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Staff Photo: Kathryn Crockett
Sharemer Jones addresses Lee County commissioners Oct. 13 about her request to operate a five-child day care in her home on Coston Road. Commissioners denied the request despite recommendations for approval from county planning staff and the Planning Commission.

Lee County denies mother's home day care plan despite staff support, corrections to objections

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LEESBURG — A day after Lee County commissioners voted down her plan to care for five young children in her home, Sharemer Jones returned to the county planning office with her infant daughter to ask how to appeal.

Commissioners denied the conditional use request Tuesday despite recommendations for approval from county planning staff and the Lee Planning Commission. The decision followed objections from a neighbor who described a commercial rezoning, a possible 12-child operation and business rights that would pass to future owners — none of which matched the proposal before the board.

Jones said she received an emailed denial letter Wednesday morning, visited the planning office and emailed a request to appeal. She was awaiting instructions on the next steps.

"I can accept no," she said. But Jones says the explanations offered did not justify the decision.

Her proposal would add five spaces in a county where a directory compiled from Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning records lists eight licensed child care centers and two family child care homes. Their combined licensed capacity is 825 children, including some school-age care, though that does not indicate how many openings are available.

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Albany considers battery storage system to address electricity surplus



File Photo
The city of Albany is considering adding a battery storage system to its electrical system to store energy when supply exceeds demand. The excess energy could then be sold to other utilities that need the power for their customers.

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ALBANY – In the novel "Catch-22," it is a persistent point of confusion as to how mess officer Milo Minderbinder can buy eggs for seven cents and sell them for four cents and still make a profit.

That question of how the city of Albany is making money by purchasing electricity for 7 cents per kilowatt and selling it for 4 cents is not, by contrast, confusing. The answer is that it is not.

The 2025 estimated loss by Albany Utilities based on that equation came out to about $2 million, according to Mayor Bo Dorough, who also chairs the Albany Utility Board. That's because the city has to sell excess power at times for a lower rate than it is paying.

To reduce those losses, the Albany City Commission is considering a battery energy storage system (BESS) that would allow the storing of electricity that could be sold during peak use times at a profit.

Earlier this month, the commission heard from representatives of three solar energy companies. Now commissioners are looking for another source to crunch the numbers to determine whether the concept could be beneficial.

The two options presented include one featuring a single site on the city's grid, and the

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District 151 challengers Wolfe, Lockhart offer plans for schools, rural jobs, health care

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MIKE CHEOKAS



ETHAN WOLFE



TRAVIS LOCKHART

AMERICUS -- Two challengers seeking to unseat state Rep. Mike Cheokas are proposing different approaches to southwest Georgia's needs, with Democrat Ethan Wolfe emphasizing changes to state funding and health policy and independent Travis Lockhart focusing on partnerships among local governments, schools and employers.

In separate interviews with The Albany Herald, Wolfe proposed infrastructure grants that small towns could afford to use, a revised school funding formula and Medicaid expansion.

Lockhart called for closer consultation with school superintendents, recruiting employers suited to the region's college programs and building trust between residents and elected officials.

The candidates are competing in the Nov. 3 midterm Elections for House District 151, which includes territory in Chattahoochee, Dougherty, Marion, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell and Webster counties, according to the Georgia House member directory.

Cheokas, R-Americus, did not respond to interview requests submitted by The Herald for this story. His campaign website emphasizes tax reductions, teacher and law enforcement pay raises, health care legislation and funding for South Georgia Technical College and Georgia Southwestern State University.

Where the challengers stand

For communities such as Dawson, Wolfe said, receiving a grant does not necessarily mean a project is affordable.

Some grants require a local match — money the city or

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Lee County proposes tax rate cut as homestead cap reshapes tax digest

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LEESBURG — Lee County commissioners plan to lower the county's property tax rate for 2026. The new rate would reduce what the county collects for day-to-day operations for the first time since 2022.

The county held a public hearing Tuesday on a proposed maintenance-and-operations rate of 11.17 mills, down from 12.317 mills last year. At that rate, the county expects to levy $16,006,522. That's $286,513 less than the $16,293,035 it levied in 2025, a decrease of 1.76%.

"We are looking at a rollback to 11.17 mills," Chairman Luke Singletary said Tuesday. He added that the rate means "no tax increase for the county."

No one from the public spoke at the hearing. Commissioners will vote on the rate at a special called meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building, 102 Starksville Ave. North, in Leesburg.

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Values rise, exemptions rise faster

The value of real and personal property on Lee County's tax digest rose to $1.92 billion this year, up 18% from $1.63 billion in 2025. Much of that growth isn't taxable. Exemptions climbed to $512.8 million, up 55% from $329.7 million last year. In 2024, before the latest changes, exemptions totaled $151.3 million.

The increase lines up with Georgia's floating homestead exemption, created by House Bill 581 and approved by voters in November 2024. The exemption limits how much the taxable value of a homesteaded home can rise each year to the rate of inflation, using 2024 values as the starting point. It took effect in 2025.

Local governments had until March 1, 2025, to opt out, and Lee County did not. When a home's market value rises faster than inflation, the difference is recorded as an exemption and removed from the taxable digest.

After exemptions, the county's net taxable digest is $1.43 billion, up 8.3% from $1.32 billion last year.

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From 1A

DENIES

Eight programs list infant care. None lists opening before 6:30 a.m. Jones proposed opening at 6 a.m.

The U.S. Department of Labor's child care price database puts Lee County's median center-based infant care price at $143 a week in 2022, about $7,400 for a full year. Infant care in a family child care home was $130 a week, although those figures describe historical prices, not current rates.

Jones said a mother seeking care for her 6-month-old son contacted her after the meeting to ask what would happen next.

At Tuesday's hearing, Ray Miller, who said he had lived at 155 Coston Road for 40 years, was the only resident to speak against the request.

He called it a "proposed rezoning" and said approval would allow Jones to change businesses if the day care failed. A future buyer, he said, would also have the right to open a business of their choosing.

Chairman Luke Singletary corrected both points. Jones had requested conditional use approval for a home day care, not commercial rezoning. The property would remain residential, and the approval would not transfer to a new owner, he said.

"It will still be residential," Singletary said. "It's not rezoning it to a commercial business lot."

The staff report likewise said the proposal would operate within the existing home without an expansion and would not authorize a separate commercial child care center.

Miller also said hiring another employee would allow Jones to increase the number of children to 12.

"She can have as many as 12 kids," he said. "If she hires another employee, that allows her to have as many as 12. That's Georgia state law."

Jones acknowledged that she had given the Planning Commission incorrect information about hiring help and caring for 12 children according to state guidance. However she corrected that statement during Tuesday's hearing.

State rules generally limit family child care learning homes to six unrelated children. A separate provision allows up to 12 children under age 13 when resident or related children are included, subject to other requirements. It does not authorize 12 unrelated children simply because an assistant is hired.

Regardless of that distinction, the county's proposed conditions limited Jones to five children who did not live at the home. Staff wrote that the restriction would prevent expansion without additional county review. No nonresident employee or assistant was proposed.

Miller's traffic warning also relied on the larger number. He described six to 12 cars lining up, potentially blocking emergency vehicles and backing onto Middle Road.

The proposed conditions required all drop-offs, pick-ups, parking and turnarounds to occur on Jones' property. Staff described a driveway and turnaround allowing vehicles to leave without backing onto Coston Road and found the use was "not expected to create a substantial change in neighborhood character or an unreasonable traffic burden" due to her property's location.

The proposed conditions prohibited the roadside parking and queuing Miller warned about.

"I'm the first driveway you get to," Jones said Wednesday, questioning why parents visiting her home would be treated as traffic through the neighborhood.

Miller also cited the absence of fire hydrants "for a commercial property." The request would not make the lot commercial, and the proposed conditions required applicable fire-safety approvals before Jones could open.

"This side of the road has always been a nice, quiet residential neighborhood, and is mostly retirees with no kids and no need for a daycare or any other business, for that matter," Miller said.

Jones disputed the suggestion that his objection reflected everyone's circumstances or wishes. She and her husband work, she said, and some neighbors supported her plan.

"But what about the ones that you have that do agree to it?" she asked Wednesday.

Commissioner George Walls moved to deny the request, and Commissioner Billy Mathis seconded the motion, saying he considered such uses intrusive in residential neighborhoods. The motion passed unanimously.

Jones, 38, told commissioners she had worked in law enforcement for seven years and in child care before that. Her daughter's birth this summer prompted her to consider a different way to work.

Her application sought care for five children from birth through age 4, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, alongside her own infant. Staff recommended prohibiting organized outdoor play before 8 a.m.

A commissioner asked whether she had considered a commercial or mixed-use site instead. Jones said working at home would let her care for her baby while managing her older children's activities.

In Wednesday's interview, she said that question missed the purpose of her application.

"I didn't put in an application for a commercial property," Jones said. "It's from my home."

She wanted "some type of income from home while I'm still being flexible with my family," she said.

"If I try to take on a whole center, I won't be able to give much of my attention to my own child, and that wasn't the purpose for leaving law enforcement," Jones said. "I wanted to keep it small."

She praised Planning Director Kara Hanson and Planner William Fryer for guiding her through the process.

"They were so amazing when it came down to helping me out throughout this process," she said.

The same night commissioners denied her request, they agreed to serve as fiscal agent if Lee County Family Connection receives a state early-learning grant. Early childhood access is among the program's possible focus areas.

Jones said she wanted to follow the process and operate legitimately. She also questioned why her family's needs should count less than those of retired neighbors.

"I have the right to be out here just like anybody else, whether I'm retired or not," she said.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that **Arthur F. Medlock Jr.**, doing business as **The Lounge**, located at **106 S Slappey Blvd., Albany, Georgia 31701**, has made application for an **Alcoholic Beverage License** for the **on-premises** consumption of **liquor, beer, and wine** for consideration and approval by the appropriate governing authority.

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From 1A

DISTRICT

county must contribute — while reimbursement grants require communities to spend their own money before receiving repayment.

"A lot of these small towns cannot match some of the grants that are offered because a lot of grants (require matching funds), meaning they have to put up 10 or 20% of the total cost, or they have to spend the entire amount and then get reimbursed," Wolfe said.

He proposed grants requiring no local match, with at least half the money available upfront and additional payments as work progresses. He did not identify a particular program he would change or estimate the cost.

Wolfe also called for help with municipal budgeting and stronger connections to organizations that assist local governments, including the Georgia Municipal Association and ACCG, Georgia's county commission association.

"They provide a lot of help, but I know some counties and some cities probably don't know what help they offer," he said.

Lockhart said he had spoken with Dawson's mayor, a council member and a county commissioner. His starting point, he said, would be restoring trust and connecting communities with outside expertise.

"You have to build that relationship of trust. That's the first thing. Once that person trusts you, they can work with you," he said.

Lockhart said his campaign had begun working with a U.S. Department of Agriculture program that could connect rural communities with grants, leadership support and skills. He did not identify the program or a specific project it would finance.

He also emphasized household financial education, saying residents need help understanding how to budget as their housing circumstances and monthly expenses change.

Keeping jobs and graduates in the region

Wolfe said Georgia should direct more investment south of Interstate 16, pairing infrastructure repairs with business incentives for communities that need jobs and a stronger tax base.

"That money needs to be released below I-16," he said. "Why are we giving tax breaks to businesses to go to Atlanta, when we should be giving them tax breaks to go to these counties that need it, that need that tax base, that need that support, that need those jobs?"

Lockhart's approach starts with the education already available in the region. He says he wants local governments, colleges and development authorities to recruit employers whose needs match the skills students are learning.

"What jobs and opportunities can we bring back to southwest Georgia that fit us?" he said.

He pointed to Albany State University, Georgia Southwestern State University, Albany Technical College and South Georgia Technical College as resources for that effort. The goal, he said, is to give graduates reasons to stay.

For residents who need work now, Lockhart said communities should improve how they advertise existing vacancies and help applicants prepare for interviews.

"But a lot of people don't know that those opportunities exist," he said.

School funding and school choice

Wolfe called for rewriting the Quality Basic Education formula, commonly called QBE,

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From 1A

BATTERY

second would place batteries at two sites.

During times when energy use is low in Albany, the batteries would store the excess energy purchased. The stored energy would be held in a battery to sell at a better price.

The average price per kilowatt for customers is 15 cents in the state, Dorough said.

Pete Marte, CEO of Hannah Solar, one of the representatives who spoke at an Oct. 1 commission meeting, estimated that the city could sell excess electricity at perhaps an average of 9.5 cents per kilowatt.

Sales during peak hours during the summer could net more than that amount.

"People try to sell into the super–peak marketplace," Marte said. "That is really the question: Where is the electricity going and how am I going to sell it? Is there a market out there? There really is."

Of the two options presented to commissioners, the first would total about $45 million, and the second option would be more than double that amount. The first option would recoup and estimated 18% of the city's losses, while the more expensive option would recoup about 53%, Marte said. The city could initially install one of the systems and later add another if it makes sense.

A key issue for the city is that it suffered a decline in population and cannot escape a long-term deal with the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia, Dorough said during a telephone interview.

"We've got a contract with MEAG to purchase a specific amount of electricity," he said "In most months we don't consume as much energy as we're contractually obligated to purchase. We're obviously in a predicament because we have to sell it within a short window."

Although battery storage is used by commercial entities, no other municipalities are in the electricity storage business, the mayor said.

The Dougherty County Commission in October 2025 approved an ordinance that allowed and regulates battery storage systems, clearing the way for projects at the solar installation on Highway 133 and a site located near the former Georgia Power Co. plant on Old Georgia Highway 3.

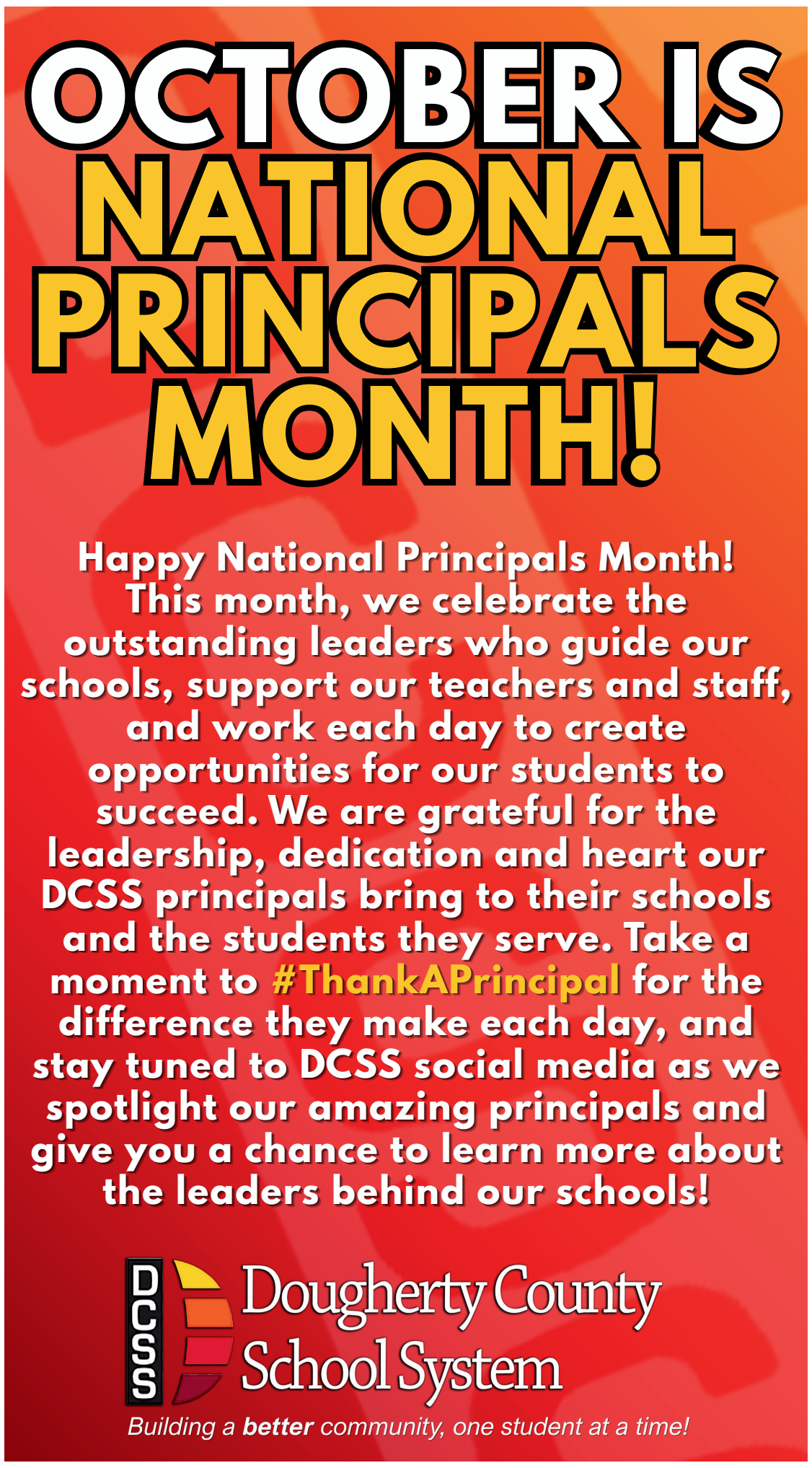
The novelty of a city getting into the business is one reason commissioners have urged that the city take its time and enlist an independent party to give an opinion.

One advantage that Albany has is that federal funds would cover half of construction costs, Dorough said. Without that incentive, the project would not make economic sense.

"Without the 50%, we wouldn't be talking about it," Commissioner Chad Warbington said.

Having an excess of electricity has an advantage in that the situation reduces the city's chances of having blackouts, the commissioner said. A long-term contract to sell electricity could be a benefit to residents in helping to keep customers' rates as low as possible.

"It's pretty complicated," Warbington said. "You've got to evaluate it. For me, this is all about ratepayers. Will this keep our rates low? That's my biggest concern on a project like this."



From 1A

TAX

What it means for tax bills

A mill is $1 in tax for every $1,000 of assessed value. Georgia assesses property at 40% of market value, so a home worth $250,000 is assessed at $100,000 before exemptions.

At that value, the cut of 1.147 mills would lower the county's share of the tax bill by about $114.70, as long as the assessed value stayed the same.

Homesteaded homeowners are the ones most likely to see that savings. The exemption limits how fast their taxable values can grow, and the lower rate applies on top of it.

Rental houses, second homes, farmland, timberland and commercial property get no inflation cap. When their values rise, the full increase is taxable, so some of those owners could still see a higher county bill at the lower rate.

The county's levy is only one part of a property tax bill. The Lee County Board of Education and city of Leesburg set their own millage rate separately.

Recent history

The proposed cut follows a 9.55% increase in county operations taxes in 2025. That year, the county collected $1.42 million more than in 2024, even though it trimmed the rate slightly, from 12.38 mills to 12.317. Collections also rose 3.16% in 2023 and 3.20% in 2024.

This year's rate starts at a gross figure of 14.55 mills. Local-option sales tax revenue then reduces it by 3.38 mills, to the proposed 11.17.

At the board's Sept. 22 meeting, Singletary said he hoped to set the rate in October with no tax increase expected.

At that same meeting, resident Brian Granberry asked whether taxpayers could end up covering $30 million in bonds tied to the Lee County Hospital project. Commissioner Billy Mathis said no tax increase is foreseeable because of the bonds.

From 2A

DISTRICT

which Georgia uses to calculate the main portion of state funding for public schools.

The formula assigns different funding amounts to student programs, reflecting differences in the cost of instruction. A poverty weight would add funding specifically for students from low-income households.

"We need to redo the QBE, the Quality Basic Education Funding Formula," he said. "We need to reinvent what that means and how we're going to do it."

Wolfe argued that the formula does not adequately account for poverty and that state requirements can leave local taxpayers responsible for costs.

Georgia's Fiscal 2026 budget included about $15.3 million in targeted support for economically disadvantaged students. That was a separate grant allocation outside the QBE formula, not the addition of a poverty weight to the formula itself.

Lockhart proposed reviewing the state budget for outdated or unused spending and redirecting money to education. He did not identify a specific expenditure to eliminate or estimate potential savings.

He said lawmakers should begin by listening to the people running school systems.

"We cannot leave the superintendents out, but the superintendent knows what's going on," the candidate said. "You have to go sit with people who know it, who understand it, who breathe and sit with it every single day."

Lockhart differed on how decisions about school choice should be made.

The Georgia Promise Scholarship provides eligible students with up to $6,500 for the 2026-27 school year for approved nonpublic education expenses, including private school tuition and home-study expenses. It is administered by the Georgia Education Savings Authority.

Wolfe said counties and school boards should have more control over whether to participate in voucher arrangements.

"I think that really needs to be a local-level issue in the counties and the school boards as to whether they want to give their money over to any type of voucher for another child to go somewhere else," he said.

That would represent a different approach from the current state-administered Promise program. Lockhart said he supported families' ability to choose while arguing that public schools deserve recognition and support.

"Everyone should have a right to go where they want to go, but we also must realize that we have to celebrate the public school," he said. "But I'm an advocate for public education. I'm a public education kid. I went to public education, public schools."

Cheokas voted for Senate Bill 233, the legislation establishing the Promise Scholarship, when it passed the House on March 14, 2024, according to the roll call reproduced by legislative tracking service FastDemocracy.

Health care and household costs

Wolfe identified Medicaid expansion as a first-term priority.

Full expansion under the Affordable Care Act would broaden eligibility for low-income adults up to an effective income limit of 138% of the federal poverty level. Georgia's existing Pathways program covers certain adults up to 100% of that level and requires qualifying activities.

"We need to do Medicaid expansion," Wolfe said.

He said he also supports eliminating certificate-of-need requirements, the state review process that applies to certain new or expanded health care facilities and services. The state describes the program's purposes as assessing need, controlling costs and protecting access. Wolfe argued that removing the requirements would encourage competition.

He said expanding coverage must be accompanied by payments that make providing care financially viable.

"It's not only about helping people to make sure they have health care at affordable cost. It's also making sure that the service providers are reimbursed at a reasonable rate," he said.

Wolfe acknowledged that some payment issues would require action at the federal level

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Time is on the side of the oppressed today, it's against the oppressor. Truth is on the side of the oppressed today, it's against the oppressor. You don't need anything else."

Malcolm X, civil rights activist (1925-1965)

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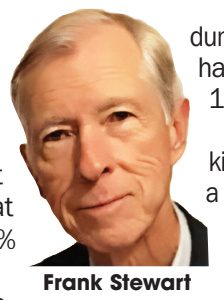
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Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

By Frank Stewart
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Frank Stewart

Simple Saturday columns focus on improving basic technique and logical thinking.

In the club lounge, Cy the Cynic remarked to me that studies indicate that people use only 15% of their brain.

"It makes you wonder what they do with the other 75%," Cy muttered.

I can't begin to explain why declarer at today's six spades settled for only a 50% chance. When West led a trump, declarer drew trumps and led a diamond from dummy for a finesse with his queen. West took the king and returned a diamond. South took his four club tricks to discard a heart but was obliged to lose a heart at the end.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 6 2
♡ Q 6 5
◇ 9 7
♣ A K 9 5

WEST
♠ 10 9 8
♡ K J 7
◇ K 10 6 5 2
♣ 10 6

EAST
♠ 5
♡ 10 9 4 2
◇ J 8 4 3
♣ 8 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K J 4 3
♡ A 8 3
◇ A Q
♣ Q J 4

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead – ♠ 10

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12TH TRICK

If South combines his chances in the red suits, he makes his slam 75% of the time. After he draws trumps, he leads a heart toward dummy's queen. When West has the king, South has his 12th trick.

If instead East took the king of hearts and returned a heart, South would win and run the clubs to discard his last heart. He would make the slam if the diamond finesse worked.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S Q 7 6 2 H Q 6 5 D 9 7 C A K 9 5. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade, he bids two clubs and you raise to three clubs. Partner bids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner has extra strength, else he would have stopped at three clubs, and he suggests six diamonds and four clubs. Don't try 3NT with flimsy major-suit stoppers or jump to five clubs when both of your queens may be worthless. Bid four clubs.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Sister's ongoing conflict with father causes family stress

By Eric Thomas
Tribune Content Agency



Eric Thomas

Dear Eric: I'm writing about my 64-year-old sister I'll call "Beth."

We are three sisters. Mom passed away nine years ago. Dad is 89, living in another province.

For her own reasons Beth has a hatred toward him. She complains she gets a 45-second call once a week about how he drank and gambled away the money he got from a brother.

I look at it as: he's your 90-year-old Dad, drop it.

She has even said when he passes, she'll watch him go in the ground and leave.

She used to speak ill of my mom as well.

Is there anything that I could say to her without her withdrawing from my life?

– Upset Sister

Dear Sister: Even if raised in the same house, every sibling has a different childhood and every sibling has a different relationship to the parents. Whether or not it's justified, Beth's relationship with your parents has been rocky and troubled and probably very painful for her. It seems even now that the way she and your dad communicate is fraught at best.

This isn't something you can change, so you may have to accept it instead. But accepting it doesn't mean you have to listen to the complaints forever. Instead, tell her that you understand how frustrated she's feeling, but that you don't want the negativity of his relationship with her to poison the good relationship you have. Tell her that you want to be supportive to her, but that you'd appreciate it if you could talk less about him. You might even share that when she complains, you want to fix things or help but that there's nothing you can do.

She may see you as a listening ear who gets where she's coming from. That's fine, in moderation. But since it has started to become an issue, it's time to redirect her with kindness. She might even appreciate the chance to talk to you about something else.

Dear Eric: It feels like so many people are very lonely ever since the pandemic. I love having friends, but I am an older lady (70) and still working a very physical job while being mobility challenged.

I meet lots of people every day. I am the chatty type who likes everyone, but it seems like people are desperate for friendship in the world right now.

I am just exhausted by the end of the day; there isn't a lot of time or energy left for me to socialize. I am also one of those people who needs peace and quiet at the end of the day to let my brain recharge.

Wonderful people keep asking if I want to meet them here or there or go do things here or there, people that I have just met.

I am always honest and try to explain that I have limited funds and work long hours and just don't go out much at all but if they want to text or email, we can keep in touch. I think it is better to be honest with them than have them constantly inviting me out and letting them get hurt by not accepting. I can always see how lonely these strangers are, and I know they are good people, but I am literally exhausted most of the time and desperately need rest and quiet by the time I get home.

What can I say to sweet people to tell them that I would like to be friends, but I am not in a physical or mental state to go places and spend money I don't have? I want everyone to be happy and have company and friends, but I can't do more than I am now. I am just so tired and they look so sad. Tell me what to say so they don't think I am rejecting them?

– Old and Tired but Love People

Dear Love People: Wow, you sound refreshingly empathetic. Kudos to you and your kind heart. Empathy is in woefully short supply these days (it's one of the reasons I phrase the answers in the column the way I do). It's important to remember, however, that though you can feel for people and want their problems to improve, it's not your responsibility to fix said problems. Sometimes a kind chat in passing or even a smile is enough to turn someone's lonely day around. So, grant yourself a little grace, knowing that your presence, even momentarily, is making a difference.

If you feel the need to explain yourself, giving the explanation that you're already giving is sufficient. "I would love to spend time out, but I just don't have the physical or mental energy. I appreciate you asking." This might also put others at ease who worry that you're lonely and in need of company.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1346 - King David II of Scotland is captured by the English at Neville's Cross and put in prison for eleven years

1781 - During the American Revolutionary War, British General Cornwallis surrenders at the Siege of Yorktown

1931 - Al Capone is convicted of income tax evasion

1933 - Albert Einstein moves to the United States after fleeing Nazi Germany

1941 - During World War II, the USS Kearny becomes the first U.S. Navy vessel to be torpedoed by a U-boat

1943 - The Burma Railway is completed

1956 - Queen Elizabeth II, officially opens the first commercial nuclear power station in Sellafield, England

1973 - OPEC imposes an oil embargo to every country who helped Israel in the Yom Kippur War

1979 - The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to Mother Teresa

1979 - The Department of Education is created from the Department of Education Organization Act

1989 - San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Coast are hit with the 6.9 Mw Loma Prieta earthquake that kills 63 people

2018 - Canada legalizes the recreational use of cannabis

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

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- Forgive an Ex Day
- Four Prunes Day
- Mulligan Day
- Pay Back a Friend Day
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SQUAWKBOX

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There are plenty of things certain during this political season, but one of the most glaring is that Jon Ossoff has made an even bigger fool out of Mike Collins. Trump and his cronies with the money are right to stop financing this cretins' campaign.

Keisha Lance Bottoms says she wants to be Georgia's next Governor. I bet she does. She needs us taxpayers to pay for her husband's ticket to the next Super Bowl.

Georgia educators, don't hurt yourself patting yourselves on the back about graduation rates. Those interviewing these graduates for entry-level jobs and giving them the military placement exams know the truth.

All the right-wingers who follow their party faithfully, no matter how big a scumbag the candidate, do not have an original thought among them. They just repeat the nonsense -- usually lies -- in stupid political ads, proving they cannot even begin to think for themselves.

I hear the beginning of cracks in that phony Lee County superiority bubble, where a bunch of white folks went scampering away thinking they could create their own Shangri-La. Guess what: That illusion was too good to be true, and now some of your trusted "leaders" are sticking it to you. I guess it feels better knowing it's white folks who are the ones screwing you over.

Billy Bowtie and Singletary have named themselves "owners" of that long-proposed Lee County hospital. Bet your bottom dollar -- and you Lee County taxpayers may have to -- that if the thing blows up, they're not going to be held liable.

According to Mr. Webster, the word "impede" means to bar, hinder, or to obstruct. Albany police told me they could do nothing about the big box truck parked illegally on Ashford Drive unless it impeded traffic. Two cars cannot meet where the big box truck is parked in the street every night and most days. All of these suing lawyers on TV every night will have a field day suing Penske Rentals and Sanford Bishop's election bunch when a head-on crash is caused by this truck.

B.J., a lot of us are so sorry about your recent tragic loss. You're right: A lot of us who can't afford a $25 lunch relied on your restaurant to get good, healthy food at a price we could afford. The options available to us now are either too costly or not worth eating. We sure miss you.

Every story that comes out of Dawson gets a little bit worse. The incompetence and the underhandedness that's existed in this nest of vipers for so long is not going to be fixed any time soon. And, as we know, the state officials are not going to do anything to such shenanigans outside Atlanta.

Great story on Blackberry Smoke. They've always been one of my favorite live bands, and I agree with the writer: They should be much bigger than they are.

I'm going to the Mozart and Martinis gathering at the mayor's house so I can check out how the other half lives.

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Albany Chorale to present 'Freedom and Revolution'

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ALBANY -- Along with the slight autumn breeze, there will be music in the air as the Albany Chorale opens its 2026-27 season Oct. 22 with "Freedom and Revolution," a concert featuring, as the title suggests, songs about the American dream of freedom.

The concert is an appropriate collection of music to continue the celebration of the 250th year of our nation's independence. Singing about our country is not unusual for the Albany Chorale. Over the last few years, the October performance has included several 'Americana-themed songs, and it has become a recent tradition to conclude the fall concert with a tribute to the armed services.

There will be familiar tunes, such as the opening song, "The Star Spangled Banner," and the wartime song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was published in 1862 to encourage Americans fighting during the Civil War to abolish enslavement.

As part of the Albany Chorale's mission to entertain and educate the community with song, several lesser-known pieces, including two movements from an unpublished masterwork titled "Prelude to Glory" by contemporary composer Russell Wilson, will be performed. Creatively, Wilson composed wording from the Declaration of Independence to music.

Returning for his third season, Artistic Director Dakota (Cody) Cone says he enjoys working with the members of the Chorale each week, following his days of teaching choral music to middle and high school students in Moultrie. He continues to find music to enlighten and challenge the group as he selects the music for each performance.

Cone reminds the group at rehearsal how fortunate they are to have Meri Beth Hillard at the piano. Hillard has accompanied the Albany Chorale for many years, and laughs when she thinks of how long it has been.

"Close to 20," she says, surprising herself at the thought.

The Albany Chorale is a true community chorus, not affiliated with an educational institution or church. Alicia Jackson, a retired Albany State University educator, sings in the tenor section and describes her fellow singers as "a mix of untrained and professional performers who like to sing."

It's true, the Albany Chorale does not require auditions and welcomes singers ages 16 and up.

Jackson quickly added, "What we have in common is making beautiful music together."

Not all members can participate for as many years as Hillard, but the times that they are involved singing and working together on the music forms lasting personal connections among the members.

The Albany Chorale will dedicate this October concert to the memory of former bass section member Tom McGinley, who passed away in September after a brief illness.

"Tom would have loved this concert music choices because he was a real patriot," remembers Dennis Williams, the current Albany Chorale president. "We will miss him."

There is no admission fee to attend the concert; however, at the October performance the Albany Chorale collects donations at the door to fund its annual scholarship for local high school seniors. Last May, the Chorale presented $1,000 to Lee County student Jonah Burroughs who is now attending Albany State University.

The Albany Chorale relies on program ads and sponsorship to support the seasonal expenses and help keep the concerts free and available to everyone.

Once this concert is over, rehearsals begin for the December performance and a guest appearance with other choirs at the Albany Symphony's Peppermint Pops. The season schedule and other chorale information, including scholarship applications and sponsorship opportunities, can be found at www.albanychorale.org.

The Oct. 22 concert will begin at 7 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2126 E. Edgewater Drive, in Albany.



Special Photo: Albany Chorale

The Albany Chorale opens its 2026-27 season Oct. 22 at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Albany with its "Freedom and Revolution" performance.

Westover student selected to serve on state Student Advisory Council

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ALBANY -- Eleventh-grade Westover High School student Kody Taylor was selected recently by State Superintendent of Schools Richard Woods to serve on the state Student Advisory Council for the 2026-2027 school year..

Woods selected 85 Georgia students from 1,427 applicants to serve on his 2026-2027 Student Advisory Council. Throughout the school year, council members will meet with Woods to share their experiences, discuss education-related issues, and provide feedback on how state policies affect students.

Council members also serve as ambassadors for the superintendent and complete service projects benefiting their schools and communities. These projects give students opportunities to put their ideas into action, develop leadership skills, and address needs they see around them.

Georgia students in grades 10-12 were encouraged to apply. The application included several short essay prompts that allow students to share their experiences, ideas, and recommendations for strengthening public education.

Georgia Department of Education staff reviewed applications and selected council members based on the quality and thoughtfulness of their essay responses. Essays address a range of education topics, including curriculum and graduation requirements, statewide assessments, teacher recruitment and retention, school safety, student well-being, literacy, and access to educational opportunities across Georgia.



Special Photo

Eleventh-grade Westover High School student Kody Taylor, shown with Westover Principal William Chunn, was selected recently by State Superintendent of Schools Richard Woods to serve on the state Student Advisory Council for the 2026-2027 school year..

The Student Advisory Council includes students representing each of Georgia's Regional Educational Service Agency regions, as well as a variety of schools and communities across the state. GaDOE officials say they strive to build a council that reflects the experiences and perspectives of students from across Georgia while selecting members based on the strength of their applications.

"I look forward to getting to know this year's council members, hearing their ideas, and working together to strengthen educational opportunities across Georgia."

Only 85 Georgia students were selected from the 1,427 applicants statewide.



Special Photo

Nominated through UGA Extension, Macon County dairy producer Pete Gelber was named the 2026 Georgia Farmer of the Year for his leadership, innovation and commitment to sustainable agriculture.

Georgia Farmer of the Year Pete Gelber recognized for dairy innovation, leadership

By Emily Cabrera
UGA/CAES

Macon County dairy producer Pete Gelber has been named the 2026 Georgia Farmer of the Year, recognizing his decades of innovation, stewardship and leadership in Georgia's dairy industry.

Gelber co-owns and operates Barrington Dairy near Montezuma with his wife, Elisabeth Reid; his son, Richard Gelber; and his business partner, Andre Coen. Home to more than 15,000 cows, the operation employs approximately 200 people, making the dairy both a major agricultural operation and an important source of jobs in the surrounding community.

Since 1990, the Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year program has recognized outstanding agricultural producers from across the region.

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension coordinates Georgia's selection, with county Extension agents nominating farmers who demonstrate excellence in agriculture and leadership in their communities.

"Mr. Pete is a pioneer in his field," Madison Luke, UGA Extension county coordinator and Agriculture and Natural Resources agent in Macon County, who nominated Gelber for the honor, said. "He moved here from New York and chose the area because it is such a strong farming community with good land. He's since built a state-of-the-art facility where he focuses on sustainability while maximizing yields and reducing inputs."

Gelber first discovered dairy farming far from the large-scale operation he runs today. Growing up in the Bronx, he spent summers near a dairy farm in upstate New York, where an early interest in the industry took hold. He went on to study animal science at Cornell University and build a career in dairy production before moving to Macon County in 2007.

Today, Barrington Dairy integrates milk production with crop production across more than 10,000 acres. Crops grown on the farm supply feed for the dairy herd, while manure is stored and applied to fields as a nutrient source, helping to reduce fertilizer inputs. In addition, the dairy's investments in herd genetics, animal health, irrigation, and other technologies support the operation's focus on productivity and efficiency.

Lawton Stewart, assistant dean for Extension in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, said Gelber was selected for the operation's sustainability practices, high standards for herd health and commitment to employees.

"Barrington Dairy is an incredible operation, and seeing how every piece of the farm fits together is remarkable," Stewart said. "Pete truly cares about his people, the comfort of his herd, and the sustainability of the land he farms."

Committed to service and creating opportunities for others to learn, Gelber hosts farm tours and educational visits, provides internships for students, and serves the dairy industry through statewide leadership roles. He also supports UGA Extension's Georgia 4-H and the National FFA Organization, youth development programs that help prepare young people for leadership and careers in agriculture.

As Georgia Farmer of the Year, Gelber will represent the state in the Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year program. State winners from across the Southeast will be recognized during the Farmer of the Year luncheon on Oct. 20 at the 2026 Sunbelt Ag Expo in Moultrie, where the regional winner will be announced.

Phoebe Sumter nurse honored with DAISY award

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AMERICUS – Phoebe Sumter Medical Center recognized RN Whitley Perkins of the hospital's Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and Postpartum unit, as the fall recipient of the DAISY award, a national recognition honoring nurses who demonstrate extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care.

Whitley was nominated by multiple patients and family members who described the difference she made during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. Across every nomination, the same themes emerged: attentiveness, clear communication and genuine compassion.

One patient who needed a C-section said Whitley "made such a difference" in her experience from beginning to end. When it was time for the patient's epidural injection, Whitley stood directly in front of her, held her hands and talked her through the procedure.

"In such a vulnerable and scary moment, having her there made me feel safe and cared for," the nominator wrote. "I never once had to wonder where my nurse was or whether I would be able to get help when I needed it. Whitley was consistently in and out of my room after surgery, checking on me, making sure I was comfortable, answering my questions and explaining what was happening and what to expect.

"There are so many things about the day my daughter was born that I will always remember, and Whitley is genuinely one of them. She took what could have been an overwhelming and frightening experience and made me feel supported, reassured,and cared for every step of the way. She is exactly the kind of nurse every patient hopes to have during one of the biggest and most vulnerable moments in their life."

Another new mother said that Perkins prepped her for labor and returned the next day to care for her after delivery.

"She has been the best postpartum nurse," the nominator wrote. "She came every time I called, helped me clean up, and reassured me through every process. She also explained every medication before distributing it to me. I recommend Whitley every single time."

A family member described how Perkins treated their family "with kindness, patience and compassion," making sure her sister was heard and comfortable and easing her fears whenever she felt uneasy.

A fourth nominator noted that Perkins came in right away any time her daughter called, explained every medication before giving it and completed her rounding and bedside report.

"Whitley exemplifies what it means to put patients first," Phoebe Sumter Chief Nursing Officer & Chief Operating Officer Kelsey Reed said.

Seventeen other nurses that were nominated along with Perkins, and all were recognized during the presentation. Those receiving honorable mention included:



Special Photo: Phoebe

Phoebe Sumter Medical Center recognized RN Whitley Perkins of the hospital's Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and Postpartum unit, as the fall recipient of the DAISY award.

Acute Care 1: Sheketta Wakefield, Johnny Walker, Kori Hembree

Acute Care 2: Lori Brooks, Donna Brown, Amanda Cannon, Shacara Hawkins

Intensive Care Unit: Kim Barnes, Carrie Hawkins

Emergency Center: Bryson Langford

Outpatient Surgery: Meg Usrey, Kathy Wimberly, Leslie Thompson, Lisa Adkins, Tara Phillips, Terri Maxwell

SATURDAY SQUAWKBOX

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Bookman is right: The public supports full Medicaid expansion, and we cannot trust the Republicans to do that. The future of healthcare in Georgia is too important to waste.

You can't teach ambition.You either wake up hungry or you don't.

Think: If those $9M gyms had been finished, hundreds of thousands more been given to United Way and for virtual tours, police supervised every apartment on every street, and aka "Look Out Again LLC" provided another $2M to renovate downtown pigeon coop condominiums, had Albany really been "'Puttin' up the Ritz," the woman at the Dawson Road apartment complex would have never been shot. Let's get this right, people.

Seems some want us to accept that church and state are not to be considered separate as noted in the Constitution and founding of the country. Yet, the same people will become violent in their speech when pastors endorse candidates of their choice while in church. So which is it?

Keisha Lance Bottoms said Rick Jackson distanced himself from President Trump. So what? Many Republicans are distancing themselves from Trump. Just like the Democrats distanced themselves from Joe Biden and some Democrats today are distancing themselves from Kamala Harris. There is nothing abnormal or illegal about that.

Lord, deliver us from the anger that we see in everyone from our moronic president down to the young children who have not been taught any better.

Stupid, ignorant, naïve, are not suitable descriptions for the doe crossing the street in front of my car in this dead of morning dark. Such terms are reserved for the woman dressed head to toe in black crossing Gillonville Road at ASU West a moment later. They do hold in common, however designations, of perilous and casualty, of which the rest of us fall victim. Truly a Forest Gump(er) moment.

Sorry, faithful Bulldog fans, that was interference in the end zone. Alabama got hosed, and you are all celebrating this inequity. Whatever happened to wanting to win a game "the right way?"

OK,, here goes one more time: The APD is not soft on crime. They will and do arrest perpetrators of crimes based on evidence. The DA gets an indictment then prosecutes the crime in court. A jury or a judge determines, based on the evidence presented, the guilt or innocence of the defendant. The judge then either releases or sentences accordingly. That is the system. Sometimes it works; sometimes it does not. And even if APD had the staffing to sit at every intersection in the city, would/could you be willing to pay the tab for that?

All those Lee County voters who abandoned the homes of their childhood so they could enjoy "an amazing school system" are realizing today what a mean one karma can be. That amazing school system is jacking up your tax bill by 3 mills ... and, folks, that's Dougherty County Commission level. Sounds like there is no joy in Mudville these days.

Facebook post: "We have reached the 'normalized public execution' stage of fascism." I would add that the man may deserve the death penalty, but this is not normal. My God, what have we become? That Man Without a Family

COLUMNIST ■ MICHAEL FERGUSON II:

Southwest Georgia, let's rally behind one of our own

Greetings, southwest Georgia. In a previous column, I shared my vision of what southwest Georgia could accomplish if we approached community engagement with the same enthusiasm, resources and determination we demonstrate during political campaigns.

Our ability to organize, communicate and mobilize around individuals and causes we believe in is well-established. I have long maintained that this collective influence should extend beyond politics to advancing the aspirations of individuals within our own communities.

Recently, an opportunity to put that principle into practice caught my attention.

Like many of us from my era, I continue to view social media as complementary to traditional print media, although I recognize its tremendous ability to connect people, expand audiences and create opportunities that would have been difficult to imagine a generation ago.

While browsing Facebook, I encountered a young man participating in a competition associated with nationally recognized television and radio personality Ryan Seacrest. His presentation prompted me to reach out, and during our exchange, I discovered that he was one of my former "Southside students" from a period when I served as a long-term substitute teacher.

One of the pleasures of growing older is encountering young people we once knew as children and witnessing the adults they have become. Over the years, former students have approached me in public, introducing their significant others and children while sharing stories about their lives. There is a particular satisfaction in seeing another generation establish itself and pursue opportunities of its own.



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That young man I encountered is Devin Williams, known throughout southwest Georgia and on social media as First Class Gentleman. Through digital media, business promotions and community engagement, Devin has established a recognizable presence while demonstrating how emerging communication platforms can be used to cultivate professional relationships, develop opportunities and maintain meaningful connections to one's community.

He is now competing in the Top Host competition, where the grand prize includes $25,000, the opportunity to host a six-episode podcast produced by iHeartRadio and a guest appearance on "On Air with Ryan Seacrest."

I would like to see this become a cross-generational effort involving families, educators, businesses and community organizations throughout the region. Grandparents can enlist their grandchildren, many of whom are more familiar with navigating digital platforms, while parents can encourage their children to participate and appreciate the importance of supporting individuals pursuing their ambitions.

I would also extend an invitation to our educational institutions. Superintendent Kenneth Dyer, I encourage the Dougherty County School System to consider distributing an email to educators, staff and families informing them of this opportunity.

Devin's participation offers an opportunity to translate that sentiment into action without requiring a substantial commitment of time or money. Voting is simple. Visit https://tophost.org/2026/devin-williams to access Devin's official contestant profile. Supporters may cast one free vote every 24 hours after completing the required verification process. Additional votes are available through donations benefiting the Ryan Seacrest Foundation, which supports creative and entertainment opportunities for hospitalized children.

The first elimination round concludes Thursday, making timely participation important. Southwest Georgia possesses an extensive network of families, churches, educational institutions, businesses and civic organizations. Although our political, social and economic perspectives may differ, our shared interest in the success of this region provides common ground upon which we can act.

I encourage readers to support Devin and share his competition profile with family, friends, colleagues and others throughout southwest Georgia. Our combined networks have the potential to reach thousands, demonstrating how collective participation can create opportunities for individuals who might otherwise lack such exposure.

We frequently speak of investing in our communities and creating pathways for the next generation. Sometimes that investment begins by recognizing the ambitions of someone from our own backyard and making a collective effort to help that individual advance. Southwest Georgia, let us demonstrate that our influence extends beyond the political arena and that we are equally capable of rallying behind one of our own.

Devin, you've got my vote!

COLUMNIST ■ THOMAS KNAPP

Why I (kind of) support livestreaming the Nidal Hasan firing squad

On Oct. 9, U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced — during a podcast appearance rather that from a Pentagon podium — that the killing of mass shooter Nidal Hasan by military firing squad, scheduled for Dec. 3, will be livestreamed.

"We'll make sure that people are able to watch it, that it's public — because people need to understand that there's serious consequences for these types of things," Hegseth said.

By "these types of things," Hegseth presumably means Hasan's murder of 13 people (including a pregnant woman) and wounding of 32 in 2009.

I'm on record as opposing capital punishment because it's evil, cowardly, stupid, not an effective deterrent to criminal behavior, and the opposite of "limited government" (a government empowered to kill disarmed and helpless prisoners is a government beyond anything plausibly defined as limited).

In Hasan's case, my "unlimited government" objection doesn't apply.



KNAPP

As a U.S. Army officer, Hasan "freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion" agreed to make himself subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Article 118 of the UCMJ mandates the death penalty (or imprisonment for life) for premeditated murder. Therefore, the U.S. regime will be acting within the limits of its contract with Hasan.

I still oppose killing Hasan on the other grounds I mentioned, but I consider livestreaming that killing — which will happen whether I like it or not — potentially useful as a demonstration of character.

With a public execution, the U.S. regime will join an exclusive club currently comprised of Iran, Afghanistan, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, and the Islamic State's notional "caliphate."

Those aren't the only regimes with unlimited government. They're just the only regimes that publicly flaunt their unlimited nature by killing disarmed, helpless prisoners in full view of the serfs they rule.

I'm big on government transparency. Not on "good government" grounds, but because transparency makes it easier for people to figure out that there's no such thing as "good" political government.

Note the modifier "political."

Political government is the opposite of self-government. It's a claimed monopoly on the use of force by an organization that, absent public acceptance of a bunch of weasel wording, would otherwise be seen as (and actually is) an organized crime syndicate.

The U.S. government killing Hasan is no different in principle than the Gambino crime family's killing of Thomas DeSimone, sentenced to death for killing "made man" William Bentvena (both killings are portrayed, using other names, in the film Goodfellas).

Like DeSimone, Hasan's offense wasn't that he gunned down a bunch of people. It was that he gunned down the "wrong" people. If he'd killed a bunch of Iraqis or Afghans, he'd more likely have received a medal than a death sentence.

If the U.S. regime is going to kill Hasan (and it almost certainly will), I favor making a public spectacle of it.

"The people" who supposedly consent to be governed, and who buy the bullets and pay the salaries of the firing squad, should be shown what they're getting for their money and what club "their" government belongs to.

COLUMNIST ■ SCOTT LUDWIG

Giving up on that walk over Niagara Falls

Once upon a time I owned a treadmill. The plan was to run on it during inclement weather. But there wasn't any weather on earth that could ever be inclement enough to make me want to stay inside and actually use it.

Besides, I never thought of running on a treadmill as actually running because you didn't go anywhere.

So I ended up using the treadmill for the same reason as everyone else, which is to store laundry. Later I did what everyone else eventually does with their treadmill, which is donate it to Goodwill.

Now that I walk instead of run for cardiovascular exercise, I began noticing there were days when the weather was actually inclement enough to make me want to stay inside. Which is why I bought a walking pad. It's like a treadmill, only a lot less expensive and doesn't take up as much space. It's unlike a treadmill in that it gets used on a regular basis.

Usually, I pass the time using the walking mat watching television. To do that, I need access to two remotes: one for the television and the other to turn off the mat when I'm done walking. For as long as I've been using the mat, everything has been hunky-dory. Until today, that is.



LUDWIG

I should preface this by being up front and admitting that my balance is terrible.

Let me remind you: I have the balance of a Weeble. You may remember them by their advertising campaign, "Weebles wobble but they won't fall down." It describes me perfectly.

When I was young, I often dreamed of what it would be like to walk a tightrope across Niagara Falls. At this stage of my life, a good day is one that begins with getting both legs through my underwear without falling over. To accommodate my problems maintaining my balance, I hold onto the handlebar of the recumbent bicycle next to the walking mat with my left hand. That way, I can be like a Weeble and not fall down.

So that leaves my right hand free to control both remotes. At all times, I keep one remote in my hand and the other in my right pocket. That way I can swap them out as needed. But today, for the first time ever, I dropped one of the remotes on the floor.

Here's the dialogue that took place inside my head:

-- Cindy's not here to pick the remote up for me, so I'm going to have to do it myself.

-- I don't think I can do it while I'm walking and still maintain my balance.

-- So one possibility is to jump off the front of the mat.

-- Better yet, I could try to step off the back.

-- Or maybe the side.

--But then I might fall.

-- Which means I could break something. The television, maybe. Perhaps a bone or two.

-- And I'd hate to waste all that money I spent on dental work.

-- For the love of God, make up your mind!

I considered every possible option. For a very long time, in fact. Nineteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-four steps to be exact, according to the counter on the mat. I imagine the Wallendas spent less time getting up the courage to walk a tightrope over Niagara Falls.

I ultimately decided to take my life in my hands and jump off the front of the mat. According to my best guess, if I ended up falling I'd still stop a yard or so short of hitting the Samsung.

Therefore, my 19,735th step was actually more of a jump than a step. I was proud of myself for landing upright ... with both feet on the ground. I took a moment to relax and catch my breath, but that didn't last. That's because I startled Maisy, our dog, who was sleeping on her cushion nearby. At first, I thought she came barreling over to see if I was OK. It was actually because she thought I had a treat for her.

The so-where's-my-biscuit look on her face gave her away. In all the commotion, her legs got tangled up with mine, causing this Weeble to more than just wobble. Fortunately I didn't fall on Maisy. Thankfully nothing was broken ... other than the dream of ever walking a tightrope over Niagara Falls.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts."
Psalms 139:23

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

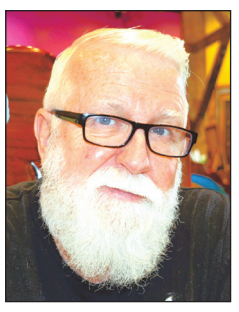
Mike Collins' nauseating political ad written for 4-year-old mentality

I wish that for just one time, you could stand inside my shoes. You'd know what a drag it is to see you.

-- Bob Dylan

Granddaughter Lizzy is a particularly bright child. So nothing she says is really that surprising.

Not even, when she heard her parents discussing politics recently and, with the mention of Sen. Jon Ossoff's name, said, "I know who Jon Ossoff is. He raises our taxes."



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Lizzy is 4, by the way. And while she is, as was noted, a particularly bright little one, she has no concept of taxes or how anyone raises or lowers them.

Like so many people these days, Lizzy's comments were based, obviously, on the ads that haunt TV viewers of all ages ... apparently even those who enjoy the likes of "Pepa Pig" and "Big City Greens."

When I've told that story to some people, they've said – unironically, I might add, "Now, that's a smart little girl," assuming one can only suppose that they think this precocious 4-year-old agrees with the misleading ad – that, I'll add, has run ad nauseum ... get it? ad naus ... never mind, since Mike Collins was chosen by state Republicans as best candidate out of what was a really really motley bunch, at best, to challenge Ossoff for his Senate seat.

To these people, I mildly ask, "Did you get that part where I said Lizzy is 4 years old? That she doesn't know a tax from a hobgobblin?"

And I usually throw in something like, "You can just about bet the farm that nobody with even a distant relationship with the Fletcher family is ever going to indicate Collins is a legitimate challenger for Ossoff because Collins is such a great son of Georgia."

(As an aside, I think it should be clarified that Ossoff didn't "vote to raise taxes" as that stupid, misleading, lie of an ad says. He voted against Trump's omnibus bill that included billions of dollars in mindless, partisan spending. Voting against a sickening bill like that is nowhere near "voting to raise taxes.")

There.

I'll proudly aver here that Ossoff is one of the few politicians – especially in Georgia – who has attempted to do what he was elected to do – you know, look after the needs of the citizens of the state? He's been on the side of righteousness in pretty much every vote he's made, and he's stood up for Georgians when many other state politicians in D.C. – especially Collins – have abandoned the state to do Donald Trump's bidding.

And, lest many of you aren't paying attention, which obviously you aren't, Collins has been an ardent supporter of the Trump policies that:

– have gas above $4 a gallon (it's under that now in Georgia, but only because the state has stopped collecting its gas tax share for a few days leading up to the midterm elections, after which it will return to the above-$4 level again ... talk about playing politics);

– have groceries so expensive families are cutting back on meals to try and stay afloat;

– have us in a needless war with Iran that has "ended" or "will end shortly" 19 times and counting while our warriors are at risk and we have to take out a loan to fill up our tank;

– have "beautiful" tariffs in place that are costing us even more;

– and so on and so forth.

That doesn't even take into account the fact that Collins has people on his staff and in his family who are white supremacists and promote as well as spread neo-Nazi propaganda.

And, yeah, I get it that many of you who would actually support this creep probably are closet supremacists yourselves and are proud to see one of your kind seeking a seat of power. Trust me when I say you deserve each other.

Funny thing about Lizzy's "Jon Ossoff and taxes" comment is that a great many "conservatives" who have a tendency to rant and rave about government – and many who contribute to this newspaper's Squawkbox feature – do the same thing as she did, using quotes from idiotic political ads as a basis for the pearls of wisdom they share.

But, again, I say, Lizzy's only 4 years old. It stands to reason that these damning ads were written with people at that mental level in mind.

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COLUMNIST ■ DAVID CARROLL

Just one more day with you

A few days ago, I was listening to a classic country music station, and a 2001 song by Diamond Rio came on. It's called, "One More Day."

"Last night I had a crazy dream, a wish was granted just for me. It could be for anything. I didn't ask for money, or a mansion in Malibu. I simply wished for one more day with you."



CARROLL

As great songs do, it unleashed a flood of memories. I thought about the passage of time, which seems to have accelerated lately. For many of us, our first 16 years seem to drip like molasses. Then from middle-age on, it's like a gnat in a hurricane.

It seems like I attended only a handful of funerals before I turned 40. In recent years, it has become a regular occurrence. I've reached the age where every day, many times a day, I find myself missing a family member or friend. When they passed, I often comforted a grieving relative by assuring them that the dearly departed will live on. How true that is.

I miss my grandfather, who without fail, gifted me on my birthday with a handwritten poem on a greeting card. He also taped dimes to the card, one for each year of my life. For example, when I turned 10, there were 10 dimes inside. Since he lived to be 94, those cards eventually were weighted down with 30-something dimes. What an unforgettable tradition. If he were around today, I could buy a Happy Meal, plus dessert, with all of those birthday dimes.

I miss my mother, who greeted me with a smile even in her dying days, in the depths of dementia.You never forget the look of love.

I miss my father, who could out-work anyone and was honest to a fault. He wanted my life to be easier than his. It is, or at least it was, until he died. I sure do miss his fix-it skills.

I miss my oldest sister, who always welcomed me into her home. She had a big heart, and although she had no children of her own, she was a mother hen to many.

I miss my brother-in-law, who helped mend my other sister's family during a rough time. Some folks are just natural healers.

I miss the radio station owner who gave me my first job, while I was still a teen. Back then, he seemed like a cranky curmudgeon. I now realize he was a wealth of knowledge. I wish I had asked him more questions.

I miss the many media colleagues and friends I've lost in recent years. They were truly close personal friends who taught me the importance of appreciating our listeners, our viewers and our readers.

I miss my best friend, who died three years ago. He was the brother I never had; you know, that person you could call on a moment's notice, to share a stupid joke? The person you could lose contact with for six months, and then pick up right where you left off? He was that person. And he has proven to be irreplaceable.

I even miss people I never actually met. Like the Sunday morning TV host who taught me that I could deliver the news without shouting, gesturing, or trying to raise anyone's blood pressure. I never got to tell him, but he made me a far better communicator.

I miss the baseball team manager who died earlier this year. He was always encouraging. "Let's go, Jonesy! Way to go, Smoltzie!" His players knew he would stand up for them, and they never wanted to disappoint him. We all need someone like that in our lives.

I miss my co-worker, also a TV news anchor, who encouraged me to write books, which led to a weekly newspaper column. I also miss his sense of humor, which apparently rubbed off on me.

There are many more, of course, including uncles, aunts, and in-laws. Like Diamond Rio, I would tell them all, "I'd hold you every second, and say a million I love you's. That's what I'd do with one more day with you."

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Many in Georgia opt for 'or' when making vital decisions

As the costs of essentials like housing, healthcare and utilities continue to rise, tradeoffs soon follow. For some, that means waiting for an item to go on sale rather than buying it when we want. For others though, the choice is more dire. The options are food or medicine, groceries or the power bill.

"Or" becomes the operative decision, with "and" fading into memory. For the millions across the country and in Georgia, "or" will become a harder decision, one forced by those in power who don't have to choose.

In a nation with vast stores of wealth, and in a state that runs on agriculture, hunger is about to become an even sharper reality. For families living on the edge, the fragile safety net that kept kids fed after school has been slashed. Seniors bound by fixed incomes and limited options will wait longer between meals. People with disabilities, long forced to suffer on marginal assistance, will be condemned to a labyrinth of unnavigable options simply to feed themselves.

Working families, the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as a third of single mothers in our state currently receive SNAP benefits. About half of all Georgia SNAP recipients are children. And all will be told to get by on even less.

The 2025 Republican tax and budget bill gutted funding for SNAP. Not due to a lack of money but due to a moral calculus that valued these lives as less than. The billions snatched away from hungry families will fuel a historic transfer of wealth to the richest Americans. Congressional Republicans, urged on by President Trump and lauded by GOP governors, shifted the burden from a federal program that shared the burden to states groaning under rising energy costs and a sluggish economy.

States funded by your taxes will now finance wealthy retirees with second homes at the expense of the 80-year-old who must still work at Walmart to keep food on the table. They cynically timed cruel SNAP cuts are to take effect on the first of this month, just as we enter the holiday season. Here in Georgia, our share of the shift in costs amounts to roughly $46 million.

To be clear, this price tag buys nothing new. Instead, Georgia taxpayers will be shelling out this money from the state's wallet just to keep SNAP running. None of those funds go to people trying to feed their families. And all of it will come from us, while the rich watch their money make more money.

Economic prosperity is a cornerstone of personal liberty -- financial stability has a direct connection to higher achievement and lower crime rates. But I vigorously oppose forcing those who labor for their daily bread to finance the whims of those who abdicate responsibility for the least of these. Especially when we know things are likely to get even worse.

Already, Georgians have been feeling the impacts of changes to SNAP. From the passage of the budget bill to data collected in June, SNAP enrollment in Georgia has fallen by about 19%. More than 282,000 people in our state are going without food assistance. I, like many others, don't believe that more than a quarter of a million people suddenly won the lottery, but Georgia refuses to explain what happened to those in need. Because unlike a number of states, Georgia's Republican leaders refuse to release information about disenrollment.

This lack of clarity and transparency renders accountability impossible -- we don't know who's going hungry or why. We have no idea how many of those people left the state, passed away, no longer needed food assistance, or were removed from the program due to administrative error. The reasons matter.

Because we can't solve the problem of hunger or administrative management without those in charge showing their work. The sleight of hand used by the tax bill was to peg cuts and costs to administrative metrics, which means the only way to improve SNAP is to improve our error rates.

The budget bill was written to delay implementation, and the drafters made the mechanism difficult to understand, by design. When people don't know how or when a policy will impact them, voters have a harder time holding the legislators accountable. This is particularly galling because the cruel cuts to SNAP came alongside eviscerating Medicaid and canceling subsidies for the Affordable Care Act. Under this administration, with state Republican leaders egging them on, meanness isn't a byproduct -- it's the mission.

But you needn't be impoverished in Georgia to feel the effects. Terrible policy across healthcare, housing, food assistance and childcare has created skyrocketing costs for people who even two years ago were able to make ends meet and have a bit left over. In a state where poverty and prosperity are separated by a few paychecks, the difference matters.

Every time there are cuts or delays to SNAP, visits to food banks surge, and in every economic downturn, the numbers increase. Now that many Americans' finances are stretched thin by an endless, pointless war that is raising the cost of diesel fuel for trucks shipping food and the price of gasoline for cars, money that could buy food is growing more precious. And the pain is rippling out to suburbs and center cities, to families who never had to think about tradeoffs like this.

But the solution isn't simply outrage or blame. When we talk about solutions to the SNAP crisis and how we keep our neighbors fed, our tendency is to talk about individual action. We urge others to support local food banks however we can. That's never a wrong action to take, and it's an important way to strengthen our communities. But the antidote to bad policy isn't more individual responsibility; the antidote is better policy that works for all of us.

Feeding people in need is a service governments can and should provide. We deserve better than leaders who break essential services and then claim they don't work. We deserve leaders who don't hide from the policies they enact. We have a right to expect that the government will work to solve big problems like hunger in America. Next month when we head to the polls, we have an opportunity to send a clear message: We deserve leaders who want to fix problems instead of create them. And if they won't, they no longer deserve the job.

Georgia shatters record for first-day early vote

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ATLANTA – Georgians came to the polls in droves on the first day of early voting, breaking the midterm election early voting record with more than 188,600 ballots cast, an increase of more than 53,000 voters over the 2022 midterm election.

"This record-breaking turnout proves that voters have confidence in the integrity of our elections," Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said. "It's a testament to our strong election system overseen by 159 of the best county election officials in the country."



File Photo
Georgians had a record turnout on the first day of early voting.

On the first day of early voting for the midterm election, more than 188,667 Georgians cast their ballots early, in-person. In comparison, in 2022, 134,962 Georgians voted early, in-person, a 40% increase. In the 2018 midterm election, 70,849 Georgians voted on the first day of in-person early voting.

In addition to in-person ballots, 10,267 absentee ballots have been accepted.

To find early voting locations and hours in a specific county, visit the Secretary of State's My Voter Page at https://mvp.sos.ga.gov.

To view the most current turnout reported, view the Data Hub at https://sos.ga.gov/page/election-data-hub-unofficial-turnout.

Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child drop-off locations to open in November

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Volunteers are preparing to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts during National Collection Week Nov. 16-23. Nearly 5,000 drop-off locations will open across the country in November, and shoebox packers can find their local drop-off locations across Georgia.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Operation Christmas Child hopes to reach 12.8 million children in 2026.

Shoebox packing is fun for individuals, families and groups. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Participants can donate $10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.



Special Photo
Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need all over the world.

"Shoebox gifts may seem simple, but they have an eternal impact," the president of Samaritan's Purse said. "Each box is an opportunity to tell a boy or girl in need about the true meaning of Christmas."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, officials with the organization said.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 175 countries and territories.



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The Social Security Administration announced on Wednesday that recipients will receive a 3.6% increase in benefits in 2027.

Social Security benefits to increase by 3.6% in 2027

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WASHINGTON — The Social Security Administration announced on Wednesday that recipients will receive a 3.6% increase in benefits in 2027.

The cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, will begin for 72 million Social Security beneficiaries in January. It will apply for Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, recipients beginning on Dec. 31.

Some individuals receive both types of benefits. SSI provides payments to 7.3 million people with limited income and resources.

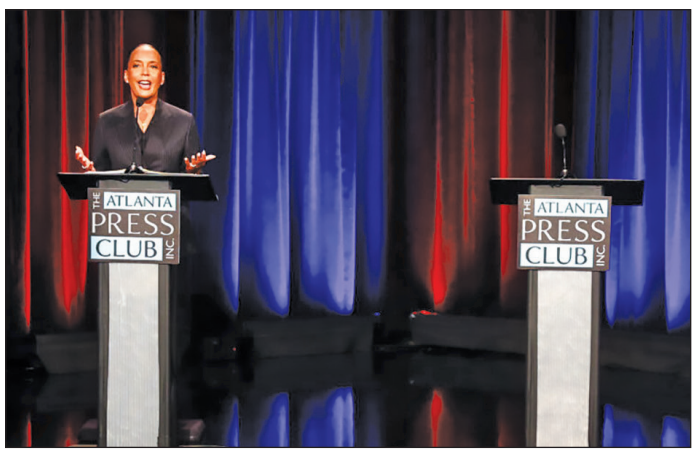
The COLA is based on continuing inflation, as recorded in the Consumer Price Index from the third quarter of 2025 through the third quarter of 2026.

On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about $75 a month, the agency said.

Tax rates to fund the program will stay virtually unchanged, at 6.2% of income up to a certain amount. The cap will increase slightly from $184,500 this year to $192,300 in 2027.

Social Security is facing a shortfall, with payments to recipients outpacing tax collections.

Without congressional action, that will mean benefits will automatically begin to decrease in 2032. Candidates in key U.S. Senate races this year, whose six-year terms would mean they'll be in office when the benefits cliff arrives, have stayed relatively quiet on the issue.



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Keisha Lance Bottoms used Rick Jackson's absence from an Atlanta Press Club debate to claim her opponent believed that women who are victims of rape should have to prove it before they can qualify for an exemption from Georgia's ban on abortion.

Bottoms attacks Jackson over abortion at solo debate

By Ty Tagami
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ATLANTA — Democrat Keisha Lance Bottoms attacked her Republican gubernatorial opponent, Rick Jackson, on data centers, fuel costs and abortion when he skipped what would have been their final debate Monday night.

Bottoms used Jackson's absence from the Atlanta Press Club event to claim her opponent believed that women who are victims of rape should have to prove it before they can qualify for an exemption from Georgia's ban on abortion after fetal cardiac activity is detected, typically six weeks into pregnancy.

Bottoms used the portion of the debate when candidates are allowed to ask each other questions to say, "If he were here, I would ask, how do you prove that you have been raped in order to get an abortion?"

Bottoms alleged that the wealthy entrepreneur was flying on his private jet "rather than having to answer to the people of Georgia about this irresponsible position."

Bottoms apparently was referring to a June news report about an audio recording of Jackson at a campaign stop.

An attendee reportedly asked Jackson, who supports Georgia's anti-abortion law, about the law's exception for rape, according to a report about the recording by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Jackson reportedly responded, "You've still got life."

Jackson had indicated weeks ago that he would not participate in this latest installment of the long-running debate series, which was intended to give Georgia Public Broadcasting viewers a chance to watch nearly every statewide candidate think on their feet.

The only other candidate to decline an invitation was Fitz Johnson, the Republican running to unseat Democrat Peter Hubbard from the Public Service Commission.

Bottoms pledged to look for willing Republicans to help Democrats overturn Georgia's six-week abortion ban, though she said she hoped that "whole ballot energy" would result in her party taking control of the General Assembly.

Bottoms also attacked Jackson over his investments in the data center and oil refinery sectors.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Charles Payne (26-068) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting rezoning of an .64-acre parcel from C-6c (Transitional Business District, conditional) to C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use Business District) to operate a lodging facility for traveling nurses. The parcel is located at 1204 W. Third Ave. (000GG/00002/018). The owner of the property is Charles Payne. The applicant is Charles Payne. **Ward 3**

Rhema International Ministries (26-065) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting rezoning of a 9.34-acre parcel from M-1 (Light Industrial District) and R-2 (Single-Family Residential District) to C-2 (General Mixed-Use Business District) to operate a restaurant. The parcel is located at 1715 W. Oakridge (00238/00046/02G). The owner of the property is Rhema International Ministries. The applicant is Rhema International Ministries. **Ward 4**

Sam Farkas (26-071) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting rezoning of an .55-acre parcel from C-6c (Transitional Business District, conditional) to C-1 (Neighborhood Mixed Use Business District) to operate a lodging facility. The parcel is located at 1205 W Third Ave (0000G/00038/003). The owner of the property is Sam Farkas. The applicant is Sam Farkas. **Ward 3**

Jimmie C. Gardner (26-073) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting Special Approval to operate a Family Care Home to serve six clients approved by the Veterans Administration on an .6-acre parcel zoned R-3 (Single Family and Two- Family Residential District). The parcel is located at 1615 Cromartie Beach (0000K/00002/008). The owner of the property is Wayne Yesbick. The applicant is Jimmie C. Gardner. **Ward 1**

Jazmine Gilbert (26-074) has submitted an application to the Albany Dougherty Planning Commission requesting Special Approval to operate a Child Welfare Facility to serve four to six youth ages 6-18 years on a .3-acre parcel zoned R-2 (Single-Family Residential District). The property is at 221 Edison Drive (000II/00024/002). The owner of the property is Anita White. The applicant is Jazmine Gilbert. **Ward 1**

The Albany Dougherty Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this request on **Thursday, November 5, 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, November 17, 2026, at 8:30 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.

How Trump's gutting of the Endangered Species Act could hurt three iconic Georgia species

By Emily Jones
WABE/Grist

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court once billed the Endangered Species Act "the most comprehensive legislation for the preservation of endangered species ever enacted by any nation."

Federal protections have been key to saving nearly 300 U.S. species — including the bald eagle, American alligator, and grizzly bear — from extinction.The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is primarily responsible for implementing the law, evaluates species and lists them as "endangered" or "threatened." When a federal project or private development has the potential to harm a listed species or its habitat, project developers are required to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service or obtain a permit prior to construction.

For the last several decades, the interpretation of two words in particular — "take" and "harm" — have formed the backbone of the Nixon-era act. The law's prohibition of "taking" an animal criminalized any attempts to "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect" at-risk species. And its provision on "harm" ensured that degrading the habitat of a listed species could be penalized. These definitions have been key to the success of the law.

But that all changed last month when the Trump administration determined that razing the places where endangered or threatened species breed, feed, and shelter would no longer be subject to federal penalties. In a separate internal memo, the administration also reinterpreted the definition of "take," limiting it to instances of intentional killing of an endangered species. The administration contends the changes will correct past overreach.

"For years, federal agencies abused the ESA to obstruct lawful land use and burden

American families and businesses," Interior Secretary Doug Burgum said in a statement to the Associated Press.

Nearly two dozen attorneys general have sued over some of these changes.

Climate change is making matters worse, as species struggle to adapt to warming temperatures and changing ecosystems.

Below, we look at how three iconic Georgia species might fare as the regulatory framework that has kept them afloat is weakened.

North Atlantic right whales got their name perversely. Because they stick close to shore and to the surface, and float when killed, they were the "right whale" to hunt. So right that humans hunted them nearly to extinction before the practice was banned in th 1930s.

Though it's not always possible to determine the cause of death for a whale, research shows that the leading cause is human activity: Ships strike the whales, and fishing gear tangles them up, leading to injury and death. It happens often enough that North Atlantic right whales have been experiencing what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration calls an unusual mortality event since 2017, in which 43 have died, and 133 have been spotted injured or in



Special Photo
The red-cockaded woodpecker is one of the threatened species in Georgia that could see dire consequences due to recent rulings by the current administration in Washington.

poor health. About 380 whales remain, only 70 of which are breeding females.

Well before the latest changes to the Endangered Species Act, the Trump administration had already begun rolling back protections for right whales. In March,

NOAA announced plans to rescind ocean speed restrictions designed to reduce the risk of vessel strikes. The agency later declined to expand the whales' designated critical habitat to include their migratory route.

The administration will likely use its new definition of "take" to bolster those actions, Winders said. "Now they can point to this and say, 'Look, we can't have speed limits

under the law because it only applies to intentional direct activities.'"

Right whales are "particularly vulnerable" to the changes, Winders said, both because of their critically low population figures and because their primary causes of death are incidental takes.

Wildlife advocates with the Center for Biological Diversity and other organizations have been trying to get the eastern hellbender listed as endangered for more than a decade. In 2024, they came close. After Hurricane Helene felled trees and kicked up sediment, disturbing the sensitive salamander's habitat, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service finally proposed the hellbender for protection, with a decision expected at the end of 2025. But the decision never came. In fact, not a single endangered species has been listed since Trump took office.

The eastern hellbender has enjoyed state protection in places like New York and North Carolina, and isolated populations in Missouri are federally protected. It's considered "threatened" by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, its roughly 600 known historical populations have endured narrowing margins over the past few decades. More than 40% of those populations have vanished, and another 36% are in active decline.

The Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit in February, demanding the Fish and Wildlife Service complete its decision-making process. Since then, though, there's been no movement, with the next regulatory step listed as "to be determined," along with hundreds of other endangered species whose protections have been similarly delayed.

According to Michael Gangloff, who studies freshwater life at Appalachian State University, human development is the biggest threat to hellbenders. But, he said, they're also fighters.

"These things are tough, and the fact that they're still here, attests to their toughness," he said. "They're an ancient, ancient group of salamanders."

The Southeastern United States used to be a red-cockaded woodpecker's paradise, with longleaf pine forests stretching across much of the region. Unlike many other woodpeckers that hollow out dead trees to nest, these black-and-white-spotted birds live exclusively in the trunks of living pine trees. They spend months or years hollowing out a suitable cavity, and they prefer to do it in mature trees.

But finding suitable trees has become much harder than it was a century ago. Much of the South's longleaf pine forest was clear-cut for timber and replaced by faster-growing species of pine. Management practices vary, but commercial timber operations often cut and replant pines before the trees are mature enough for a red-cockaded woodpecker's liking, according to Joe Burnham, a wildlife biologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Development is booming in Georgia, with much of the state's forested land at risk of conversion to housing or more profitable forms of agriculture. The Trump administration's policy changes, particularly its new definition of "harm," could put red-cockaded woodpeckers at greater risk by removing protections for their habitat.

Still, red-cockaded woodpeckers have made substantial strides since their 1973

Endangered Species Act listing, thanks in large part to efforts to restore longleaf pine

habitat and transplant birds to suitable forests so they can re-establish themselves. In 2024, the federal Fish and Wildlife Service downlisted them from endangered to threatened. Despite the change, state- and region-level restoration efforts continue,

Burnham said, because the woodpeckers need them — as do the many other endangered and threatened species that rely on the same habitat, including gopher tortoises and indigo snakes.

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Public Health confirms new measles case, urges vaccination

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ATLANTA — The Georgia Department of Public Health has confirmed measles in an unvaccinated Macon County resident, bringing Georgia's 2026 total to 22 cases, compared to 10 cases in all of 2025.

The individual is isolating at home, and unvaccinated close contacts are quarantining. Although the individual has no known travel history, they had contact with a confirmed measles case from Pennsylvania, where an ongoing measles outbreak has surpassed 1,100 cases.

DPH is working to identify others who may have been exposed.

Measles is highly contagious and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.The virus can remain in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves. The MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine is the best protection against measles.

"The MMR vaccine is safe and effective. Measles spreads quickly, and vaccination now can help prevent further spread," State Epidemiologist Cherie Drenzek said. "One dose provides about 93% protection against measles, and two doses increase protection to about 97%."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends two doses of the MMR vaccine for children: the first at 12–15 months and the second at 4–6 years. Infants 6–11-months-old traveling internationally should receive an early dose before travel, followed by two additional doses after their first birthday. Parents should consult their healthcare provider with questions about vaccination.

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Vaccination also helps protect people who are too young or medically unable to receive the vaccine.

Measles symptoms typically appear 7-14 days after exposure but can take up to 21 days. Symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes, followed by a red rash that begins on the head and spreads to the rest of the body.

Anyone with measles symptoms should contact their healthcare provider immediately. Do not go to a doctor's office, hospital, or public health clinic without calling ahead to report symptoms. Healthcare providers who suspect measles should notify public health immediately.

For more information, log on to https://dph.georgia.gov.

Trick-riding duo brings another level of entertainment to ABAC Rodeo

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TIFTON — When the PCA Pro Rodeo returns to Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Nov. 13-14, the competition inside the arena won't be the only thing keeping fans on the edge of their seats.

Western Way Entertainment will bring a high-energy specialty act featuring trick riding, trick roping and mounted shooting to the ABAC Rodeo Arena as part of two nights of professional rodeo action.

Western Way Entertainment is a husband-and-wife duo featuring Shelby and Chance Danison, singer-songwriters and professional rodeo performers based in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. The pair met more than seven years ago while performing in a Wild West show and have since traveled across the country and internationally, entertaining audiences at rodeos, events and live productions.



Special Photo
Shelby Danison from Western Way Entertainment is scheduled to perform at the ABAC PCA Pro Rodeo Nov. 13-14.

Shelby Danison, originally from Marshfield, Mo., began her rodeo career at just 8 years old, singing the National Anthem on horseback. She has been trick riding professionally for more than nine years with her horse, Daisy, and has performed at both the Missouri and Tennessee locations of Dolly Parton's Stampede. Shelby also portrayed Annie Oakley in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show at Disneyland Paris in France.

Chance Danison, a Columbus, Ohio, native, is a third-generation calf-roper who grew up honing his skills on his family's farm just outside the city. In addition to rodeo, he is a Nashville-recorded country artist known for his song "Party Like Wade Sundell," which has surpassed 250,000 streams across platforms. Chance has performed in Nashville, Las Vegas during the NFR, and at rodeos and events nationwide. He will be trick-roping and mounted shooting on his 6-year-old horse, Jose Cuervo.

Together, the Danisons combine western tradition with modern entertainment for an unforgettable performance.

"We want the rodeo to be more than a great competition; we want it to be an experience for the entire family," ABAC President Tracy Brundage said. "Western Way Entertainment brings an incredible combination of talent, excitement and showmanship to the arena, and we think our community is going to love what Shelby and Chance bring to this year's event."

The PCA Pro Rodeo, produced by 3R Rodeo Company, returns to the ABAC Rodeo Arena Nov. 13-14 following a successful event last year. Fans can expect classic rodeo competition, including bull-riding, calf-roping and other events, along with specialty entertainment throughout the evening.

Gates open at 5 p.m. each night, followed by Mutton Bustin' at 6 p.m. and the PCA Pro Rodeo at 7:30 p.m. Participation in Mutton Bustin' is available for an additional fee.

The rodeo is part of "Stage Lights and Rodeo Nights," a weekend of entertainment at ABAC that begins Nov. 12 with country music star Tracy Lawrence at the John Hunt Auditorium and continues with two nights of rodeo action Nov. 13-14.

Vendors will also be available throughout the evening, with ABAC Dining and Catering providing concessions and the Stallion Shop offering ABAC and rodeo apparel.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Richard Moore (26-067) has submitted an application to the Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission requesting a variance to the Zoning Ordinance pursuant to Section 4-80, Variances. The request seeks to reduce the minimum side yard setback from 10 feet to 4 feet for adjacent parcels. The purpose of the variance is to construct an accessory structure on an existing concrete pad. The subject property is located at 2422 Liberty Expressway (Parcel No. 00174/00001/30C) and is zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential District). The property owner and the applicant are Richard Moore. **District 6**

The Albany Dougherty Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on these requests on **Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Government Center, 222 Pine Avenue, Room 100, Albany, GA. The Planning Commission will forward its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners based on information presented at the public meeting.

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

As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Dougherty County 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. Dougherty County 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.

Lady Trojans sweep Milton

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

LEESBURG — Ten innings. Five hits allowed. Twenty-three hits delivered. Two victories.

Not one Milton runner crossed home plate.

The second-ranked Lee County Lady Trojans did more than advance in the Class 6A state playoffs Wednesday afternoon. They issued a warning to everyone remaining in the bracket.

Lee County overwhelmed Milton 8-0 and 11-0, sweeping the best-of-three opening-round series without committing an error or allowing either game to reach the sixth inning.

"That was awesome pitching," first-year Lee County coach Hannah Spencer said. "Tina Benton and Reese Watkins combined for 10 shutout innings across the two games, allowing just five hits and striking out 13 batters."

Benton delivered the first punch.

The senior limited Milton to two hits over five innings in the opener, striking out four and walking two. Lee County backed her with 11 hits and broke open the game with a five-run third inning.

Brylyn Parsons ripped a two-run triple, Makinley Duke added a sacrifice fly, Mac Davis doubled home a run and Jaydynne Frisbee followed with an RBI double.

Kennady Patrick, Davis, Parsons and Benton collected two hits apiece. Patrick, Davis and Parsons each drove in two runs.

If Milton hoped for an opening in Game 2, Watkins quickly closed it.

The sophomore struck out nine and surrendered only three hits across five scoreless innings as Lee County completed the sweep with an 11-0 victory.

Davis put the Lady Trojans ahead with a two-run single in the first. Benton launched a solo home run to center in the third.

Then came the fifth inning.

Lee County sent six runs across and turned another competitive game into another early finish. An error opened the scoring before Jaylyn Purvis delivered a two-run single. Frisbee followed with a two-run homer to center, and Benton capped the outburst with an RBI double.

The home runs came from the second and eighth spots in the batting order, underscoring the problem Lee County creates for opposing pitchers: There is nowhere to hide.

"I'm loving our offensive depth," Spencer said. "We have nine hitters who can hit for power and find a way on base. Big home runs by Tina Benton in the two-hole and Jaydynne Frisbee down in the eight-hole of the lineup."

Izzy Evans, Porter Butler, Benton and Purvis collected two hits apiece in the second game. Frisbee, Benton and Purvis each drove in two runs.

Lee County's lineup did the damage, but its complete performance made the sweep overwhelming. The Lady Trojans committed no errors in either

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Staff Photo: Joe Whitfield

Lee County head coach Hannah Spencer gives Jaydenne Frisbee a high five as she rounds third base. Frisbee belted a two-run homer in the fifth inning of game two of a double hitter as the Lady Trojans swept Milton.

Anderson's big plays earn SIAC honor

Staff Reports
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ALBANY — Caleb Anderson did not need a pile of tackles to leave his fingerprints all over Albany State's Homecoming victory.

The junior linebacker made two plays that directly produced touchdowns in the Golden Rams' 51-0 rout of Lane College, earning Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Week honors.

Anderson, a Thomasville native and former Thomas County Central standout, blocked a punt in the end zone during Lane's third possession. Albany State teammate Ryder Flynn recovered the ball for a touchdown, helping the Golden Rams build an early lead they never threatened to surrender.

Anderson struck again with 9:19 remaining in the second quarter. He sacked Lane quarterback Crishon Overton and knocked the ball loose, allowing Evan Wynn to scoop it up and race 64 yards for another Albany State touchdown.

By then, the Golden Rams' defense and special teams had taken control of the afternoon.

Anderson finished with three tackles, including one for loss, a sack, a forced fumble and a blocked punt. He also helped prevent Lane from getting off another punt following a bad snap, with Joseph Hasan completing the play for a 13-yard loss and a turnover on downs.

The performance went well beyond Anderson's individual statistics.

Albany State limited Lane to 89 yards of total offense and minus-19 rushing yards. The Dragons carried the ball 23 times without producing a positive net total, while the Golden Rams' defense recorded a shutout and repeatedly supplied the offense with favorable field position.

The victory improved Albany State to 3-3 overall and 3-1 in SIAC play.

Anderson is in his first season with the Golden Rams after previously playing at the University of Pikeville. Through six games, he has recorded 10 tackles and forced two fumbles.

Before beginning his college career, Anderson played linebacker and running back at Thomas County Central. He was a member of the Yellow Jackets' 2023 state championship team and received the program's Breakout Player of the Year award following that season.

At Albany State, Anderson has found a role on a defense that appears to be gaining strength as the Golden Rams move deeper into their conference schedule.

His impact against Lane came at exactly the right time—and in three different ways. He pressured the quarterback, disrupted the punting game and helped turn two defensive opportunities into 14 points.

Albany State returns to the road Saturday for an important SIAC game against Tuskegee. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. Central, 3 p.m. Eastern, at Abbott Memorial Alumni Stadium.



Special Photo: Albany State University

Albany State linebacker Caleb Anderson was named SIAC Newcomer of the Week after his blocked punt and forced fumble helped the Golden Rams defeat Lane College 51-0 during the Rams' homecoming victory.

Sherwood girls run away with region title, boys second

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Marigrace Garcia-Simmons crossed the finish line first Wednesday morning.

Then Sherwood Christian seemed to own it.

The Southwest Georgia Academy standout won the individual region championship, but the Lady Eagles followed in waves, placing seven runners among the first 11 finishers to capture the team title on a postcard-perfect October morning at Legacy Park.

Garcia-Simmons completed the course in 20 minutes, 43.67 seconds. Sherwood's championship procession began immediately behind her.

Kaylee Hatcher finished second. Jordyn Ban was third. Sarah Postlewaite took fourth.

By the time Macy Hatcher crossed in eighth and McKenna Mingo followed in ninth, the Lady Eagles had all five scoring positions safely inside the top 10—and the region championship firmly in hand.

They still were not finished.

Sydney Dampler placed 10th, and Savannah Postlewait came home 11th. Seven of the first 11 runners wore Sherwood colors.

"We've been dealing with a lot of injuries, so our times are a little off," James Byrd, Sherwood's coach said. "The girls did a great job today. You can't be mad about that finish."

The Lady Eagles did not need one runner to win the race. They won it the way championship cross country teams often do: by keeping their pack together and leaving almost no room for anyone else near the front.

Southland Academy used a similar formula in the boys' race.

Brookwood's Nico Williams separated himself from the field to win the individual championship in 16:43.59, but Southland placed five runners among the first eight to claim the boys team title.

Southland's Jesus Soto finished second in 17:09.24. Sherwood's Natnael Russell was close behind, taking third in 17:28.76.

Sam Moorehead gave the Eagles another top-10 finish by placing sixth. KJ Bevel was 11th, while Raines Morton finished 16th and Tanner Mingo was 17th to complete Sherwood's scoring lineup.

Sherwood already knew catching Southland would be difficult. The task became even more daunting when the Eagles lost their No. 3 runner to a broken leg suffered while playing basketball three days before the meet.

"We knew the boys were going to have a tough battle because Southland has a really strong team," Byrd said. "We knew it was going to be tough before that, and then losing him three days before the region made it even more challenging."

Both Sherwood teams now have a little more than a week to prepare for the state championships in Macon.

The Lady Eagles should arrive as one of the teams capable of challenging for a state title. Repeating Wednesday's dominant pack finish, however, will require conquering a course far less forgiving than their familiar route at Legacy Park.

"There will be a lot more competition and there are a lot of hills," Kaylee Hatcher said. "It is tough, and it makes your legs cramp up."

Sarah Postlewaite believes the Lady Eagles can find another gear.

"I just hope we can run as well next week as we did today," she said, "maybe better."

That would be quite a sight.

On Wednesday, Sherwood did not produce the individual champion. It did something more important.

The Lady Eagles produced a championship team.

Seminoles seek rivalry reset at Miami

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Florida State's season has reached the point where rivalry and rescue arrive on the same Saturday night.

The Seminoles visit uneaten No. 3 Miami at 7 p.m. Saturday on ESPN, carrying a 3-3 record, an 11-game road losing streak and fresh scars from a 44-20 loss at Louisville.

Miami is 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the ACC. Florida State is 1-2 in conference play and searching for the consistency that has disappeared whenever trouble arrives.

"As we go on the road, you're playing one of the best teams in the country," FSU coach Mike Norvell said. "It's going to take a great effort. We need to see it for 60 minutes."

That was the missing ingredient at Louisville. FSU started well and reached halftime tied 14-14, but an empty red-zone possession, a 97-yard Louisville touchdown and a long kickoff return helped turn a competitive game into a rout.

The Seminoles cannot afford another snowball against Miami quarterback Darien Mensah, whom Norvell described as one of the nation's best. Mensah combines accuracy, timing and mobility with an ability to recognize and punish blitzes.

"He's tough to pressure," Norvell said. "He's good versus zone coverage, man coverage. He's been able to operate at a high level."

Florida State's best answer may be keeping Mensah on the sideline, and that makes former Lee County star Ousmane Kromah central to the upset bid.

The Leesburg native has rushed for at least 80 yards in all six games, joining only two other players nationally to accomplish that this season. His six-game streak matches the FSU record Warrick Dunn established in 1995.

Kromah has carried 100 times for 565 yards and five touchdowns. He added 88 rushing yards and caught four passes for 43 yards against Louisville, giving him 131 yards from scrimmage despite the loss.

Quarterback Ashton Daniels supplies the other half of FSU's ground attack. Daniels has rushed for 323 yards and 10 touchdowns, already setting the school's single-season record for rushing scores by a quarterback. He also has passed for 1,320 yards and eight touchdowns, though his seven interceptions could become costly against an opportunistic Miami defense.

Florida State must also repair a run defense that broke down at Louisville. The Seminoles average three sacks per game, but Norvell said too many players abandoned their assignments while attempting to make something happen.

"We want to be a defense that sets the edge," he said. "We're not doing that good enough."

Miami leads the series 37-33, although Florida State owns a 21-19 advantage in road games against the Hurricanes.

The Seminoles will need more than rivalry emotion to improve that mark. They need Kromah controlling the clock, Daniels protecting the football and a defense capable of answering adversity instead of being overwhelmed by it.

"I fully expect this team to rise up," Norvell said, "and perform at a very high level."

Saturday night would be an ideal time to prove it.



File Photo

Former Lee County standout Ousmane Kromah has become Florida State's most dependable runner, rushing for at least 80 yards in all six games entering Saturday's rivalry showdown at No. 3 Miami.

Dream chase first title against Valkyries

Media Reports

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Dream waited 13 years to return to the WNBA Finals.

The Golden State Valkyries needed only two.

Those vastly different journeys will arrive at the same destination Saturday afternoon when Atlanta and Golden State open the best-of-seven championship series at Chase Center in San Francisco.

Neither franchise has won a WNBA title. One will make history before this month is over.

For Atlanta, the opportunity has been a long time coming. The Dream reached the Finals in 2010, 2011 and 2013 but were swept each time. This will be the franchise's first championship appearance since that last run—and another chance to secure its first Finals victory.

Golden State has skipped the waiting line entirely.

The Valkyries reached the playoffs during their inaugural 2025 season, added nine victories this year and earned the No. 2 seed. After eliminating Dallas in the opening round, Golden State swept defending champion Las Vegas in the semifinals. No previous WNBA expansion franchise had reached the Finals in its second season.

Atlanta's postseason run has been even cleaner.

The fourth-seeded Dream swept Washington in the first round and defending 2024 champion New York in the semifinals. They enter the Finals 5-0 in the postseason after winning nine of their final 10 regular-season games.

That surge has come during Karl Smesko's second year as Atlanta's head coach. Smesko inherited a talented roster and built an offense around spacing, tempo and multiple scoring threats. His team can win with perimeter shooting, penetration or power around the basket.

Then Atlanta added Angel Reese and became considerably harder to handle.

The Dream acquired Reese from Chicago in April for first-round draft picks in 2027 and 2028. She rewarded that investment with a record-setting season, leading the league in rebounding and earning WNBA Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Reese was not the entire reason Atlanta reached this stage. But she supplied something the Dream needed: a relentless rebounder capable of changing possessions, defending multiple positions and giving the team an unmistakable edge.

She averaged 16.4 points and 12.1 rebounds during the regular season, joining an established core that already included Allisha Gray, Rhyne Howard and Jordin Canada.

That is what makes Atlanta dangerous. Stop one star and another is waiting.

Gray led the Dream with 19 points per game. Howard averaged 17.7 and remained one of the league's most dangerous 3-point shooters. Canada supplied 11.6 points and 7.3 assists while controlling the offense and applying pressure defensively.

Atlanta's biggest concern is whether all four will be available together.

Gray injured her left hand during the semifinal opener against New York and missed the remainder of the series. She underwent a minor procedure and is considered day-to-day entering Game 1.

Canada helped cover the loss, increasing her production to 19.2 points per game during the playoffs. Still, replacing Gray—Atlanta's leading regular-season scorer—is different from surviving without her for a couple of games.

Golden State presents an entirely different challenge.

The Valkyries do not lean on one dominant scorer. They overwhelm opponents with depth, physical defense and a collection of players comfortable taking the important shot.

Gabby Williams leads Golden State at 14.4 points per game. Janelle Salaün averages 12.7, while Veronica Burton contributes 12.2 points and 5.7 assists. Tiffany Hayes brings playoff experience off the bench, and Kayla Thornton and Kiah Stokes supply the rebounding and interior defense that make the Valkyries difficult to attack.

Golden State finished the regular season with the league's best defensive rating. Atlanta ranked third, then climbed to No. 1 during the playoffs. Both teams create turnovers, limit transition opportunities and force opponents to work deep into the shot clock.

This series may not be won by the team that executes the most spectacular plays. It could be decided by the one that survives the longest stretches when nothing comes easily.

Golden State already knows how to make Atlanta uncomfortable.

The Valkyries swept all three regular-season meetings, winning 77-66, 78-75 and 88-83. Williams averaged 19.3 points in those games and took over the fourth quarter of the second meeting, scoring 13 points to erase Atlanta's late advantage.

In the first meeting, Golden State made 15 3-pointers to Atlanta's four. In the finale, the Valkyries closed with an 8-0 run after trailing 77-74.

Those results give Golden State confidence. They do not guarantee anything.

The teams have not met since July 4. Atlanta has become more comfortable around Reese, found greater offensive balance and enters the Finals playing its best basketball of the season.



Special Photo: Brett Davis / Imagn Images

Atlanta Dream forward Angel Reese celebrates during the WNBA playoffs. The Dream will host Games 3 and 4 of the WNBA Finals at State Farm Arena next week.

The central question is whether the Dream can turn the matchup around.

Atlanta must keep Golden State from winning the 3-point line, control the boards through Reese and prevent the Valkyries from dictating a grinding half-court game. Golden State must contain Atlanta's collection of scorers, keep Reese away from the offensive glass and make the Dream earn every possession.

Then there is the venue.

Golden State will open the series inside a packed Chase Center, where the Valkyries have created one of the league's best home-court environments. Games 3 and 4 will move to State Farm Arena, giving Atlanta a much larger stage than its regular home at Gateway Center Arena.

The Dream have spent 13 years trying to get back here.

The Valkyries have spent two years acting as though they always belonged.

Now four victories separate one of them from a first championship.

Game 1: Atlanta at Golden State

Tipoff: 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Site: Chase Center, San Francisco

TV: NBC and Peacock

Georgia Bulldogs: Lucky vs. good

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Michael Lawson

Fathers are commonly known for a number of things: grilling, practical advice, accountability, working hard, terrible jokes, and witty "common folk" sayings are just a few. My father exhibited many of these, especially idioms and aphorisms when on a golf course. You see, he started the golf program at Byne Memorial High School in the 1990s, and through his leadership, our team went to six straight state championships, winning five of them. "The price of poker just went up, boys" was one of those sayings. This meant that a crucial moment was upon us. "They don't grade them, they score them." This usually meant a sloppy round that ended up winning. But the one that always got me was, "I'd rather be lucky than good". Never really understood this one. But it usually came after a terrible shot that ended up ok. The Georgia Bulldogs exhibited all of these in Tuscaloosa this past Saturday, especially that last one.

In a game that had the entire college football world watching, with storylines from hurricanes to previous epic battles to individual injuries, it had it all. Another war between two top-10 teams to decide who is identified as the number one team in the nation. Sound familiar? And it didn't disappoint.

First, let's speak to the caterwauling from the Bama fans about "missed calls". Yes, the game was atrociously officiated. Were there missed pass interference and facemask calls that went Georgia's way? Absolutely. Were they instrumental to helping Georgia win a three-point slobber-knocker under the lights at Bryant-Denny? Unequivocally. My response to those complaining about it is this: Nobody cares about your whining.

You know what else helped our Georgia Bulldogs win at Alabama Saturday? How about 455 total yards gained on oU'ense. How about rushing for 163 yards in the 2nd half? How about winning time of possession with 33:28 of ball control. How about a QB with an 81% completion percentage during the game? How about converting over 50% of third-down attempts? How about 10 different receivers with a catch, with 7 of them averaging over 10 yards per reception. How about holding Bama's dangerous and prolific offense to just three 2nd-half points? How about UGA's defense generating four sacks on that Quarterback. I have news for you: That ain't luck. That ain't the refs. That is just good football.

Now, was there luck involved? Uhh, most definitely. Four fumbles in one game, but recovering all of them? That's lucky. A missed field goal in the 4th quarter, but still winning? Kind of lucky. Doesn't happen often. A veteran Alabama defensive back openly punching a player with the clock running down? All of that is pretty lucky.

Reality is that Georgia went into that game down seven starters, including its top three running backs to start the season, top two wide receivers at the "X" position, and a number of defensive linemen, and found a way to win on the road, at night, in a very tough environment.

The lousy oU'iciating didn't begin that night, either. It is just the first time Alabama was a clear victim of it. There have been multiple times Bama was the beneficiary of terrible officiating, not the least of which was the phantom oU'sides call on Tyler Simmons when he blocked a punt in the 2018 national championship game that eU'ectively gave Alabama the game and title. In this particular game Saturday, film has shown at least five blatant "would-be" holding and facemask calls on Bama that the refs missed. In short, Georgia fans don't want to hear it.

And now that game is behind us. Next up is the 2026 version of the "Deep South's Oldest Rivalry" with Auburn coming to the Classic City. Georgia has owned this "rivalry" in the 21st century. Overall, UGA leads the series (66-56-8). In this century, the Dawgs have won 20 of 27 games and have a current win streak of nine games. Do Auburn fans "fear the other thumb" come Saturday?

A word of caution here, though. This is a dangerous game for Georgia. Coming out of an all-out physical war against Bama to have to turn around and play an Auburn team that is a little down recently is a recipe for a malaise disaster. It is the quintessential "let down" game where one team can't get up mentally or physically, or both, two weeks in a row, and the lesser of the two teams shows up on fire and lathered up looking for a kill shot. Auburn is coming off of a bye week. That's not nothing.

Was Georgia a little lucky to get a win in Tuscaloosa last week? Sure. But they were also good. Now we are about to see if this 2026 Georgia Bulldogs team has the markings of a great one. The ability to flush last week away mentally, practice effectively, get proper rehab physically, and play with urgency against a loathed and rested rival the very next week is something that not many teams can show. Only the great ones have that ability. Championship teams win this game.

As for the Bama game, as my Dad would say, "They don't grade 'em, they score 'em". They grade that one as an SEC road win. And I guess "I'd rather be lucky than good" is applicable.

As for this Auburn game, as my Dad would say, "The price of poker just went up, boys." is definitely applicable. This Auburn game is not just a conference game against a hated rival, although it is certainly that. It is also a test of what this 2026 Georgia team is made up of inside. Is it a team made of championship steel and fiber? Is it a team that loves the scoreboard, or do they love the process? Is it a team that can strain mentally, psychologically, and physically for two consecutive weeks and play winning football?

We'll see Saturday, "Between the Hedges". Let's hope our Georgia Bulldogs are both lucky and good again against Auburn.



File Photo

Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Penix Jr. watches from the sideline after suffering a rib injury against Baltimore Sunday. Penix practiced fully Wednesday and is expected to start Sunday against Chicago.

Falcons expect Penix back under center

Field Level Media

Quarterback availability and production will be the story for both sides when the Atlanta Falcons host the Chicago Bears on Sunday afternoon in a meeting between teams looking to flush disappointing outcomes.

Atlanta (2-3) squandered an opportunity for a third straight primetime victory on Sunday night, blowing a late lead en route to a 30-23 overtime loss to the Baltimore Ravens. Adding insult to injury was the overtime absence of quarterback Michael Penix Jr., who exited in the fourth quarter with a rib injury.

The oft-injured former eighth overall draft pick has led an offensive charge since making his season debut on Sept. 24. The Falcons didn't take a snap in the red zone through two games before Penix returned from a partially torn ACL.

Penix has thrown for 719 yards while helping Atlanta average more than 34 points per game since the team's disastrous start to the season. Thankfully for the Falcons, Penix, who practiced fully on Wednesday, is on track to start against Chicago, "as long as everything goes accordingly", head coach Kevin Stefanski told reporters.

On the other side, Stefanski and company still aren't entirely sure who they will face at quarterback. Chicago's Caleb Williams hasn't played since sustaining a Grade 2 right hamstring strain on Sept. 20. While Bears head coach Ben Johnson noted that Williams would be a full participant at the team's walkthrough on Wednesday, Atlanta wants to be ready for anyone that Chicago throws out on Sunday.

Since Williams' injury, Chicago (3-2) has gone with Case Keenum and Tyson Bagent in relief. The pair of backups combined to throw three interceptions in a 31-7 loss to rival Green Bay last week. Johnson has faith in his team to bounce back, regardless of who leads the team under center in Atlanta.

Chicago and Atlanta are the league's top two rushing offenses, having compiled 866 and 834 yards on the ground, respectively. Falcons star Bijan Robinson has been held to less than 100 all-purpose yards just once through five games, presenting a serious test for a Bears defense that ranks ninth with 96 rushing yards allowed per game.

Atlanta linebacker Divine Deablo (hamstring) and defensive end Za'Darius Smith (concussion/neck) were limited in Wednesday's practice, while cornerback C.J. Henderson (groin) was a nonparticipant.

For Chicago, linebackers T.J. Edwards (hamstring) and Keyshaun Elliott (quadricep) didn't practice. Running back Kyle Monangai (thumb/toe) and defensive lineman Dayo Odeyingbo (quadricep) were also sidelined.

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game, giving Benton and Watkins all the defensive support they needed.

The victories send Lee County into the Sweet 16, where the Lady Trojans will host Kell next Wednesday in Leesburg. Kell advanced by defeating Johns Creek 4-1 and 6-0.

The competition will become tougher. Spencer knows it. Her players know it.

They also understand that being ranked second does not produce a single postseason out.

"In the playoffs, we know it's a new season and rankings don't win you games," Spencer said. "We have to earn every inning, every run and every win."

Lee County earned everything Wednesday.

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Changing Seas

The oceans that help regulate Earth's climate are storing more heat, rising along coastlines and becoming increasingly acidic.

The European Union's *10th Copernicus Ocean State Report* says the seas absorbed about 40 times more heat in 2025 than all the energy humanity consumed that year.

Global sea levels are also rising faster, while ocean acidity has increased by about 17% over 40 years.

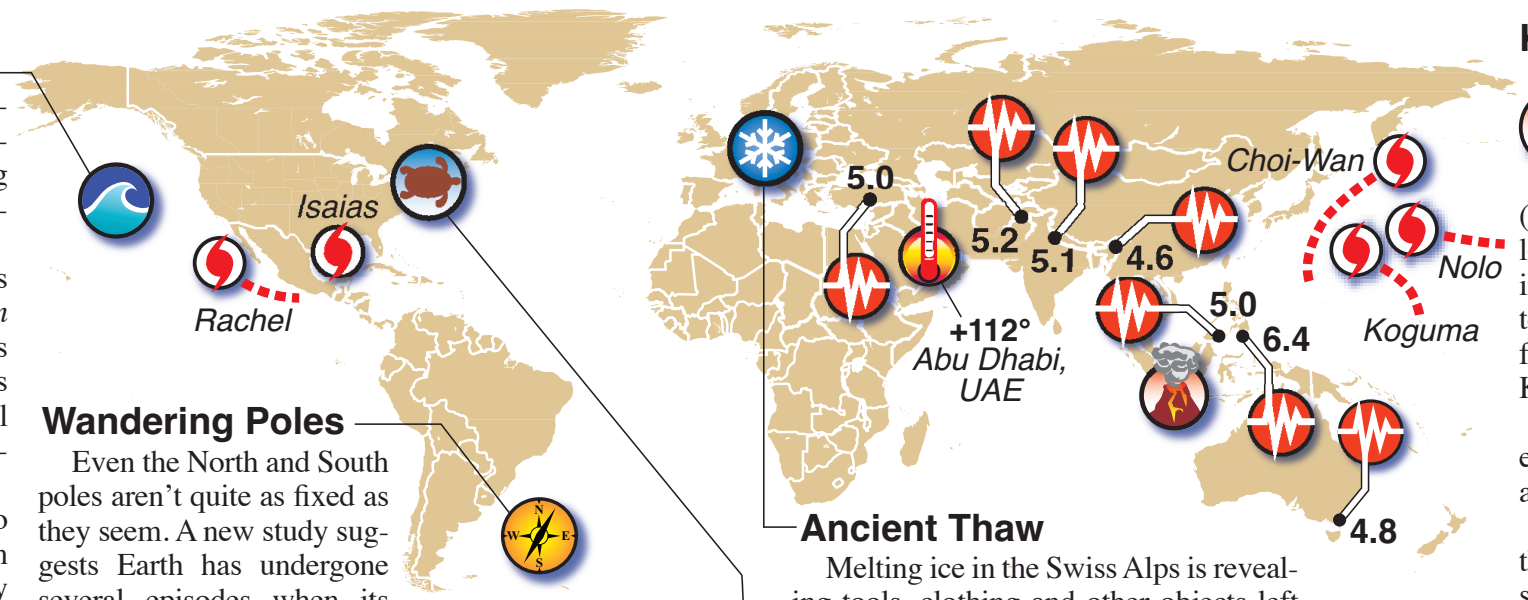
In the Mediterranean, warming waters pushed sea-level rise in some areas to more than twice the rate measured in the early 1990s.

Researchers say the changes threaten coral reefs, fisheries, coastal communities and infrastructure around the world.

Earthquakes

Parts of Australia's Victoria state were jolted by the strongest tremor in three years.

• Quakes were also felt in the far southern Philippines, northeastern Borneo, India's Assam state, northern India, northeastern Afghanistan and south-central Turkey.



Wandering Poles

Even the North and South poles aren't quite as fixed as they seem. A new study suggests Earth has undergone several episodes when its geographic poles shifted surprisingly rapidly.

The phenomenon, called true polar wander, occurs when Earth's crust and mantle move together relative to its spin axis — entirely separate from the wandering of the magnetic poles.

Instead of relying only on magnetic clues preserved in ancient rocks, researchers looked at changes in prehistoric sea levels.

They found a shifting rotation axis produces an unusual worldwide pattern in which seas rise in some regions while falling in others.

That fingerprint revealed four major episodes of rapid polar wander during the past 320 million years.

Better Than One

Workers at the Cape Wildlife Center on Cape Cod are caring for a baby turtle that arrived with twice the usual amount of curiosity looking out at the world.

The tiny diamondback terrapin has two fully formed heads sharing one body, a rare condition called bicephaly.

It weighed only 0.18 ounce when it was found at a protected nesting site in Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

Veterinarians are watching closely to see how the two heads coordinate while eating and moving.

So far, the threatened-species hatchling is otherwise behaving normally.

Ancient Thaw

Melting ice in the Swiss Alps is revealing tools, clothing and other objects left behind by people thousands of years ago.

The New York Times reports that archaeologist Romain Andenmatten recently found a 3-foot-long wooden plank that may be the matching half of a 2,500-year-old ski or snowshoe discovered at the same mountain pass three years earlier.

Other finds emerging from shrinking Alpine ice include ancient bowls, arrowheads, baskets and wooden objects that rarely survive elsewhere.



A two-headed terrapin found last month on Cape Cod in Massachussets sports a rich golden coloration. Photo: New England Wildlife Center

Krakatoa's Kids

Two new islands have appeared beside Indonesia's Anak Krakatau (Child of Krakatoa) following a 25-hour eruption in September. They are potentially the first new landforms to emerge within the Krakatau caldera since 1930.

Ash from the September eruption disrupted aviation around Java.

Satellite images show the new islands on opposite sides of the volcano, which itself expanded by almost 44,000 square feet as lava poured into the sea.

Scientists say the new islands could eventually disappear through erosion, as earlier islets did nearly a century ago.

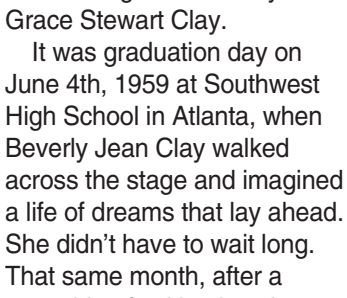
Tropical Cyclones

The Gulf Coast was on alert for the impending arrival of Hurricane Isaias.

• The western Pacific typhoon season remained extremely active, with Nolo, Choi-Wan and Koguma churning the ocean.

• Hurricane Rachel lost force off Baja California.

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Obituaries

Beverly Clay Hocutt

February 20, 1941 - October 2, 2026

Beverly Clay Hocutt, our dearly loved "Memaw", passed away peacefully at home on October 2, 2026.

As we mourn her loss, we also celebrate the love, joy, and generosity of a remarkable woman. We will remember her as a loving mother, a doting grandmother and a kind soul.

Beverly Jean Clay was born on February 20,1941 in Atlanta, the youngest of four children born to Eugene Lee Clay and Grace Stewart Clay.

It was graduation day on June 4th, 1959 at Southwest High School in Atlanta, when Beverly Jean Clay walked across the stage and imagined a life of dreams that lay ahead. She didn't have to wait long. That same month, after a courtship of writing love letters back and forth, she married Ralph Agrippa Hocutt Jr. and left Atlanta for Birmingham, Alabama.

She was shy and he was gregarious. She was a great cook and he was a great eater. For years, she would make his breakfast while he read her the morning paper. They were made for each other.

In their first three years of marriage, they had three children: Catherine Ann Hocutt, David Lee Hocutt and Rhonda Faye Hocutt. Motherhood became her expertise, and she tended to her family with great care, love and devotion.

After a move to St. Louis, the family settled in Albany in 1967, in a home Beverly loved and lived in for nearly 60 years. She enrolled in nursing school and became an L.P.N. caring for patients at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

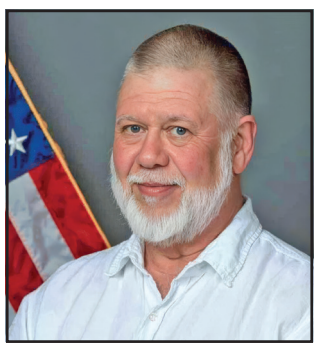
In 1992, she and Ralph had the joy of filling their empty nest with daughter Rhonda and oldest granddaughter Megan Piper. Beverly rejoiced in and embraced motherhood all over again.

She was blessed with three more grandchildren: William Isern, Hannah Cain (Coty) and Shayna Rix (Brandon). Megan White (Greg) gave her four great-grandchildren: Cooper, Amelia, Graham and Evelyn White.

Beverly loved gardening in her tree-filled yard, her dogs and the quiet solitude and wildlife of the mountains. For many years, she and Ralph spent time together in their cabin in North Georgia and generously shared it with friends and family.

After her beloved Ralph died in 2021, Beverly could often be found sitting and talking with her daughter and best friend, Rhonda, or on her front porch, marveling at her life.

After living out that life she imagined and more, having had all of her dreams come true, now she is with Ralph again. Breakfast is on the stove, he is reading to her, and she is listening, just as she always did.



Robert Christopher Richardson, Jr

Robert Christopher Richardson, 68, of Camilla, Georgia, passed away on October 13, 2026.

Born January 31, 1958, in Albany, Georgia, to Dr. R.C. Richardson and Marion Edwards Richardson, Robert grew up in Albany. He earned his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University and his law degree from the University of Georgia. He went on to practice law in Camilla for 24 years. He was the attorney of Mitchell County for 15 years and later served as Mitchell County Probate Court Judge for 11 years.

On December 18, 1982, he married Lucinda Mitchell, and they shared almost 44 years of marriage. Together they raised four children.

He was a member and former Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church of St. John and St. Mark in Albany and played bass at the early morning service at the First United Methodist Church in Camilla. He served on the board of the Boys & Girls Clubs for many years. He was also a lifetime member of the NAACP. He was happiest outdoors, tending his garden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Christopher Richardson and Marion Edwards Richardson.

He is survived by his wife, Lucinda; his children, Christopher Richardson (Kellie), Mary Alice Rentz (Neil), William Richardson (Julia), and Amy Staes (Aaron); two granddaughters, Ellie Rentz and Holland Richardson; and two grandchildren soon to arrive; also his sister, Lucy Wright (Tom); Brother-in-Law, Ken Mitchell; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mitchell County.

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." JRR Tolkien

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.

Mr. Leslie Garrett Williams

Leslie Garrett Williams passed away on October 21, 2025, in Kennesaw, Ga at the Brickmont senior living facility. He was born on August 7,1939, the son of Tascar Williams Sr and Claudia Garrett Williams.

Leslie graduated from Albany High School and upon graduation joined the United States Navy where he served as a dental technician. After his naval service, he began a lengthy career with Delta Airlines in Atlanta, Ga. Upon his retirement from Delta, he moved to Kennesaw, Ga where he enjoyed spending time with his beloved dog, Alfie, with friends, family and traveling. He is predeceased by his parents and his brother, Tascar Williams Jr. He is survived by his son, Michael Williams and daughter-in-law, Leslie, of Matthews, N.Carolina; his daughter, Leslie Anne Williams De'Lea of Weeki Wachee, Florida; seven grandchildren; his brother, Fred Williams of Nocatee, Fla; and his sister, Tasca Williams Hagler, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. A graveside memorial and internment of his ashes will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery on October 19, 2026, at 10 am. Those desiring so may make a memorial donation to the Sally Wetherbee Adoption Center in care of the Albany Humane Society.



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and others at the state level.

Lockhart did not state whether he supports full Medicaid expansion. Asked about expanding Medicaid and food assistance, he discussed the importance of assistance to his own family and his view that support should help people move toward employment.

"We've got to believe in temporary. This is a temporary avenue," he said.

He emphasized jobs, education and financial literacy but did not offer a specific health coverage proposal.

On everyday expenses, Wolfe proposed eliminating taxes on food and paper hygiene products.

Agriculture

Wolfe also said he wants to broaden the purchases eligible under the Georgia Agricultural Tax Exemption program, or GATE, and lower its qualifying income threshold to help smaller and beginning farmers.

GATE allows qualified agricultural producers to avoid sales tax on eligible farm purchases. The program generally uses a $5,000 annual agricultural revenue threshold, with provisions covering circumstances such as long-term production. It is not a general exemption from income taxes.

"We need to start making that GATE card apply to some other things real quick," Wolfe said.

Lockhart described agriculture as connected to the region's other economic needs but did not outline a separate farming proposal during the interview.

Experience and accessibility

Wolfe, an Americus native and retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, served for 30 years. He said his military work included presidential communications, overseas deployments and training other air battle managers.

He said that experience shaped how he would approach political differences.

"Everything else was secondary to the mission. That's my mission right now: to make southwest Georgia better," he said. "So it doesn't matter whether you're Republican, Independent or Democrat."

Lockhart said running as an independent would allow him to focus on policies and build relationships across party lines.

"We're going to work with the Republicans. We're going to work with the Democrats. We're going to work with the best policy that fits southwest Georgia," he said.

Cheokas chairs the House Small Business Development Committee. His other assignments include Education, Public and Community Health and the Higher Education subcommittee of Appropriations.

His campaign website credits him with helping secure tax refunds, teacher raises and funding for the region's colleges.

Both challengers emphasized staying connected to constituents.

Lockhart said explaining plans and maintaining relationships would help residents understand what could be accomplished and how long it might take.

"It's all about relationships. It's all about working together. It's all about understanding and trusting one another," he said.

Wolfe proposed regular town hall meetings throughout the district, along with online communication and newspaper updates during legislative sessions. He said meetings should allow questions and answers.

"I don't have all the solutions. I don't know all the problems really. I need to keep talking to folks," he said.

Cheokas has represented District 151 since 2023 and has served in the Georgia House for most of the past two decades. He declined The Albany Herald's request for an interview. The Herald will update this story if he responds.

Early voting runs Oct. 13-30. Election Day is Nov. 3, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters can check their district, sample ballot and voting locations through Georgia's My Voter Page at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

6 ways to create a more sustainable bathroom



(Feature Impact) Conserving water, energy and resources is key to running an environmentally friendly household, and one of the best places to start is your bathroom. As one of the most frequently used rooms in the house, it's a small space that makes a big difference. Every flush, shower, twist of the tap and restock of restroom essentials is an opportunity to manage your ecological footprint.

The good news is you don't need a full-scale remodel to make your bathroom more efficient. Small changes to daily habits, routine maintenance and upgraded plumbing fixtures can all have a valuable impact. By making thoughtful choices at home now, you can protect your community's freshwater supplies, consume less energy and help create a more sustainable future.

For useful ways to save water, conserve energy and reduce waste, consider these tips from the bathroom design and sustainability experts at TOTO.

Fix Leaks Before They Waste More Water

From dripping faucets to worn toilet flappers, small leaks can quickly add up. In fact, according to the EPA, the average household wastes approximately 9,400 gallons of water each year due to leaks. That can mean money going down the drain, too: If you notice your water bill is increasing and can't figure out why, a hidden leak could be responsible.

To test whether your toilet has a silent leak, try adding a dye tablet or a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If color seeps into the bowl before you've flushed (usually within 10 minutes), it likely means an issue with the flapper. Many leaks are easy fixes, but a trained plumbing professional can give you more specific guidance.

Choose Water-Efficient Fixtures

Upgrading your plumbing fixtures can make an immediate difference, particularly when you choose EPA WaterSense-labeled models designed to save water without sacrificing performance. The water-efficiency specialists at TOTO helped shape the product-performance standards for the program, which turns 20 this year.

Its toilets pair elegant design with water-saving performance and no compromises on power. They are designed to use either 1.0 or 1.28 gallons per flush (GPF), representing water savings of 37.5% or 20%, respectively, compared with the federal standard of 1.6 GPF. Whether you're looking for the Aurora's elegant sculptural design, the Redington's clean architectural lines or the Glaston's timeless two-piece look, each model features powerful, gravity-driven flush performance and an ultrasmooth ceramic bowl glaze for easy cleaning, all while using less water.

Cut Paper and Single-Use Waste

Next time you're ready to restock your bathroom cabinets, consider some simple eco-friendly product swaps. Look for toilet tissue made with recycled or sustainable materials or consider adding a bidet to reduce paper use - and never flush anything except toilet paper, even wipes labeled "flushable." Instead of buying soap and personal care products in single-use packaging, you can lower your plastic consumption by choosing refillable containers. When possible, opt for a stash of washable cloths for cleaning rather than relying on disposable wipes and paper towels.

Take Shorter Showers and Make Every Gallon Count

Spending less time in the shower is one of the most impactful things one person can do to save water. Showering accounts for nearly 17% of residential indoor water use, according to the EPA, and if you prefer warm showers, that also means using energy to heat the water.

Make a habit of staying in the shower long enough to complete your routine but not lingering beyond that. To make each minute more water-efficient, consider upgrading to TOTO's 2-Mode Showerhead, available in stylish round and square designs. Its efficient 1.75 GPM flow is paired with Comfort Wave for a stimulating experience and Warm Spa for soothing, enveloping warmth. You can also save water by turning off the tap while you lather with soap and shampoo, a technique sometimes referred to as a "Navy shower."

Ventilate Efficiently to Control Moisture

Keeping your bathroom and the rest of your home in good condition relies in large part on controlling moisture and humidity. Use exhaust fans to vent moist air outside - not just into an attic or another enclosed space where it can cause damage, rot or mold. You can also use smart home features like humidity sensors and timers to control ventilation without running the fan longer than necessary.

Maintain Fixtures for a Longer Life

By taking good care of your bathroom fixtures, you can extend their longevity, thereby saving resources compared to replacing them more frequently. Follow manufacturers' care instructions for cleaning and maintenance, avoiding abrasive cleaners that may wear away finishes. Aim to proactively remove any mineral buildup on faucets and showerheads, since it can reduce water flow and prematurely age your fixtures.

Keep an eye on serviceable components that tend to wear out - such as seals, faucet cartridges and toilet fill components - and see if you can fix or replace them individually first. When the time comes to upgrade toilets, sinks and showers, choose high-quality options you'll be happy to have in your home for years to come.

Learn more about sustainable bathroom fixtures at TotoUSA.com.









Southwest Georgia Outdoors



HUNTING SEASON DATES

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Duck: Now - October 25
Snow Goose & White-Fronted Goose: Now - October 25
Deer Firearms: October 17- Jan 10
Quail (Falconry): Now - March 15
Rabbit (Falconry): Now - March 15

EMBRACING THE 'FIELD-TO-TABLE' CONCEPT FOR GAME

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The field-to-take concept is growing among hunters.

ALBANY – After an era of anti-hunting sentimentality, the tables have turned as a new generation embraces the "field-to-table" ethos of our ancestors. Although the majority of hunters no longer hunt for sustenance, many are realizing the game they harvest is grade-A prime free-range protein.

However, culinary satisfaction and safety ultimately depend on what happens immediately after the hunter pulls the trigger. Many of the complaints that people have related to the flavor and texture of the game they eat can be traced back to improper handling in the field. The biggest challenge facing hunters is related to bacterial growth.

This is particularly true in Southwest Georgia, where early hunting season temperatures are consistently in the 90-degree range. Bacterial growth in harvested game animals begins to start within two to six hours after death in such warm conditions. Even in cooler conditions it can begin within three hours. This is due to the fact that when an animal dies, its immune system no longer functions. As a result, bacteria already present in the gut begins migrating into surrounding muscle tissues.

At this point, bacterial counts typically double every 20 minutes. Several factors affect the start and acceleration of bacterial growth, including temperature, bacterial contamination, animal size and insulation, humidity and insect exposure.

Fortunately,hunters have a number of ways to negate or reduce these factors.

The primary factor related to this bacterial growth is temperature, and the air temperature isn't the sole factor in this regard. The internal temperature of the meat is also a critical factor. When temperatures are above 40-degrees, bacteria multiply rapidly. The lower the temperature the slower the rate of bacterial growth.

Field dressing is one of the best ways that hunters can begin to reduce the internal temperature of their kill. Removing the internal organs immediately reduces the likelihood of gut bacteria transferring into the muscles of the carcass. This is particularly true when it comes to the transfer of salmonella and E. coli from the animal's digestive tract.

While we generally think of field dressing as a skill associated with big game hunting, it is just as important in the harvest of small game. Removing the entrails not only reduces the likelihood of bacterial exposure, it allows air to enter the body cavity and begin cooling the internal temperature of the meat. Proper field dressing also preserves the natural taste, texture, and shelf-life of the harvest.

Big game hunters generally have the opportunity to make an ethical shot with little risk of making a "gut shot." Small game hunters using a shotgun are not as fortunate. The likelihood of random pellets perforating the stomach or intestines is much higher, making field dressing small game even more critical.

Traditionally small game hunters relied upon the game bags built into their hunting vests or jackets to collect and transport the game they harvested. While this method may be adequate when air temperatures drop below 40 degrees, hunters in southwest Georgia should consider transferring small game harvest into an ice chest as soon as possible whenever temperatures are warmer. When this is not possible, hanging game in the shade may be the best available option.

Do not place harvested game in plastic bags in an effort to keep a gamebag clean. This traps body heat and in turn accelerates bacterial growth.

The next factor related to cooling a harvest is the size and fur of the game animals being hunted. The larger the animal, the longer the carcass will retain body temperature. A heavy fat layer also will impact the rate the carcass is able to cool.

A final factor is related to the insulating quality of the animal's hide and fur. Removing the hide from the carcass is the second step in rapidly reducing the internal temperature of the carcass. Unfortunately, when it comes to big game, many game processing facilities no longer encourage and in some cases will not accept a carcass that has been field dressed. This is largely due to the difficulties presented when field dressing was not done correctly.

Fortunately, most hunters today have the ability to get their harvested game to a nearby processing facility within an hour or two after the trigger is pulled or the arrow is released.

Those processing their own deer, which has a multitude of benefits, the sooner the animal is field dressed, the better. External temperatures will determine how long a hunter can safely hang the deer outdoors before processing it. If the weather is cold, the hide may be left on the carcass to protect it from dirt, moisture and insects. If this is not possible, keep the carcass dry and prevent exposure to insects by wrapping it in cheesecloth.

When access to a processor is not an option, some hunters cool large cuts or quarters of a carcass by packing them in ice. However, this can adversely impact the texture, quality and bacterial exposure of the meat if exposure to water is prolonged.

Once the carcass is at the processing facility or a suitable walk-in cooler, it may be dry-aged by hanging for three to seven days before butchering.

Although some butchers continue to wrap their cuts in paper, many have taken advantage of vacuum sealing their cuts. Vacuum sealing increases shelf-life, preserves nutrients, flavor and texture. It can also save space and prevent freezer burn.

In the long run, these virtues are worthy of consideration when they are options. Timing, cleanliness and cooling are the keys to field-to-table satisfaction. The rest is up to the chef.

Understanding the meaning of 'life-time warranties'

By Tom Seegmueller
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ALBANY – I don't know what I was focused on during Statistics 101, but I should have paid more attention to what the professor was saying.

It would seem the older one gets, the more likely the odds are that a consumer might actually benefit from purchasing a product with a lifetime warranty. However, having spent almost three-quarters of a century buying and breaking things, the odds continue to be stacked against consumers like me.

Even though the products in question had the actual life expectancy of a mayfly, their lifetime warranty was somehow shorter. Attempting to argue a case online or with a robo-rep, it becomes apparent that most of us skipped a few critical classes in business law during quail season.

Who knew that "lifetime" does not have anything to do with human life expectancy or that multiple exclusions might be involved? It turns out "life expectancy" is related to a list of factors and technicalities that come into play when someone tries to make a warranty claim. Suddenly, the definitions of normal wear and tear combine with allegations of abuse, negating all rights to any legitimate warranty claim.

The fine print apparently states that anything other than removing the product from its original packaging can become suspect and potentially void any warranty claim.

The warranty on a pocket knife, for instance, can be folded to fit inside a box the size of a package of chewing gum and hold the same amount of legal information as the Magna Carta.

Today many online purchases are frequently made without the benefit of even seeing a copy of the supposed warranty. It turns out terminology matters. In most instances "improper use" equates to most anyone's definition of normal wear and tear. And we're not talking about superficial scratches and scars here. Those are reminders of an adventure.

Even companies with the highest reputations can fall short of their lifetime promises, such as a recent encounter with a potential safety issue concerning a rifle purchased more than 50 years ago. One of the reasons for spending more than should have been spent on the purchase was the firearm manufacturer's reputation for customer service and warrantied repairs. The extra money spent was considered a wise investment at a time when future financial security was unknown.

Buying a rifle that would be functional for the rest of a lifetime seemed like a wise investment. Unfortunately, in this case the path to hell was paved with good intentions. Although the manufacturer wanted to honor the warranty, it no longer had the parts to do so and no longer made the firearm in question to replace it. To add insult to injury, the firearm increased in value over the years, even more so now that it is no longer available.

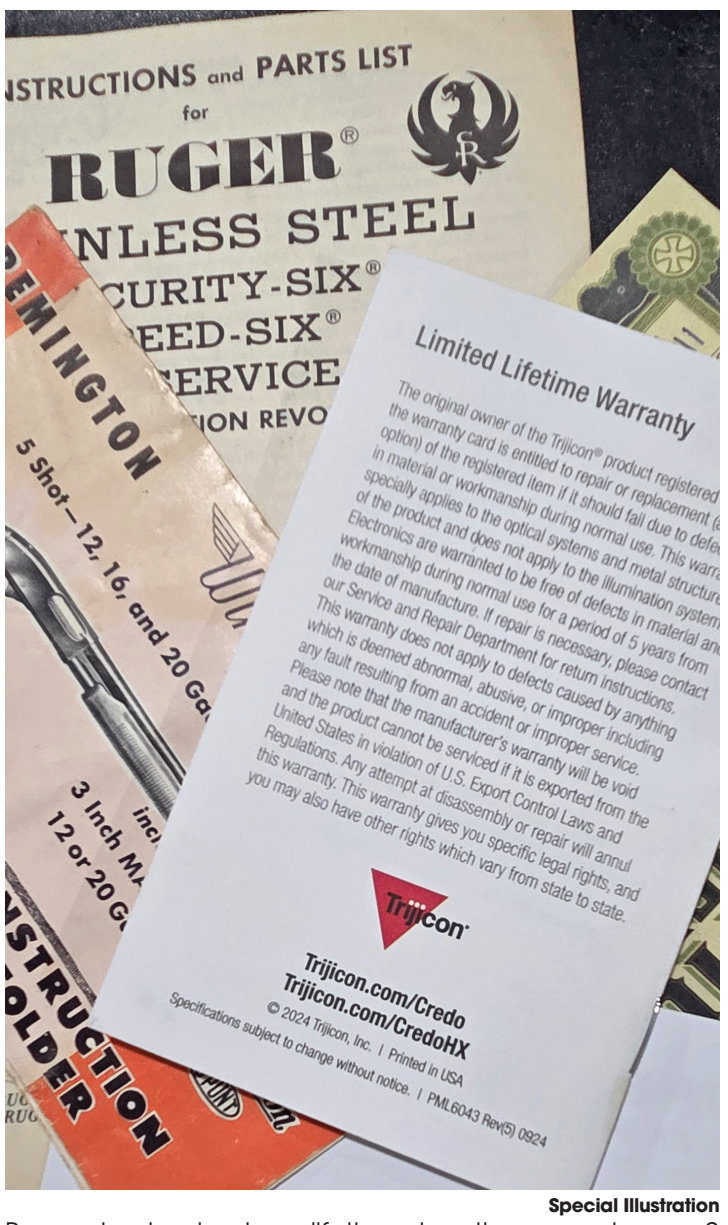
However, the rifle in question had a known safety issue and is now good for only two things: Turn it into a floor lamp or use it as a boat paddle. Fortunately, no one was injured. However, the rifle's early retirement is now inevitable.

If anyone considers the disappointment associated with this purchase to be unrealistic after using the rifle for half a century, it should be pointed out that some firearms still function reliably after more than a century in the field. To add further insult to injury, there are others who enjoy shooting even considerably older firearms that continue to operate flawlessly.

About two decades ago, a cooler purchased not only had a lifetime warranty, it had a certificate maintaining that it was "bear proof," a quality that is only important when related to a story for another day. When one of the rubber latches failed from a non-bear-related event, a phone call was all that was required to receive not one but two replacement latches and some company swag. When the replacement latches gave up the ghost last year after more than a decade of faithful service, the robotic operator on the other end of the phone call demanded proof of original purchase by receipt, point of purchase information and the date of purchase before allowing a request for replacement parts to proceed.

It now seems that many companies that built their reputation on lifetime guarantees have now restricted their policies and resorted to a system of mid-life policy changes. One would think these companies would have the decency to have the same system that calls multiple times a week to warn that the extended truck warranty is about to expire.

Maybe I should have listened when a friend told me, "Life is like a warranty; it always runs out at the worst possible time."



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\by\ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer
October 17, 2026

A-1019
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Albany Pipe Rehabilitation
Phase I
BID REF. #27-030
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A-1041
INVITATION TO BID
Security Light Upgrades
BID REF. #27-027
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Construction/ Service Bids

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A-1035
INVITATION TO BID
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Corporations

A-990
I, **Brad Raffensperger**, the Secretary of State and the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that
Global Evangelical Mission & Christian Charitable Foundation Corporation a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation has filed articles/certificate of amendment in the Office of the Secretary of State on 09/26/2026 changing its name to:
The United Methodist International Congregation, Inc.,
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and has paid the required fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of said articles/ certificate of amendment.
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta
and the State of Georgia on 10/02/2026.
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

A-1010
NOTICE
GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Sabrina W. Brown, 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.
Michael E. Brown
Executor of the Estate of Sabrina W. Brown
c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC
P.O. Box 352
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 430-9989
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1020
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of NE'AHMAD ALFRED, 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 8th day of October, 2026.
Lauren H. Williamson,
Administrator of the Estate of Ne'Ahmad Alfred
P.O. Box 70639
Albany, GA 31708
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1038
GEORGIA, CALHOUN COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: Estate of JOHN ANDREW CONLEY, deceased, late of Calhoun County, Georgia.
All creditors of this estate are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
JOHN KEVIN CONLEY, Co-Administrator
SHEILA DAVIS, Co-Administrator
of the Estate of JOHN ANDREW CONLEY
Collier & Gamble, LLP
Edward R. Collier
P.O. Box 577
Dawson, Georgia 39842
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1037
GEORGIA, CALHOUN COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: Estate of **SADIE HOLT CONLEY**, deceased, late of Calhoun County, Georgia.
All creditors of this estate are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

JOHN KEVIN CONLEY, Co-Administrator SHEILA DAVIS, Co-Administrator
of the **Estate of SADIE HOLT CONLEY** Collier & Gamble, LLP
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P.O. Box 577
Dawson, Georgia 39842
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1036
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Margie King Fullerton 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 13th day of October, 2026.
Michael Glenn Fullerton and Robert Douglas Fullerton, Executors of the Estate of Margie King Fullerton
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

A-1021
GEORGIA,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY.
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of **JEFFREY H. CORNELL**, 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.
Run in newspaper:
SARAH ELIZABETH MCDANIELS, Petitioner 2721 Rushland Park Blvd.
Knoxville, TN 39724
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 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 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 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.
This 22nd day of September 2026.
KAREN K. WALLER
Executor of the Estate of David Lee George
DIVINE FINNEY DAVIS, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 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-984
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia,
County of DOUGHERTY
Estate No. 2026-ES-247
All creditors of the Estate of CLAUD E. HARROLD, SR., 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.
Claud E. Harrold, Jr.
Administrator of the Estate of Claud E. Harrold, Sr.
c/o Christopher A. Flowers.
504 N. Jefferson Street
Albany, GA 31701
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-980
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of Mamie Carter Nelson 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 1st day of October, 2026.
Myrtice E. Pullins, Executor of the Estate of Mamie Carter Nelson
c/o William D. Moorhead III, Esq.
314 W. Residence Ave.
Albany, GA 31701
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-979
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,

Debtors & Creditors

COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of CARENE JOHNSON TALLEY, 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 1st day of October 1, 2026.
BRANTLEY TALLEY,
Administrator of the Estate of CARENE JOHNSON TALLEY
222 Yellow Pine Court
Niceville, Florida 32578
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-977
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
All creditors of the Estate of Stella Pete, 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.
This 30 day of September, 2026.
Reve Pete, as Administrator
of the Estate Stella Pete, deceased
305 Southwood Drive
Albany, GA 31701
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

Divorces

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-976
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Tanakia R. Hunter
V.
Respondent: Richard L. Hunter Jr
Civil Action Case Number: 26CV844-3
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
To: Richard L. Hunter Jr, Respondent Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Divorce case was filed against you in Superior Court on 9/1, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 9/24, 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 1424 Cedar Park Dr, Mobile, Al 36605. 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 29th day of September, 2026.
Samantha Sebastian Dep. Clerk
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

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 Alexandious Rahkia Ousley on 03/24/2016.
To: Trell Johnson, putative father of the above referenced male child born to Tijuana Alexandious Rahkia Ousley on 03/24/2016.
To: Keyondre Jatavious Green, biological father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandious Rahkia Ousley on 01/07/2022.
To: Todd Hanning, putative father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandious Rahkia 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 Alexandious Rahkia Ousley on 03/24/2016.
To: "Unknown John Doe" or any other individual who might be the biological father of a male child born to Tijuana Alexandious Rahkia 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 Alexandious Rahkia 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 13th day of July, 2026, you are commanded to be an appear in the Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, at the Dougherty County Courthouse located at 225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia, within sixty (60) days of said Order for Service by Publication and on the 1st day of December 2026, at 1:00 p.m. to then and there make defense to allegations of the petition, and to show cause why the prayers of the petition should not be granted, and why the said children and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law. **The hearing is for the purpose of terminating your parental rights.**
You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams.
Be advised that any biological father who is not the legal father of these children shall lose all rights to these children and shall not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights unless within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, he files (1) a petition to legitimate the children 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.
Witness the Honorable Valerie Brown-Williams, Judge of said Court this 13th day of July 2026.
Tequila Woods
Clerk of Dougherty County Juvenile Court
Gregory T. Williams
Special Assistant Attorney General
Post Office Box 1113, Camilla, Georgia 31708
Phone (229) 330-0614, Georgia Bar Number 443607
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

Miscellaneous

A-943
SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
Pursuant to requirements of the Georgia Constitution, Attorney General Christopher Carr, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, and Legislative Counsel Betsy Howerton hereby provide the summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments that will appear on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot for consideration by the people of Georgia (short captions are those adopted by the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board):
-1 -
Increases the maximum qualifying acreage for assessment and taxation as bona fide conservation use property.
House Resolution No. 32
Ga. L. 2025, p. 1081
( ) YES
( ) NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia, for the purpose of protecting family farmland, be amended so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres?"
Summary
This proposal increases the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres. It amends Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, relating to uniformity, classification of property, assessment of agricultural land, and utilities, by revising subparagraph (e)(1).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
- 2 -
Provides for the nonpartisan election of all probate court judges.
House Resolution No. 251
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1110
( ) YES
( ) NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require that all probate court judges be elected in nonpartisan elections?"
Summary
This proposal provides that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections. It amends Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution, relating to selection and term of office of judges, by revising subparagraph (a).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
- 3 -
Authorizes creation of Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund for 9-1-1 systems expansion, maintenance, and operation.
House Resolution No. 1243
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1109
( ) YES
( ) NO
Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate certain existing revenues, including revenues reallocated by law, to a nonlapsing fund to be used exclusively for the expansion, maintenance, and operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems in this state?"
Summary
This proposal authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation of the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund. It amends Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Georgia Constitution, relating to appropriations to be for specific sums, by adding a new subparagraph (s).
A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.
October 17, 24, 31, 2026

Juvenile Court

A-973
PUBLICATION
DOUGHERTY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
IN THE MATTER OF: K.A., B/M, DOB: 09/08/2021;K.A., B/M, DOB: 09/08/2021; K.A, B/M, DOB: 12/16/2022
To: Roderica Ashberry, Justin Crapp and any other individual who might be the biological father of one male child born to Roderica Ashberry on December 16, 2022 and two male children born to Roderica Ashberry on September 8, 2021.
A petition was filed in this Court by Social Services Case Supervisor Treena White, on the 26th day of June 2026. The Petition alleges the above-referenced children to be dependent according to Georgia law and seeks **termination of your parental rights, if any**. You may obtain a copy of the Petition, which sets forth the specific allegations in detail, from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, **225 Pine Avenue, Basement, Juvenile Court, Albany, Georgia,** phone is 229-431-2162.
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You or any other interested party may file a written objection or answer on or before the date and time for the hearing stated above by filing the same at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and the Petitioner's Attorney, Gregory T. Williams.
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October 17, 24, 31, 2026

Name Changes

A-993
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Shameka Alford
Civil Action File No.26CV718-1
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Shameka Alford, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 31st day of July, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Julian Hryeer Bigham to Julian Hryeer Alford and from Baby Boy Bigham to Juelz Hilon Alford. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This 6th day of October, 2026.
Shameka Alford
Petitioner
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-1023
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Kinshishi Imani Mathis
Civil Action File No. 26CV963
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Kinshishi Imani Mathis , filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 8th day of October, 2026, to change my name from Kinshishi Imani Mathis to Kinshishi Imani Young. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 8th day of October, 2026.
Kinshishi Imani Mathis, Petitioner
503 Rosenburg St
Albany, GA 31707
229-439-3349
October 17, 24, 31,November 7, 2026

A-1042
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Malorie Dixon
Civil Action File No. 26CV983-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Malorie Dixon , filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 14th day of October, 2026, to change my name from Malorie Dixon to Malorie Jackson. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 14th day of October, 2026.
Malorie Dixon, Petitioner
2029 Stuart Avenue
Albany, GA 31707
470-399-3853
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-989
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Nkiruka Alex
Civil Action File No. 26CV941-1
NOTICE OF PETITION TO

Name Changes

CHANGE NAME
I, Nkiruka Alex , filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 30th day of September, 2026, to change my name from Nkiruka Alex to Nkiruka Belgrave-Seay. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 30th day of September, 2026.
Nkiruka Alex, Petitioner
525 5th Ave
Albany, GA 31701
786-442-6167
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 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-988
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
Ismael Moreno, Minor child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 26CV600-3
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Carmen Chicas, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 23rd day of June, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Ismael Moreno
Date of Birth: 01-22-23
Proposed New Name: Ismael Chicas
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 23 day of June, 2026.
Carmen Chicas
Petitioner pro se
22 Transvilla Pkwy
Albany, GA 31705
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-964
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the Name Change of the Child(ren)
Lauren Edwards, Minor child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 26CV857-4
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Tiara Noel, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 4th day of September, 2026, to change the name(s) of the minor child(ren) as follows:
Current Name of Child: Lauren Taylor Edwards
Date of Birth: 07-09-10
Proposed New Name: Lauren Taylor Noel
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within thirty days as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).
This 4th day of September, 2026.
Tiara Noel
Petitioner pro se
707 Meadowlark Dr
Albany, GA 31707
229-886-5849
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

A-962
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Dougherty COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Trytinia Smokes
Civil Action File No. 26CV928-4
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
I, Trytinia Smokes , filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 25th day of September, 2026, to change my name from Trytinia Smokes to Madison Elise Deveraux. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
Signed this 25th day of September, 2026.
Trytinia Smokes, Petitioner
1430 Owens Ave
Albany, GA 31705
478-403-8984
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

Probate Court Administration

A-999
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: LONNIE CHARLES GREEN, SR.
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-329
TO: Kanyana Green Grimsley, Lonnie Green, Jr., and Pearlie Necole Green and to whom it may concern:
Lekeya Shante Jackson has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **LONNIE GREEN, 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 **November 16, 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

Probate Court Administration

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
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1033
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM KELVIN LANE, SR.
ESTATE NO: 2026-ES-331
NOTICE
TO: Lindsey Zevnik, Mary Cole, All Heirs of William Kelvin Lane, Jr., and All Other Interested Parties:
Tommy Mims and Tracy Mims have petitioned for the appointment of the County Administrator as Administrator of the above referenced estate of said County for the sole purpose of making it possible to commence or continue a lawsuit against the estate of said decedent. If the petition is granted, the County Administrator shall be relieved by the Court from all liabilities, duties and obligations otherwise imposed on the administrator of an estate, including but not limited to the marshaling of assets, the publication of notice to creditors, the filing of an inventory, the filing of returns, and the posting of a separate bond, except for these duties and obligations directly related to the acceptance of service of process and qualification as administrator and other duties directly related to the lawsuit.
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 of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **November 23, 2026**. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge of the Probate Court
225 Pine Avenue, Room 123
PO Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702-1827
229-431-2102
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1032
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: EFFIE CALLAHAN TUCKER
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-334
Dina Kay Sutherland has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **EFFIE CALLAHAN TUCKER**, 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 **November 9, 2026**.
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
(229) 431-2102
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-954
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: DAVID LEE CREAMER
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-321
Mary Katherine Gordon has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **DAVID LEE CREAMER**, 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 26, 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
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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: OLAN MARK KIMBRELL
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-320
Brandy Kimbrell Hickox has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **OLAN MARK KIMBRELL**, 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 26, 2026.**
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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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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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
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September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

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
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September 26, October 3, 10, and 17, 2026

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: AMINA LANZANO
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-098
Jayden Lanzano has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **AMINA LANZANO**, 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 26, 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
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October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: OTIS FLOYD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-295
Verlincia Green has petitioned to be appointed **administrator** of the estate of **OTIS FLOYD**, 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 **November 2, 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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANK H. SCHAFFER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026-ES-330
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS
NOTICE
Deanna R. Schaffer has petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **November 9, 2026**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Leisa G. Blount
Judge of the Probate Court
Dougherty County Probate Court
225 Pine Ave, Suite 123
Albany, GA 31702
229-431-2102
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

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A-1039
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: CLIFFORD LEON TOLBERT
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-336
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Sonja Lee Tolbert** 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 **November 16, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleading/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Dougherty County, GA
P.O. Box 1827
Albany, GA 31702
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October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1031
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: ORVEN GLENN HARP
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-335
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Sylvia C. Harp** 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 **November 16, 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
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Albany, GA 31702
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A-1029
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: ERNEST R. ROGERS
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-333
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of **Joyce Segler Rogers** 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 **November 16, 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

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hearing.
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A-1043
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY PROBATE COURT
IN RE: ESTATE OF: VALARIE J. McDONALD
ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-338
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The Petition of Daniel C. McDonald 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 November 16, 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
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Probate Court Discharge

A-1002
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 4906
RE: JULIUS ALAN GERALD
PETITION OF MICHAEL C. HALL FOR DISCHARGE AS CONSERVATOR
FOR THE ADULT WARD
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
The conservator of the above estate has applied for Discharge from said conservator's trust. This is to notify all interested parties to show cause, if any they can, why said conservator should not be discharged from office and liability.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and filed with the above Probate Court, PO Box 1827, Albany, GA 31702, **on or before November 30, 2026**, said date being more than 30 days from the date of publication, or if personally served, then 30 days from the date of such service.
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 address/telephone number below 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
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October 17, 2026

A-1024
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2026-ES-155
PETITION OF LAUREN H. WILLIAMSON
FOR DISCHARGE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ESTATE OF: EDSEL MARTIN FORD
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 November 9, 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
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Albany, GA 31702-1827
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October 17, 2026

A-996
NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
ESTATE NO: 2024-GA-374
RE: DALLAS EUGENE CANNON
PETITION OF LINDA C. PIPKIN FOR DISCHARGE AS CONSERVATOR
FOR THE DECEASED WARD
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
The conservator of the above estate has applied for Discharge from said conservator's trust. This is to notify all interested parties to show cause, if any they can, why said conservator should not be discharged from office and liability.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and filed with the above Probate Court, PO Box 1827, Albany, GA 31702, on or before November 16, 2026, said date being more than 30 days from the date of publication, or if personally served, then 30 days from the date of such service.
All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with

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your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the address/telephone number below 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
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October 17, 2026

Public Hearings

A-1040
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Albany-Dougherty Historic Preservation Commission will conduct a public meeting on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 10:00 A.M**. (In-Person) Historic Preservation Commission meetings are open to the public. Please note, there is also a virtual option. The meeting will take place at the following location.
240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, GA 31701
Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/95219225113?pwd=VU94ZzNpbFdtS2dMN04yUzI1YWx6UT09
Meeting ID: 952 1922 5113
Passcode: 515128
One tap mobile
+16465588656,95219225113#,,,,*515128# US (New York)
26-069 HISTORIC – 236 W Broad Ave: COA request by Matrix Department, Inc (Kaye Bell) for the installation of a mounted 76"x21.5" wall sign.
26-072 HISTORIC – 925 W 2nd Ave: COA request by Anderson Cabinet Company, LLC for window replacement.
Exact description of the property is on file at the Planning & Development Services Department, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 300, and may be reviewed along with any other information regarding this request between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Telephone number is (229) 438-3901
As set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Albany does not discriminate based on 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 any open meeting, program, or activity of the City of Albany, Georgia should be directed to Paul Forgey, AICP, Director, Planning and Development Services, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 300, Albany, Georgia, 31701, (229) 438-3901.
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Sowega Council on Aging will be hosting their annual Public Hearing in-person at the Albany Welcome Center, 112 N Front St, Albany, Georgia on October 20, 2026 at 9:00 am. The general public, officials, and business community are encouraged to join. This is an opportunity to learn about gaps in services, needs, redundancies and concerns for older and disabled Georgians in our region.
October 10, 17, 2026

Public Sales/ Auctions

A-1008
Sunbelt MINI-WAREHOUSES
1481-A US 19 SOUTH LEESBURG, GEORGIA 31763
phone: 229-888-6813
Sunbelt Mini-Warehouses will conduct a Public Sale of the contents of the storage units listed below at 1481-A US 19 S, Leesburg, GA 31763 on November 13 at 9:00am.
All sales will be sealed bids with the highest bid chosen. All bid winners will remove all the contents in the unit immediately and broom sweep unit. Sunbelt Mini-Warehouses reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any item from this sale.

Unit # 2 Lisa Bivens
Furniture Misc.

Unit #12 Amanda Hall --Furniture Misc.

Unit #20 Remington Barnes-- Misc.

Unit # 47 Francis Roberts-- Furniture Misc.

Unit #51 Johnny Washington -- Misc.

Unit #69 Jazmine Smith -- Misc.

Unit #65 #66 WJ Dunkin - Misc.
October 17, 24, 2026

A-1005
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (A) (2), that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at: A-1 Wrecker Service, 213 7th Ave, Albany, GA.

Make: Toyota
Year: 2008
Model: Yaris
Vin ID: JTDJT903185166026
License: SDQ
State: GA
Case #: 2026-192AV

Make: Ford
Year: 2007
Model: Edge
Vin ID: 2FMDK46C27BA57955
License: 5552242
State: NH
Case #: 2026-191AV

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

Make: Nissan
Year: 2009
Model: Murano
Vin ID: JN8AZ18U49W018572
License: SJA4502
State: GA
Case #: 2026-197AV

Make: Honda
Year: 2008
Model: Element
Vin ID: 5J6YH18788L0124436
License: P7597157
State: GA
Case #: 2026-193AV
Make: Acura
Year: 2007
Model: TL
Vin ID: 19UUA66267A020284
License: SLM5153
State: GA
Case #: 2026-189AV

Make: Toyota
Year: 2008
Model: Yaris
Vin ID: JTDBT923484010790
License: GJN304
State: GA
Case #: 2026-180AV

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

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

Make: Nissan
Year: 2008
Model: Maxima
Vin ID: 1N4BA41E18C829635
License: RSX5947
State: GA
Case #: 2026-185AV

Make: Kia
Year: 2011
Model: Optima
Vin ID: KNACGR4A6XB5115626
License: SJL0071
State: GA
Case #: 2026-184AV

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

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

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

Make: Volkswagen
Year: 2015
Model: Jetta
Vin ID: 3VWD07AJ8EM329502
October 17, 24, 2026

A-1000
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA § 40-11-19(a) (2), that
each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at Professional Locators and Recovery, Inc. 1107 Centennial Ave. Albany, GA 31707. The vehicle(s) subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

2004 Ford F250SD- GREY- Vin #1FTNW20PX4EA04661- NO TAG

2012 Ford Focus SE- Vin #1FAHP3F23CL192404- DRIVE OUT TAG

2017 Toyota Corolla- GREY- Vin#2T1BURHEXHC874052- WRA615/ GA

2013 Chevrolet Cruze- BLUE- Vin #1G1PA5SG5D7250746- SNE1539/ GA
October 10, 17, 2026

A-1026
Legal Notice of public sale
Notice is hereby given that Tony's Towing & Wrecker Service, Albany, Georgia, pursuant to O.C.G.A 40-11-2, will sell at public auction the following abandoned motor vehicles for towing, storage, and related charges.
Sale Date: October 29,2026
Sale Time: 10:00 A.M
SALE location: Tony's towing & Wrecker service.
1541 E Broad Ave Albany, Ga 31705
229-405-3930

Vehicles:
2008 Avalon Toyota - VIN# 4T1BK36B08U315491

2015 Kia Optima LX- VIN# KNAGM4A78F5640293

2014 RAM 1500 TK- VIN # 1C6RR6GT5ES249848

2012 CHRY 200- VIN # 1C3CCBAB2CN131393

The vehicles will be sold AS IS to the highest bidder. Tony's Towing & Wrecker Service Reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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A-991
NOTICE OF SALE
Family Heirloom Storage of Albany
431 S. Mock Rd
Albany GA 31705
Personal property consisting of sofas, TV's, clothes, boxes, household goods and other personal property used in home, office or garage will be sold or otherwise disposed of at public sale on the date & time indicated below to satisfy Owners Lien for rent & fees due in accordance with Georgia Statutes: Self-Storage Act, All items or spaces may not be available for sale. Credit cards only for all purchases & tax resale certificates required, if applicable. OWNER RETAINS THE RIGHT TO BID

M006 A. Peterson
B007 F. Zaire
H031 B. Ferrell
A002 L. Burnett

Auction will be held at www.bid13.com and will end on or

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after 11:00AM on 10/26/2026
October 10, 17, 2026

A-985
Auction Date: October 21, 2026
Hickory Grove Storage
1159 Hwy 82 W
Leesburg, GA 31763
The following units at Hickory Grove Storage will be sold to the highest bidder on October 21, 2026 at 10:00am.
The auction will be whole bin absolute sale. Buyers will have until Saturday October 24, 2026 at 5:00 pm to remove all property.
Units must be left in broom clean condition.

Alvino Mack - Unit 7071
Household goods

Quinetta Hall- Unit 2127, 4139
Household goods

Jacques Williams - Unit 2709
Household goods

Lashanne Shedrick - Unit 4142
Household goods
October 10, 17, 2026

Service by Publication

A-1004
Dougherty COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Broderick Jackson
V.
Tavia Jackson, Respondent
Civil File Case Number: 26CV866-2
Respondent: Nyoman Kurniawan
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Petitioner having moved the Court for an order directing service to be made upon Respondent Tavia Jackson the case named above, and it appearing to the Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of such motion that Respondent is a nonresident and that the action is an action in which a Respondent may be served by publication pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-10-71, it is ORDERED, that service upon the Respondent be made by publication as provided by law.
This 28th day of September, 2026.
Victoria S. Darrisaw
JUDGE / Clerk
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-1003
Dougherty COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
OF GEORGIA
Petitioner: Skylar Fox
V.
Nyoman Kurniawan
Civil File Case Number: 26CV822-1
Respondent: Nyoman Kurniawan
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Petitioner having moved the Court for an order directing service to be made upon Respondent Nyoman Kurniawan the case named above, and it appearing to the Court from the verified Complaint and Affidavit in support of such motion that Respondent is a nonresident and that the action is an action in which a Respondent may be served by publication pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-10-71, it is ORDERED, that service upon the Respondent be made by publication as provided by law.
This 6th day of October, 2026.
Denise Marshall
JUDGE / Clerk
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

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
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
1803 Melrose Drive, Albany, Georgia 31707
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 404, 1st Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 10 in Block "B" of Avondale Acres, according to a plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 172, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
Property known as 1803 Melrose Drive, Albany, Georgia.
Parcel No. 0000Q/00009/010
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 206.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026,** by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BONNIE'S BLUE STAR INVESTMENTS
Divine Finney Davis, PC

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Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Bonnie's Blue Star Investments
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
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A-1015
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
729 East Town Road, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:
Take Notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 30 in East Town Subdivision, according to a map or plat of record, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 267 and 268, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
Parcel No. 0000U/00008/015
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 212.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BONNIE'S BLUE STAR INVESTMENTS
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
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A-1014
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
1311 Whispering Pines Road, 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 371, 1st Land District in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 49 in Whispering Pines Subdivision, according to a plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 23, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County. Located at 1311 Whispering Pines Road, according to the present system of numbering in Dougherty County, Georgia.
Parcel No. 0000N/00019/014
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 180.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BONNIE'S BLUE STAR INVESTMENTS
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
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GA State Bar No. 213025
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A-1013
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
1309 Whispering Pines Road, 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 371, 1st Land District in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 47 in Whispering Pines Subdivision, according to a plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 23, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County. Located at 1309 Whispering Pines Road, according to the present system of numbering in Dougherty County, Georgia.
Parcel No. 0000N/00019/015
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 181.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BONNIE'S BLUE STAR INVESTMENTS
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Bonnie's Blue Star Investments
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A-1012
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
811 Cotton 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 all of Lots 14, 15 and 16 in Block 1 of Hollywood Heights Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 209, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.
Parcel No. 000HH/00005/013
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 289.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
DANTEVEOUS BALDWIN
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
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TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Danteveous Baldwin
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
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tim@dfdpclaw.com
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A-1011
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
1604 Beverly Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:
Take Notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot E-2, Rolling Groves Subdivision, according to a plat of same as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 135, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.
Parcel No. 0000K/00010/013
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 172**.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
TAKELIA BLANDIN
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Takelia Blandin
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
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tim@dfdpclaw.com
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A-1017
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
103 Almond Drive, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:
Take Notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as all of Lot 9 in Block "A" of Pecan Terrace Subdivision, according to a plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 232, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
This property is known as 103 Almond Drive, according to the present system of street numbering in the City of Albany, Georgia.
Parcel No. 00017/00000/009
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 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 223.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026,** by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BONNIE'S BLUE STAR INVESTMENTS
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Bonnie's Blue Star Investments
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
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tim@dfdpclaw.com
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-997
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by, Rodney B. Dixon, Sr., to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, dated 11/15/2013, and recorded on 12/2/2013, in Book 4082, Page 191, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last assigned to

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as last assignment to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment recorded 3/6/2017 as Instrument No. in book 4396, Page 307, conveying the after described property securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $125,681.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 1/5/2027 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash: During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Dougherty County, Georgia., the following described property situated in Dougherty County, Georgia, to wit:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF LOT 5 OF
THE C.E. JACKSON SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 3 PAGE 311 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.
Tax Parcel ID: 00182/00001/20G
Being real property commonly known as **108 SE ROSEWOOD DR ALBANY, GA 31705**
The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.
Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is'.
The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to 1) confirmation and audit of the status of the loan by the holder of the security deed, 2) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 3) procedures for rescission of sale under O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, whereby 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 above.
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:
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, CA 92868 , Telephone No.: 800-561-4567
The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.
Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a deed under power will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at:
https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers and https://www.fincen.gov/rre-faqs#D_5
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Rodney B. Dixon, Sr.
For Foreclosure sale information please contact Vylla Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 3309, Anaheim, California 92803, Phone: (888) 313-1969
TS # 26-42435
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
October 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26, January 2, 2026

A-1019
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: JANE S. PETTIS
1242 Nixon Drive, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:
Take Notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 37 of Nichols Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 94, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia.
Parcel No. 00176/00004/014
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **7th day of December 2026.**
The Tax Deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of August

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2025, and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in **Deed Book 5339, Page 73.**
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **7th day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
BONNIE'S BLUE STAR INVESTMENTS, LLC
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Bonnie's Blue Star Investments, LLC
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
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October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1030
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
To: All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 1403 E 1st Avenue;
Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
Kaford Properties, LLC;
Dougherty County, Georgia;
State of Georgia.
Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
Property Location: **1403 E 1st Avenue**
Map Reference No./Parcel No.: 000TT-00035-006
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on November 23, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 05, 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 314.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1028
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
To: All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as **6014 Newton Road**;
Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
Olivia Bien-Aime;
Josette Bien-Aime;
Dougherty County, Georgia;
State of Georgia.
Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
Property Location: 6014 Newton Road
Map Reference No./Parcel No.: 00312 00006 011
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on November 23, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 05, 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 89.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1027
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
To:All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 5**612 McIver Drive;**
Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
Derrick L. Erickson, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Lorena Nora Erickson;
Unknown Heirs of John Erickson, III;Unknown Heirs of Erika Lopez;
Zabel Lopez;Shane Erickson;Jessica Rojas a/k/a Jessica Lopez;Jonathan Lopez;Bryan Lopez;Kala Tzun;Zack Erickson;
Dougherty County, Georgia;State of Georgia.
Take notice that:Pursuant to O.C.G.A.§48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
Property Location:5612 McIver Drive
Map Reference No./Parcel No.:005-1-00000-177
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on November 23, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 05, 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 90.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
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A-1025
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
To: All persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as **1014 James Cross Avenue;**
Resident/Tenant/Occupant;
Gerald B. Harris;
City of Albany;
State of Georgia;
Dougherty County, Georgia.
Take notice that: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §48-4-45 and §48-4-46, the right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
Property Location: 1014 James Cross Avenue
Map Reference No./Parcel No.: 00205-00003-007
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on November 23, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated August 05, 2025 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5339, Page 79.

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The property may be redeemed at any time before the close of business on the aforementioned barment date, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Windlass Rest, LLC at the offices of Jett Law Group, LLC at 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329.
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 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
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*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, 28, 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, any 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:

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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 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 Wallforce
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-947
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by CHIAKA NEALY to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as a nominee for Southpoint Financial Services, Inc. in the original principal amount of $93,279.00 dated August 29, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 5223, Page 266, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC in Deed Book 5397, Page 1-2, Dougherty County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 11/3/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 371 IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING ALL OF LOT 37 OF NORTH SLAPPEY HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 258 (PLAT CABINET 1, SLIDE A-33), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORIGA,
Said property being known as: **1109 19TH AVE, ALBANY, GA 31707**
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are CHIAKA NEALY or tenant(s).
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:
Planet Home Lending, LLC
321 Research Parkway, Suite 303
Meriden, CT 06450
1-855-884-2250
Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
CHIAKA NEALY
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 26-445818
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 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.

Foreclosures

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-956
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
TO: FREDERICK SHANE BELL
1018 Lincoln 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 363 in the First Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 5X, Block 161, of the Redivision of West Highlands Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said Redivision of West Highlands Subdivision, as the same is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 2 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-37), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, and is located at 1018 Lincoln Avenue, according to the present system of numbering house in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia.
Parcel No. 000DD/00024/020
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **23rd 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 277**.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **23rd day of November 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
HIGHER HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES, INC.
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
By:/s/ (SEAL)TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Higher Heights Fellowship Ministries, Inc.
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM
TO: **Stephen Acree and/or all heirs and persons claiming thereunder**
Take notice that: **James Unlimited Property Management LLC**
The right to redeem the following described property to-wit:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 209 AND 210, 1ST LAND DISTRICT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONSISTING OF 6.42 ACRES , MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT 3, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "RETRACEMENT SURVEY WILLIE PEARL HARRIS ESTATE", PREPARED BY FENTON W. NASH, GEORGIA LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2829, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 61, DOUGHTERY COUNTY , GEORGIA PUBLIC DEED RECORDS.
Parcel: 00159-00001-007
Location Address: 1415 WILLIAMSBURG RD
will expire and forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **28th day of October 2026.**
The tax deed to which the notice relates is dated the **5TH day of August 2025** and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Ben Hill County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5398 Page 85.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the **28th day of October 2026** by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address.
James Unlimited Property Management LLC
327 Eighth Avenue
Albany, Ga 31701
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

A-987
Notice Of Sale Under Power
State Of Georgia, County Of Dougherty. Under And By Virtue Of The Power Of Sale Contained In A Deed To Secure Debt Given By Moses Martinez To Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Ameris Bank, Its Successors And Assigns , Dated 05/13/2024, And Recorded On 05/14/2024 As Book No. 5190 And Page No. 324-338, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, As Last Assigned To Pennymac Loan Services, LLC (The Secured Creditor), By Assignment, Conveying The After-Described Property To Secure A Note Of Even Date In The Original Principal Amount Of $235,554.00, With Interest At The Rate Specified Therein, There Will Be Sold By The Undersigned At Public Outcry To The Highest Bidder For Cash At The Dougherty County Courthouse Within The Legal Hours Of Sale On The First Tuesday In November, 2026, The Following Described Property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land, Lying And Being In Land Lots 222 And 247 Of The First Land District, City Of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, And Being A Part Of Tracts 3 And 26 Of The Dixie Pecan Orchards Company Subdivision "E", And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Commence At The Northwest Corner Of Tract 3 Of Dixie Pecan Orchards Company Subdivision "E" As Shown On A Plat Of Said Subdivision Recorded In Deed Book 18, Page 361, Dougherty County Public Deed Records, And Go Thence South 04 Degrees 39 Minutes East Along The Eastern Boundary Of The Albany-Camilla Highway (State Road 3) A Distance Of 230 Feet To The Point Of Beginning; Continue Thence South 04 Degrees 39 Minutes East A Distance Of 221.8 Feet To A Point Marked By An Iron Pin; Go Thence North 87 Degrees 20 Minutes East A Distance Of 1047.5 Feet To A Point Marked By An Iron Pin; Go Thence North 00 Degrees 45 Minutes East A Distance Of 220 Feet To A Point, Go

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Thence South 87 Degrees 20 Minutes West A Distance Of 1067.8 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Said Tract Is Further Described On A Plat Of Survey Prepared By William Lowe, Registered Surveyor, Dated March 12, 1980. The Debt Secured By Said Deed To Secure Debt Has Been And Is Hereby Declared Due Because Of, Among Other Possible Events Of Default, Failure To Pay The Indebtedness As And When Due And In The Manner Provided In The Note And Deed To Secure Debt. Because The Debt Remains In Default, This Sale Will Be Made For The Purpose Of Paying The Same And All Expenses Of This Sale, As Provided In The Deed To Secure Debt And By Law, Including Attorney's Fees (Notice Of Intent To Collect Attorney's Fees Having Been Given). Pennymac Loan Services, LLC Holds The Duly Endorsed Note And Is The Current Assignee Of The Security Deed To The Property. Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, Acting On Behalf Of And, As Necessary, In Consultation With Pennymac Loan Services, LLC (The Current Investor On The Loan), Is The Entity With The Full Authority To Negotiate, Amend, And Modify All Terms Of The Loan. Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, Pennymac Loan Services, LLC May Be Contacted At: Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Road, Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, 866-549-3583. Please Note That, Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, The Secured Creditor Is Not Required To Amend Or Modify The Terms Of The Loan. To The Best Knowledge And Belief Of The Undersigned, The Party/Parties In Possession Of The Subject Property Known As **3404 Radium Springs Rd, Albany, Georgia 31705** Is/Are: Moses Martinez Or Tenant/Tenants. Said Property Will Be Sold Subject To (A) Any Outstanding Ad Valorem Taxes (Including Taxes Which Are A Lien, But Not Yet Due And Payable), (B) Any Matters Which Might Be Disclosed By An Accurate Survey And Inspection Of The Property, And (C) All Matters Of Record Superior To The Deed To Secure Debt First Set Out Above, Including, But Not Limited To, Assessments, Liens, Encumbrances, Zoning Ordinances, Easements, Restrictions, Covenants, Etc. The Sale Will Be Conducted Subject To (1) Confirmation That The Sale Is Not Prohibited Under The U.S. Bankruptcy Code; And (2) Final Confirmation And Audit Of The Status Of The Loan With The Holder Of The Security Deed. Pursuant To O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, Which Allows For Certain Procedures Regarding The Rescission Of Judicial And Nonjudicial Sales In The State Of Georgia, The Deed Under Power And Other Foreclosure Documents May Not Be Provided Until Final Confirmation And Audit Of The Status Of The Loan As Provided In The Preceding Paragraph. Pennymac Loan Services, LLC As Attorney In Fact For Moses Martinez. This Law Firm Is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. 00000010712636 Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.

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Notice Of Sale Under Power

State Of Georgia, County Of Dougherty. Under And By Virtue Of The Power Of Sale Contained In A Deed To Secure Debt Given By Jamaica Allen And Travis Allen To Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") As Nominee For Carrington Mortgage Services LLC , Dated 08/17/2023, And Recorded On 08/17/2023 As Book No. 5116 And Page No. 210-225, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, As Last Assigned To Bank United N.A. (The Secured Creditor), By Assignment, Conveying The After-Described Property To Secure A Note Of Even Date In The Original Principal Amount Of $263,145.00, With Interest At The Rate Specified Therein, There Will Be Sold By The Undersigned At Public Outcry To The Highest Bidder For Cash At The Dougherty County Courthouse Within The Legal Hours Of Sale On The First Tuesday In November, 2026, The Following Described Property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Situate, Lying And Being In The City Of Albany, County Of Dougherty, State Of Georgia, And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: All Of Lot Nos. 116 And 117 In Lake Park Subdivision "A", According To Plat Of Same As Recorded In Plat Book 2, Page 30 In The Office Of The Clerk Of Superior Court Of Dougherty County, Georgia. This Conveyance Is Made Subject To The Public Utility Easements And Other Easements, Visible And/Or Of Record, Affecting The Conveyed Property; To Any Valid And Enforceable Protective Covenants And Restrictions Applicable To The Property And To The Valid And Enforceable Laws, Ordinances And Regulations Governing And Regulating The Use Of The Conveyed Property. The Debt Secured By Said Deed To Secure Debt Has Been And Is Hereby Declared Due Because Of, Among Other Possible Events Of Default, Failure To Pay The Indebtedness As And When Due And In The Manner Provided In The Note And Deed To Secure Debt. Because The Debt Remains In Default, This Sale Will Be Made For The Purpose Of Paying The Same And All Expenses Of This Sale, As Provided In The Deed To Secure Debt And By Law, Including Attorney's Fees (Notice Of Intent To Collect Attorney's Fees Having Been Given). Bank United N.A. Holds The Duly Endorsed Note And Is The Current Assignee Of The Security Deed To The Property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Acting On Behalf Of And, As Necessary, In Consultation With Bank United N.A. (The Current Investor On The Loan), Is The Entity With The Full Authority To Negotiate, Amend, And Modify All Terms Of The Loan. Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC May Be Contacted At: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd.,, Suites 1030, 1300 And 1400, Orange, CA 92868, 800-561-4567. Please Note That, Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, The Secured Creditor Is Not Required To Amend Or Modify The Terms Of The Loan. To The Best Knowledge And Belief Of The Undersigned, The Party/Parties In Possession Of The Subject Property Known As **1009 Summit Drive, Albany, Georgia 31707** Is/Are: Jamaica Allen And Travis Allen Or Tenant/Tenants. Said Property Will Be Sold Subject To (A) Any Outstanding Ad Valorem Taxes (Including Taxes Which Are A Lien, But Not Yet Due And Payable), (B) Any Matters Which Might Be Disclosed By An Accurate Survey And Inspection Of The Property, And (C) All Matters Of Record Superior To The Deed To Secure Debt First Set Out Above, Including, But Not Limited To, Assessments, Liens, Encumbrances, Zoning Ordinances, Easements, Restrictions, Covenants, Etc. The Sale Will Be Conducted Subject To (1) Confirmation That The Sale Is Not Prohibited Under The U.S. Bankruptcy Code; And (2) Final Confirmation And Audit Of The Status Of The Loan With The Holder Of The Security Deed. Pursuant To O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, Which Allows For Certain Procedures Regarding The Rescission Of Judicial And Nonjudicial Sales In The State Of Georgia, The Deed Under Power And Other Foreclosure Documents May Not Be Provided Until Final Confirmation And Audit Of The Status Of The Loan As Provided In The Preceding Paragraph. Bank United N.A. As Attorney In Fact For Jamaica Allen And Travis Allen. This Law Firm Is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. To Obtain Options And Alternatives To Foreclosure Please Contact Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC Directly, Toll-Free By The Following Telephone Number: (800-561-4567). 00000010742583 Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
RIGHT TO REDEEM

TAKE NOTICE THAT : JEFFERY MARC WILLIAMS AND HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN and LIENHOLDERS

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

Map & Parcel 000HH-00027-022

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, being all of lots 5 and 6 in Block 17 in Ragsdale-Odom Addition of said city, as shown on a plat recorded in Deed Book 15, Pages 344 and 345 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said lots being 50 feet wide and 150 feet deep and said lots being located and fronting on the south side of Holloway Street.

Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on or after the 24 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 241.

The property may be redeemed at anytime before the 24th day of October 2026, by the payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Barfield Law Firm Inc., 56 Blakely Street, Cuthbert, Georgia 39840. Please be governed accordingly.

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STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by JACKIE G BRIGGS to SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. in the original principal amount of $54,000.00 dated June 26, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 2614 , Page 337, Dougherty County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2019-4, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE in Deed Book 5380, Page 636, Dougherty County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 11/3/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 34 OF GAILSHAR GARDENS SUBDIVISION "B", ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 186 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Said property being known as: **1906 GAIL AVE, ALBANY, GA 31707**

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

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

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

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

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

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
800-635-9698

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
OF
RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
1305 Mobile Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:

Take Notice that:

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

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 241, 1st Land District, City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 93-C of the resubdivision of Lot 93 of Columbia Acres, according to a map or plat of said resubdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 338, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County. Said property has located thereon a dwelling known as 1305 Mobile Avenue according to the present system of numbering in the City of Albany, Georgia.

Parcel No. 00001/00029/02B

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **27th 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 115**.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **27th day of November 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

BAULDWIN LEE CUNNINGHAM
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
OF
RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC
2046 N. Riverview Circle, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:

Take Notice that:

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

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 5 of Lakewood Homes Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 220, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.

Parcel No. 0000K/00033/005

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **27th 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 176**.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **27th day of November 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

BAULDWIN LEE CUNNINGHAM
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

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

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
OF
RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: STEVEN R. BENSON
2229 Duitman Road, Albany, Georgia 31705
and all persons who can claim any interest in and to said property:

Take Notice that:

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

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 188, 1st Land District, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 15 of the "Resubdivision of Parts of Tracts 15, 23 and 30 of the Towns Place Subdivision (formerly Duitman Property)", according to a map or plat of said resubdivision as same is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 29 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide A-78), in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.

Parcel No. 00154/00004/018

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **27th 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 67**.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **27th day of November 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

BAULDWIN LEE CUNNINGHAM
Divine Finney Davis, PC
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

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

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from THOMAS G. HALL to : RENASANT BANK, as successor by corporate merger to HERITAGEBANK OF THE SOUTH, dated April 1, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 2777, Page 022 et seq., as same was modified by Modification of Security Deed dated April 15, 2019 as recorded in Deed Book 4597, Page 175 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, said Deed to Secure Debt having originally been given to secure that certain Promissory Note in the original principal amount of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($44,000.00) of even date therewith, as well as all extensions, renewals and modifications thereof, together with any and all other indebtedness, of any type or description, then or thereafter owing by THOMAS G. HALL to RENASANT BANK as successor by corporate merger to HERITAGEBANK OF THE SOUTH, there will be sold by the undersigned, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door at Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November 3, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Dougherty County, Georgia, and being the north 188.2 feet of Tract A of the Albany Georgia Pecan Company Subdivision "D", according to a map of said subdivision as same is recorded in Contract Book 2, Page 152, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the intersection of the north line of said tract "A" with the east right of way line of U.S. Highway 19 and run thence south 1°41' wets a distance of 180.2 feet to a point; run thence north 87°30' east a distance of 1,031.5 feet to the west right of way line of the Atlantic Coastline Rail Road; run thence north 0°30' east along the west right of way line of said rail road a distance of 188.2 feet to a point; run thence south 87°30' west a distance of 1,028.59 feet to the point of beginning; said property being described according to a plat of the property of Thomas G. Hall and Candace Lee Hall, dated December 22, 1976, by William Lowe, Registered Land Surveyor.

This is the same property as that conveyed to Grantor and Grantee by Warranty Deed as the same appears of record in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 575, Page 24.

THE STREET ADDRESS OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY, UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF OF RENASANT BANK ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT NUMBERING SYSTEM OF STREETS IN DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA IS 4100 RADIUM SPRINGS ROAD, ALBANY, GEORGIA.

The indebtedness secured by the aforementioned Security Deed has been and is hereby declared immediately due and payable in full because of the failure of THOMAS G. HALL to maintain payments upon said indebtedness owing to the RENASANT BANK as successor by corporate merger to HERITAGEBANK OF THE SOUTH in accordance with its terms. Said indebtedness remaining in default, this sale shall be made for the purpose of paying such indebtedness, as well as all expenses of this sale, including attorneys' fees.

The above-described property will be sold as the property of THOMAS G. HALL and will be 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 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 Deed to Secure Debt described above; and all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, security deeds or other encumbrances of record which have priority over the referenced Deed to Secure Debt.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party presently in possession of said property is THOMAS G. HALL, and/or a tenant or tenants.

Please be further advised that the entity which has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of your Notes, Security Deed, and related documents, is:

Renasant Bank
104 Heritage Lane
Leesburg, GA 31763
(229) 878-2008
ATTN: Joey Shiver

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

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

RENASANT BANK, as successor by corporate merger to HERITAGEBANK OF THE SOUTH as Attorney-in-Fact for THOMAS G. HALL

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-960

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO: **Stephen Acree and/or all heirs and persons claiming thereunder**

Take notice that: **James Unlimited Property Management LLC**

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

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 209 AND 210, 1ST LAND DISTRICT, DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONSISTING OF 6.60 ACRES , MORE OR LESS BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 2, AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT ENTITLED "RETRACEMENT SURVEY WILLIE PEARL HARRIS ESTATE", PREPARED BY FENTON W. NASH, GEORGIA LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2829, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 61, DOUGHTERY COUNTY , GEORGIA PUBLIC DEED RECORDS.

Parcel: 00159-00001-033

Location Address: 1418 WILLIAMSBURG RD

will expire and forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **28th of October 2026.**

The tax deed to which the notice relates is dated the **5TH day of August 2025** and is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Ben Hill County, Georgia, in Deed Book 5398 Page 86.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **28th day of October 2026** by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address.

James Unlimited Property Management LLC
327 Eighth Avenue
Albany, Ga 31701

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

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A-1007

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CALHOUN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROZ COSSMOS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2026 P36

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: Whom it may concern:

Susan Michelle Cossmos has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Roz Cossmos deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Oct. 30, 2026.

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

Annie Dam Holden
Judge of the Probate Court
By:
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 87
Morgan, GA 34866
229 849-2115

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-944

SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to requirements of the Georgia Constitution, Attorney General Christopher Carr, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, and Legislative Counsel Betsy Howerton hereby provide the summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments that will appear on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot for consideration by the people of Georgia (short captions are those adopted by the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board):

-1 -

Increases the maximum qualifying acreage for assessment and taxation as bona fide conservation use property.

House Resolution No. 32
Ga. L. 2025, p. 1081
( ) YES
( ) NO

Shall the Constitution of Georgia, for the purpose of protecting family farmland, be amended so as to increase the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres?"

Summary

This proposal increases the maximum acreage to qualify for assessment and taxation as a bona fide conservation use property from 2,000 acres to 4,000 acres. It amends Article VII, Section I, Paragraph III of the Georgia Constitution, relating to uniformity, classification of property, assessment of agricultural land, and utilities, by revising subparagraph (e)(1).

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

- 2 -

Provides for the nonpartisan election of all probate court judges.

House Resolution No. 251
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1110
( ) YES
( ) NO

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require that all probate court judges be elected in nonpartisan elections?"

Summary

This proposal provides that all probate judges shall be elected in nonpartisan elections. It amends Article VI, Section VII, Paragraph I of the Georgia Constitution, relating to selection and term of office of judges, by revising subparagraph (a).

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

- 3 -

Authorizes creation of Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund for 9-1-1 systems expansion, maintenance, and operation.

House Resolution No. 1243
Ga. L. 2026, p. 1109
( ) YES
( ) NO

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to dedicate certain existing revenues, including revenues reallocated by law, to a nonlapsing fund to be used exclusively for the expansion, maintenance, and operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems in this state?"

Summary

This proposal authorizes the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation of the Georgia Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund. It amends Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Georgia Constitution, relating to appropriations to be for specific sums, by adding a new subparagraph (s).

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

October 17, 24, 31, 2026

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF Deryl Sudderth, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Deryl Sudderth, 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.

Marie Darsey
8278 GA Hwy 55
Leary, GA 39862
229-894-1052

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

A-974

CALHOUN COUNTY NOVEMBER 2026 TAX SALE
SHERIFF'S SALE
ANGELA D. VARNUM
EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF CALHOUN

Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi.Fa.'s issued by the **Tax Commissioner of Calhoun County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Calhoun** against the following named persons and the property as described immediately below their respective name(s).

There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the **Courthouse steps in Morgan, Calhoun County, Georgia**, between the legal hours of sale, on the **first Tuesday in November 2026, the same November 3, 2026.**

The following property will be sold **between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM**. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The properties hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in **Calhoun County, State of Georgia**. The years for which said Fi.Fa.ís are issued and levied are stated below the name of the owner in each case.

This is a buyer beware sale and all property will be sold as is. The Tax Commissioner makes no warranty, neither expressed nor implied, as to title, and all properties are subject to all recorded covenants, easements, and right of ways. Properties are sold under the power of a tax sale deed with specific rights of redemption.

Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees. At the discretion of the Tax Commissioner's office, payment will be required within two (2) hours after the completion of the tax sale. In the event a bid is not properly paid, the property may be **re-offered later on the day of the sale, or the following business day, that being November 4, 2026.**

File #: 2
Map/Parcel Number: A009 018
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Alexander, Robert ETAL; A009 018 / 18691 Morgan Rd NE
Current Property Owner: Alexander, Robert; Brown, Morella A; Brown, Bessie A; Scrubbs, Lura Lee A; Alexander, Annie Pearl; Brown, Mandi A; Alexander, Flozell; Alexander, Lonnie; Alexander, Willie Jim; Alexander, Emmanuel
Reference Deed: 48/789
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A009 018, lying and being in Land Lot 149, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.50 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 48, Page 789, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 18691 Morgan Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 5
Map/Parcel Number: 0022 012C
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Bethel, Anissiya; 0022 012C / 3AC/2095 Dickey Bypass
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 196/73
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0022 012C, lying and being in Land Lot 120 of the 3rd Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 3.00 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 196, Page 73, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 2095 Dickey Bypass.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 6
Map/Parcel Number: L004 002
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Black, Vashti (Estate); L004 002 / Lot & HSE/39254 Mercer Ave
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: Y/305
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L004 002, in the City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book Y, Page 305, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 39254 Mercer Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 7
Map/Parcel Number: E010 020
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Blackmon, Debra & Holley, Larry Donnell; E010 020 / House 52 First Ave
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 182/118
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E010 020, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 182, Page 118, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 52 First Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

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Years Due: 2025

File #: 8
Map/Parcel Number: A005 018
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Blocker, Charlie Estate IN REM; A005 018 / 180 SE R E Jennings Ave
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 142/4
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005 018, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.39 acres, more or less, being Lot 1, described in Deed Book 142, Page 4, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 180 R E Jennings Avenue SE.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 9
Map/Parcel Number: A005 101
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Blue Wright Holdings Opportunity Zone LLC; A005 101 / 17343 Highland Avenue
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 217/249
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005 101, lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 4th Land District, City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 217, Page 249, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 17343 South Highland Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 10
Map/Parcel Number: L006 041
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Brown, Edward (Est in REM); L006 041 / 3808 South Depot St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 91/60
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L006 041, lying and being in the City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Tract C, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 12, described in Deed Book 91, Page 60, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 3808 South Depot Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 12
Map/Parcel Number: E005 063A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Brown, Lula Mae; E005 063A / 19471 Hartford St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 168/485
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E005 063A, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.04 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 168, Page 485, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 19471 Hartford Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 13
Map/Parcel Number: A004 052
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Bryant, Timothy B (Estate in REM); A004 052 / Lot 3 & 4 / 39 Magnolia Ave NE
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 200/558; 174/569
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A004 052, lying and being in Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.52 acre, more or less, being Lots 3 & 4, Carver Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 105, described in Deed Book 200, Page 558, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 39 Magnolia Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 14
Map/Parcel Number: A003 054
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Butler, Ben & Judye Estate; A003 054 / Lot/Camellia St SW
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: NRF
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A003 054, lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 4th Land District, City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Camellia Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 15
Map/Parcel Number: 0030 065B07
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Butler, Ruby Estate IN REM; 0030 065B07 / Lot & MH/Dismukes MHP #20
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 95/216
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0030 065B07, lying and being in Land Lot 245 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.299 acres, more or less, being Tract 7, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 307, described in Deed Book 95, Page 216, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 20621 Highway 37 20.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 16
Map/Parcel Number: E002 026
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Collins, Faye (Fay) Lee (Estate); E002 026 / 801 Martin Luther King Dr
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 35/101
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E002 026, lying and being in Land Lot 204 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Lot 10, Oak Grove Subdivision, described in Deed Book 35, Page 101, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 801 MLK Jr Drive.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 17
Map/Parcel Number: A005 021
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Conley, Diane Barnes; A005 021 / 222 Arles St SE
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 53/237
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005 021, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.28 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 53, Page 237, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 222 Arles Street.
Years Due: 2025

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File #: 19
Map/Parcel Number: L007 011
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Crayton, Alex Jr; L007 011 / 3337 S Depot St
Current Property Owner: Crayton, Alex & Crayton, Alex Jr
Reference Deed: 28/57; 165/564; 206/421
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L007 011, lying and being in Land Lot 307 of the 3rd Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.46 acre, more or less, being Lot 11, Bill Jordan's Bermuda Plantation Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 282, described in Deed Book 206, Page 421, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 3337 South Depot Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 20
Map/Parcel Number: 0018 007D04
Defendant(s) in FiFa: CTA Properties Management LLC; 0018 007D04/ Lot 4/110 Daisy Court
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 208/443
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0018 007D04, lying and being in Land Lots 205 & 206 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 1.50 acres, more or less, being Lot 4, Sealy Place Subdivision, Phase 1, shown in Plat Book 6, Page 196, described in Deed Book 208, Page 443, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 110 Daisy Court.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 21
Map/Parcel Number: 0022 002B
Defendant(s) in FiFa: CTA Properties Management LLC; 0022 002B / Bond Estates Tract C/ Dickey BYP
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 215/314; 145/293
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0022 002B, lying and being in Land Lot 83 of the 3rd Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 9.71 acres, more or less, being Tract C, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 186, described in Deed Book 145, Page 293, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1291 Fountain Bridge Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 23
Map/Parcel Number: 0040 016A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Davis, Lacarrie Renea; 0040 016A / 3.43 Ac/665 Bluffton Rd
Current Property Owner: Davis, Lacarrie Renea & Robinson, Veronice
Reference Deed: 210/150;232/456
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0040 016A, lying and being in Land Lot 323 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 3.43 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 217, described in Deed Book 232, Page 456, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 665 Bluffton Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 24
Map/Parcel Number: E010 031
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Davis, Patrick (Partick) & Hill, LaCarie (LaCarrie); E010 031 / MH 18098 College St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 182/76
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E010 031, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 182, Page 76, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 18098 College Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 25
Map/Parcel Number: A005A001BB
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Denis, Fredy Jean Jr; A005A001BB / 518 Pioneer Rd NE
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 218/434; 157/14
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005A001BB, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, being part of Lots 37 & 39, Block B, described in Deed Book 218, Page 434, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 518 Pioneer Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 26
Map/Parcel Number: 0041 014AC
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Duke, Larry E Jr & Marilyn (Marilynn); 0041 014AC / 1.5 AC/ Davis Chapel Rd
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 193/492
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0041 014AC, lying and being in Land Lot 283 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 1.50 acres, more or less, shown in Deed Book 193, Page 493, described in Deed Book 193, Page 492, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1390 Davis Chapel Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 27
Map/Parcel Number: A002 041
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Dunham, Rodney Estate; Dunham, Roxie; A002 041 / V/L John McMurria Rd
Current Property Owner: Dunham, Rodney & Harper, Jura Dunham
Reference Deed: N/230
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A002 041, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.25 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book N, Page 230, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on John McMurria Road.
Years Due: 2021-2025

File #: 29
Map/Parcel Number: 0016 030
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ferguson, Virginia H & Jason M; 0016 030 / 1 AC/ 4639 Ferguson Rd
Current Property Owner: Ferguson, Oscar Malone & Mrs. Agnes B
Reference Deed: 33/697; 34/679; 28/519
Property Description: All and only

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that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0016 030, lying and being in Land Lot 337 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.932 acre, more or less, being Tract 3, shown in Plat Book 8, Page 8, described in Deed Book 34, Page 679 & being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 28, Page 519, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 4639 Ferguson Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 30
Map/Parcel Number: A005 101C
Defendant(s) in FiFa: George, Vernell K (Estate In REM); A005 101C / Lot & House/116 Creek Ave
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 54/432;79/75
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005 101C, lying and being in Land Lot 189 of the 4th Land District, City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Lots 2 & 3, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 159, described in Deed Book 79, Page 75 & Deed Book 54, Page 432, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 116 Creek Avenue.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 34
Map/Parcel Number: 0087 002
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Griffin, Cassell W (Estate in REM); 0087 002 / 474 AC / 129 Hwy 37
Current Property Owner: Division 7 Properties LLC
Reference Deed: 230/525
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0087 002, lying and being in Land Lots 101 & 140 of the 3rd Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 230, Page 525, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 129 Highway 37.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 35
Map/Parcel Number: A003 104
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hall, Columbus & Ethel Estates; A003 104 / Creek Ave & Butlers Alley
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: NRF
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A003 104, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.07 acre, more or less, the description contained herein being incorporated by this reference, located on Creek Avenue & Butlers Alley.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 36
Map/Parcel Number: A003 098
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hall, Columbus & Ethel Estates; A003 098 / City Lot/Cherokee St SW
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: NRF
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A003 098, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.07 acre, more or less, the description contained herein being incorporated by this reference, located on Cherokee Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 39
Map/Parcel Number: 0074 070
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Harrell, Lillie Mae; 0074 070 / 4087 W Main Street
Current Property Owner: Bowman, Floyd & Miller, Turner A
Reference Deed: Y/554
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074 070, lying and being in the City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book Y, Page 554, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 4087 West Main Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 45
Map/Parcel Number: A005 058
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hightower, Charles & Deanne (WROS); A005 058 / 49 Pepper St SE
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 192/409
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005 058, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.21 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 192, Page 409, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 49 Pepper Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 46
Map/Parcel Number: 0028 007A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Karter, William Jeffrey & Hill, Jay Kirkman; 0028 007A / 1.338 AC/Sandy Bottom Rd
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 182/499; 216/342
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0028 007A, lying and being in Land Lot 325 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 1.34 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 94, described in Deed Book 216, Page 342, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1390 Sandy Bottom Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 47
Map/Parcel Number: A003 103
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hill, McKenzie; A003 103 / City Lot/Creek Ave
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: NRF
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A003 103, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.13 acre, more or less, the description contained herein being incorporated by this reference, located on Creek Avenue.
Years Due: 2022-2025

File #: 48
Map/Parcel Number: E004 082
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hodge, Elijah Jr; E004 082 / 344 MLK Jr Dr
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: W/194;227/704
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E004 082, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County,

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Georgia, containing 0.25 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 227, Page 704, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 344 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 49
Map/Parcel Number: E004 105
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hodge, John R Jr Et Al; E004 105 / Lot 25/ 31 Jay Street
Current Property Owner: Hodge, John R (Est)
Reference Deed: 30/505-506; 206/610
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E004 105, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.34 acre, more or less, being Lot 25, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 162, described in Deed Book 30, Pages 505-506, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 31 Jay Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 52
Map/Parcel Number: E003 039
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Jackson, Joyce Ann; E003 039 / 122 Lark Street
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 190/263
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E003 039, lying and being in the City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 190, Page 263, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 122 Lark Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 57
Map/Parcel Number: E002 019
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Johnson, Inell S; E002 019 / 60 Turner Chapel Lane NW
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: Y/546; 226/483
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E002 019, lying and being in Land Lot 204, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.21 acre, more or less, being a portion of City Lot 33, described in Deed Book 226, Page 483, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 60 Turner Chapel Lane.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 58
Map/Parcel Number: E004 019
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Johnson, Inell S; E004 019 / 739 Turner Street
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 226/481
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E004 019, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 53, Page 680, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 739 Turner Street.
Years Due: 2019,2025

File #: 63
Map/Parcel Number: L006 024
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Mansfield, Sabrina; L006 024 / Lts 81-83/ 21 & 25 Florence Ave
Current Property Owner: Mansfield, Sabrina & Jackson, Lonzie & Lonzie Jr & Eddie & Wilman
Reference Deed: 196/493; 195/323
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L006 024, lying and being in the City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Lots 81, 82 & 83, Hammond Annex, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 142, described in Deed Book 196, Page 493, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 25 Florence Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 64
Map/Parcel Number: A008 023
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Mardes1 LLC; A008 023 / Lot 1 & 2/18199 Morgan Rd
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 45/324; 52/86; 146/370; 223/445
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A008 023, lying and being in Land Lot 149 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.83 acre, more or less, being Lots 1 & 2, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 173, described in Deed Book 223, Page 445, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 18199 Morgan Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 65
Map/Parcel Number: L005 028A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Marshall, Christine; L005 028A /MH/66 Boyd St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 48/586
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L005 028A, lying and being in the City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 21, described in Deed Book 48, Page 586, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 66 Boyd Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 67
Map/Parcel Number: E005 021
Defendant(s) in FiFa: McIntosh, Samuel L (Lavan) & Monique L; E005 021 / Duplex / 194 Strickland St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 181/373
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E005 021, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, containing 0.96 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 181, Page 373, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 194 Strickland Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 73
Map/Parcel Number: 0030 06521
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Oliver, Donald E; 0030 06521 / Lot 21 / 221 Bunny Ln
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 207/174

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Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0030 06521, lying and being in Land Lots 217 & 218 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 1.16 acres, more or less, being Lot 21, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 107, described in Deed Book 207, Page 174, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 221 Bunny Lane.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 76
Map/Parcel Number: E004 068
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Porter, Rodriguez; E004 068 / 277 Martin Luther King Dr
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 225/198
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E004 068, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.14 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 225, Page 198, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 277 Martin Luther King Junior Drive.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 77
Map/Parcel Number: E007 010
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Porter, Rodriguez; E007 010 / MH 406 Dixie Circle
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 225/200
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E007 010, lying and being in Land Lot 204 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.34 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 225, Page 200, the descriptions contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 406 Dixie Circle.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 80
Map/Parcel Number: 0079A001
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Reed, Nora Mae; 0079A001 / 17557 Woodvalley Rd NW
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 44/599
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0079A001, lying and being in Land Lot 191 of the 4th Land District, City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.40 acre, more or less, being Lots 910 & 912, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 107, described in Deed Book 44, Page 599, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 17557 Woodvalley Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 82
Map/Parcel Number: E009 021
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Rivas, Araujo Magda Y (aka Araujo, Magda Yadira Rivas); E009 021 / House 402 Bay Ave
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 212/288
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E009 021, lying and being in Land Lot 176 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, being property shown in Plat Book 2, Page 260, described in Deed Book 212, Page 288, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 402 Bay Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 84
Map/Parcel Number: L002 013E
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Robinson, Diane; L002 013E / Lot 4 / 53 Melvin St
Current Property Owner: Walker, Cornelius
Reference Deed: 229/420
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L002 013E, lying and being in Land Lot 293 of the 3rd Land District, City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Lot 4, Sherwood Hawke Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 493, described in Deed Book 229, Page 420, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 53 Melvin Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 85
Map/Parcel Number: L002 013G
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Robinson, Diane; L002 013G / Lot 3 / Melvin Street
Current Property Owner: Walker, Cornelius
Reference Deed: 229/420
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L002 013G, lying and being in Land Lot 293 of the 3rd Land District, City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Lot 3, Sherwood Hawke Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 493, described in Deed Book 229, Page 420, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 41 Melvin Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 86
Map/Parcel Number: 0061 073BIN
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Sanders, Shirley Ann (Estate in REM); 0061 073BIN / 1.25 AC/Blue Springs Rd
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 82/61
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0061 073BIN, lying and being in Land Lot 310 of the 3rd Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 1.251 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 235, described in Deed Book 82, Page 61, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 2995 Blue Springs Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 87
Map/Parcel Number: E004 094
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Severson, Joann Roe; E004 094 / Lot 16/90 Robin Street
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 155/292
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E004 094, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.34 acres, more or less, being Lot 16, Singer Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 3,

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Page 162, described in Deed Book 155, Page 292, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 90 Robin Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 90
Map/Parcel Number: A002 043
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Smith, Demetress T; A002 043 / 7735 John McMurria Rd NW
Current Property Owner: Sprueil, Tiffany, Harold & Hosannah
Reference Deed: 137/547; 207/178; 207/348
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A002 043, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.50 acres, more or less, being Lot 16, Block E, shown on plat for the City of Arlington, described in Deed Book 207, Page 178, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 7735 John McMurria Road.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 91
Map/Parcel Number: 0018 02004
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Sweatman, Kristen & Davis, Kodie S; 0018 02004 / Lot 4/165 John Arthur Ln
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 218/582
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0018 02004, lying and being in Land Lot 217 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 4, shown in Plat Book 6, Page 115, described in Deed Book 218, Page 582, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 165 John Arthur Lane.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 94
Map/Parcel Number: E003 003
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Timpson, Eric D; E003 003 / 357 Martin Luther King Dr
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 189/318
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E003 003, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, being property described in Deed Book 189, Page 318, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 357 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 95
Map/Parcel Number: E004 006
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Timpson, Troy Scellus; E004 006 / 163 Slaton Dr
Current Property Owner: Canidate, Chekeylar M & Chambers, Tuvulsiae M
Reference Deed: 230/48
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E004 006, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.23 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 230, Page 48, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 163 Slaton Drive.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 96
Map/Parcel Number: E008 037
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Turner, James C; E008 037 / Lot & House/Manry @ Bay
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 171/349
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E008 037, lying and being in Land Lot 175 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, being Lot 2, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 164, described in Deed Book 171, Page 349, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 665 Bay Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 97
Map/Parcel Number: 0030 065B06
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Wade, Katie; 0030 065B06 / Lot & MH/Dismukes MHP #6
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 95/217
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0030 065B06, lying and being in Land Lot 245 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.264 acres, more or less, being Tract 6, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 307, described in Deed Book 95, Page 217, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 20621 Highway 37 Lot 6.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 98
Map/Parcel Number: A005A003A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Walker, Cornelius; A005A003A / 17580 N Highland St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 212/76; 161/491
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A005A003A, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.03 acre, more or less, being a portion of City Lot 15, Block B, described in Deed Book 161, Page 491, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 17580 North Highland Avenue.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 99
Map/Parcel Number: E002 001
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Walker, Cornelius; E002 001 / 1065 Pine St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 220/547; 108/98
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E002 001, lying and being in the City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.74 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 108, Page 98, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1065 Pine Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 100
Map/Parcel Number: E003 036
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Walker, Cornellius; E003 036 / 18, 28, 38, 48 Manry St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 207/517

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Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E003 036, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book Q, Page 321, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 18 Manry Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 101
Map/Parcel Number: E002 033
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Walker, Cornelius (Cornellius) Lemar; E002 033 / 170 Booker Washington St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 204/340
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E002 033, lying and being in Land Lot 204 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.303 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 204, Page 340, known as 170 Booker Washington Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 103
Map/Parcel Number: 0030 06517
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Walker, Sandra Dee & Peterson, Christine; 0030 06517 / Lot 17 & MH/ 115 Bunny Ln
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 66/221
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0030 06517, lying and being in Land Lot 218 of the 4th Land District, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 1.125 acres, more or less, being Lot 17, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 107, described in Deed Book 66, Page 221, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 115 Bunny Lane.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 104
Map/Parcel Number: L005 041
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Washington, Allen (Estate) Et Al; L005 041 / Lot off Boyd St
Current Property Owner: Washington, Viola, Mary, Eula & Allen
Reference Deed: V/130
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L005 041, lying and being in the City of Leary, Calhoun County, Georgia, described in Deed Book V, Page 130, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Boyd Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 107
Map/Parcel Number: E002 004
Defendant(s) in FiFa: West, George & Amandy (Estates in REM);E002 004 / V/L Pine St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: X/583
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E002 004, lying and being in the City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.16 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book X, Page 583, the descriptions contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Pine Street.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 109
Map/Parcel Number: E002 061
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Williams, Cornice L; E002 061 / 15 & 17 Mt Grove Ln (Off Pine)
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 89/166
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E002 061, lying and being in Land Lot 204 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.19 acres, more or less, described in Deed Book 89, Page 166, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 15 and 17 Mount Grove Lane.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 112
Map/Parcel Number: A002 014
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Williams, Willie Vera & Roger L Sr; A002 014 / 155 NW Laurel Avenue
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 109/67
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax parcel A002 014, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.37 acre, more or less, being Town Lot 58, Block O, described in Deed Book 109, Page 67, the descriptions contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 155 Laurel Avenue NW.
Years Due: 2025

File #: 113
Map/Parcel Number: A007 017B
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Wilson, Gloria; A007 017B / E 1/2 Lot 13 / Pecan St SE
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 43/703
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel A007 017B, lying and being in the City of Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.23 acres, more or less, being a portion of Lot 13, shown in Plat Book 1, Page 149, described in Deed Book 43, Page 703, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 175 Pecan Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 115
Map/Parcel Number: E008 052
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Zackery, Katherine (Estate in REM); E008 052 / House/1352 Pine St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 60/260
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E008 052, lying and being in Land Lot 204 of the 4th Land District, City of Edison, Calhoun County, Georgia, containing 0.50 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 60, Page 260, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1352 Pine Street.
Years Due: 2025

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026





7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 spun around (7)	
2 word in ingredients list (8)	
3 straight out of the toaster (10)	
4 Italian luxury label (7)	
5 pickleball's kitchen (9)	
6 Japan's "dragonfly island" (6)	
7 get like Heinlein (4)	

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Thursday's Answers: 1. NINCOMPOOP 2. GELS 3. SPECTATE 4. KINGLET 5. PALLID 6. CORPULENT 7. STOPWATCH 10/16

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 breadboard bits (6)	
2 Elle Fanning's acting sister (6)	
3 Schwarzenegger, by birth (8)	
4 onions and garlic (7)	
5 bubble tea (4)	
6 Monet's water lily series (8)	
7 very scanty (8)	

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NYM	MS	DA	OUS	AN
MBS	EX	PHE	ALL	AU
AS	KO	BO	ST	IGU

Friday's Answers: 1. WHIRLED 2. CONTAINS 3. UNBUTTERED 4. VERSACE 5. FORECOURT 6. HONSHU 7. GROK 10/17

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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

X I B U E P Z P V H F U J G Z P V D S P T T

D P M V N C V T E B Z B O E I B M M P X F F O ?

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Even Exchange

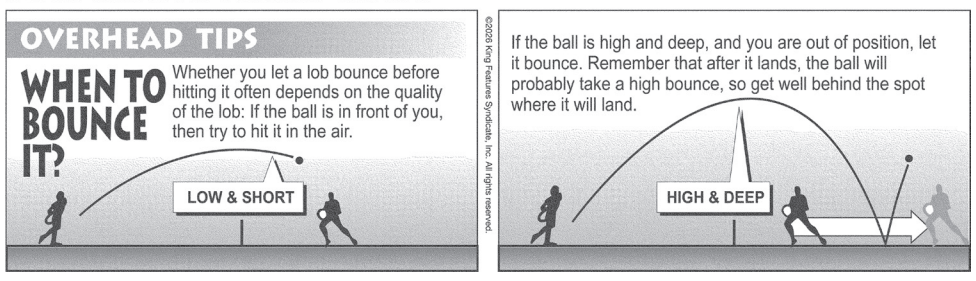
by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Vegetable plot	G _ _ _ _ _	Prison keeper	W _ _ _ _ _
2. Admonish	_ _ O _ _	Burn with water	_ _ A _ _
3. Blue ribbon or trophy	_ _ _ Z _	Cost	_ _ _ C _
4. Chit chat	_ _ N _ _ _	Trade	_ _ R _ _ _
5. Kangaroo's pocket	P _ _ _ _	Feel	T _ _ _ _
6. H20	_ _ T _ _	Thin biscuit	_ _ F _ _
7. Pious	_ _ _ _ _ T	Alternate route	_ _ _ _ _ R
8. Ag	_ I _ _ _ _	Tray	_ A _ _ _ _
9. Pathway	_ _ _ _ L	Teach a dog	_ _ _ _ N
10. Corn cob segment	_ _ R _ _ _	Canine lodge	_ _ N _ _ _

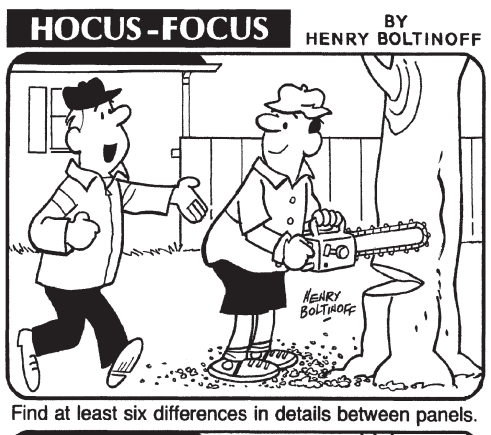
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STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

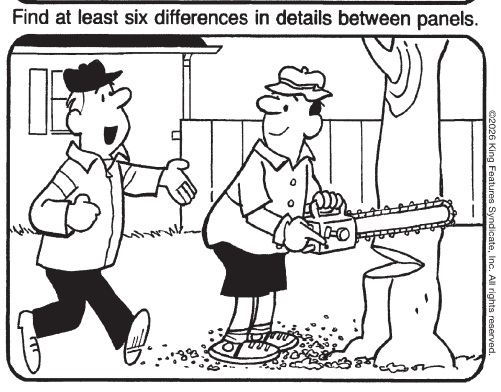


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Saw blade is longer. 3. Hat is different. 4. Finger is moved. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Tree is thinner.

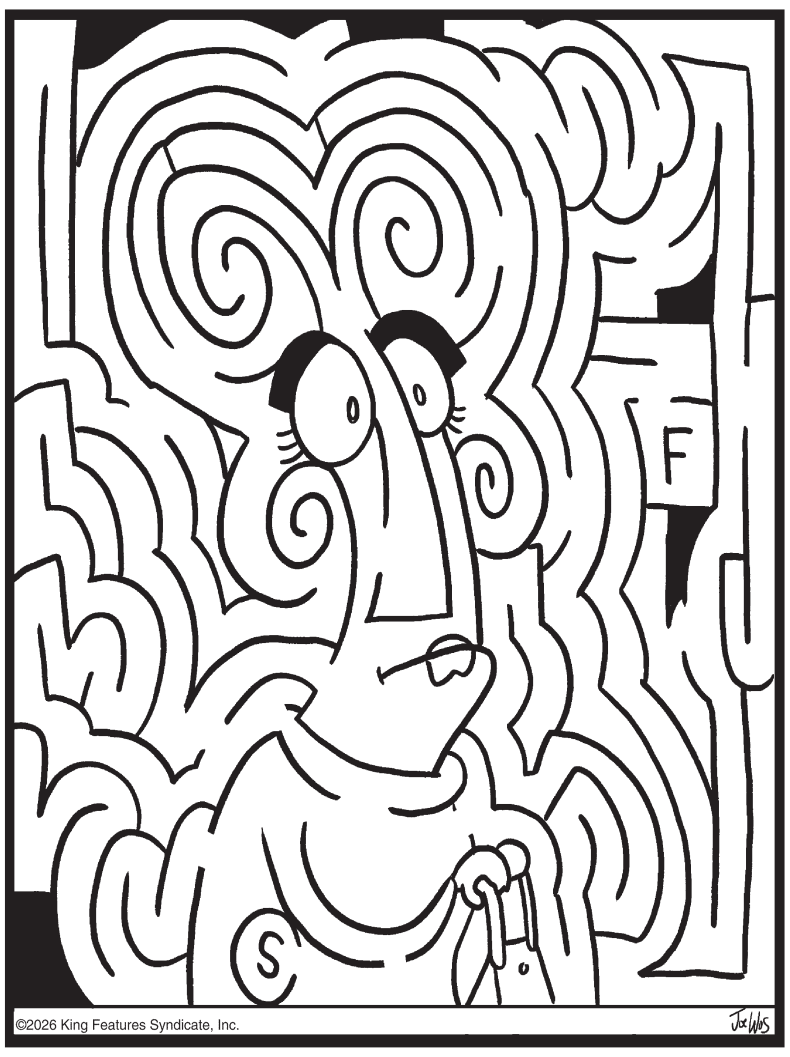
Even Exchange answers

1. Garden, Warden	6. Water, Wafer	5. Pouch, Touch	10. Kernel, Kennel
2. Scold, Scald	7. Devout, Devour	4. Banter, Barter	9. Trail, Train
3. Prize, Price	8. Silver, Salver		

Puzzles4Kids Answer

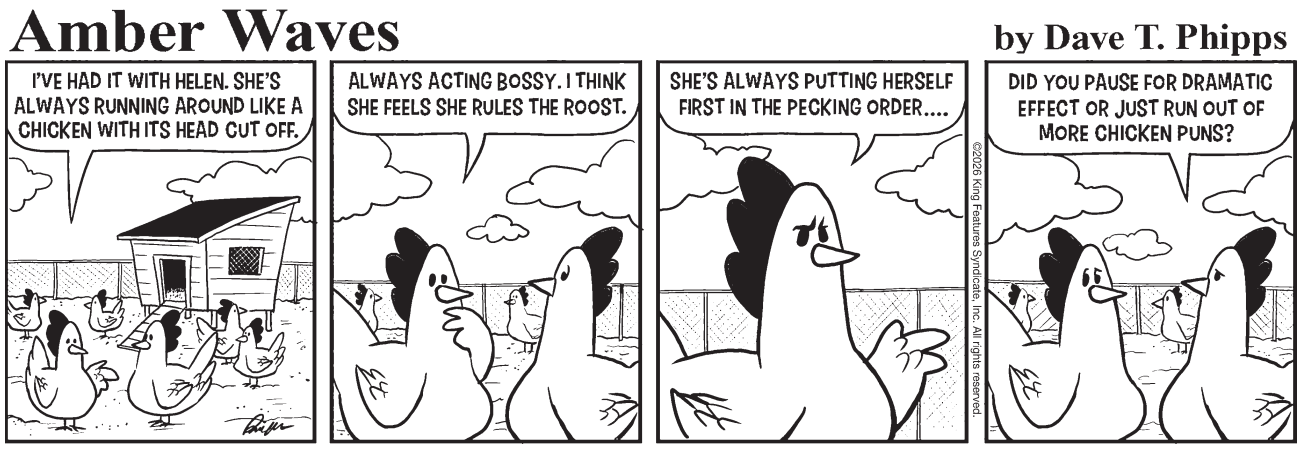
What do you get if you cross Columbus Day and Halloween?

Ghoul–umbus Day.



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



top 10 movies

1. **Verity**
(R) Anne Hathaway, Dakota Johnson
2. **Resident Evil**
(R) Austin Abrams, Zach Cherry
3. **Heart of the Beast**
(PG-13) Brad Pitt, J.K. Simmons
4. **Digger**
(R) Tom Cruise, Riz Ahmed
5. **Primetime**
(R) Robert Pattinson, Merritt Wever
6. **Forgotten Island**
(PG) H.E.R., Liza Soberano
7. **Avengers: Endgame**
(PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans
8. **Practical Magic 2**
(PG-13) Sandra Bullock, Dianne Wiest
9. **Drishyam: The Conclusion**
(NR) Ajay Devgn, Tabu
10. **Spider-Man: Brand New Day**
(PG-13) Tom Holland, Zendaya

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"Y GALXW WAYOP RSGGXH ... YH'Z RXXO ZA LSGDSRGX HA NI FSUXXU, SOW Y'LX DZXW YH AO SGNAZH XLXUIHEYOP Y'LX WAOX ZYOFX."

— HAN EAGGSOW

Previous Solution: "To hold an audience is an unnatural thing ... It's only natural for the magic spell to break ... Don't let it waver." — Carol Channing

TODAY'S CLUE: O equals W

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"T FVHVHGVF LVVATRS RJ YMMYONHVRM MJ HZKTO RVOVKKYFTAD, HJFV YR YMMYONHVRM MJ XNYM HZKTO OJZAI GFTRS TL T KZOOVVIVI." — LFYRU JOVYR

Previous Solution: "I loved doing ballet ... It's been so valuable to my career, and I've used it on almost everything I've done since." — Tom Holland

TODAY'S CLUE: R equals F

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

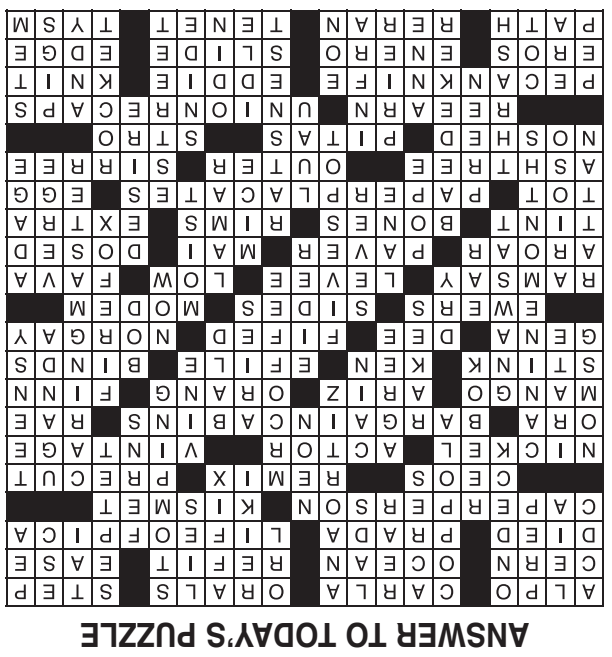
1. Is the book of Zechariah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 17, who asked, "Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old"? *Adam, Abraham, Aaron, Agrippa*
3. What group did John the Baptist exhort to be content with their pay? *Priests, Zealots, Judges, Soldiers*
4. From Genesis 8, what was the first thing Noah did after leaving the ark? *Burned the ark, Built an altar, Performed a marriage, Hiked to mountains*
5. Which king of Israel had a reputation as a wild chariot driver? *Joash, Jehoash, Jehu, Jeremiah*
6. Whose biblical name meant "eagle"? *Nehemiah, Timothy, Aquila, Miriam*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Abraham, 3) Soldiers, 4) Built an altar, 5) Jehu, 6) Aquila

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ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Aid in scratching an itch
5 Jeans choice
9 "What's wrong with u?"
12 Vader offspring
13 Southwestern casserole
16 "Same here"
17 "Let's do this!"
18 Forex benchmark
19 The old you
21 Like some kitchen herbs
22 Nullifies
24 Tradition within Swedish coffee culture
25 Like some jobs
26 Abound (with)
27 Shengjian __: pan-fried pork bun
30 Setting of Fox's "Best Medicine"
31 Milanese dish traditionally served with risotto
33 With 47-Down, extra lives?
34 Service rep with a lack of humanity
35 David's "Baywatch" role
36 Eyes angrily
38 Takes down
39 Letters from a bygone empire
40 Travels cross-country?
41 Wades through
42 Leave out
43 Nullifidian
45 Cold treat
48 National Farm Toy Museum locale
49 Whiz
50 Home brewer's appliance
52 Chute material
54 Resolved
55 Exploit
56 Court figs.
57 Nueva canción great Mercedes
58 Singer who has six top 10 studio albums with her namesake band

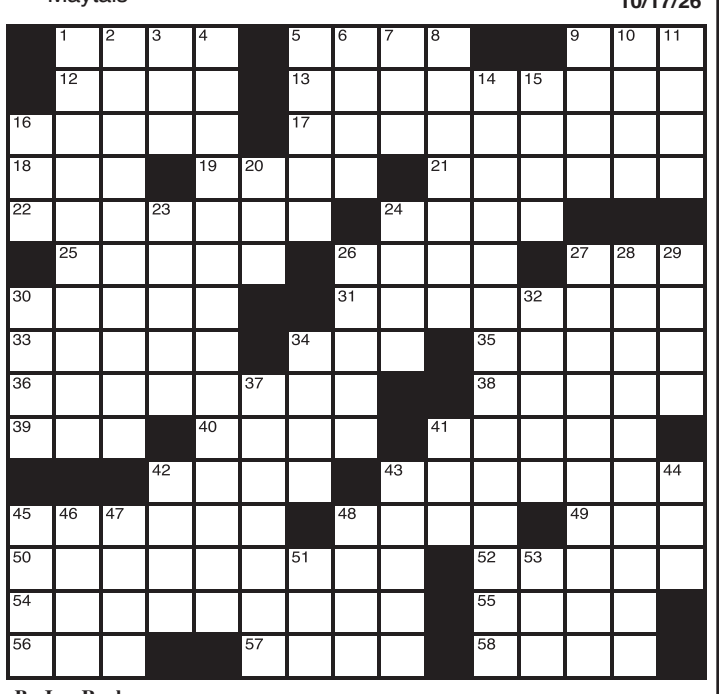
DOWN

1 Scary-good moments?
2 Role for one who picks the melody?
3 Asset in a snowball fight
4 "You're telling me that's only part of the story?"
5 Spots for muckety-mucks?
6 Like someone who gets stuck in traffic, perhaps
7 Pings online
8 Birds that recognize faces and hold grudges
9 Rotisserie rod
10 Expert in nonverbal communication
11 Obey
14 Cry for attention
15 James in the Blues Hall of Fame
16 Feature of Namibia's flag
20 "Yo!"
23 Ed of "Up"
24 End of Oktober?
26 __ and the Maytals
27 Rang up from down under?
28 Opening sequence
29 Sounds amazed
30 Some off-the-rack purchases, briefly
32 "Free your pores" brand
34 Entice
37 Bypass online promos
41 "Victory!" letters
42 Like a tips-only bar
43 Place for a stent
44 Point value of "five" in Scrabble
45 "Only joking"
46 Michael of "The Running Man"
47 See 33-Across
48 Chits
51 As well
53 "About __ big"

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:



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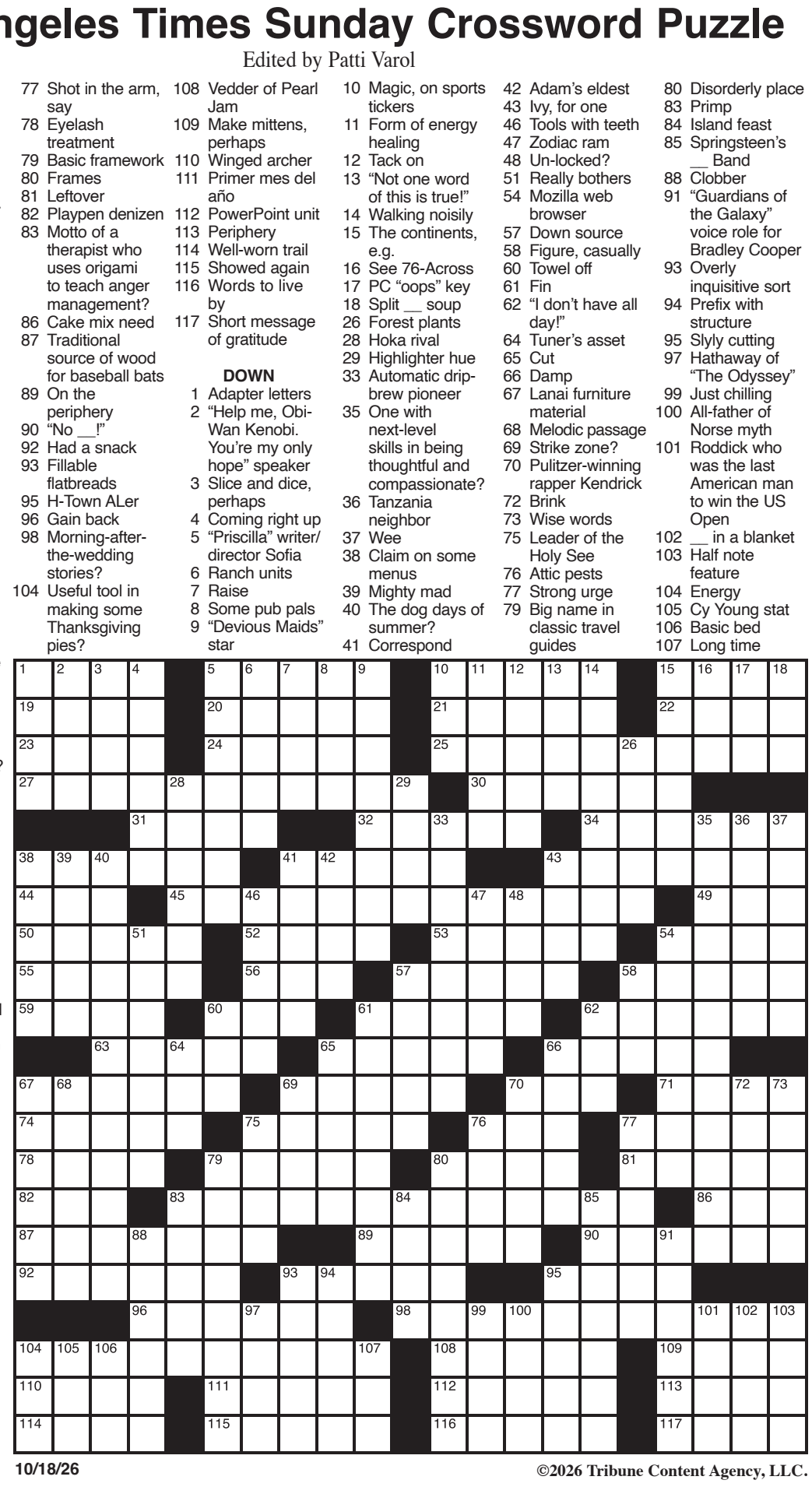
"CALIFORNIA SCHEMIN'" BY PATTI VAROL

ACROSS

1 Come & Get It! pet food brand
5 "Scrubs" role for Judy Reyes
10 Some language exams
15 Escalator part
19 Large Hadron Collider org.
20 Orca habitat
21 Upgrade, as machinery
22 Simplicity
23 Fizzled out
24 Versace parent company
25 "12-Point Type: A History"?
27 Prankster?
30 Fortune
31 Corporate VIPs
32 Dance club version, say
34 Like fabric in a quilting kit
38 Silver-white metal
41 Audition hopeful
43 Like a car made between 1919 and 1930
44 "You for Me" singer Rita
45 Cut-rate vacation rentals?
49 Issa of "Insecure"
50 Chutney fruit
52 D-backs st.
53 Chimp kin
54 Helsinki native
55 Perform terribly
56 Barbie's boo
57 IRS convenience
58 Pickles
59 Rowlands with an Honorary Academy Award
60 Poor grade
61 Played a pipe in a parade
62 Figure in the 1953 British Mount Everest expedition
63 Decorative jugs
65 Teams
66 Home network need
67 "MasterChef" host Gordon
69 Bank investment?
70 Word with brow or blow
71 __ bean
74 Noisy, as a crowd
75 Driveway brick
76 With 16-Down, official cocktail of the city of Oakland
77 Shot in the arm, say
78 Eyelash treatment
79 Basic framework
80 Frames
81 Leftover
82 Playpen denizen
83 Motto of a therapist who uses origami to teach anger management?
86 Cake mix need
87 Traditional source of wood for baseball bats
89 On the periphery
90 "No __!"
92 Had a snack
93 Fillable flatbreads
95 H-Town ALer
96 Gain back
98 Morning-after-the-wedding stories?
104 Useful tool in making some Thanksgiving pies?
108 Vedder of Pearl Jam
109 Make mittens, perhaps
110 Winged archer
111 Primer mes del año
112 PowerPoint unit
113 Periphery
114 Well-worn trail
115 Showed again
116 Words to live by
117 Short message of gratitude

DOWN

1 Adapter letters
2 "Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi. You're my only hope" speaker
3 Slice and dice, perhaps
4 Coming right up
5 "Priscilla" writer/director Sofia
6 Ranch units
7 Raise
8 Some pub pals
9 "Devious Maids" star
10 Magic, on sports tickers
11 Form of energy healing
12 Tack on
13 "Not one word of this is true!"
14 Walking noisily
15 The continents, e.g.
16 See 76-Across
17 PC "oops" key
18 Split __ soup
26 Forest plants
28 Hoka rival
29 Highlighter hue
33 Automatic drip-brew pioneer
35 One with next-level skills in being thoughtful and compassionate?
36 Tanzania neighbor
37 Wee
38 Claim on some menus
39 Mighty mad
40 The dog days of summer?
41 Correspond
42 Adam's eldest
43 Ivy, for one
46 Tools with teeth
47 Zodiac ram
48 Un-locked?
51 Really bothers
54 Mozilla web browser
57 Down source
58 Figure, casually
60 Towel off
61 Fin
62 "I don't have all day!"
64 Tuner's asset
65 Cut
66 Damp
67 Lanai furniture material
68 Melodic passage
69 Strike zone?
70 Pulitzer-winning rapper Kendrick
72 Brink
73 Wise words
75 Leader of the Holy See
76 Attic pests
77 Strong urge
79 Big name in classic travel guides
80 Disorderly place
83 Primp
84 Island feast
85 Springsteen's __ Band
88 Clobber
91 "Guardians of the Galaxy" voice role for Bradley Cooper
93 Overly inquisitive sort
94 Prefix with structure
95 Slyly cutting
97 Hathaway of "The Odyssey"
99 Just chilling
100 All-father of Norse myth
101 Roddick who was the last American man to win the US Open
102 __ in a blanket
103 Half note feature
104 Energy
105 Cy Young stat
106 Basic bed
107 Long time



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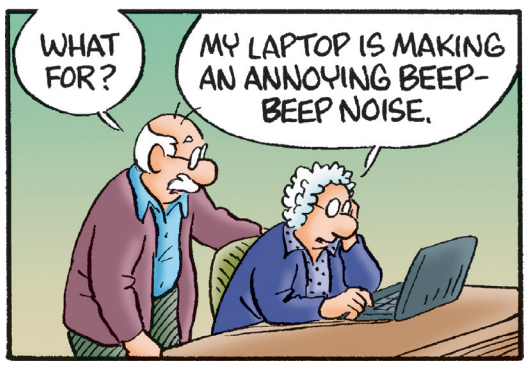
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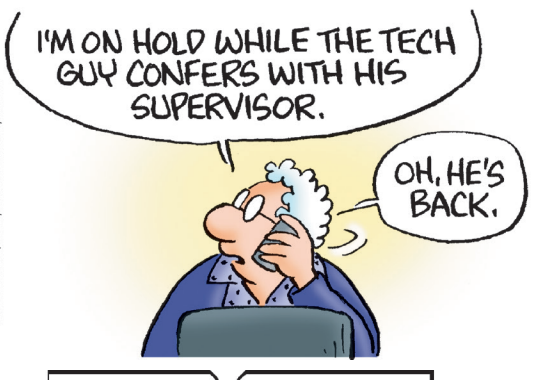
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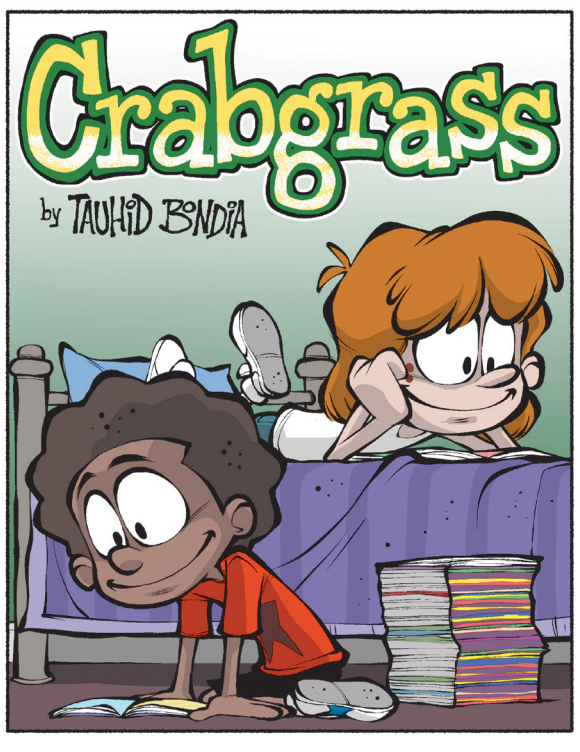




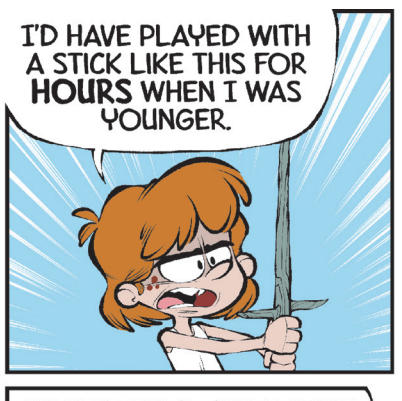


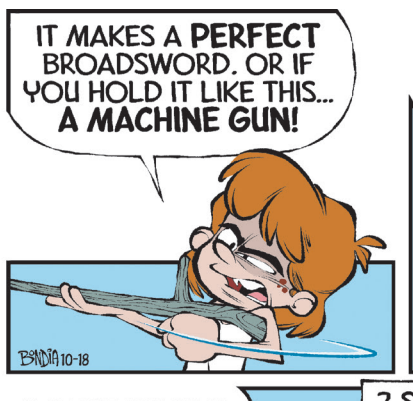
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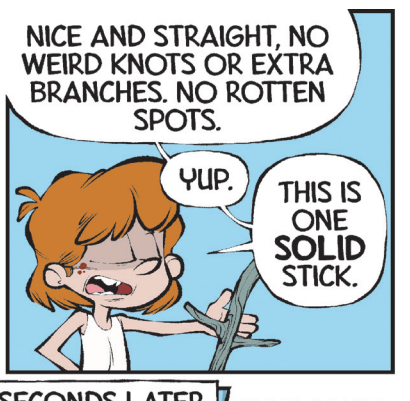
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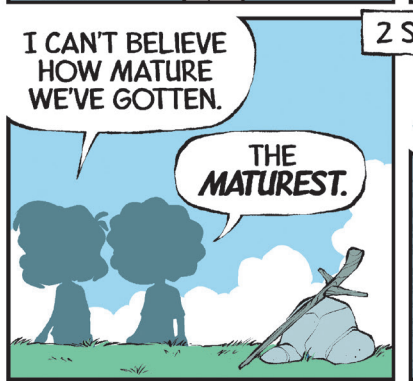


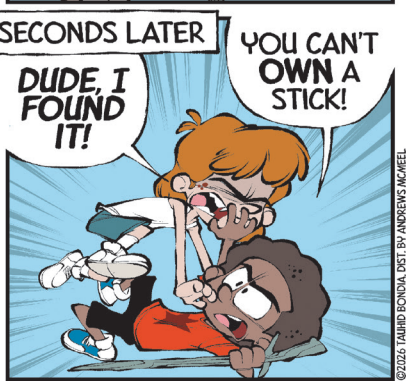








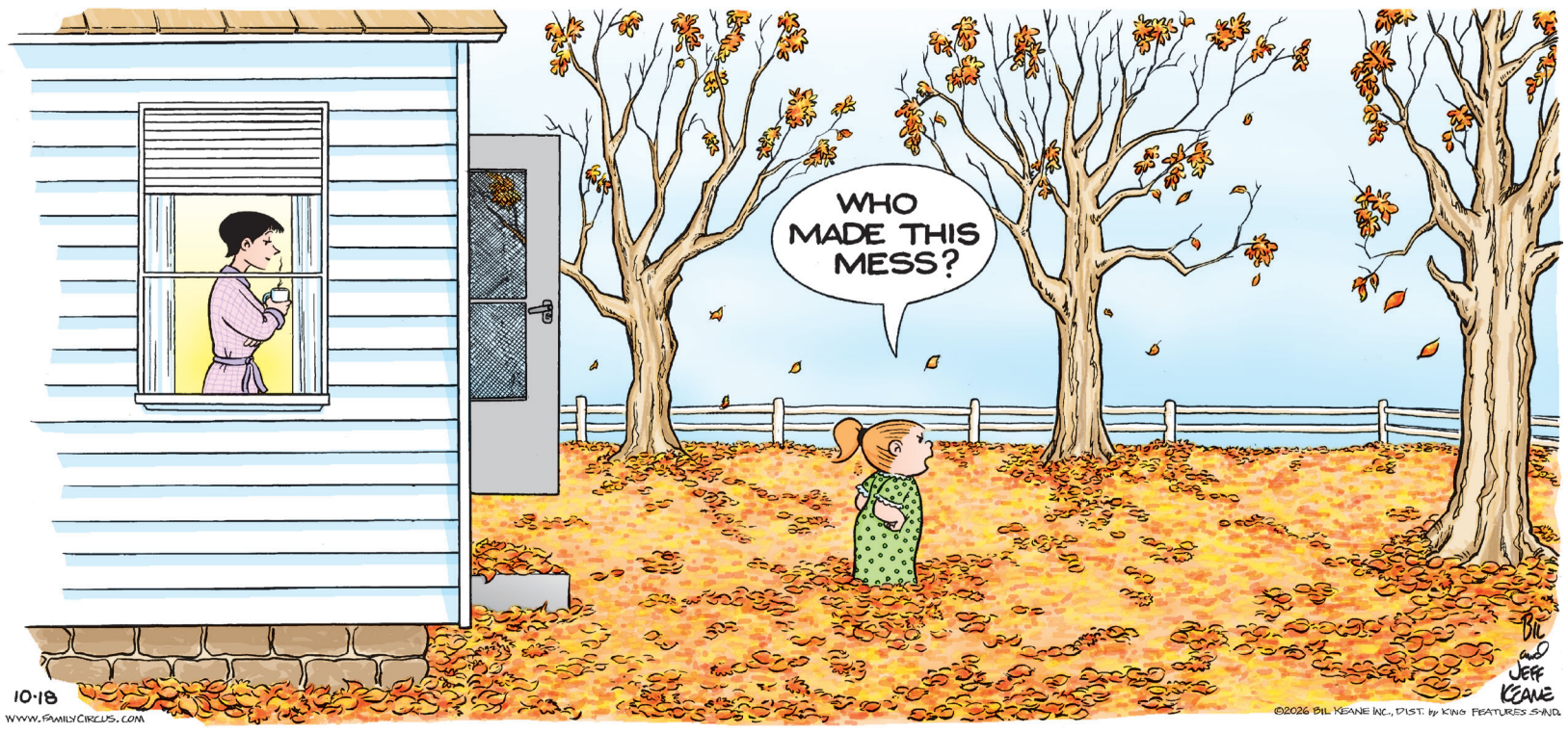




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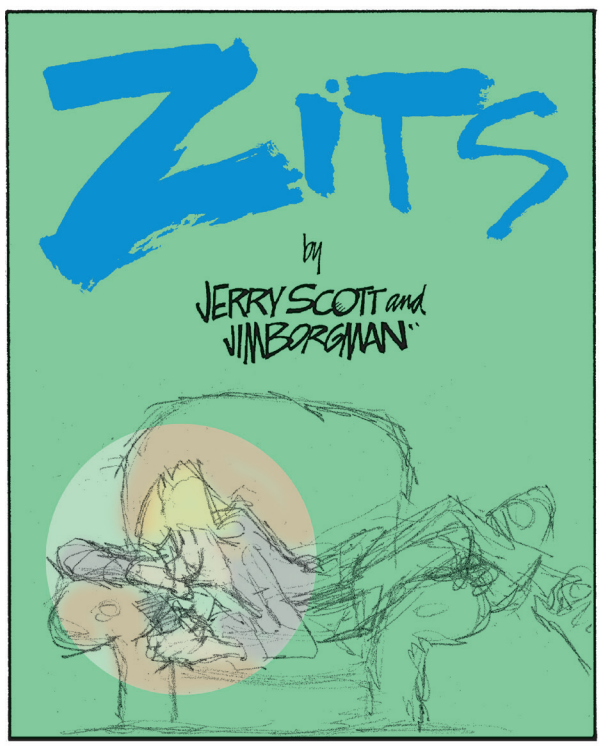
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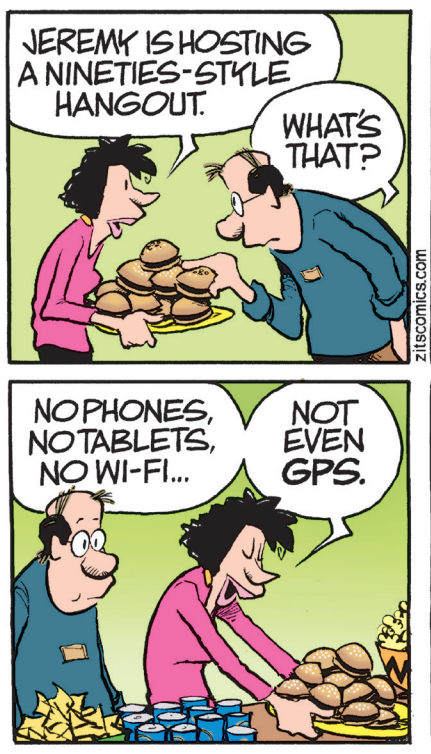
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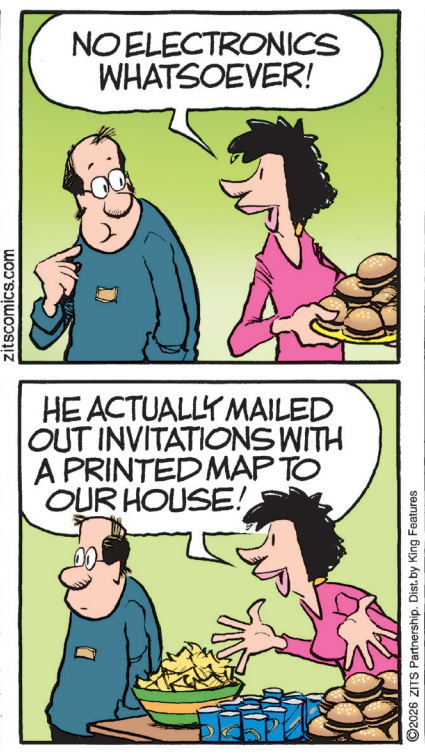


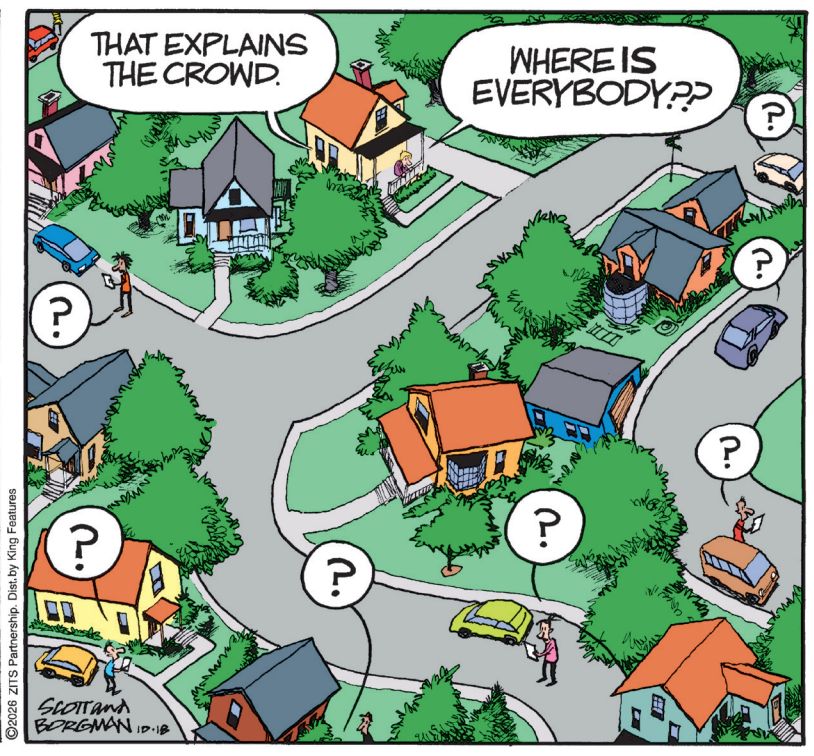
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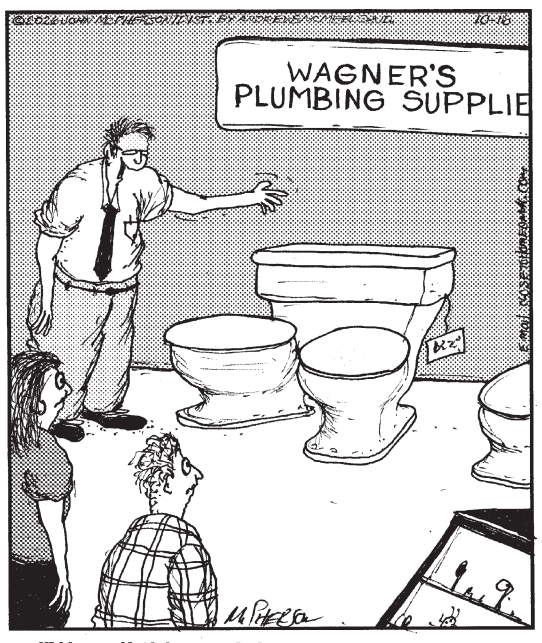
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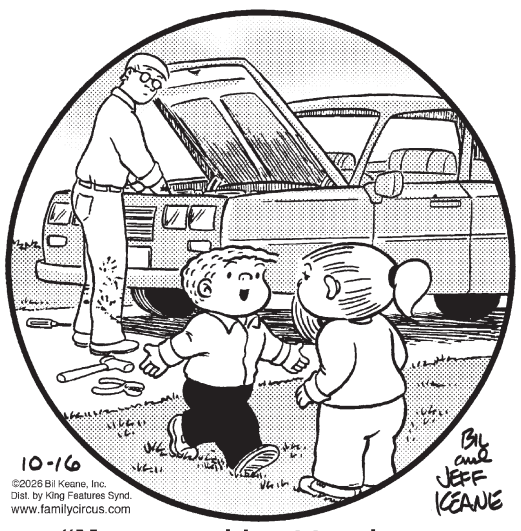
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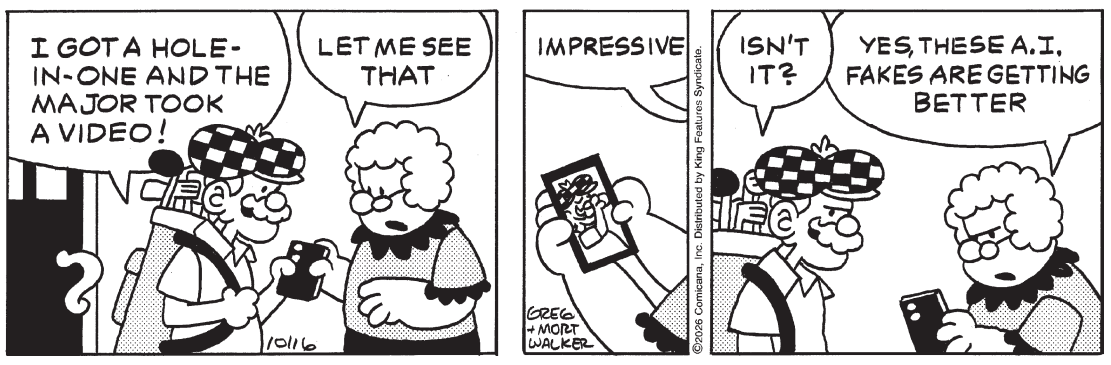
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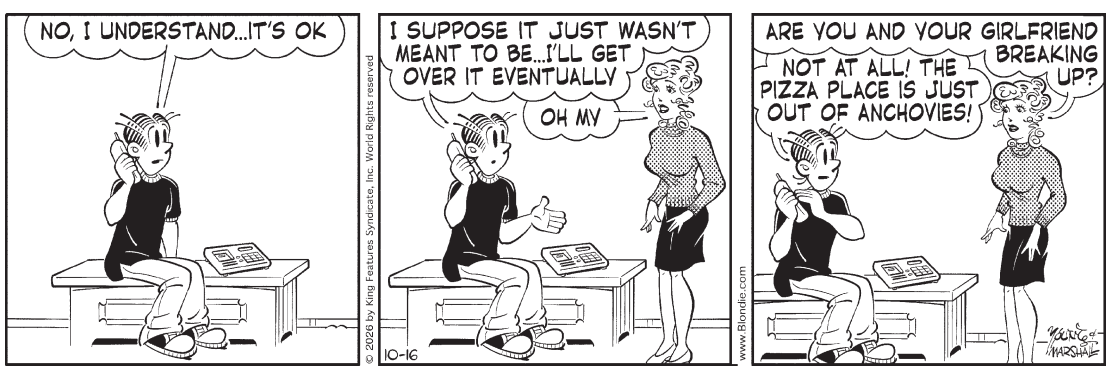


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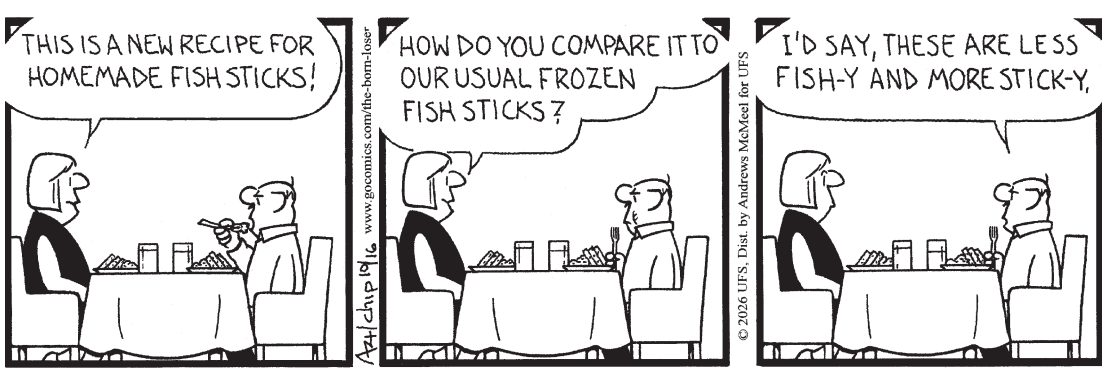
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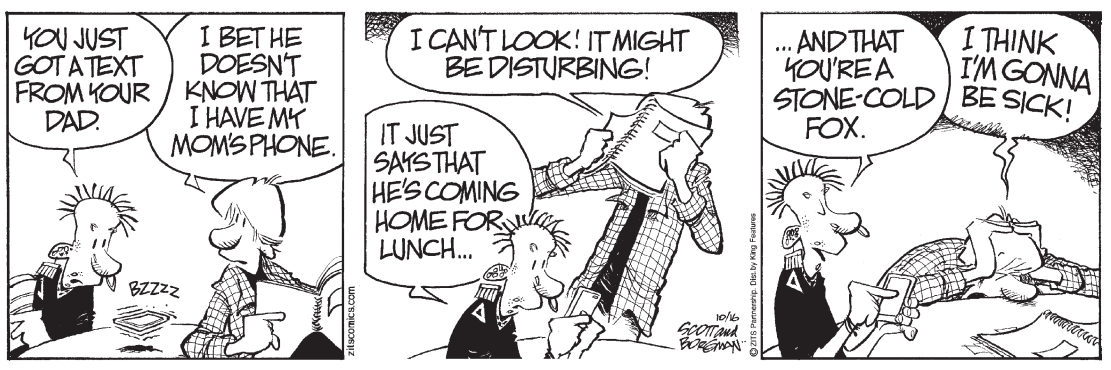
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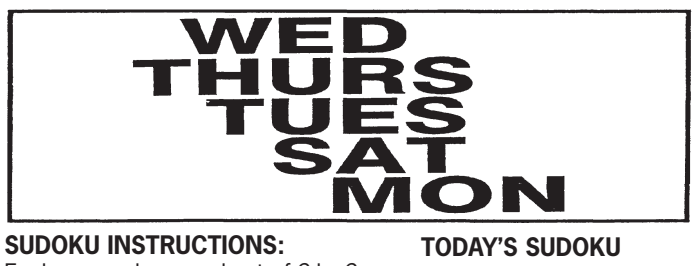
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Daydream

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ACROSS

1 Barnyard call
4 A pop
7 Compels
13 Like some pickup-only deals
15 Prehistoric hand tool
17 Female sib
18 Cozy eatery
19 "Ferrari" actor Driver
20 Second singer to be honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award
22 Some laptops
23 Man of La Mancha
25 Ernie's "Sing After Me" duet partner
27 See 74-Across
28 Monument Valley formation
30 Winter layer
33 __ Nation: Jay-Z's conglomerate
36 Novelist Quindlen
38 The complete set
40 Approximately
42 Many a K-pop singer
44 Starting lineup
45 Big flowerpot
47 Gaelic speaker
49 Cornerback Bly in the College Football Hall of Fame
50 Was gripping?
51 Breathe fire, say
53 Inhale, maybe
55 Couple
57 Extemporizes
62 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
64 Approached bedtime
66 Wife of Zeus
67 Low-level laborer
69 "Perfect!," or how to make seven answers in this puzzle match their clues?
71 Peppers in some mole sauces
72 Writer/illustrator who often wrote in anapestic tetrameter
73 Villainous looks
74 With 27-Across, big name in watercraft
75 Therapist's maj.

DOWN

1 King with a touching story?
2 Battery part
3 Breakfast tea variety
4 Pea sheller's discard
5 Canyon former
6 Amber, once
7 "Seriously?"
8 "Gorilla Warfare" artist Shaquille
9 NWSL official
10 Didn't ride solo
11 Corp. bigwig
12 Goes out with
14 Retiring
15 Shake
16 Ink spot, for short
21 Digital __: remote tech worker
24 Deep defenses
26 MD-to-be's exam
29 Clearance event
31 Not nearby
32 No longer feral
33 Impetuous
34 Clarinet kin
35 "Do my eyes deceive me?"
37 Totenberg of NPR
39 Like some flaws
41 Linguistic cousin of Hindi
43 One of a geographic quintet
46 Formally decrees
48 Galena, e.g.
52 Bonny landscapes
54 Sierra Nevada lake
56 Match point?
58 Sells
59 Came together
60 Olive oil maker
61 Flip
62 Intro courses?
63 Swimmer Marchand who won four gold medals at Paris 2024
65 "__ true!"
68 __-de-France: Paris's region
70 Govt. cybersecurity monitor

TODAY'S SOLUTION:

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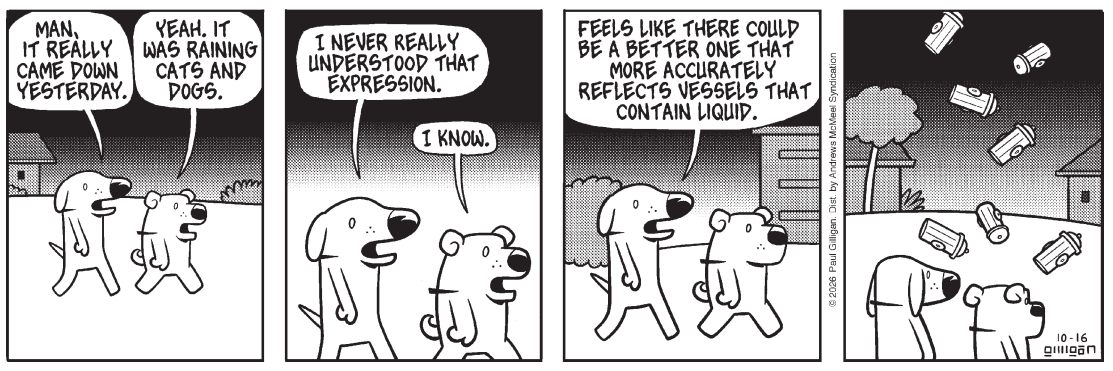
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MORNING WALKS — **Solution: 6 letters**

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

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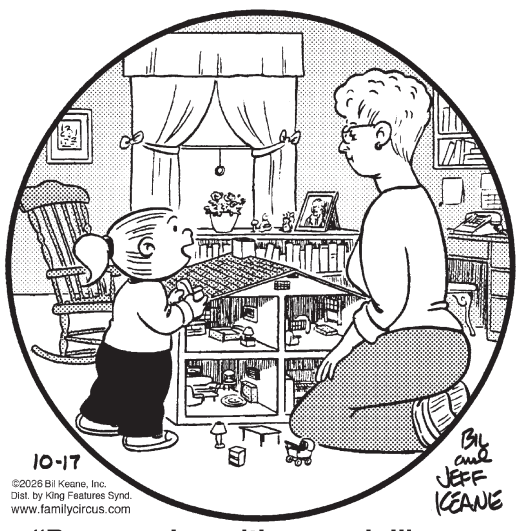
TODAY'S ANSWER: Cardio

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



"I'm telling you, I've looked everywhere, and that winning lotto ticket HAS to be in his pants pocket!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



"Do you play with your dollhouse much when I'm not visitin' you, Grandma?"

BEETLE BAILEY Mort & Greg Walker



BLONDIE Dean Young & John Marshall



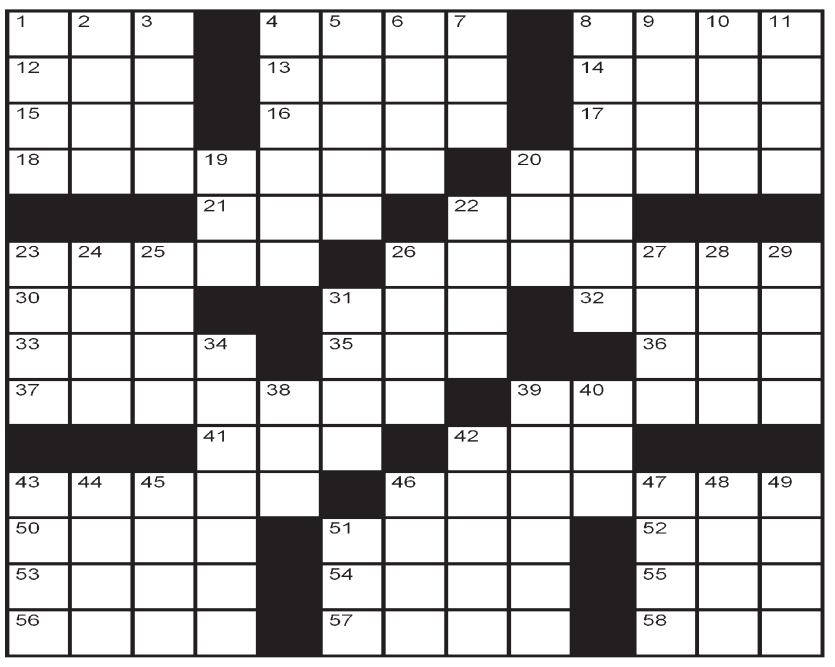
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Quick swim
4 Display
8 Singer — Domino
12 Debtor's promise
13 Money in Mexico
14 "Essays of —"
15 Hooter
16 Appraise
17 Regular
18 Ecstasy
20 Fierce look
21 Play part
22 "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" author
23 Brink
26 Set right
30 Mil. address
31 Tint
32 Strike
33 What remains
35 Snakelike fish
36 Life story, for short
37 Ached
39 "Thou — not ..."
41 Squeak stopper
42 Light meal
43 Clear as — —
46 Fishing boat
50 Furnace fuel
51 — Lane of "Superman"
52 Frost
53 Concerning (2 wds.)
54 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
55 Exist
56 Gainsay
57 Perceived
58 Coffee, in slang

DOWN

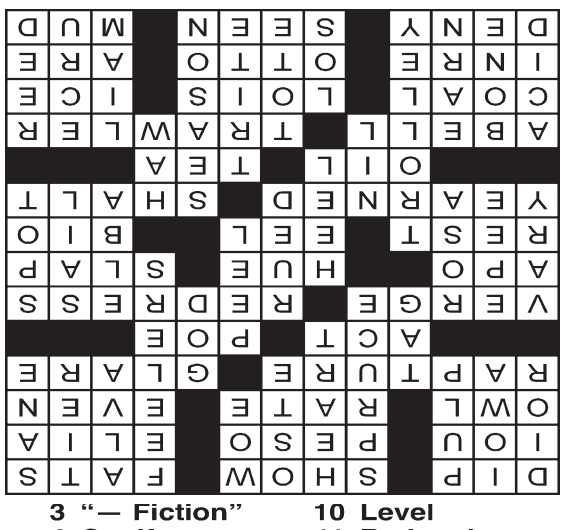
1 Name in fashion
2 The Hawkeye State
3 "— Fiction"
4 Coniferous tree
5 Core
6 Prefix with -itis
7 "— is me!"
8 Antennae
9 Thomas — Edison
10 Level
11 Rational
19 Playground game
20 Deity
22 Skin
23 Change over time
24 Fencing weapon
25 Sub — (in secret)
26 Regretted
27 Place of exile
28 Go by boat
29 See
31 Loaf's end
34 Streetcar
38 Zilch
39 Time of year
40 Hem and —
42 Hackneyed
43 Amino —
44 Off-white color
45 Merit
46 Capacious bag
47 Actor — Neeson
48 Neutral color
49 Musician Lou —
51 — Angeles



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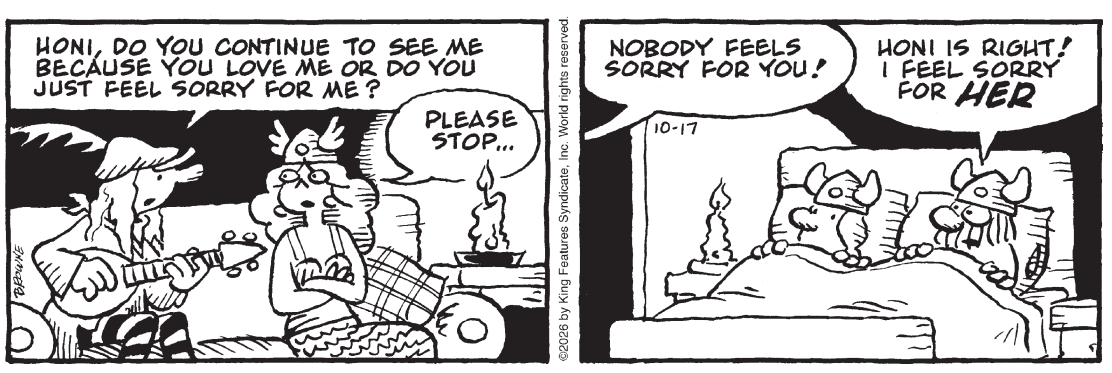
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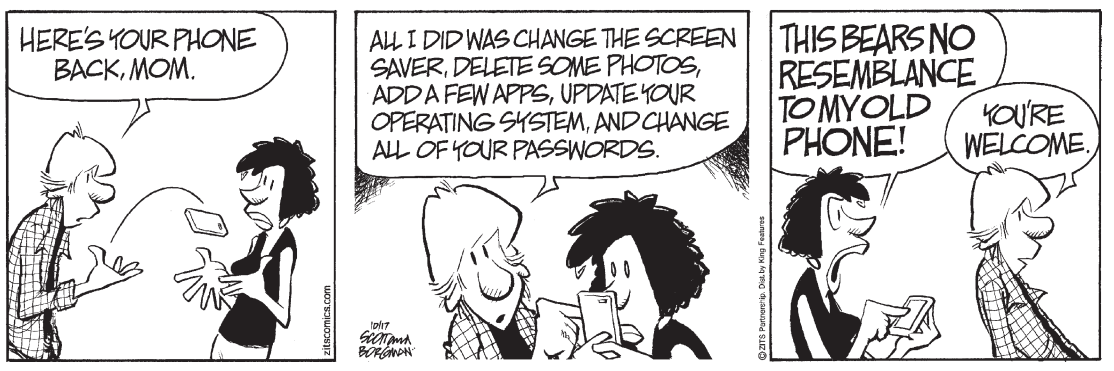
THE BORN LOSER Art & Chip Sansom



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



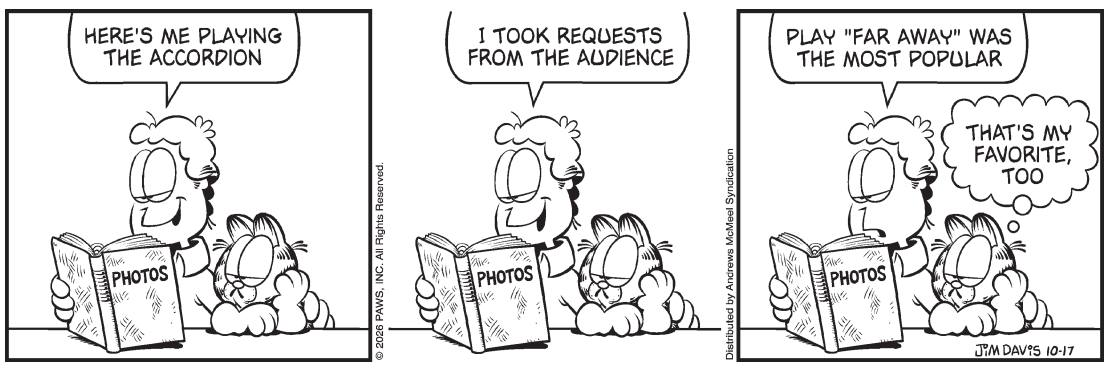
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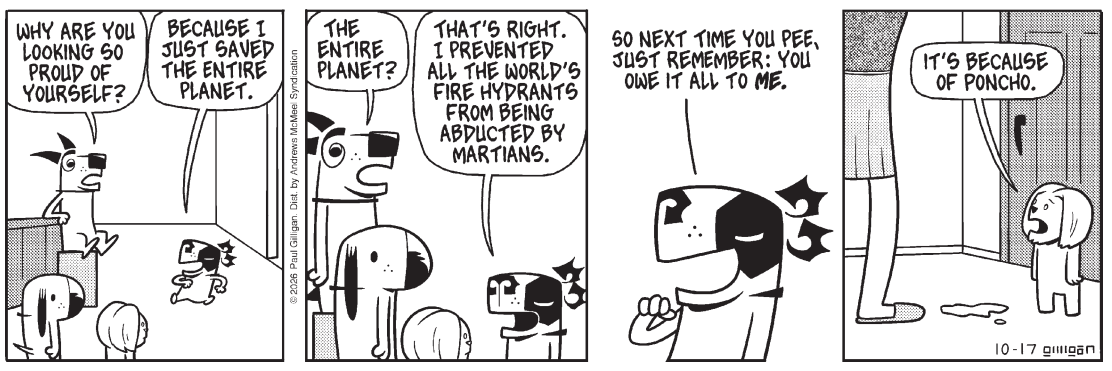
PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



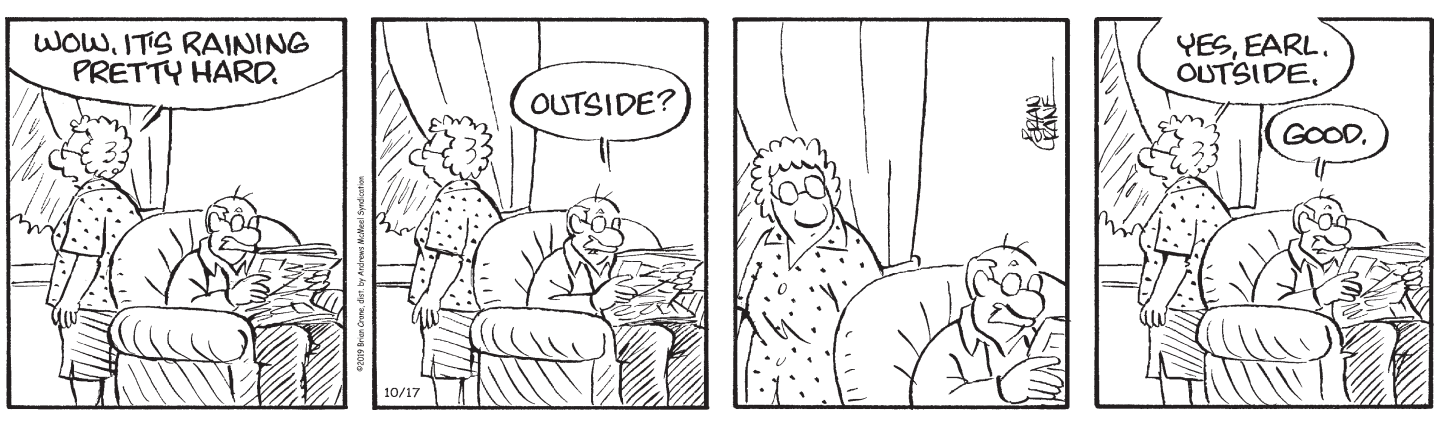
GARFIELD Jim Davis



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



PICKLES Brian Crane



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ALL ABOUT SAXONY, GERMANY — **Solution: 4 letters**

B A U T Z E N I A L E C R O P
L A E N P W G R E B H U K W L
A R D E E I I R E E B A C H A
C T L S L D R C M L E F Y I U
K G U S C E S N K L S R T T E
E A M I Z H I E A A I A I E N
L L R E S T A P R H U U C E G
S L I M Z E I N I D R E A L R
T E V U S L I L D Z C N S S E
E R E A P A E F R A V K T T B
R Y R T R T K I F O U I L E I
B A S T E I H I K E G R E R E
E R O I E E S S I E N C S W R
A U T Z G R E B L E T H C I F
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TODAY'S ANSWER: Katz

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

		8		3	2			1
		3		6				
6			8			4		
7			9				2	
		6		7		1		
	4				3			6
		7			9			2
				2		7		
9			4	5		3		

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WHATZIT?™

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

CONFIDENCE

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

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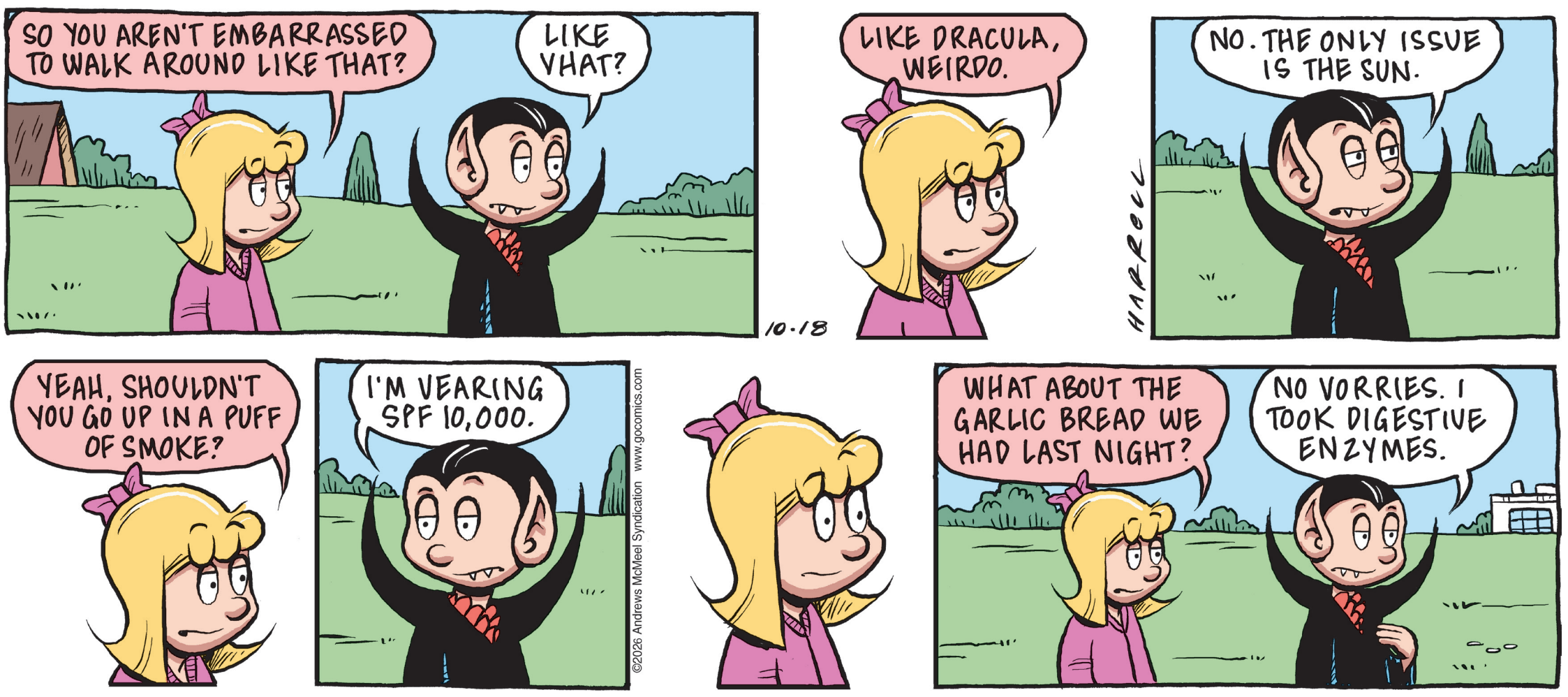
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4	9	1	5	7	2	6	3	8
3	2	8	6	4	9	5	1	7
7	3	4	1	9	8	5	2	6
1	6	9	2	3	5	8	7	4
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TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION:

Full of confidence

ADAM@HOME

BY ROB HARRELL



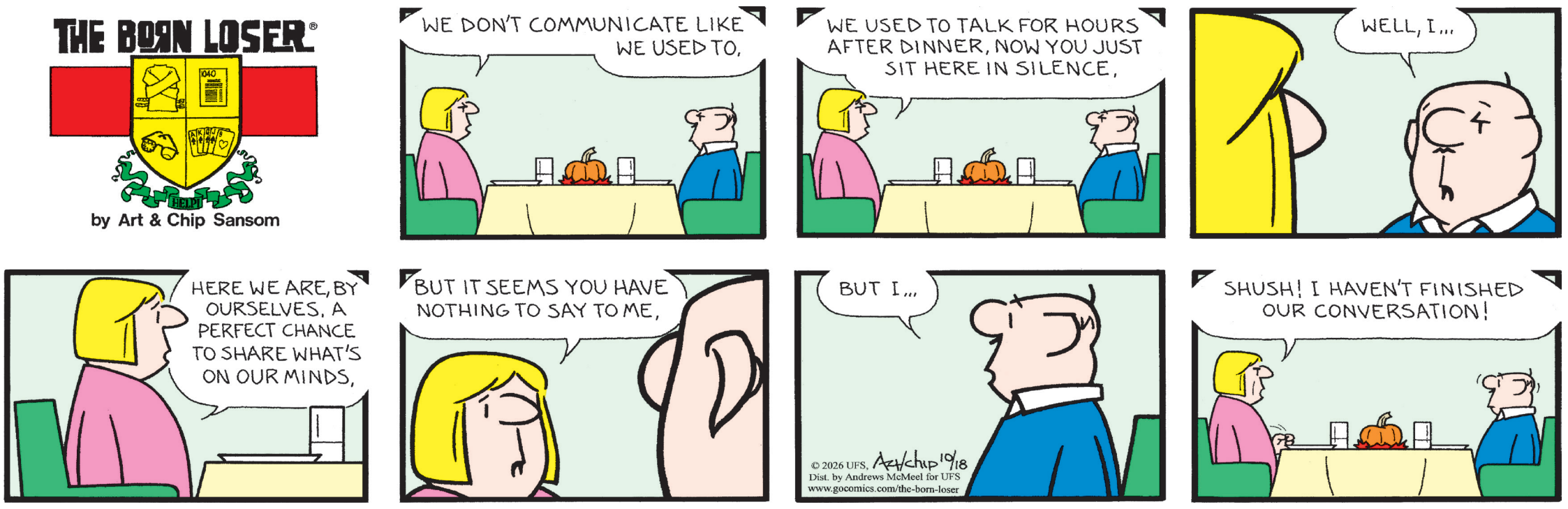
CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN MCPHERSON



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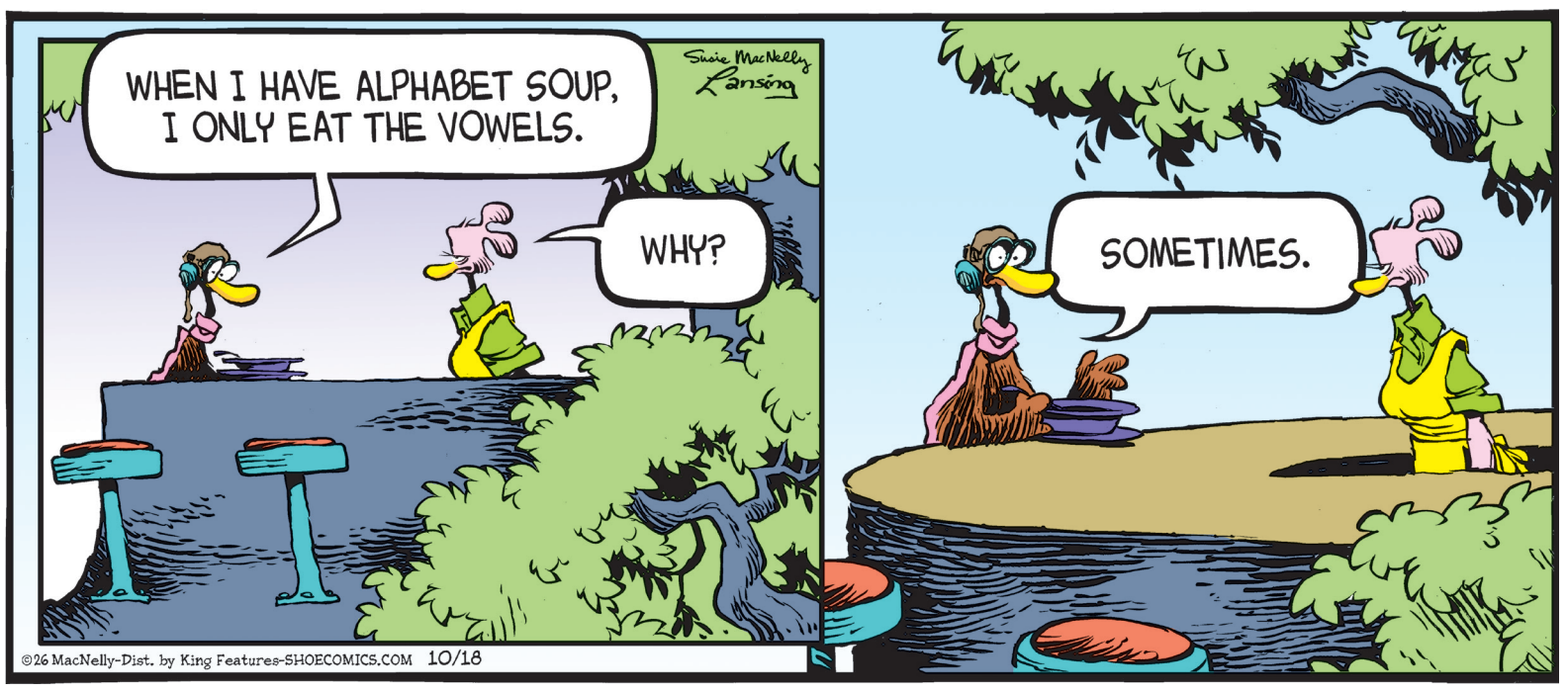
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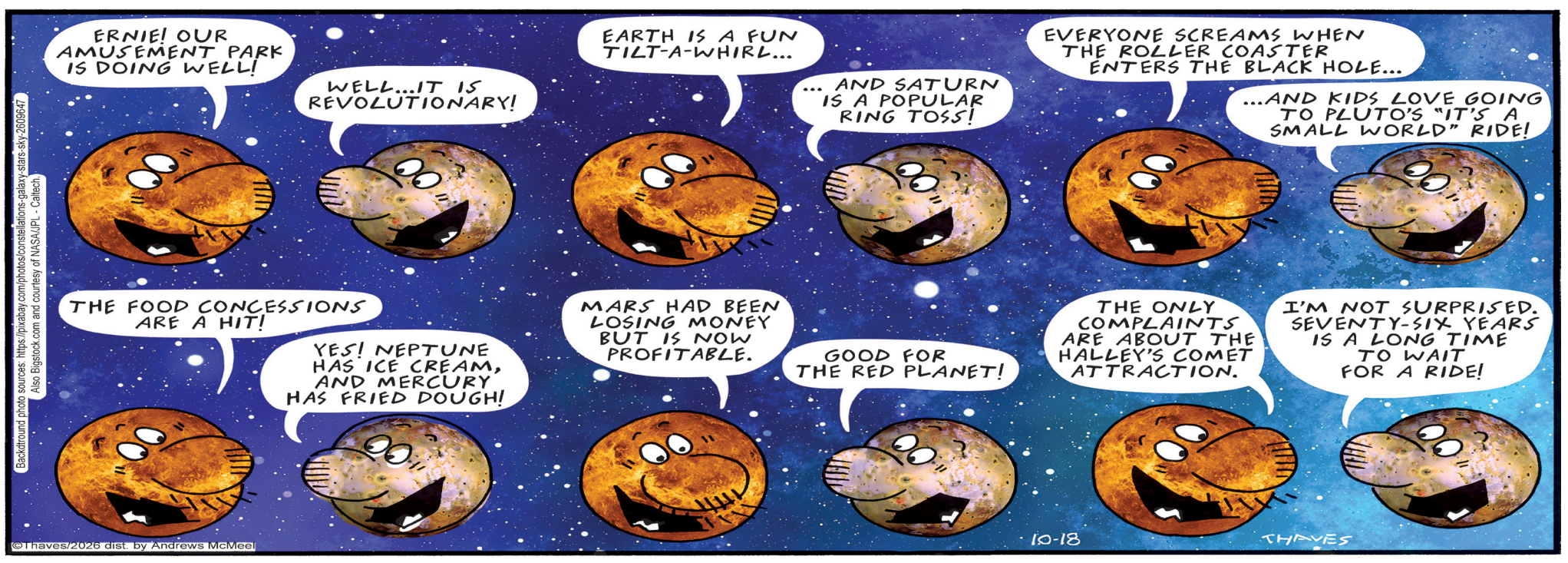
SHOE

Jeff MacNelly's

By Ben Lansing & Susie MacNelly

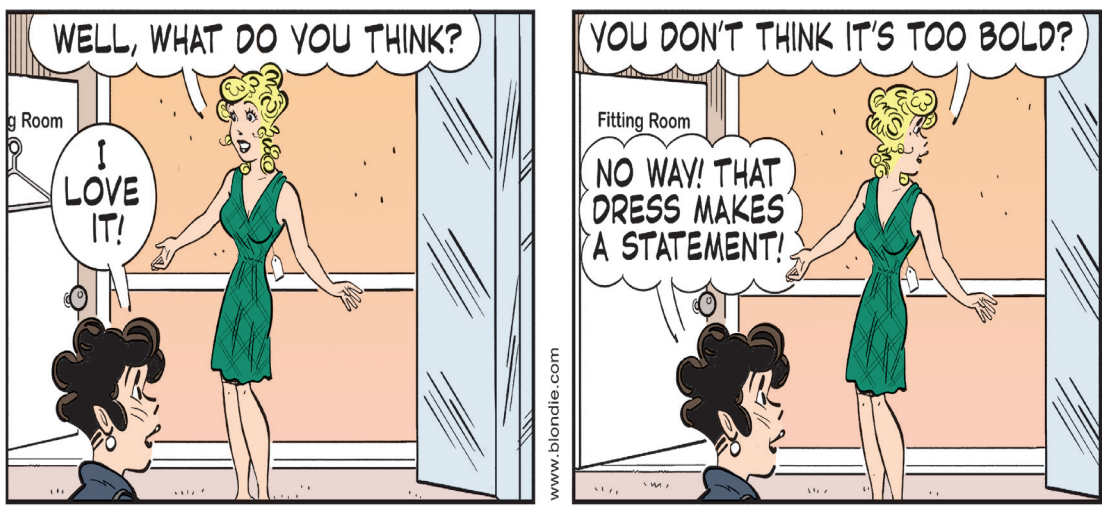


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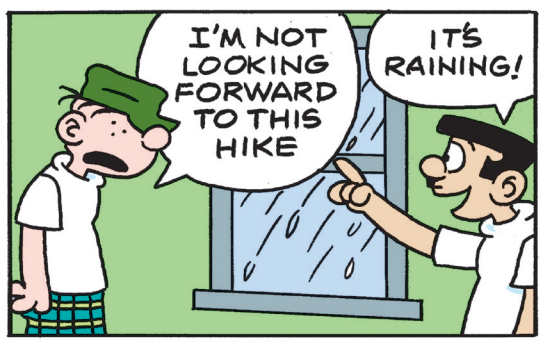
BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

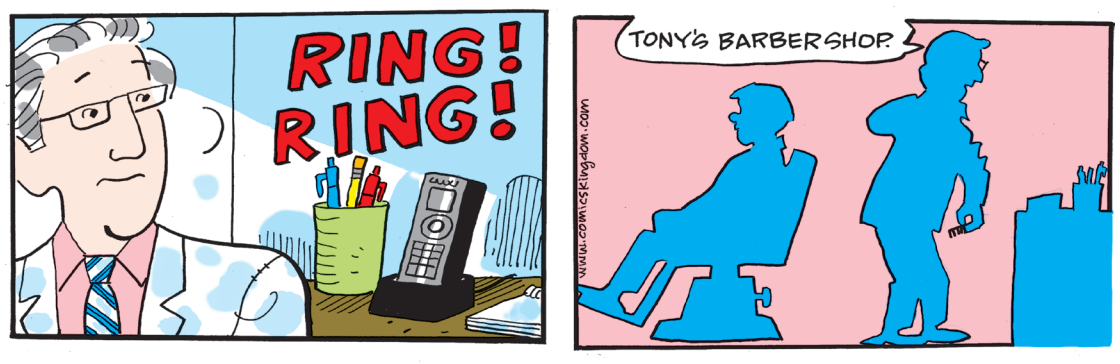


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