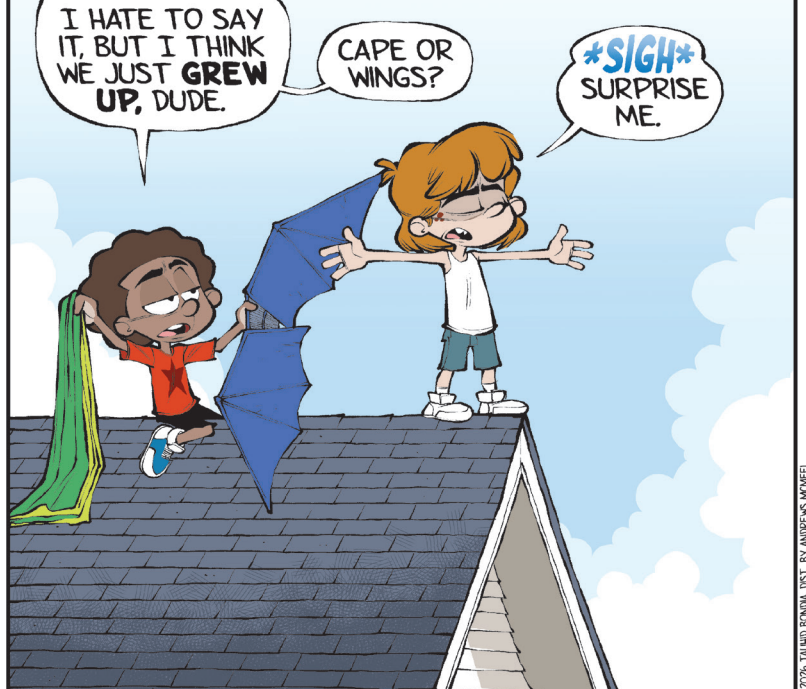
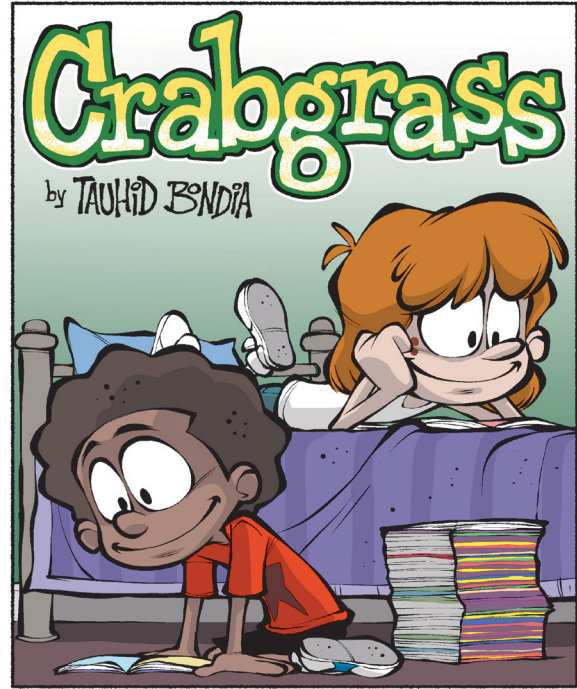
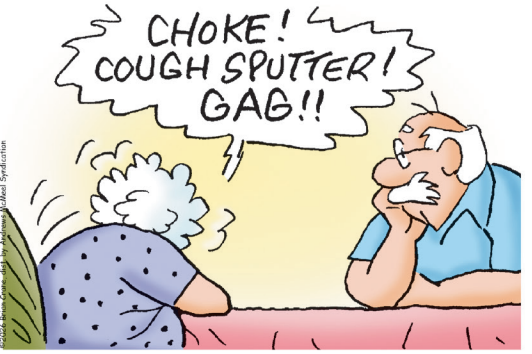
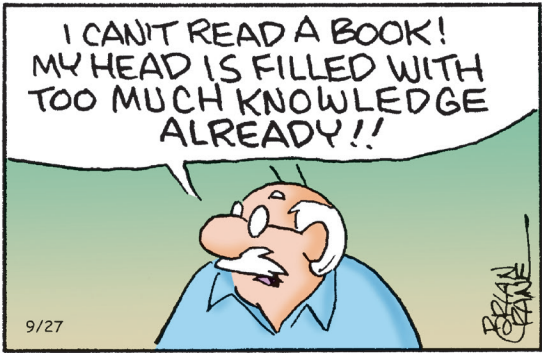
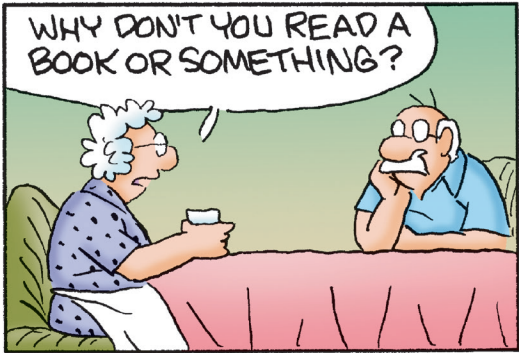
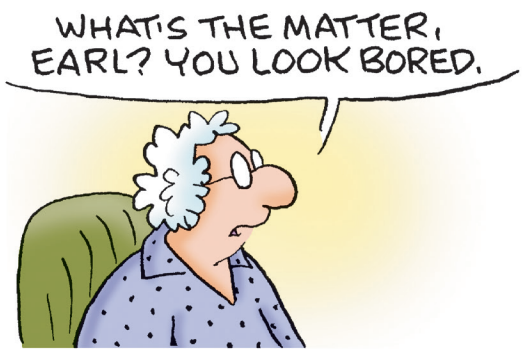
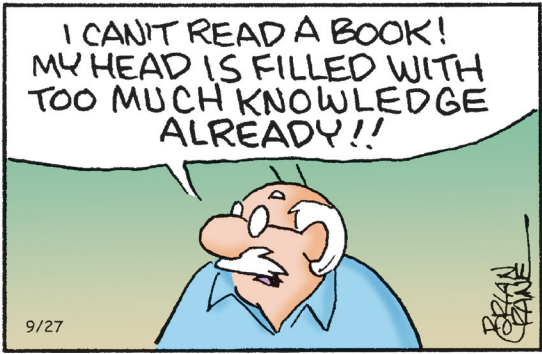
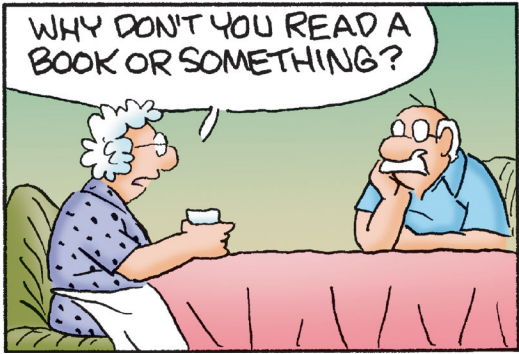
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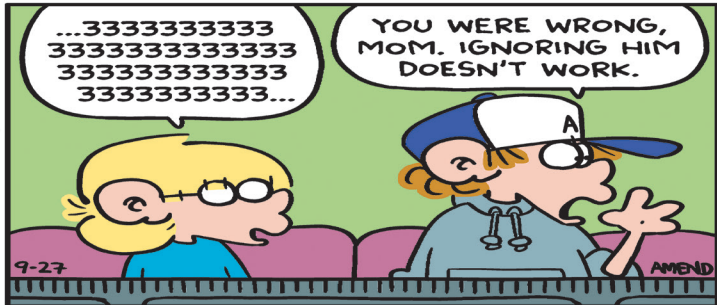
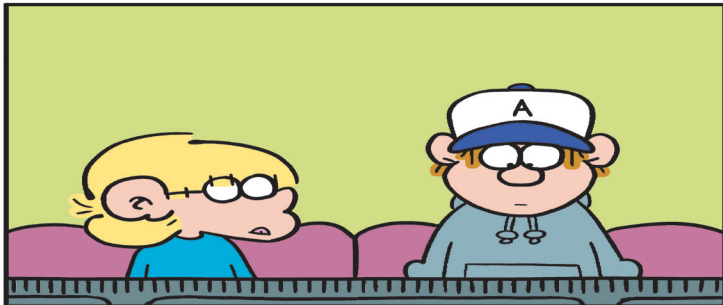
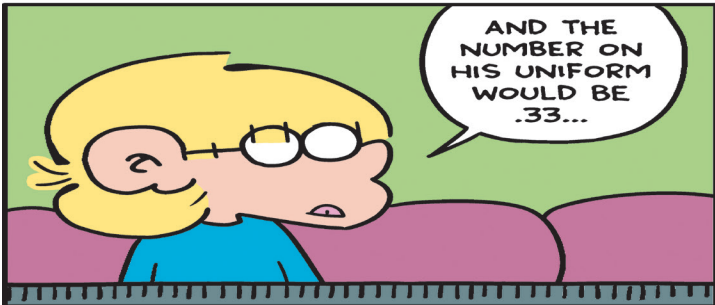
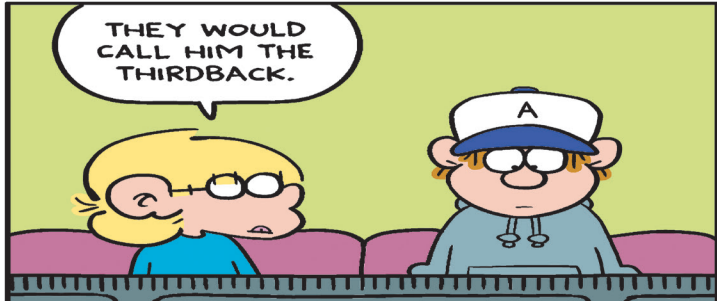
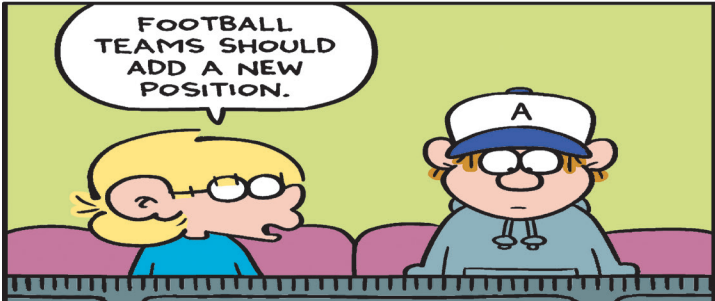
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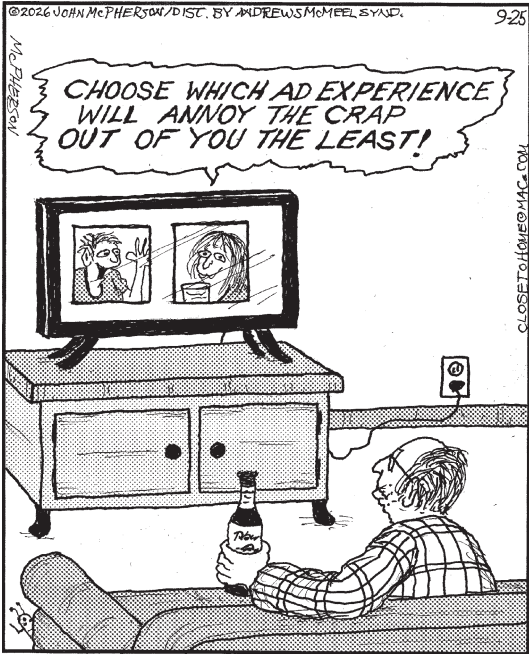


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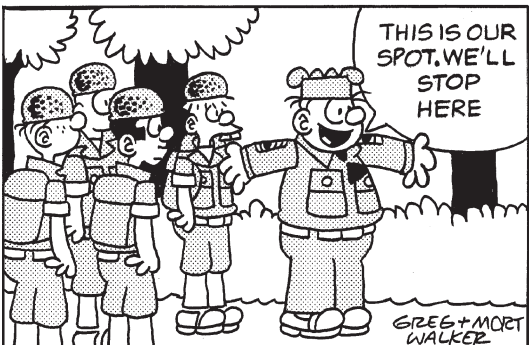
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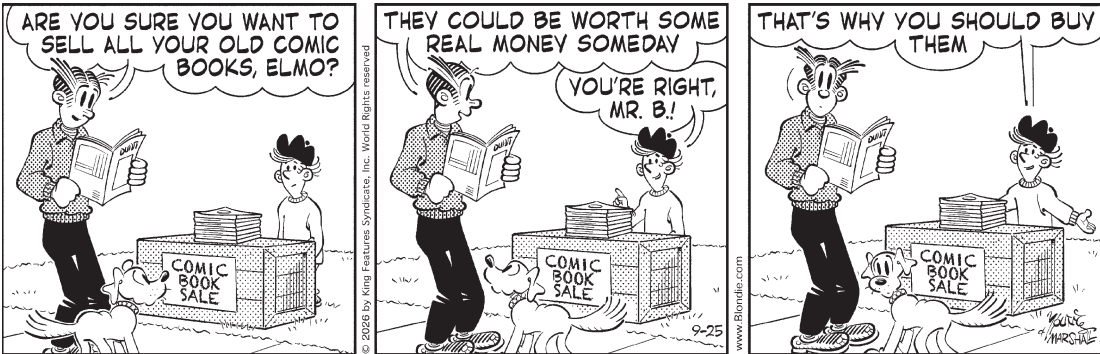
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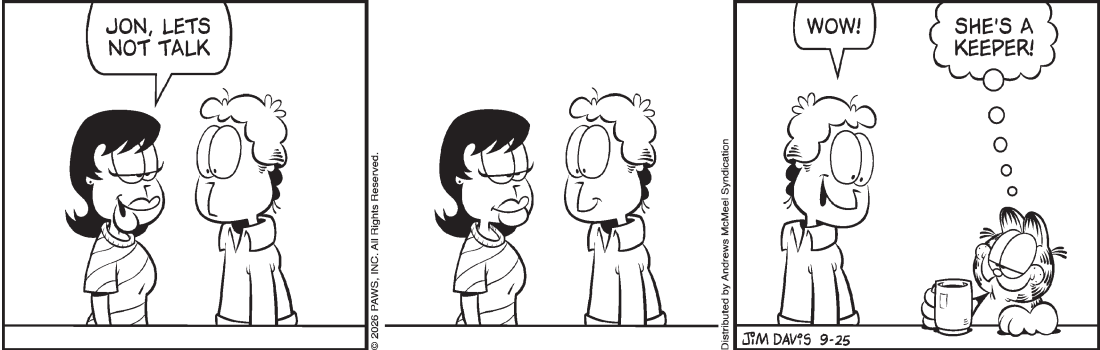
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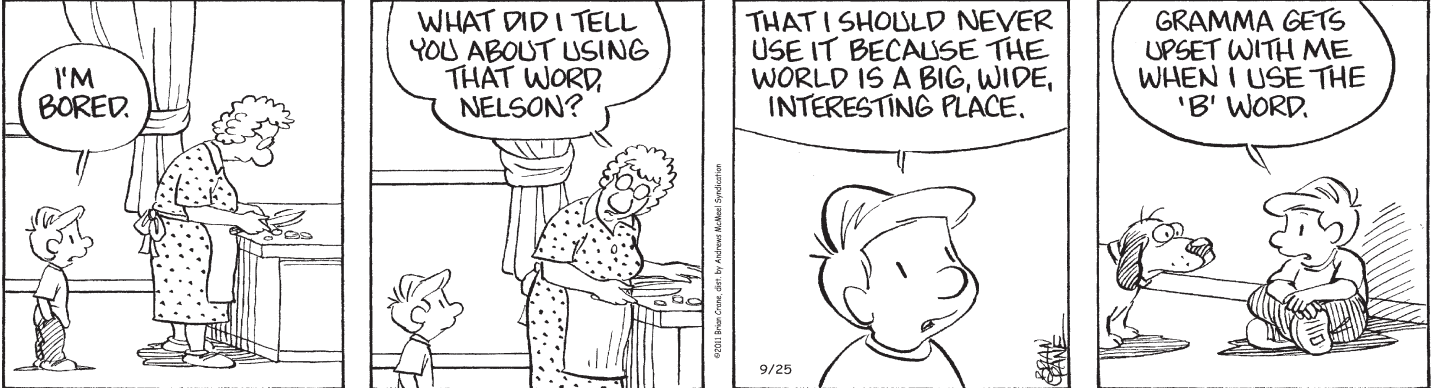
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Patti Varol

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- 1 Diminish
 - 5 "Too rich for my blood"
 - 10 "My word!"
 - 14 Fussess
 - 15 Bay area on the East Coast
 - 16 Olden times
 - 17 Fit to eat?
 - 19 Enthusiasm
 - 20 Uno e uno e uno
 - 21 Arabian aristocrat
 - 22 Hurlled
 - 24 Nintendo princess
 - 26 Archrivals
 - 28 ___ Minor
 - 30 Event that may have drawings
 - 33 Single ant, say
 - 35 Hon
 - 36 "Proud Mary" singer Turner
 - 37 "Don't think so"
 - 38 Fit for a king?
 - 41 Nero Wolfe creator Stout
 - 42 Book jacket blurbs
 - 44 Lip-smacking word
 - 45 Air ways
 - 47 Masterful demonstrations
 - 49 Capital city with a Museum of the Viking Age set to open in 2027
 - 50 Home body?
 - 52 Diving aquatic birds
 - 56 One sister in "King Richard"
 - 58 Treadmill setting
 - 60 D.C. MLBer
 - 61 The whole shebang
 - 62 Fit for work?
 - 65 Broccoli ___
 - 66 Law of ___: trigonometry equation
 - 67 Mud
 - 68 Sudsy mugfuls
 - 69 "Tough crowd!"
 - 70 Zoomed
- DOWN**
- 2 Be wild about
 - 3 Prize first awarded in 1901
 - 4 Slow start?
 - 5 Object
 - 6 Yacht spot
 - 7 Color gradient technique
 - 8 News initials
 - 9 Rehearsals a cast generally won't stand for?
 - 10 Reason to look one's best?
 - 11 Fit to a tee?
 - 12 Central Asia's North ___ Sea
 - 13 Say "It wasn't me," say
 - 18 Start to cry
 - 23 Rough fig.
 - 25 Pair
 - 27 "M'lady"
 - 29 Sarcastic response to rude behavior
 - 31 Individuals
 - 32 1-Across opposite
 - 33 Travel as the wind blows
 - 34 Fit for service?
- 35 Comic book onomatopoeia**
- 37 "SVU" network**
- 39 A second ago**
- 40 Morose**
- 43 Seasonal allergy symptoms**
- 46 Murmur**
- 48 "What We Can Know" novelist McEwan**
- 49 Pontificates**
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- 53 Ready to pour**
- 54 Inexperienced**
- 55 Place**
- 56 Singer-songwriter Bareilles**
- 57 Bibliography abbr.**
- 59 Paper money**
- 63 Driver's one-eighty**
- 64 Turntable pros**

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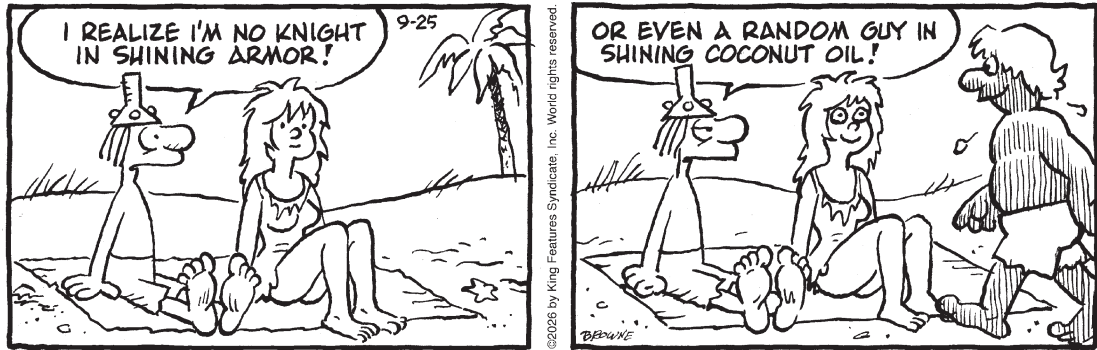
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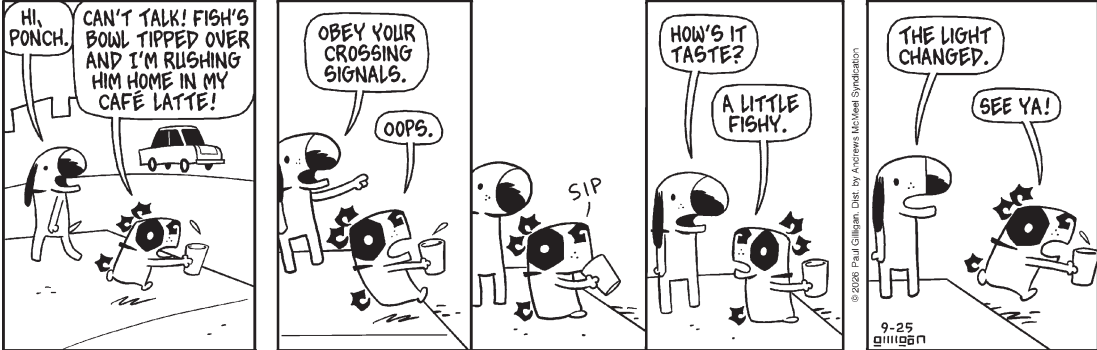
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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

BEST FRIENDS

Solution: 6 letters

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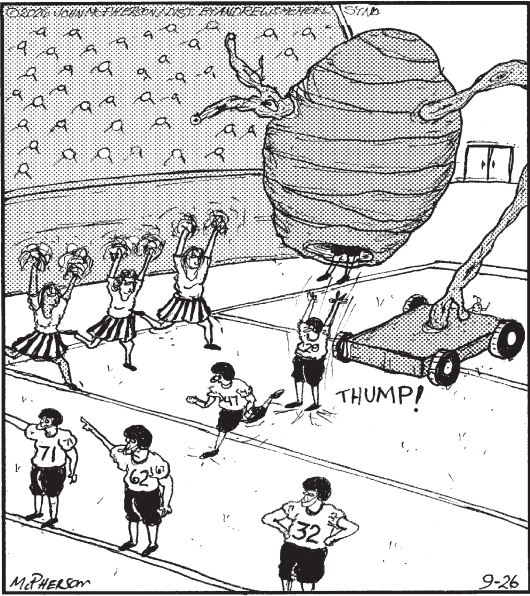
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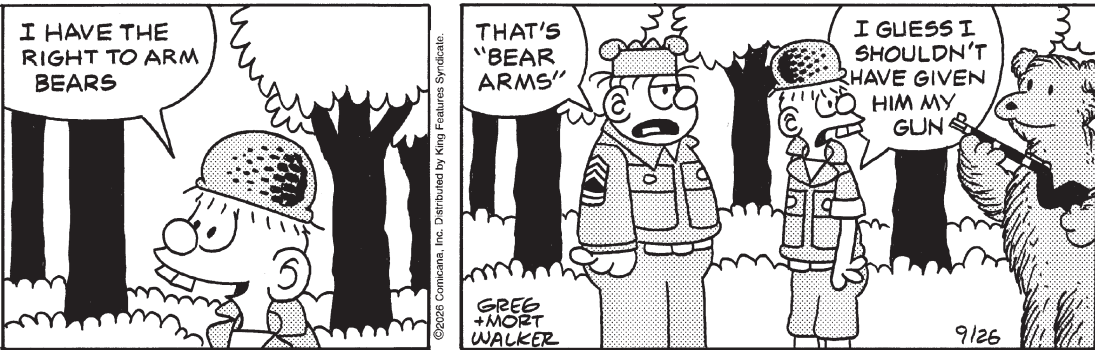


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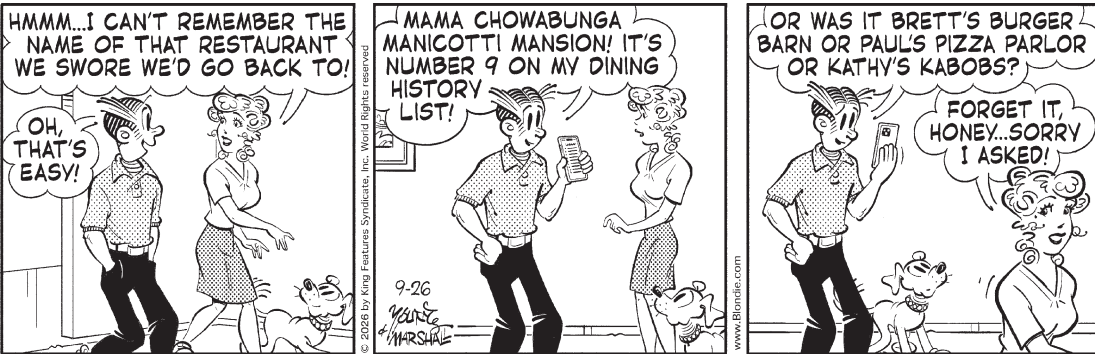
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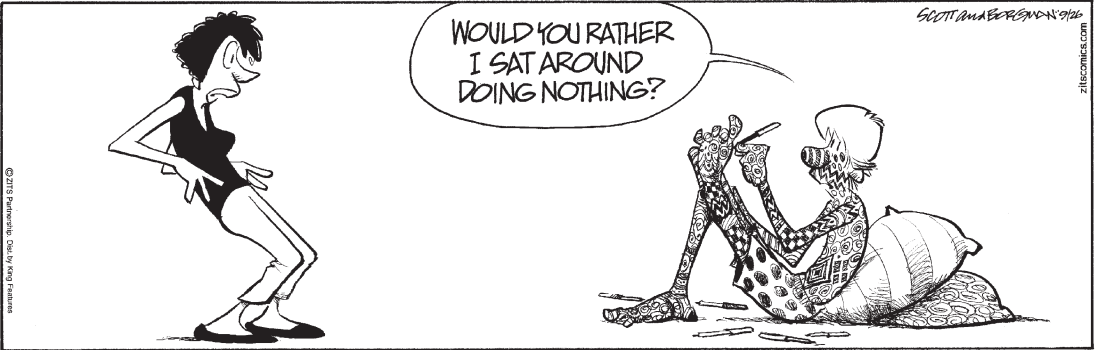
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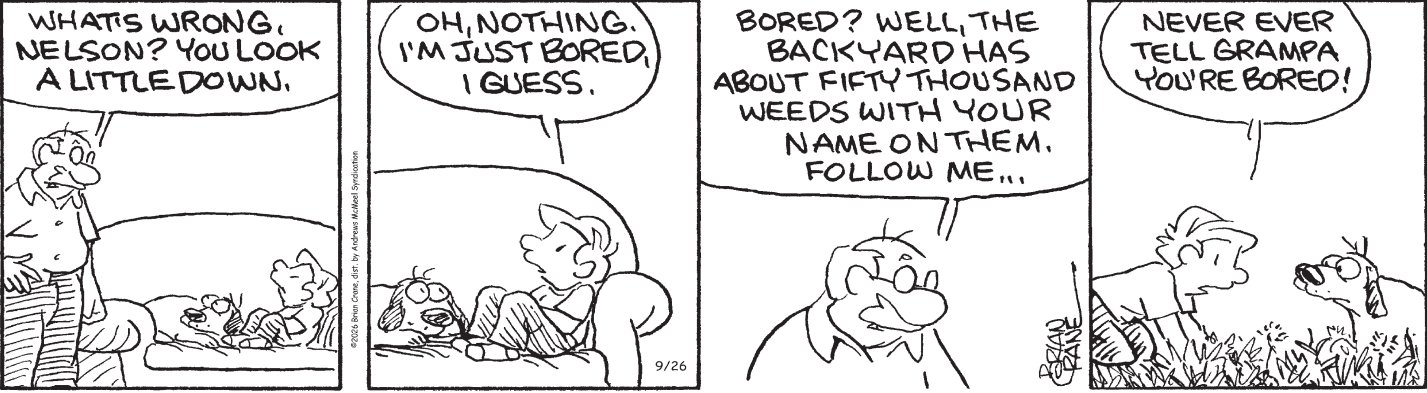
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

All creatures great and small

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 — and far between
4 Molt
8 Fill a suitcase
12 401(k) alternative
13 Jot
14 Actress — Fisher
15 Mil. rank
16 Coup d'—
17 Gas that glows
18 — -pocus
20 Get away from
22 Alt.
23 Female deer
24 Engine fluid
28 Turned to ice
32 A deadly sin
33 Batter's ploy
35 Gun the engine
36 Billy — Williams

DOWN

1 — and chips
2 Therefore

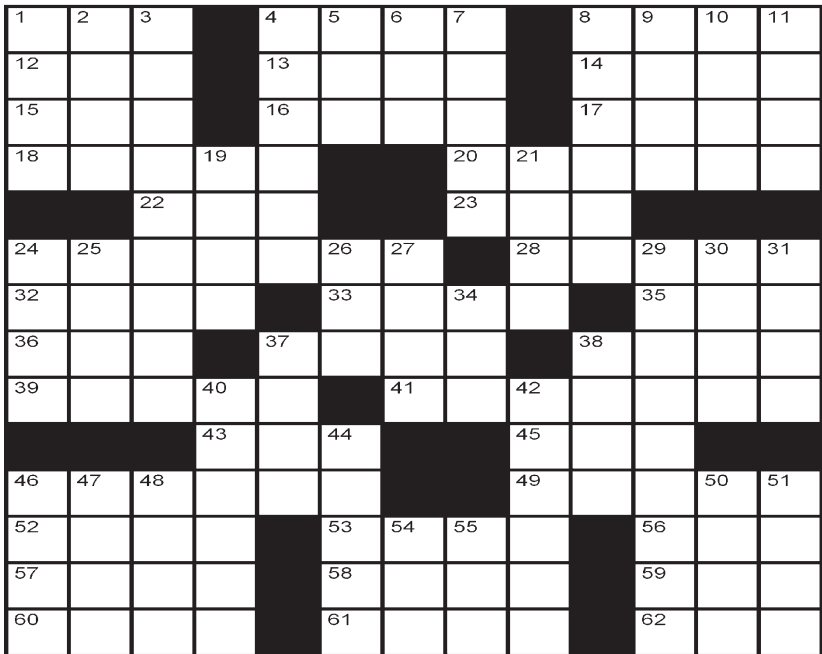
37 Whittle down
38 Withered
39 Mistake
41 Figure with nine sides
43 Pole
45 — ideal
46 Cooking instructions
49 Man-made waterway
52 Eager
53 Converse
56 Chef —
57 Garten
58 Hindu goddess
58 Singer — McEntire
59 Plus
60 Paradise
61 River in Belgium
62 Certain vote

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

A	V	N		R	E	S	A		N	E	D	E
D	N	V		V	B	E	R		I	T	V	K
V	N	I		T	V	H	C		G	O	G	V
T	V	N	V	C			E		I	C	E	R
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N	O	G	V	N	O	N			R	O	R	E
E	R	E	S			R	V	P	E	E	D	E
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V	T	S	I		V	T	O	I		V	A	I
K	A	C	K		P	A	C	K		P	A	C

3 "Someone to — Me"
4 Short sleep
5 Torrid
6 Greek letter
7 Old-fashioned
8 Lobster claw
9 On the Atlantic

10 Hoof-on-pavement sound
11 "Citizen —"
19 Unsightly
21 Quiet
24 Yield by treaty
25 Humdinger
26 Pro sports org.
27 Rotate
29 Portland denizen
30 Nil
31 Tied
34 Role in "The Matrix"
37 Support
38 Long story
40 Source
42 Sweet drink
44 Denounce
46 Yard tool
47 Mild oath
48 Tony winner — Escala
50 "— Karenina"
51 Disney dog
54 "For — a jolly good fellow ..."
55 Homer Simpson's dad



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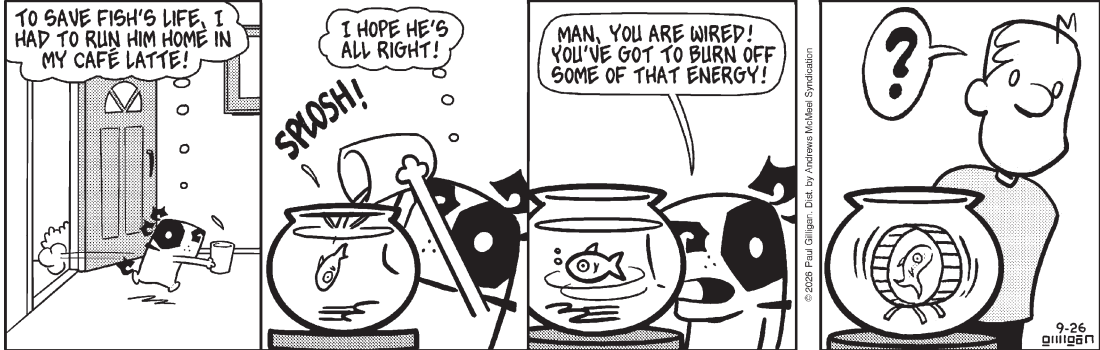
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



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.

HABIT-FORMING Solution: 6 letters

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

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TODAY'S ANSWER: Addict

ADAM@HOME

BY ROB HARRELL

HEY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M GLARING AT THE CHANGE IN SEASONS.

IT IS KIND OF A TERRIFYING GLARE.

THAT'S ON PURPOSE. I'M HOPING TO SCARE FALL BACK A MONTH.

M'KAY. GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

UNEXPECTED WARM TEMPERATURES SOAR IN THE FIVE-DAY FORECAST!

I'M IMPRESSED AND TERRIFIED.

MY WORK HERE IS DONE.

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CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN MCPHERSON

"I HAVE TO SAY, THIS IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I EXPECTED FROM A REIKI SESSION."

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THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

YOU TWO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR A LONG TIME!

DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU KNEW YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH EACH OTHER?

WELL, I REMEMBER I COULDN'T FOCUS ON MY WORK AND I COULDN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT!

YES, AND MY HEART WAS RACING, AND I FELT WARM ALL OVER!

AND MY TUMMY HAD BUTTERFLIES AND I LOST MY APPETITE!

THAT'S WHAT FALLING IN LOVE FEELS LIKE? WELL, I'VE FELT LIKE THAT BEFORE!

BUT EVERYBODY SAID I HAD THE FLU!

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Art & Chip

Jeff MacNelly's **Shoe**

By Ben Lansing & Susie MacNelly

HOW'S BUSINESS, FRANK?

PRETTY GOOD!

I ADDED A SECOND BRANCH!

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LAZY & FUNNY

ADULT SCHOOL SCHEDULES HERE

OH, NO! WITH OVERCROWDING, ALL OF THE CLASSES ARE SHARING ROOMS--- ART AND MATH ARE TOGETHER!

IS "PAINT-BY-NUMBERS" ON THE SYLLABUS?

MY CHEMISTRY CLASS MEETS WITH A JURISPRUDENCE CLASS!

YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO FIND THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN THE PERIODIC TABLE!

I HAVE "PERSONAL FINANCE" IN THE GYM WITH THE PHYSICAL FITNESS CLASS.

STRETCHING WILL BE EMPHASIZED.

ERNIE, THIS ISN'T FUNNY! STATISTICS AND COOKING ARE TAUGHT TOGETHER!

MMMMMM! PIE CHARTS!

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN KURTZ & JOHN MARSHALL

RING RING RING

HELLO?!
HELLO! CONGRATULATIONS, YOU JUST WON A BRAND-NEW GOLF CART!!

IT RIDES LIKE IT'S FLOATING ON CLOUDS, IT HAS BUILT-IN SPEAKERS, AND A HUGE COOLER FOR LOTS OF SANDWICHES

WOW! THAT'S AMAZING! I'VE NEVER WON ANYTHING BEFORE

SO, MR. JONES, AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE COMPLETED PAPERWORK, WE WILL SHIP YOUR FABULOUS NEW GOLF CART TO YOU IMMEDIATELY

MR. JONES? I'M NOT MR. JONES

OH, MY SINCERE APOLOGIES! I'M AFRAID I DIALED THE WRONG NUMBER

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WHO WAS THAT, SWEETHEART?
I'M PRETTY SURE HERB COACHED ONE OF HIS BOWLING BUDDIES ON HOW TO MESS WITH ME!

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

DELIVER THIS REPORT TO THE GENERAL A.S.A.P.

UH, SURE

LAZY

YOU'RE JUST AN OBNOXIOUS PENCIL-PUSHER!

THAT'S IT! YOU'VE QUESTIONED MY INTEGRITY!

I CHALLENGE YOU TO A DUEL!

I ACCEPT! CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON!

RUBBER BANDS AT FIVE PACES?

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Hank Ketchum's **Dennis the Menace**
GOODbye!

HELLO, HENRY!

HI, MARTHA!

I'M HERE TO GET DENNIS.

IT'S YOUR FATHER, HONEY.

C'MON, IT'S TIME TO GO.

YOU DON'T WANT TO WEAR OUT YOUR WELCOME.

HE DID THAT YEARS AGO.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT WE ARE SURROUNDED BY POTENTIAL ENEMIES...

I THINK WE SHOULD PRACTICE SOME DRILLS TO SEE HOW YOU REACT IN AN EMERGENCY...

BE READY, NOW... I'M GOING TO TRY TO CATCH YOU BY SURPRISE...

BEAR!

VERY GOOD! EXCELLENT REACTION!

SNAKE!

GOOD! QUICK MOVE!

BE READY.... BE ALERT...

CHICKEN HAWK!

WELL, THAT LAST ONE MAY NEED A LITTLE WORK..

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT, PIG?

THIS PREDICTIONS MARKET APP... IT LETS YOU BET ON ALMOST ANYTHING.

LIKE WHAT?

WAR, GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS, WHETHER SOMEONE WILL THROW SOMETHING ON THE COURT OF A BASKETBALL GAME. THERE'S EVEN A BET ON OUR COMIC STRIP TODAY.

Today's Pearls Before Swine comic strip will mention the words "Berlin", "bought", "pajamas", "print", and "tuba."

Yes

No

BUT THAT'S RIDICULOUS. SOMEONE UNETHICAL COULD JUST MANIPULATE THE SITUATION FOR THEIR OWN GAIN.

OH, I HAVE A LITTLE MORE FAITH IN PEOPLE THAN THAT.

HEY, HAVE EITHER OF YOU SEEN THE TUBA-PRINT PAJAMAS I BOUGHT IN BERLIN?

IS ALL OF LIFE NOW ONE BIG GRIFT?

IF YOU'RE LUCKY, IT IS.