



Albany businessman makes pitch for operating downtown brewery

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ALBANY – A veteran Albany businessman and his sons are looking to take a stab at re-opening the downtown brewery operation that closed its doors nearly two years ago, and the brand is one that reflects Glenn Singfield Sr.'s philosophy and is easily recognizable: "Good Life Brewing Co."

The proposal to take control of the 120 Pine Ave. brewery, which closed in November 2024, was the only one tendered to the city, which owns the roughly 11,000-square-foot facility, when it advertised for potential operators.

The business model will be much different than former operator Pretoria Fields Brewery, which set up to be a distributor and also operated a taproom. The proposal calls for operating the

business as a brew pub that includes a restaurant and allows for sales of beverage products other than the beer produced at the facility.

"What we're looking at is craft beverage products," Gerard Singfield said. "We want to have a full-service restaurant. That's going to be the critical piece to make this work. While we're building the beverage brand, the restaurant will keep the doors open, make it profitable."

The proposal envisions making the brewery a downtown destination with events and possibly an annual festival, Singfield told the audience gathered in the former taproom area that included Albany city commissioners and members of the Downtown Development Authority.

"That's going to bring downtown revitalization," Gerard

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Staff Photo:

Glen Sprouse, consultant and engineer at Brewery Development & Automation, tours the area at the former Pretoria Fields Brewing operation on Pine Ave. A group looking to re-open the brewery made a pitch on Wednesday to the Albany City Commission and Downtown Development Authority.

A great-grandmother's influence inspires new Albany boutique

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Sydney Kate Tye appears in front of the azalea mural on the storefront of Millie's by SK. The flowers were a favorite of the store's namesake, her great-grandmother Millie Daughtry.

ALBANY – The giant pink azaleas painted on the bright white facade of Millie's are a tribute to a woman who taught Sydney Kate Tye how to dress, how to work and how to care for people. Inside, a couch that belonged to Millie Daughtry and her husband is part of the plan for a store built around relationships — past, present and future.

Tye's great-grandmother Millie inspired the name of the women's boutique, which is set to open its Albany storefront at 1 p.m. Sunday. After more than a year of selling online, Tye is giving the business a physical home, with furnishings and clothing selections shaped by the woman she hopes to honor.

"She taught us everything of what it means to be a woman when it comes to dressing, when it comes to loving, to caring," Tye said.

The grand opening will include giveaways, sweets and a visit from the TCBY truck. Tye said the first 25 people in line will receive custom Millie's crew-necks, with additional gifts given away at random. She also plans to introduce clothing her established online customers have not seen before.

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Phoebe Emergency/Trauma Center earns Level II Trauma verification

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ALBANY – Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital has earned verification as a Level II Trauma Center from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, a landmark achievement that confirms Phoebe's commitment to providing expert trauma care to the people

of southwest Georgia.

Phoebe was previously designated as a Level II Trauma Center by the Georgia Department of Public Health Office of EMS and Trauma. The ACS verification is the gold standard for trauma centers nationwide and validates a hospital has the commitment, clinical resources and quality-improvement systems required to provide optimal care for injured patients.

The ACS surveyors who conducted the site review were effusive in their praise of Phoebe and specifically mentioned multiple trauma team members, highlighting their exper-



Special Photo: Phoebe

Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital has earned verification as a Level II Trauma Center from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

tise and commitment. They

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Albany Symphony set to kick off 63rd season featuring 'Magic of Music'

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ALBANY – For Albany Symphony Orchestra Music Director/Conductor Claire Fox Hillard, the magic of song remains the same. Ah, but for the veteran musician who's a year away from celebrating his 40th anniversary with the Albany orchestra, there's always a new verse.

"This time of year brings about a rejuvenation, a time to appreciate this great opportunity again," Hillard said as the orchestra honed in on the first performance of its 63rd season, the Nov. 7 showcase "The Magic of Mozart Meets Car-

men," featuring the music of both Mozart, in celebration of his 270th birthday, paired with works from Bizet's epic "Carmen."

"As we prepare to open the season, we gradually reach a kind of culmination point. There's a lot of excitement as we kick off a new season."

This season, ASO is highlighting some of the orchestra's principal musicians during each performance, and those selected for the initial performance are oboist Will Wise, clarinetist Peter Gledrich, bassoonist Shannon Lowe and horn player Kelly Bayer.

"Throughout the season, we'll be showcasing some of our musi-

cians," Hillard said. "These guys, in addition to being great musicians, are really neat people. Yes, they love playing music, but they also enjoy drag racing, mountain climbing, watching James Bond movies ... doing the kinds of things all of us do."

"Most people only see them as the person playing the French horn on stage, but we're going to show that they're regular folks who have dedicated their professional lives to playing music."

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic around 2020 was a key factor in the Albany Symphony

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MOZART MEETS Carmen

NOVEMBER 7
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*Security screening and a clear bag policy will be in effect

Albany symphony orchestra

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From 1A

BOUTIQUE

The grand opening of Millie’s, at 2818 Old Dawson Road, caps months of planning and curating an intentional, unique shopping experience on one of the busiest streets in Albany.

Regular hours are expected to be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with possible extended hours for holiday shopping. Online sales will continue alongside the storefront.

“I can’t wait to see everyone’s reactions as to what it looks like,” Tye said. Showing customers the finished space after months of preparation is among the things she is most looking forward to on opening day.

For Tye, the opening arrives sooner than she first imagined. She launched the online business

in August 2025 and expected to spend a couple of years developing it before opening a store.

Then an acquaintance who was buying into the shopping plaza called about an available space. He had a rendering of what the building could look like, including flowers painted on the exterior.

Tye said she received the call around May and made the arrangement official in June or July. After some time thinking and praying, she let the opportunity change her timetable and began preparing a storefront while continuing to run the business she had built from scratch.

Tye said her faith helped her make that decision and carried her through the uncertainty of getting the space ready. As opening day approached, unfinished work made her question whether everything would come together in time.

A friend reminded her to trust the process. Tye said a fire inspector arrived earlier than she expected and gave his approval, and over the next several days other pieces unexpectedly fell into place.

Tye is no stranger to entrepreneurship. Her interest in owning a business grew from watching her parents run their own companies. Her father’s work with vehicles showed her a way to take care of people through everyday needs, while her mother combined entrepreneurship with an appreciation for dressing well.

“I was raised by entrepreneurs,” Tye said. “So I think I always knew I wanted to be my own boss. I grew up watching my dad take care of people.”

Inspired by her upbringing, Tye knew she wanted to work for herself and help people, but she suspected more traditional paths to serving the community, such as medicine or law, were not for her. Retail offered a way to bring her interests together.

She managed two boutiques before starting Millie’s. Tye said she has worked in retail since she was 16 and was interested in clothing long before that, beginning with outfits her mother paired with matching bows.

“Maybe I could do this for myself,” she said, recalling the realization that followed her management experience.

Her goal now is to create a store where women feel comfortable asking for help, looking around and trying things on. She recognizes that shopping can be difficult for women who feel uncomfortable with their appearance or struggle with confidence, and above all she wants the experience to feel welcoming.

That thinking extends to the building itself. Tye described her



Staff Photos: Kathryn Crockett

Sydney Kate Tye, left, poses as a child with her great-grandmother, Millie Daughtry, in a family photograph. Tye named her boutique after Daughtry, whose approach to fashion and caring for others helped inspire the business.

vision as a dream walk-in closet, with a seating area for people accompanying shoppers and a customer restroom, a rarity, Tye says, among Albany boutiques.

Much of the furniture came from antique stores, estate sales and Facebook Marketplace. Friends and family in the community built other pieces specifically for the shop.

A fencing company made custom gold-colored clothing racks. A friend built wooden racks and checkout counters. Tye found armoires, tables and couches secondhand, choosing pieces that fit the atmosphere she wanted to create.

One couch has a more personal history: It belonged to her great-grandparents, and her father grew up with it in their house. At the time of the interview, Tye said, a second matching couch belonging to the

business’s namesake was being re-covered for the store also.

The couches helped inspire her approach to furnishing the boutique. She wanted pieces with character and a story of their own, and she was struck by the quality of older furniture she found while shopping.

Tye says her design influences include Ralph Lauren and J.Crew. The store’s brown-and-cream branding is meant to keep the online identity and the physical space connected, so customers familiar with Millie’s will recognize the business when they walk inside.

The clothing follows a similar approach. Asked to describe the style, she settled on three words: classic, timeless and elevated.

Tye says she intends to stock jeans, sweaters and tops that customers can carry from one season of their lives into the

next, and looks for high-quality craftsmanship when choosing which lines to carry. Her own family is a test of that idea: Tye, her mother and her grandmother all wear pieces from the business, she said.

“My goal for Millie’s is not just to cater to teenagers and young girls,” Tye said. “I think it’s important that we can carry clothes through different seasons of our own lives. As an example, I wear what I sell. My mom is 44, and she also wears things from here. My grandmother is 83, and she wears things from here, too.”

She does not want older women to walk in and assume there is nothing for them. A good pair of jeans or a sweater can appeal across generations without depending on a short-lived trend,

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PHOEBE

were particularly impressed with the quality of Phoebe’s

trauma program despite this being the hospital’s first ACS survey.

In their report, the site reviewers wrote, “Phoebe Putney has established itself as a critical regional resource providing high-quality, timely, organized trauma care. This, their first verification under the American College of Surgeons COT Verification Review Program, is a reflection of organization-wide commitment to injured patients and trauma providers within the community.”

The verification is the culmination of decades of planning, investment and steady advancement in trauma services. It followed an exacting process that examined the people, resources, clinical protocols, data, performance-improvement work and round-the-clock readiness required to care for the region’s most critically injured patients.

“This outstanding achievement belongs to every member of our trauma team and to the many people across Phoebe who have helped build this program over many years,” Phoebe Health System President/CEO Scott Steiner said. “ACS verification is not awarded for aspiration; it is earned through demonstrated readiness, disciplined teamwork and an organization-wide commitment to patients.

“We congratulate our physicians, nurses, clinical staff, registrars, emergency medical partners and support teams whose hard work made this possible.”

The ACS review team identi-

fied 17 program strengths and called Phoebe’s administrative commitment “extraordinary.” They praised the leadership team’s trauma experience, passion, engagement and support of team members. The report also recognized Dr. Leon Dent’s engaged and effective leadership as trauma medical director and his work to foster a collaborative, multidisciplinary culture focused on high-quality care and continuous improvement.

“Our team embraced an extraordinarily demanding process because people throughout southwest Georgia deserve advanced trauma care close to home,” Dent said. “This verification reflects countless hours of preparation, case review, education, collaboration and performance improvement.

“I am deeply proud of our trauma professionals, and I am grateful for Phoebe’s sustained investments in the specialists, technology and support services that strengthen care – from the moment a patient arrives through recovery.”

Among the specific strengths cited by ACS:

Trauma surgeons were present for the highest level of activation in less than 15 minutes in nearly every case reviewed, demonstrating the surgical team’s commitment to timely care.

Phoebe achieved a Pediatric Readiness Score of 100, reflecting an intensive, organization-wide focus on optimal care for sick and injured children.

The trauma registry was described as exceptionally well-

maintained, with 99.5% of cases completed within 60 days, providing accurate and current data to support improvement.

The reviewers praised Phoebe’s thorough performance-improvement and patient-safety processes, including detailed case review, clear evidence of follow-through and a strong multidisciplinary imaging review process.

The hospital’s 24/7 social work coverage, robust blood-product availability, dedicated neurotrauma leadership and community injury-prevention work were recognized as important components of comprehensive, patient-centered care.

The verification also recognizes the importance of Phoebe’s ongoing investments in a coordinated regional trauma system and community injury-prevention education. For patients and families across southwest Georgia, stronger local trauma capability can mean faster access to specialized teams and critical resources when every minute matters, while supporting emergency medical services and hospitals throughout the region.

“This milestone positions Phoebe to serve this region even more effectively for generations to come,” Steiner said. “We will continue investing in the people, systems and partnerships that help save lives, improve outcomes and keep more patients near their families and support networks during some of their most difficult moments.”

From 1A

SYMPHONY

deciding to offer its performances to the public at no cost. And while Hillard said the intended outcome of “opening up the orchestra to the public” has been successful, the move also cut into the symphony’s finances.

To help address that issue, the orchestra’s board has revived the Symphony League, an organization that will support the ASO and whose members will enjoy special perks in relationships with the group.

“We have different levels of support for the orchestra, and the \$150 donation to be a part of the Symphony League is the first

level,” Hillard said. “People who join will receive selected reserve seating at all concerts, special meet-and-greet opportunities with musicians, invitation to donor appreciation events and pre-sale access for special events (like the March 13 Crawfish Festival).”

“We also offer other benefits to donors on the patron (\$200-\$749), benefactor (\$750-\$1,499) and maestro (\$1,500 and above) levels.”

The Nov. 7 performance, which kicks off what the orchestra is calling “The Magic of Music” season, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Municipal Auditorium. ASO will continue to welcome audience members to its performances at no charge, although a \$20 donation is recommended. Other performances, also sched-

uled at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium, include “The Magic of the Holiday Season” – aka “Peppermint Pops” – on Dec. 8, “The Magic of Music by Candlelight” on Feb. 6, and “The Magic of Mozart Meets Beethoven” April 10.

The orchestra also will present its James Barnett Foundation Children’s Concert “Tchaikovsky Discovers America” on March 19, with shows at 9:30 and 11 a.m. for students in local school systems.

Also this year, for music lovers who might want to order their music “to go,” the symphony’s a la Carte program allows individuals or groups to enhance their events by “ordering” anywhere from two to 20 musicians to play at the event. For additional information, visit albanyssymphony.org.

Daily Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You could be ready for Halloween fun by the time it's dark, you could be feeling more internal in the early part of the day. A shared situation could be highlighted for a while, try to make things operate more smoothly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If it's emotional, put it through a filter twice or three times before you speak it into reality. Partnerships are like gardens, they need regular water and regular care, from both gardeners in residence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discipline builds in tiny moments — each time you keep an itty-bitty promise to yourself. Be that stand-up person you can trust and they can trust, feels like true inner wealth. Hold off on money moves today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your artistry — in anything — is likely to grow for a few weeks, let yourself learn new approaches and discover new muses. Tomorrow could be less emotional, the last couple of days may have been more vulnerable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wrap up inner old business today, your attention likely turns more toward self-presentation tomorrow. The stronger your base, your foundation, your launch pad, the higher you can fly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check the sitch, then calibrate before you speak out — check your motives, read the room, check your personal transits, check the Universal Day score. Each of these steps help important communiqués land right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Knowledge is power and money is no exception, learn more about money management and understand its underlying energetic to build yourself into a true money magnet. Put your heart into your work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Build your belief in yourself, this is done by choosing the most ethical response at each pivot point. You can't hide from yourself so step up and be someone worth being,

then notice who's got their life together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your inner life can be like Santa's workshop or building a bear, assemble yourself with intention. The outside can only be a reflection of what's inside, you can only meet yourself in the mirror.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Find the win-win that honors both people and both sets of considerations — those are the agreements that can be sustained. Invest in both your friendship and career networks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pragmatism combined with nurturing and a personal approach could be the perfect way to handle a situation and get the job done. Your career or relationship with the world could be on an upward trajectory.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The ideal creative solution addresses all the needs and all the nuances, and it could arrive just in time to be at your fingertips today. Be a rock for others when you can be, offering intel or hands-on help.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Stay tuned, the last bit of 2026 still has some happy surprises to deliver. November should be a month to prepare for expansion, examine assumptions and fears and let go of what doesn't belong in your next-level life. In December, your first move is to not step in something unsavory — avoid a brief temptation toward self-sabotage. Once that's past, a small gift or windfall could open the door to the arrival of real abundance. Not just money only, but other resources too, which could make your next steps toward your destiny easier and faster. Something long broken could get repaired, or someone's health and vitality could return in an act of Universal grace. A big chance to strut your stuff and really hit your potentials should arrive before year-end, and the standing ovation could continue into the new year.



1864 - Nevada is admitted as the 36th United States state

1913 - The Lincoln Highway is dedicated as the first automobile highway across the United States

1924 - The Members of the Association at the 1st International Savings Bank Congress announces the start of World Savings Day

1941 - Mount Rushmore is completed after 14 years of work

1956 - The U.K. and France begin bombing Egypt to force the reopening of the Suez Canal

1963 - 74 people are killed and over 400 injured during an ice skating show when an explosion occurs at the Indiana State Fair Coliseum as a result of a faulty propane tank connection

1979 - Western Airlines

CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES

- Beggars' Night
- Books For Treats Day
- Carve a Pumpkin Day
- Day of the Seven Billion
- Girl Scout Founder's Day
- Halloween
- Hug a Sheep Day
- Magic Day
- National Caramel Apple Day
- National Doorbell Day
- National Increase Your Psychic Powers Day
- National Knock Knock

- Jokes Day
- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Reformation Day
- Save a Friend Day
- Sneak Some of the Candy Yourself Before the Kids Start Knocking Day
- Trick or Treat for UNICEF Day
- World Cities Day
- World Savings Day

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have so much time and so little to do. Strike that, reverse it."

Ronald Dahl, writer (1916-1990)

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SQUAWKBOX

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Those of you who are so partisan you continue to support the man in the White House who obviously has lost his mind -- check out all his commentary with random, childlike noises -- don't get that opposing someone like Mike Collins has little to do with him being a Republican, everything to do with him being a reprehensible human who continues to pay fealty to Trump despite his lunacy.

I was pleased to see the response to the homecoming shooting by the Albany State student. She presented her thoughts well and pointed out how the local TV station made accusations without having the information to support those accusations. Pathetic excuse for journalism.

"New Mexico" should be changed to "New America?" Georgia was named for King George. Why not just change the name to "Donald?"

Let's say the important part out loud: We have a self-righteous set of commissioners who have been overtly rude to each other in public and often dismissive of real citizen concerns in favor of their own friends and churches. We have a police chief who has no passion left for the job and makes little effort to adjust or improve in the face of failures. The commissioners are unwilling to admit their own selfishness and change, plus they are unwilling to run a professional, unbiased search into finding a tough, energetic new police chief to finally improve safety in our community.

I see that Christmas decorations have been put up downtown. Does anyone in charge of such things realize it is not even Halloween? And then comes Thanksgiving ... then Christmas.

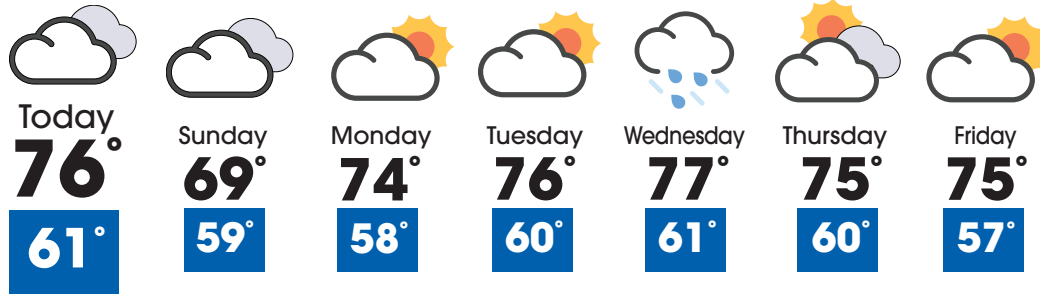
Spending \$9 million to build another hotel downtown ranks right up there with the street crossovers on South Slappey and Alice Coachman School as dumb expenditures of taxpayer money. Neither the Hilton nor St. Nicholas hotel is anywhere near capacity, and there is no demand for more hotel rooms in downtown Albany.

I wish Superintendent Dyer well as a finalist for Superintendent of the Year, but not getting the same results as the superintendent over in Dublin City Schools, who had to resign last year over financial issues within the system. In fact, they owed millions to the state for unpaid insurance and retirement money. The state had to loan them about \$7 million on top of that. I also noticed the Valdosta City School superintendent being nominated for the same honor. Everyone knows that city school system is in shambles. Who votes on these superintendents of the year?

Hello, I am a new developer, and I think I can really remake some of the crumbling-down buildings in downtown Albany into fine structures. I just need a couple of million dollars to get started. Reach out via the Squawkbox, and I'll tell you what church I attend and how much of the two-mill I'm willing to share.

Parents, keep your kids safe this Halloween. Only let them go to organized events, not roam from home to home.

Weather Forecast



Daily Bridge Club

Simple Saturday

By Frank Stewart
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Simple Saturday columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

I've heard a pessimist defined

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Frank Stewart

as an optimist on his way home from a trip to the casino. When you're declarer, you may need to be an optimist, assuming the cards lie well, or a pessimist, guarding against a poor lie.

Against today's 3NT, West leads a low heart. If South is optimistic, he will play low from dummy, hoping to win with the queen and make overtricks. But East takes the king and shifts to the deuce of spades, and when the lie of the clubs is foul, South is at risk of losing three spades, a heart and a club.

HEART TRICKS

South should play safe by taking the ace of hearts at Trick One. However the hearts lie, he can lose at most three heart tricks. But South must still make sure

of four club tricks, and if he leads a club to his ace next, he fails.

To win four clubs no matter how the suit lies, declarer's safety play is to cash the king, lead a diamond to his hand and return a club toward dummy's jack.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: S A J 5 H Q 4 D K Q J C A 9 6 5 3. The dealer, at your right, opens one heart. You double, and your partner responds one spade. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: You have 17 points -- more than your double promised -- and with some 17-point hands you might act again. But partner was obliged to respond to your double -- he has fewer than 10 points and may have none -- and your queen of hearts may be a worthless card. Pass. South dealer N-S vulnerable

Advice Columnist

Family friend demands hugs, despite parents' objections

By Eric Thomas

Tribune Content Agency

Dear Eric: We recently traveled to a nearby city to visit my mother. While we were there, Mom's friend Helen stopped by for a visit. We have met Helen before and know her to be a hugger.

My 16-year-old daughter Missy, in order to avoid the inevitable hug, stationed herself on the far side of the dining room table but Helen, not to be denied, rounded the table with arms outstretched.

Missy, at our suggestion, extended her hand for a handshake but Helen moved to sweep her arm away. Missy took a step back and said, "I don't like to hug." At this point I stepped in to redirect the conversation and the hugging issue was dropped.

After Helen left, Grandma scolded Missy saying she was rude to not hug Helen. We have always taught Missy that she has bodily autonomy, and she does not have to hug anyone she doesn't want to. I think Helen is the rude one for forcing her hugs on everyone she meets. Who is right?

We visit often and Helen is sure to stop by for another visit. Missy says the next time Helen is due, she will be absent from the house, a solution to which Grandma is vehemently opposed.

— No Hugs

Dear No Hugs: Missy is right and you're right to teach her that she doesn't have to do anything with her body that she doesn't want to do. Full stop.

Helen and Grandma may see the hugs as innocuous. That's all well and good. Missy doesn't feel the same way and a hug is a two-person act.

There are other ways of show-

ing affection, some physical, some not. Helen has other ways for reaching Missy.

This is something that Grandma is going to have to accept. Hugging Helen is so far from a non-negotiable, it doesn't make sense for her to put her foot down about it. In advance of the next visit, bring it up with her, remind her of the boundary that Missy has set and that you're supporting her in. Talk it out beforehand and see if you can come to a place of understanding. She may not like it, but respecting Missy's boundary will make it easier for everyone to have a nice time.

Dear Eric: I've been in 13 situationships. Not intentionally. Thought they were going somewhere.

Nobody seems to have the conversation anymore and if they do they lie about their intentions or change their mind and find someone else later on. Yes, actions speak louder than words and actions do match up and line up with what they say.

I had amazing dates and men seem to know how to lead people on. They're stepping it up and know all the right things to say and do.

Ultimately, they admit they want nothing serious after five-to-10 consistent and unquestionable dates. These are people who say they want a relationship, marriage, and children. Am I forever stuck in situationships?

— Hopeless Romantic

Dear Romantic: Short answer -- no. Forever is a long time, and this doesn't have to be your fate.

Neither you nor I can control nor predict what other people will do and I can't say with any certainty why these men you're



Eric Thomas

meeting are leading you on and then falling away. I can say that you're not alone in this. There are many factors. Socialization or lack thereof; our increasing isolation as people; the gamification of dating apps; the way that dating has become an exercise in marketing, one that convinces you the best "product" is one more swipe away. You can't change the whole system, but you do have the power to change your part of it. If what you've been trying isn't bringing you the results you want, change your methods. Perhaps that means switching from meeting people on apps to meeting them in person or even taking a break. Perhaps that means being a little more guarded in the initial phase of a relationship and taking things intentionally slow to try to determine a partner's true intentions.

Dear Readers: From time to time, I prepare columns dedicated to a specific theme. In preparation for two upcoming themes, I need your help.

Do you have what you might consider a petty grievance or a tiny problem that, despite its size, you can't quite fix? I want to hear about it. This isn't a call for complaints. We're looking for problems you want to solve.

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THE ALBANY RESURRECTION PLAN

A 20-Point Vision to Restore Public Safety, Re-build Communities, Create Generational Wealth, and Make Albany, Georgia, a National Example of Economic and Community Revitalization Albany, Georgia, deserves a resurrection.

For far too long, this community has faced poverty, violent crime, deteriorating neighborhoods, limited economic opportunities, and the loss of businesses and industries that once provided good-paying jobs.

But I do not believe Albany's greatest days are behind it. I believe they are ahead of it.

I see a city with extraordinary potential. A city with rich agricultural resources, beautiful waterways, historic neighborhoods, educational institutions, hardworking families, talented entrepreneurs, and people who deserve the opportunity to build a better future.

I don't want to simply talk about Albany's problems. I want to help build the solutions.

Here is my 20-point Albany Resurrection Plan.



Matt Day's Albany Resurrection Plan How to Change a City that couldn't be SAVED...

1. RESTORE INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT

Corruption destroys communities from the inside out. It steals resources from families, undermines public trust, and allows criminal activity to flourish.

I want independent investigations into credible allegations of corruption, financial fraud, and misuse of taxpayer money involving public officials, religious organizations, and other institutions receiving government funding.

No politician, pastor, business leader, or government official should be above the law.

Where evidence establishes criminal wrongdoing, those responsible should face prosecution and accountability through our justice system.

2. LAUNCH A MAJOR CRACK-DOWN ON ORGANIZED GANG ACTIVITY

I want federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies working together in an aggressive, coordinated effort against organized criminal gangs operating in Albany and Dougherty County.

That means bringing in the FBI, DEA, ATF, U.S. Marshals, and other appropriate agencies to target violent criminal organizations.

I would also request that state leadership evaluate whether a temporary, legally authorized National Guard deployment could support public safety for 30 days.

Families deserve to feel safe in their own neighborhoods.

3. REMOVE VIOLENT CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM OUR STREETS

We must aggressively investigate and prosecute violent gang leaders, major drug traffickers, human traffickers, and those exploiting vulnerable women and children.

I want young people to see that organized crime carries serious consequences.

But I also want them to see something even more important: that there is a better future available through education, employment, mentorship, and honest work.

We must be tough on violent crime while creating real alternatives for the next generation.

4. MAKE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN YOUTH PROGRAMS AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

One of the greatest investments we can make is in our children.

I want major investments in after-school programs, recreation centers, athletics, vocational education, tutoring, mentorship, and alternative schools.

Children who struggle in traditional classrooms should not be discarded.

They deserve educators, mentors, and programs that help them discover their abilities and prepare them for productive lives.

5. COMPLETELY REVITALIZE EAST AND WEST OGLETHORPE BOULEVARD

I want to pursue major federal, state, and private redevelopment funding to transform East and West Oglethorpe Boulevard.

New landscaping, sidewalks, lighting, attractive storefronts, public spaces, improved infrastructure, and redevelopment of abandoned properties.

These corridors should become beautiful gateways into Albany and destinations for businesses, residents, and visitors.

When people drive into Albany, I want them to see a city moving forward.

6. CREATE BEAUTIFUL, AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

I want to replace dilapidated and abandoned housing with attractive, affordable homes that working families can actually own.

My vision includes acquiring distressed properties, clearing unsafe structures, and developing quality modular and prefabricated homes with responsible owner-financing opportunities.

I also want beautiful mixed-use housing developments that combine residences, retail, restaurants, and neighborhood services.

This is not about simply putting people into housing.

It is about helping families build equity, ownership, stability, and generational wealth.

Existing residents must have opportunities to participate in and benefit from the redevelopment of their own neighborhoods.

7. ATTRACT MAJOR EMPLOYERS WITH JOB-CREATION INCENTIVES

I want to work directly with Georgia's governor, economic development agencies, corporations, and private investors to bring major employers to Albany.

I support exploring performance-based tax incentives tied directly to verified job creation, wages, and long-term investment.

The more quality jobs an employer creates, the more meaningful the incentives could become, with appropriate taxpayer protections.

Our goal should be simple: bring industry, investment, and good-paying jobs back to Southwest Georgia.

8. BUILD A NEW GENERATION OF SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS

Large corporations are important, but small businesses are the backbone of our communities.

I want to expand opportunities for entrepreneurs throughout Dougherty County through business financing, tax incentives, technical assistance, and access to investment capital.

I particularly want to see more women, minorities, working-class families, and first-generation entrepreneurs have opportunities to own businesses.

I believe in merit, hard work, competition, and equal opportunity.

Every person willing to work and take the risk of building a business deserves a fair opportunity to succeed.

9. MAKE ALBANY THE OUTDOOR TOURISM CAPITAL OF SOUTHWEST GEORGIA

Southwest Georgia has tremendous outdoor recreational resources.

Our rivers, lakes, forests, farmland, wildlife, and hunting and fishing opportunities can become a major economic engine.

I want Albany to serve as the centerpiece of a regional tourism initiative promoting hunting, fishing, boating, wildlife recreation, outdoor festivals, sporting events, and conservation.

That means more visitors supporting local restaurants, hotels, outfitters, guides, sporting goods stores, and small businesses.

10. TRANSFORM ALBANY INTO A NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING CENTER

This is one of the largest economic opportunities I see for Southwest

Georgia.

We grow extraordinary agricultural commodities, but too often the greatest value is created somewhere else.

I want to bring that value home.

I envision advanced manufacturing facilities using robotics, automation, and skilled American workers to turn Georgia-grown commodities into finished products.

Cotton into clothing and textiles.

Cattle into packaged beef products.

Timber and agricultural residues into value-added products and responsibly developed biomass energy.

I want to organize domestic and international agricultural trade summits, bringing buyers and investors directly to Albany.

I also want to negotiate with railroads, ports, logistics providers, and manufacturers to make Southwest Georgia competitive in shipping finished products across America and around the world.

We should not just grow the raw materials. We should manufacture the finished products and create the jobs right here.

11. DEVELOP ALBANY'S MUSIC, FILM, AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRIES

Atlanta demonstrated how film, television, music, and entertainment can create enormous economic opportunities.

I want Albany to develop its own creative economy.

Recording studios, film production facilities, music education, performance venues, entertainment businesses, and opportunities for independent artists.

I want Albany to produce its own Tyler Perry, its own Lil Jon, and its own generation of successful entertainers, producers, directors, and business owners.

And I want local entrepreneurs to own the companies supporting these industries.

12. DEVELOP STRONG LEADERSHIP ACROSS EVERY COMMUNITY

Albany needs principled, accountable, capable leaders who understand the communities they serve.

I want to encourage more Black, Hispanic, and white community leaders to become involved in public service, business, education, and neighborhood development.

I particularly want to see strong conservative leaders who believe in personal responsibility, economic opportunity, family stability, and accountable government.

But ultimately, I want leadership so effective and so respected that people stop focusing on skin color and start focusing on character, integrity, and results.

13. MAKE ALBANY A NATIONAL SHOWCASE FOR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Women represent approximately half our population, and I want them to have greater opportunities to build and own wealth.

I want Albany to become a national example of women-owned business development.

That means helping women gain access to capital, commercial property, mentorship, professional networks, and ownership opportunities.

I want more women owning the companies, buildings, and assets they help create.

Not simply managing businesses for someone else, but building enterprises that can be passed down to

their children.

14. EXPAND KING RANDALL'S YOUTH MENTORSHIP VISION ACROSS THE DISTRICT

I have tremendous respect for the work King Randall has undertaken to teach young people discipline, responsibility, life skills, and personal development.

I have never personally met or spoken with him, but I believe his approach to mentorship deserves serious attention.

I would like to explore working with him to establish a major regional mentorship headquarters in Albany, with the long-term goal of expanding programs into all 30 counties of Georgia's Second Congressional District.

Fatherless children need mentors. Young men need positive role models.

Hurting families need support. And children who have lost hope need someone willing to invest time in their future.

I want to help create a network of mentors who teach trades, financial literacy, leadership, discipline, and life skills.

15. WORK ACROSS PARTY LINES TO DELIVER RESULTS

I have strongly disagreed with Congressman Sanford Bishop on many political issues.

But I also recognize the value of his experience, his knowledge of agriculture, and the work of his constituent services team.

I would welcome qualified members of his staff who wanted to continue serving the people of Southwest Georgia.

I would also welcome the opportunity to learn from Congressman Bishop's decades of experience.

I respect people who know how Washington works, even when we disagree politically.

I believe we can fight hard over policy and still work together for the people we represent.

16. ESTABLISH WORK-BASED TRANSITIONAL REHABILITATION FACILITIES

I believe our criminal justice system needs to distinguish between dangerous criminals and individuals who deserve a genuine opportunity to rebuild their lives.

I want to develop transitional rehabilitation facilities in Albany and Americus for eligible individuals approved through the judicial system.

My proposed model would combine 40 hours of weekly employment, approximately 15 hours of supervised community service, vocational training, personal accountability, and reasonable contributions toward living expenses.

Participants could help restore parks, clean public spaces, improve sidewalks, and rehabilitate neglected properties through legally authorized community-service programs.

This idea is personal to me.

When I was a young man struggling with drugs, my father took me under his wing and taught me the value of hard work. A close friend of his, a Black man, also helped teach me a trade.

That experience changed my life.

I want to create opportunities for other people to experience that same transformation.

I envision faith-based nonprofit organizations helping operate these programs while respecting individual rights and applicable legal protections.

17. BUILD A COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS TRANSITIONAL COMMUNITY

I want to develop a large transitional campus that helps people experiencing homelessness rebuild their lives.

It would include tiny homes, transitional housing, job placement, transportation, counseling, mental healthcare, addiction treatment referrals, and access to medical and dental services.

I envision a peaceful, campus-style environment with gardens, recreation, supportive services, and a strong sense of community.

Volunteer doctors, dentists, mental health professionals, churches, non-profit organizations, and local employers could become partners.

Some people experiencing homelessness struggle with addiction or mental illness. Others are elderly, disabled, employed but unable to afford housing, or simply facing financial hardship.

We must recognize those differences and provide appropriate solutions.

The goal is to help people achieve stability, dignity, independence, and a permanent place to call home.

18. EXPAND MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE ALBANY AND ATTRACT DEFENSE MANUFACTURING

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany is an important economic asset, and I want to support its continued modernization and long-term mission.

I also want to pursue a major defense manufacturing investment in Albany, including opportunities around the former Cooper Tire industrial property.

I would work to recruit companies such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and other defense contractors to explore manufacturing, maintenance, logistics, and advanced technology operations.

My goal would be to attract an industrial project capable of supporting approximately 3,000 high-paying jobs in East and South Albany.

Those jobs could create opportunities for technicians, engineers, welders, machinists, logistics professionals, and skilled tradespeople.

19. MAKE ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY A CENTERPIECE OF ECONOMIC REVIVAL

Albany State University has an extraordinary history.

Its founder, Joseph Winthrop Holley, was born to formerly enslaved parents and believed deeply in the power of education to transform lives.

I want to honor that legacy by pursuing major investments in Albany State University and the region's technical colleges.

My vision includes stronger partnerships with manufacturers, agricultural processors, defense contractors, technology companies, and small businesses.

We should be developing engineers, entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, educators, technicians, and skilled tradespeople who can build successful careers without having to leave Southwest Georgia.

Education should create opportunity, ownership, and generational wealth.

20. FIGHT FOR BETTER PAY FOR TEACHERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Our teachers, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical person-

nel, and other first responders carry enormous responsibilities.

Many face demanding working conditions, financial pressures, and insufficient recognition.

As Albany's economy grows and its tax base strengthens, I want to work with local and state leaders toward a long-term goal of increasing compensation and benefits for these essential professionals by 25%.

That would require sustainable funding, careful budgeting, and cooperation across multiple levels of government.

The people who educate our children, protect our families, and respond when disaster strikes deserve competitive compensation and our respect.

THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN REBUILDING BUILDINGS. IT IS ABOUT REBUILDING LIVES.

I don't believe Albany needs another collection of political promises.

I believe Albany needs a comprehensive, coordinated plan that brings together government, churches, non-profit organizations, private investors, educational institutions, local businesses, and everyday citizens.

We must address crime while investing in children.

We must rebuild neighborhoods while protecting the families who already live there.

We must recruit corporations while helping local people become business owners.

We must strengthen agriculture while creating manufacturing jobs.

We must support education while making sure graduates have opportunities to build their futures right here.

And we must remember that economic development means very little if the people who have lived here for generations are left behind.

This plan would require significant investment, serious partnerships, years of work, and leaders willing to put the community ahead of political disagreements.

I cannot accomplish all of this alone, and no congressman has the authority to accomplish it alone.

But I can work to bring the right people to the table, fight for the resources, help coordinate the investments, and hold the effort accountable to measurable results.

I want to see Albany become a city where children can walk safely through their neighborhoods, where families can afford to own beautiful homes, where businesses compete to invest, where farmers benefit from local manufacturing, and where young people believe they can achieve the American Dream without leaving their hometown.

I want to see abandoned buildings replaced with thriving businesses, neglected streets transformed into beautiful communities, and families who have struggled for generations finally have the opportunity to build lasting wealth.

I believe in Albany.

I believe in its people.

And I believe a city that has faced decades of challenges can experience an extraordinary comeback when its people unite around a common purpose.

I would make Albany the example for all cities that wanted to make a come back.

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*“He that overcometh shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”*
Revelation 21:7

COLUMNIST ■ CARLTON FLETCHER

The WNBA ... where ‘thug life’ is the league’s biggest (only) selling point

I hear you saying I need a bad girl, oh. Let me hear you if you’re a bad girl, oh. Players, when you see me Act like you know me ... If you’re a bad girl, Get at me, bad girl.

-- **Usher**
Herald’s

My buddy Joe Whitfield, The Albany sports editor – and an excellent one, I might add – has this quirk that Phil Cody and I give him hell about all the time.

Although a pretty much normal sports guy in every other respect – a guy who lives and dies with the Georgia Bulldogs, knows who’s who on the local high school sports teams, and cares about the ups and downs of the Atlanta Braves – Joe actually cares about the WNBA.

And I don’t mean he is amazed by the talents of Caitlin Clark; hell, any sports fan who’s seen her play knows she’s a once-in-a-generation talent. Joe actually knows things like ... well, the name of the teams in the league, the names of players other than the ones who are the latest to knock Clark senseless or the ones who make what is the latest in a constant litany of sexist and racist comments.

Phil and I were momentarily stunned the other day when Joe proclaimed, “The Dream (that’s Atlanta’s WNBA team, we found out) is going to the finals.” I think it was Phil – also a huge UGA fan and an actual alumnus, not like the overwhelming majority of folks who wear the red and black and cry loudest when the Dogs lose even though they’ve never been inside any of the university’s facilities that aren’t Sanford Stadium – who first said what we both were thinking: “So?”

The WNBA – and, let’s be honest here: the “W” is the primary issue for sports fans like Phil and me ... women, through no fault of their own – it’s anatomy and genetics – are just not very skilled, nor are they very athletic, not to the point where anyone without a large discretionary budget would want to watch them play, and especially pay money for it. (I know that sounds sexist, but it’s the truth.)

And here’s perhaps the oddest thing about the WNBA’s marketing plan: The league doesn’t highlight the skills of someone like Clark. Instead, they play up the latest jealous player to hit her, scratch her, step on her neck or otherwise abuse her. And the league makes sure all the latest racist comments directed

toward Clark are highlighted on the blogs and sports wires the next day.

(Can you imagine the NBA allowing similar antics surrounding Larry Bird when he was on his way to becoming one of the league’s Top 10 players ever? No, the NBA – and its star players – recognized Bird’s talents and weren’t so insecure or race-conscious that they used his white-ness against him. The WNBA ... apparently, that’s their big selling point.)

When NBA players and teams become mature in the game, they become some of the sports world’s model citizens. The WNBA, perhaps suffering from some kind of inferior identity crisis, would rather its players become the thugs that they are rather than showcasing what talents they might have.

There are the aforementioned attacks on Clark that are magnified each night, but there are other instances of thugism: Chal-

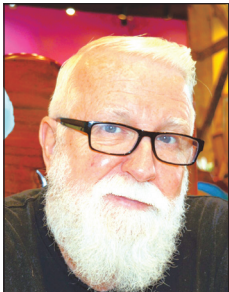
lenging fans in the stands, bragging about their efforts to hurt opposing players who maybe got a little too much attention, and trying to turn any situation that doesn’t please them into a matter of sex or race.

We get it: Y’all are all bad girls, and you’ll do whatever it takes to show the world. Thing is, except for a few creeps who live for that kind of thing, not a lot of people are willing to pay big money to see such thugism or hear the latest rant about how mistreated the players are.

Also, while many “fans” seem to be OK with the WNBA players leaving the court during the playing of the National Anthem so that they don’t have to show respect for a country that’s providing them a comfortable living doing the only thing most of them are any good at, I find it disgusting that they have such disrespect for their country and their fans.

So, Joe, you watch the WNBA. We won’t hold it against you. And maybe you can even keep Phil and me up on which of these “star athletes” is the latest to attack their best player only because she’s white, and which one is wearing a provocative T-shirt to the arena in support of a cause that shows they’re socially aware.

Frankly, though – and I don’t speak for Phil or other sports fans – the WNBA could dry up and blow away tomorrow, and my concern level would be minus o. Let it go away, and then see what kind of jobs these thug-ettes can find in a market where being tall is not the primary skill.



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COLUMNIST ■ SEAN DIETRICH

I ran into myself today

I always wondered what I’d do if I met him. I always wondered how I’d act if I met Young Me.

Well, this was my chance to find out.

“What am I doing in this elementary school?” I was thinking. “They tore this place down years ago.”

I looked at my clothes. I was in pajamas. And barefoot. My toenails needed trimming.

I was standing in the old public school. Children’s cardboard-paper creations hung on the walls. Art projects lined the corridor like triumphant little banners. Each student’s name was scrawled onto the paper proudly, some letters backward.

I saw the boy.

He was walking down the hallway. He was going to the drinking fountain.

Remember drinking fountains? Remember when the whole class waited in line to use them? Back in the days before corporations started bottling water and selling it for \$8 a pop at gas stations ... my father would roll over in his grave.

The little boy was strawberry blond. I say “strawberry blond” because this is how maternal teachers would comfort Young Me whenever some heckler teased me with common redhead nicknames such as, to choose a nickname at random, “Bozo the Clown.”

“Oh, sweetie,” such teachers would say, tucking my tear-stained face into their great bosoms. “You have beautiful strawberry blond hair.”

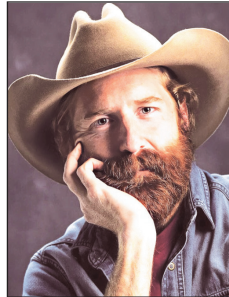
I never believed them. I thought I was ugly. To be a redhead at that age was the kiss of death. You were different. You were a leper. You were nicknamed “Red” by adults who thought they were original. You were capable of developing a third-degree sunburn in 0.003 seconds.

The little strawberry blond used the white porcelain drinking fountain. He tilted his head and assumed the hydration stance.

And all at once, I saw this boy for who he was.

I saw him not for who he would become. Not for who he wished he was. But for who he was in this exact moment.

I think what I’ve always wanted is attention. More than anything, actually. All kids want attention. Adults do, too. Everyone wants attention.



DIETRICH

The world operates on attention. Our entire man-made system is fueled by attention. Look at celebrities. They beg for it. Look at politicians. They buy it. Mega-corporations run on it, marketing themselves, spending billions for each “like” and heart emoji.

Why? Why do they need attention? Because your attention, contrary to what you’ve been told, is your most valuable resource.

Most people think our most valuable resource is time. But it’s not. For what good is time if you waste it paying attention to the wrong things? A body can have

all the time in eternity but squander a lifetime paying attention to war, rumors of war, and senseless acts of reality television. What good is life like that?

That’s what Young Me wanted. He wanted attention. The attention of his father. The attention of his friends. To be noticed by others.

His big error, of course, was that gaining attention is an empty pursuit.

The child thought that the more attention he earned, the more he would matter. If his daddy paid enough attention to him, the boy would “feel” valuable. If lots of people liked him, the boy would be worthy.

But that’s not how it works. Value and worth are not earned.

The little boy finished at the drinking fountain. He wiped his face with his sleeve. He turned to go back to his classroom, striding down the hallway.

I wanted to take the child into my arms. I wanted to tell him he was beautiful. He didn’t need the validation of others. Didn’t need acceptance. Didn’t need whatever he was looking for. He already had it. He was already enough. This is how God made him.

I realized tears were leaking down my adult cheeks as I watched his young frame approach.

Then, the boy noticed me.

He stopped. I was a full three feet taller than him.

“Hi,” he said.

“Hi,” I replied.

Then he smiled. He took my hand.

“You are already enough,” he said. “You always have been.”

And so, dear reader, have you.

COLUMNIST ■ JAY BOOKMAN

This midterm election could reshape Georgia politics

If you believe the polls, Jon Ossoff will easily win re-election to the U.S. Senate, and Keisha Lance Bottoms is right on the heels of Rick Jackson in the governor’s race despite being badly outspent. She might even have a slight lead.

Once upon a time in a not-too-distant past, this whole thing would have been unthinkable. For some, it still is. But Georgia has changed, the times have changed and under Donald Trump, the Republican Party has changed.

After Tuesday, even more change is likely.

First, though, a note of caution: Polls can be wrong. Never put your faith in polls.

But can polls be wrong everywhere, all at once? I ask because national polls and polls in other states are producing results much like those predicted here in Georgia. They project significant Democratic gains even in deep red states such as Texas and Kansas. Overall, polls suggest a fairly consistent 8- to 10-point swing toward Democrats, which would be larger than in most midterms. If that proves to be the case come election night, a lot of unemployed Republican politicians will be lined up outside Fox News trying to get contributor contracts.

But back to the question: Yes, theoretically all the polls can be wrong, everywhere and all at once, if pollsters are all making the same mistakes.

So let’s examine the 2026 electorate from another perspective. Early voting totals here in Georgia show big turnout from Democratic counties, and slow turnout in Republican areas. While that data would seem to offer real-life validation of what the polls are finding, caution again reminds us that we won’t know for sure what those ballots contain until they’re opened and counted. Voters can be tricky.

However, we also know roughly who those voters are. Black and minority Georgians are turning out at a higher pace than white Georgians, who tend to vote Republican. Urban voters and independent suburban voters are voting in larger numbers than rural voters. In other words, polls, early voting numbers and voter demographics are all pointing us in the same general direction.

And if that turns out to be true,

if Ossoff sails to re-election and Bottoms gets elected governor, it’s hard to imagine the impact on Georgia politics in general and specifically on the Georgia Republican Party. Everything would have to change.

It has been an article of faith that Georgia is and always will be a conservative state. Even when the state was dominated by Democrats, they were culturally conservative, pro-business Democrats who had no problem whatsoever adopting the Republican identity when the time proved right. Even when Ossoff and Raphael Warnock won statewide races for the Senate, it was possible to dismiss those results as accidents of bad timing and bad candidates.

If the pollsters prove to be right, that’s no longer the case, and the power structure in the state will be shaken to its core. The catalyst for that change, the catalyst for most of the political chaos of the last decade, is of course Trump. In his second term as president, Republicans abandoned whatever restraints they once put on their president and have let Trump be Trump. Voters everywhere seem determined to make them pay for that failure.

If Tuesday delivers a broad rejection of Trump’s leadership, how do Georgia Republicans respond? For years they’ve been fed this delusion that Georgia hasn’t changed, that America hasn’t changed, that the only reason they’re losing elections is because they’re being cheated of their birthright to rule. That mindset, if it persists, will not allow them to make the necessary adjustments to compete in this emerging Georgia.

They have a ready role model in Brian Kemp, the popular governor who leaves office with a nearly 70% job approval rating. However, part of Kemp’s appeal beyond the MAGA base is his refusal to embrace and act upon that “election integrity” delusion. For many MAGA Georgians, that is a disqualification. Republicans also would have a lesson to the contrary in Mike Collins, the MAGA-approved Senate candidate who bet his future that a base-only strategy could still win a general election in this state. As Georgia voters are about to confirm, you cannot.

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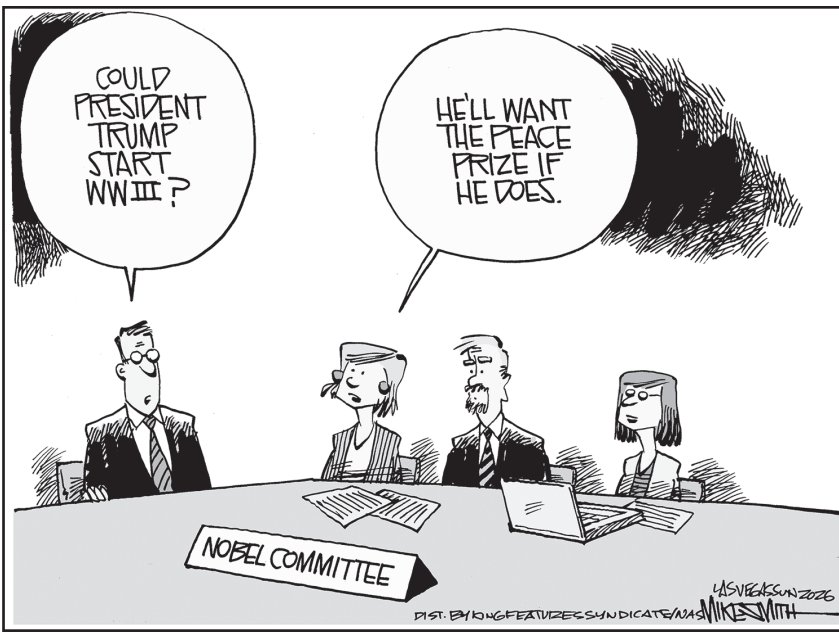
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Phoebe, Phoebe Worth continue Lights of Love tradition

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ALBANY -- This holiday season, southwest Georgians are encouraged to honor someone special, remember a loved one or simply share a little hope through Phoebe Foundation’s annual Lights of Love. By dedicating a light in someone’s honor or memory, each gift helps support oncology services at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and Phoebe Worth, making

a meaningful difference for patients and their loved ones right here in southwest Georgia, Phoebe Foundation officials said. Over the past 40 years, Phoebe Foundation’s Lights of Love campaign has raised more than \$1 million to support local oncology patients and their families. Every gift, no matter how big or small, continues that tradition of compassion, ensuring that friends and neighbors have

the care and support they need close to home. The community is invited to make plans to gather at Phoebe Worth on Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. or at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital on Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for the tree-lighting ceremonies. Each light tells a story, and every gift supports local cancer patients and families, allowing the community to help make this season a little brighter for those who need it most.



Give to LIGHTS of LOVE

Help hope shine brightly. Donate today.

Join us for our Tree Lighting Ceremonies

PHOEBE WORTH - MONDAY, DEC. 7 AT 6:30 PM
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PHOEBE SUMTER - THURSDAY, DEC. 10 AT 6 PM



Special Graphic

Wreaths Across America to end weeklong stay in Albany over the weekend

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ALBANY — Wreaths Across America has announced that, as part of its yearlong mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom, its Mobile Education Exhibit will end its week-long stop in Albany on Nov. 1. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 30 will host the local event stop for the exhibit’s national tour. The event is free and open to the public locally at 810 S. Westover Blvd. The Mobile Education Exhibit will be open Saturday from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday from 1-9 p.m. “The Mobile Education Exhibit provides the unique opportunity for communities to come together and share the stories of those who served and sacrificed,” Karen Worcester, executive director of WAA, said. “The exhibit also serves as an official ‘Welcome Home’ location for our nation’s Vietnam veterans and a place to teach future generations about the true cost of freedom.”



Special Photo

Wreaths Across America officials will conclude a weeklong stay in Albany Saturday and Sunday at American Legion Post 30. All veterans, active-duty military, their families, and the local community members are invited and encouraged to visit the exhibit, take a tour, and speak with WAA ambassadors and volunteers. They also can share more about the yearlong mission of the national nonprofit and the work its volunteers do to support our heroes and their communities throughout the country. Dignitaries, veterans, and other interested groups are urged to come, ask questions, share stories, and experience this one-of-a-kind exhibit. Interested persons can sponsor a veteran’s wreath anytime to support the local WAA program at Crown Hill Cemetery and Leesburg Cemetery for \$17 through the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 30 group sponsorship page at www.wreathsassamerica.org/GA0463P. Each sponsorship goes toward supporting the many free programs and initiatives offered throughout the year, and places a live, balsam wreath on the headstone of an American hero in the endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Dec. 19 as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.



Special Photo

The Gary Sinise Foundation held a Walls of Honor ceremony in Newton Thursday to salute the service of U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class Travis Wyatt.

Gary Sinise Foundation building smart home for U.S. Navy veteran in Newton

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NEWTON -- The Gary Sinise Foundation, which was established in 2011 under the philanthropic direction of award-winning actor and humanitarian Gary Sinise, who has been a staunch supporter of veterans, first responders and defenders for more than 40 years, held a Walls of Honor ceremony Thursday to salute the service of U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class Travis Wyatt.

The Walls of Honor, part of the mortgage-free smart home currently under construction by GSF that are built for the nation’s most severely wounded heroes, provides an opportunity for friends and supporters to write personal words of gratitude that will forever become part of his future home. Following the economic downturn in 2007, Wyatt enlisted in the Navy following in the footsteps of his grandfathers and uncles before him. Working as a Navy recruiter, his life changed in 2020 while serving aboard the USS Fitzgerald in San Diego when a neighboring ship caught fire and an explosion slammed him into the bulkhead, causing him to lose consciousness. As doctors were treating Wyatt for his traumatic brain injury, they discovered that he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), ultimately confining him to a wheelchair. Following his diagnosis, Wyatt found new ways to heal, first through his service dog, Leno, and when he discovered adaptive sports

like archery. He now says he hopes to qualify for the USA Para Archery Team with the goal of representing the United States at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles. Construction of the new 2,900-square-foot, three bed, three bath, smart home, which is being built through the Foundation’s R.I.S.E. (Restoring Independence, Supporting Empowerment) program, is made possible through the generous monetary and in-kind donations from various national partners, subcontractors and the American public. Sinise is an award-winning actor and humanitarian, best known for his roles in “CSI:NY,” “Apollo 13,” and his Oscar-nominated performance in the film “Forrest Gump” as the wounded Vietnam veteran Lt. Dan Taylor. An advocate for the nation’s defenders since the 1980s, after 9/11 Sinise began a crusade to support America’s military and first responders around the world with handshake tours and concerts with his band, the Lt. Dan Band. In 2011, Sinise established the Gary Sinise Foundation as an extension of those efforts. Today, the Foundation is building custom homes for severely wounded heroes, honoring and supporting the families of the fallen, providing essential equipment and training for first responders, improving the mental wellness of defenders, and so much more. For more information and to support, visit www.garysinisefoundation.org.

DOJ to send monitors to six Georgia counties during election

By Maya Homan
Georgia Recorder

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Justice will send Election Day monitors to six Georgia counties, all of which are considered Democratic strongholds. But election officials so far say they do not see the move as unusual. Last month, Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon announced that roughly 1,000 monitors would be deployed across the country in what she called “the biggest DOJ election observer effort in history.” In Georgia, those monitors will be dispatched to Bibb, Chatham, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Gwinnett counties. Their job, she said, would be to observe the elections process alongside other poll monitors. “They’re not going to be interfering in any way or running the election,” she said. “They’re going to be observing, making notes, making sure that language accessibility is there, that disability accessibility is there, that nothing funky is happening and that people are able to vote.” The Department of Justice did not respond to a request for comment. Outgoing Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, a Republican, said that Georgia’s election process will be open and transparent, and he said that poll watchers from both major political parties and the



Special Photo: Maya Homan/Georgia Recorder

Georgia elections workers process absentee ballots at the Fulton County Elections Hub and Operations Center in Union City. Carter Center will be monitoring elections alongside DOJ officials. “It’s a transparent process, and we’re not concerned at all,” he told reporters. This is also not the first year that Department of Justice lawyers have monitored Georgia’s elections. Many of the same counties that are receiving monitors this year also were observed during the presidential election in 2024. However, the prospect of federal monitoring may be raising more concerns this year in the wake of the Trump administration’s attempts to exert greater influence over election administration. Just this year, federal officials have seized 2020 election materials from Fulton County, attempted to gain unrestricted access to sensitive voter data and compiled a report of counties that offer election materials in multiple languages. All six of the selected counties are also counties that presidential candidate Kamala Harris won in 2024. But county election workers, including Fulton County Elections Board Chair Sherri Allen, have not raised concerns about the prospect of federal officials monitoring the election. In a press conference, Allen said that the county has scheduled a meeting with federal officials to discuss the monitoring. “We are planning to meet with them about the nature of their observation, but we are not surprised by it and it’s not unusual,” Allen said. Thomas Gillon, the Bibb county elections supervisor, also appeared unfazed by the prospect of federal monitoring. “The DOJ sent a similar team to monitor our November 2024 election, and nothing interesting happened,” he said. “I suspect nothing interesting will happen again this year.”

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Albany police announce arrests in multiple cases

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ALBANY -- The Albany Police Department announced multiple arrests this week in cases involving crimes against perpetrators' known victims.

Officers responded to the 1400 block of 10th Ave in reference to a motor vehicle-related aggravated assault. According to a witness, a white Jeep followed a Hyundai traveling west on 10th Avenue and struck the rear of the Hyundai, causing it to leave the roadway and crash into a creek.

The driver of the Hyundai, Travis Billings, 43, reported no injuries.

Using Flock camera tech-

nology, officers located a Jeep Compass in the 1200 block of Clark Avenue. The driver, Joann Wilcox, 46, was detained and interviewed by investigators. During the interview, Wilcox stated that she was following Billings because of a personal dispute between them.

Wilcox was transported to the Dougherty County Jail and charged with Reckless Conduct.

APD officers responded to the 100 block of Collins Street in reference to an aggravated assault incident. The investigation revealed an ongoing dispute between neighbors Michael Woodard, 51, and Robert Williams, 65. Dur-

ing the incident, Woodard reportedly threw a bottle at Williams.

Williams reportedly left the scene, retrieved a metal pipe from his residence, and returned to Woodard's yard, where he struck Woodard with the pipe. Woodard sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Williams was taken into custody and transported to the Dougherty County Jail, charged with aggravated assault.

Officers responded to the 700 block of Andover Lane in reference to a stabbing. A 42-year-old male reported

that his brother, James Washington Jr., 44, kicked in the door of their mother's residence, attacked him, and stabbed him. Washington claimed he was acting in self-defense.

Officers were familiar with the individuals from a previous call regarding an unwanted guest. During that incident, it was determined that Washington was upset over allegations that his girlfriend was cheating on him with his brother.

The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Phoebe

Putney Memorial Hospital for his injuries. Washington was charged with aggravated

assault, burglary, and terroristic threats (3 counts).

Officers responded to Friendship Personal Care Home at 723 W. Oglethorpe Blvd. in reference to an aggravated assault involving scissors.

Upon arrival, officers observed Arlene White, 60, exiting the building with a pair of scissors. White dropped the scissors and was taken into custody.

An investigation revealed that White stabbed two individuals with the scissors after stating she intended to do so. One victim sustained three puncture wounds to the back of the head, while the other sustained a stab wound to the hand. Both victims sustained



Joann Wilcox

non-life-threatening injuries.

White was charged with aggravated assault – cutting tool. She was taken to the Dougherty County Jail.

Record voting continues: Georgia surpasses 2 million early votes

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ATLANTA – Record-breaking statewide in-person early voting turnout continued in Georgia as the state surpassed 2 million votes, with 2,000,452 Georgians casting ballots in person as of 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

In 2022, 1,640,652 Georgians voted early in person over 15 days, a 22% increase over the same number of days this year. Including absentee ballots, statewide turnout is 28% in the final days before Election Day, matching turnout seven days out from Elec-

tion Day in 2022.

“Georgia voters deserve the highest praise,” Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said. “They are shattering in-person turnout records because they trust our election process. Our county election directors are delivering for their communities and bringing a free, fair, and fast election to every corner of our state.”

In addition to in-person voting, 97,382 absentee ballots have been accepted as of 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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



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Mitsubishi Power to double footprint in Chatham County

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ATLANTA – Mitsubishi Power Americas Inc. is investing \$490 million in expanding its existing footprint in Georgia. The company plans to create more than 220 new jobs in Chatham County.

“When we met with Mitsubishi Power and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries in Tokyo, we came away with a deeper understanding of how the company could continue growing in Georgia,” Gov. Brian Kemp said. “We are excited that the Savannah Machinery Works is expanding to turn those possibilities into reality.”

Mitsubishi Power is a power solutions brand of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. Mitsubishi Power's power generation solutions include gas, steam, and aero-derivative turbines; power trains and power islands; geothermal systems;

environmental controls; and services. It also offers solutions that leverage AI-enabled autonomous operation of power plants.

“Meeting the growing demand for power will require investment in facilities, in our supply chain, and in our workforce – which is what we're building here at Savannah Machinery Works,” Bill Newsom, president and CEO of Mitsubishi Power Americas, said. “This expansion strengthens American manufacturing and gives our people the advanced capabilities they need as they continue to deliver for our customers and help electricity growth across the Americas for decades to come.”

Mitsubishi Power's Savannah Machinery Works is located at 1000 Pine Meadow Drive near Pooler. The expansion will add 450,000 square feet to manufacture parts for gas turbines. The company will hire for manufacturing,

operations, heavy machinery, and technician roles.

“Mitsubishi Power Americas' announcement that they will be expanding is a huge win for Chatham County,” Trip Tollison, president and CEO of the Savannah Economic Development Authority, said. “This was a very highly competitive project that is the largest investment to date on behalf of Mitsubishi Power Americas and will create meaningful new job opportunities for our community.”

Senior Regional Project Manager Dorie Bacon represented the Georgia Department of Economic Development's Global Commerce team on this competitive project in partnership with the Savannah Economic Development Authority, Georgia Power, and Georgia Quick Start.

“Mitsubishi Power Americas' products are critical to America's energy infrastructure, and the company is continuing to

invest in Georgia because of the connectivity our ports, rail, highways, and airports provide,” GDEcD Commissioner Pat Wilson said. “But there is a bigger story here. Mitsubishi Power first chose Georgia at the height of the recession, when our communities were hungry for good news and new opportunities. Georgia has stood alongside this company ever since, including numerous visits to its headquarters and years of building a relationship based on mutual understanding.

“Today, as demand for Mitsubishi Power's products grows, this expansion is a reminder that economic development is about more than winning a project. It is about showing up, building relationships and being a long-term partner. That is how we create lasting opportunities for Georgia and for the nation.”



File Photo

Georgia's class of 2026 scored lower on the ACT than the class of 2025, but they still beat the national average.

ACT scores decrease in Georgia schools

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ATLANTA — Georgia's class of 2026 scored lower on the ACT than the class of 2025, but they still beat the national average.

Georgia's 2026 graduates who took the college admissions test after their freshman year earned an average composite score of 20.9, down half a point from the score by the prior year's graduates.

Because the composite no longer includes science, the two years are not exact comparisons.

The score topped the national average for the 10th year in a row, according to the Georgia Department of Education.

State School Superintendent Richard Woods attributed the performance to “the

refinements we've made” in K-12 public education.

The national average also fell, but by a smaller amount: 0.2 points, to 19.2.

Georgia's class of 2026 performed best in reading, with a 21.8 state average. The next-highest score, 21.2 in science, came with a caveat: That test became optional in 2025 and results after August of that year no longer affected the composite score.

The average math score was 20.5, followed by English at 19.9.

The ACT results follow SAT results released earlier this fall. Georgia's public school class of 2026 had a mean SAT score of 1,031, up two points from the class of 2025. Math scores rose four points, but reading and writing slipped one point.

Lawmakers hear fallout from Georgia Supreme Court ruling against fire fee

By Ty Tagami

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia lawmakers are hearing concerns about the potential impact of a state Supreme Court ruling that struck down a firefighting fee in Chatham County last week.

The court ordered the county to refund about \$30 million in fees and interest in a class-action lawsuit over its now-defunct fire service fee, but the decision could affect more than that one coastal community, since other jurisdictions levy various fees.

“This is a very large concern of Perry and all municipalities,” Randall Walker, the mayor of Perry, a city south of Macon, said.

Andrea Arnold, the city manager of Decatur, in metro Atlanta, said her city is seeking to grow revenue beyond property taxes. She mentioned fees on recreation, sanitation and stormwater.

The court ruling could undermine that effort, she said.

“The recent state Supreme Court decision has us extremely concerned about the future of fees,” Arnold said

Some but not all fees are specifically authorized under state law.

Arnold and Walker presented to members of the House Blue-Ribbon Study Committee on Local Government Taxation, Funding, and Budgeting at its meeting in Perry on Wednesday.

Without fees, cities and counties would have limited means of generating revenue beyond property and sales taxes.

Clint Mueller, deputy director of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, illustrated the challenge for local governments by pointing to a state college in north Georgia.

State colleges do not have to pay property taxes, Mueller said.

“But if a fire occurs on any of their properties, who's going to come put it out?” he asked. “The county fire department is going to put it out. So there's still a cost.”

Rep. Mike Cheokas, R-Americus, said a county leader in his area had expressed a preference for fees over property taxes because some property owners, such as nonprofits, are exempt from paying property taxes.

“Even though you have to provide

those services, you're not getting reimbursed for that,” Cheokas said.

He asked advocates and local leaders for suggestions about how to resolve their concerns.

Mueller said the only way to address the ruling is to change either state law or the state constitution to make service fees legal.

The high court upheld a superior court ruling that found Chatham County's fire fee was effectively a property tax and was illegal because, unlike a property tax, it was not based on property value.

Instead, owners were billed according to the anticipated cost of extinguishing a fire on their property. The fees were partly based on square footage, so owners of larger buildings paid more.

Chatham County stopped collecting the fire service fee in June 2024.

Without it, homeowners and other property tax payers must cover the cost to protect colleges, hospitals and other tax-exempt properties from fires.

The study committee is scheduled to meet again at the Capitol, when the discussion about fees could continue.



File Photo

Georgia lawmakers are hearing concerns about the potential impact of a state Supreme Court ruling that struck down a firefighting fee in Chatham County last week, a fee similar to one imposed in Dawson.

A fresh stage, a familiar fight

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ATHENS — Georgia has had two weeks to address the mistakes that cost it an unbeaten record.

The Bulldogs find out Saturday whether the corrections hold up against an opponent capable of making them pay again.

Third-ranked Georgia faces No. 17 Florida at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, where the rivals meet at 3:30 p.m. on ABC. Both teams are coming off an open date, but Georgia enters following a 27-24 loss to Auburn. Florida last played in a 27-24 victory at Texas.

For the Bulldogs, the challenge extends beyond putting a disappointing afternoon behind them. They must protect the football, tackle more con-

sistently and finish against a Florida team gaining confidence under first-year coach Jon Sumrall.

Those have been coach Kirby Smart's priorities throughout the break.

"How do we not turn the ball over? How do we stay away from dumb penalties? How do we tackle better?" Smart said during Monday's news conference.

Georgia remains positioned to contend in the Southeastern Conference at 6-1 overall and 4-1 in league play. Florida, 5-2 and 3-2, has an opportunity to tighten that race while ending a five-game losing streak against the Bulldogs.

The venue adds another wrinkle. With Jacksonville's EverBank Stadium undergoing renovations, the rivalry moves to Atlanta this season

and Tampa next year. Georgia won last season's meeting 24-20.

Sophomore receiver Talyn Taylor watched that game from home while recovering from an injury. Saturday offers his first opportunity to contribute on the field against the Gators.

His description of the rivalry was straightforward: "Two powerhouses just beating up on each other."

"I'm definitely going to be ready for it," Taylor said Tuesday.

Taylor has become a dependable option for quarterback Gunner Stockton, leading Georgia with 19 receptions for 283 yards and three touchdowns. Freshman Craig Dandridge Jr. has 17 catches for a team-high 310 yards.

Stockton has completed 74.1% of his passes for 1,570 yards and 16 touchdowns, but threw two

interceptions against Auburn. Georgia needs his efficiency to translate against a Florida defense allowing 255 passing yards per game.

Smart nevertheless sees a physical challenge from a defense coordinated by Brad White, whose work he knows from previous meetings.

"They have some really good players," Smart said. "They have some twitchy, violent-size, length guys. They strike people."

Georgia's defense faces an equally demanding assignment against running back Jadan Baugh and an offense directed by former Bulldogs staff member Buster Faulkner.

Smart said Baugh's combination of power and elusiveness has made him a teaching example throughout the season. Georgia has shown

defenders clips of the Florida back to reinforce the tackling standard required against top competition.

"When you can run the ball and know that your back is going to make people miss in the open field or break tackles by running through them, over them, around them, it certainly gives you the confidence to give him touches," Smart said.

Senior inside linebacker Raylen Wilson figures prominently in that effort. He led Georgia with 10 tackles against Auburn, all solo, and had nine in the victory at Alabama. Against Oklahoma, he recorded a career-high 11 tackles and forced a fumble.

Containing Baugh would help Georgia manage the uncertainty surrounding Florida quarterbacks Aaron Philo and Tramell Jones Jr. Smart said

the Bulldogs were preparing for both, emphasizing Faulkner's ability to adapt his offense to either player.

"He gives them so many options, and he can play to the strengths of each guy," Smart said.

The Bulldogs have spent the break balancing recovery with preparation. Smart said some players needed time to get healthy, but he cautioned that rest alone would not prepare them for Saturday.

"You better be ready to strike somebody in this game because it's going to be physical," he said.

For Georgia, that makes Saturday a test of what changed during the open week. The Bulldogs have identified the mistakes. Against Florida, they must show they can eliminate them.



Special Photo: Clay Brown, Houston Home Journal

Lee County's Carter Blackwell, left, and Cohen Lawson share a handshake after a touchdown against Northside in Warner Robins. Blackwell and Lawson are two of the reasons the Trojans are currently No. 2 in the PSR rankings, meaning the Trojans will likely host playoff games in Leesburg until the state championship game.

Winning is only part of GHSA's new playoff equation

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

ALBANY — Your team won Friday night. Now comes an unfamiliar assignment: Pull for some of the teams you spent the season rooting against.

Welcome to Georgia high school football's new playoff math.

The Georgia High School Association's Post Season Rankings reward victories, but they also consider how well a team's opponents perform. Then the formula digs another layer deeper, examining the success of those opponents' opponents.

A former rival winning elsewhere could help your team's postseason position. A struggling opponent losing again could hurt it.

For several area programs, the calculations currently add up to promising positions.

Lee County is No. 2 in Class 6A. Dougherty and Westover are seventh and ninth in Class 4A. Worth County is 15th in Class 3A, while Randolph-Clay holds the No. 2 position in Class A and Mitchell County is 10th.

Those are GHSA's published rankings updated Oct. 27. They offer a look at the play-off picture, but they are not a finished bracket.

Three ingredients, one ranking

The formula combines three percentages:

- 35% comes from a team's winning percentage.
- 35% comes from its opponents' winning percentage.
- 30% comes from its opponents' opponents' winning percentage.

That final category measures the strength of the schedules a team's opponents have played.

Together, the two schedule components account for 65% of the calculation. Win-

ning remains essential, but the company a team keeps on its schedule carries considerable weight.

When evaluating an opponent's winning percentage, GHSA removes its games against the team being ranked. That prevents a school from weakening its own schedule rating simply by beating an opponent.

Dougherty provides an example close to home.

The Trojans' 7-1 record produces a winning percentage of .875. Their opponents' adjusted winning percentage is .51577, and their opponents' opponents' figure is .51368.

Apply the weights, then add the results:

$(.875 \times .35) + (.51577 \times .35) + (.51368 \times .30) = .64087$

That final decimal is Dougherty's PSR score. Higher scores produce higher rankings.

Cairo illustrates the adjustment. The Syrupmakers are 7-1, with their loss coming against Dougherty. Remove that meeting, and Cairo contributes a 7-0 record to the Trojans' opponents' winning-percentage calculation. www.ghsa.net

Westover also is 7-1. Why are the Patriots two places behind Dougherty?

Their schedules supply the answer. Westover's opponents' adjusted winning percentage is .43393, compared with Dougherty's .51577. The Patriots have the stronger opponents' opponents' figure, but it does not fully erase that difference.

Westover's resulting PSR score is .62042. Same record, different schedule, different ranking.

No extra credit for a blowout

Running up the score does not improve a team's PSR. The formula does not award additional points for a lopsided victory, and playing a large

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57 SEASONS, ONE SWEET FINISH

Field Level Media

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Milwaukee Brewers' 57-season wait is over.

The team from Major League Baseball's smallest market made its biggest statement on Wednesday by capturing its first World Series title.

Rookie Cooper Pratt drove in two runs and Jacob Misorowski tossed 5 2/3 scoreless innings, helping the Brewers to a 4-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Brewers, who dispatched the Rays in five games, won 11 of their 13 postseason games for their first championship since the franchise relocated from Seattle in 1970.

"I know the city has waited a long, long time for this, and we're so happy to bring it back to them," Brewers captain Christian Yelich said. "I can't wait to get back there and celebrate."

Pratt followed up his four-hit performance in Game 4 on Tuesday with an RBI single in the second inning and a base hit in the fifth. His six consecutive hits set a World Series record for a rookie, eclipsing the mark set by the New York Yankees' Brian Doyle in 1978.

Pratt's run of consecutive hits ended with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning.

"This is one of the greatest moments of my life," Pratt, 22, told Fox Sports. "Oh my gosh. It doesn't even feel real."



Special Photo: Kim Klement Neitzel / Imagn Images

Milwaukee's Jacob Misorowski celebrates during Wednesday's World Series clincher against Tampa Bay. He pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings as the Brewers won 4-1 to claim their first championship.

William Contreras was selected the World Series MVP after going 8-for-21 (.381) with four RBIs against the Rays. He ripped an RBI double, and David Hamilton added a run-scoring single to mark his fourth straight game with an RBI.

The offense was more than enough for Misorowski (2-0), who notched his second win in the World Series. The fireballer scattered two hits and a walk before exiting in the sixth inning due to a cramp in his right calf. He struck out two.

"I don't even have words," Misorowski told Fox Sports with a tear in his eye. "You know, it's amazing, just watching my guys celebrate. In the city, I know they're going crazy in Milwaukee. It's awesome."

Two relievers bridged the gap to Trevor Megill, who handled the last two innings. Megill allowed an RBI double to Chandler Simpson with two outs in the ninth before inducing

Richie Palacios to ground to second base for the final out.

"I'm crushed right now (and) disappointed," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said. "But it's easier to handle because of what we all meant to each other throughout the course of this season and certainly this last month in October."

Pitching on three days' rest, Rays right-hander Drew Rasmussen (2-1) ran into trouble in the second inning.

Brice Turang ripped a one-out double and scored two batters later after Pratt deposited a first-pitch cutter from Rasmussen into center field.

The Rays attempted to respond in the fourth inning after Simpson took advantage of a slight bobble by right fielder Sal Frelick to reach second after a single. That put runners on second and third base, but Misorowski induced Ben Williams to ground out to end the inning.

Pratt notched his sixth consecutive hit over a two-game stretch with a one-out single off Kevin Kelly in the fifth inning. Garrett Mitchell and Hamilton each added a single, with the latter's hit to right field plating Pratt to give Milwaukee a 2-0 lead.

The Brewers tacked on two more runs in the sixth. Contreras' double off the left field wall scored Yelich from first base. Pratt followed three batters later with a fly ball into foul territory, but it was deep enough for Contreras to score from third base.

Rasmussen permitted one run on two hits in four innings. He fanned four without issuing a walk.

The Brewers were appearing in their second World Series, having lost in seven games to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1982. The Rays are still seeking their first championship, having also lost in the World Series in 2008 and 2020.

Lee County advances; Worth County falters in state softball tournament

Editor's note: This report covers Wednesday's opening games. Both teams were scheduled to resume play Thursday.

By Joe Whitfield
Sports Editor

COLUMBUS — Lee County found its comeback swing. Worth County was left needing a comeback of a different kind.

The area's two representatives opened play Wednesday at the GHSA state softball championships with leads changing hands and their tournament paths heading in opposite directions.

Lee County erased an early deficit to beat Pope 11-4 and advance in the Class 6A winners bracket. Worth County built a five-run lead before falling 9-6 to Brantley County

in Class 3A, sending the Lady Rams into the elimination bracket at the South Commons Softball Complex.

For Lee County, the biggest blows came from near the bottom of the batting order.

First baseman Jaydynne Frisbee, hitting eighth, homered in the fifth and seventh innings as the Lady Trojans turned a 4-1 deficit into a seven-run victory. Center fielder Kennady Patrick added a seventh-inning home run, helping Lee County improve to 31-3.

The Lady Trojans had arrived in Columbus after sweeping Kell in the super regional round. Beating Pope extended their success against Marietta schools and set up another such matchup: Lassiter.

Lassiter, also nicknamed the Trojans, entered that meeting at 25-4 after beating Veterans

in its opener. It had already defeated Pope twice and Kell once during the season.

Lee County's Wednesday victory ensured that matchup would come with the Lady Trojans still unbeaten in the double-elimination tournament.

Worth County had appeared headed toward the same favorable position.

Laurie Pritchard homered in the first inning, and the Lady Rams built a 5-0 advantage through two innings against Brantley County. The early offense put Worth in control, but the lead did not survive the late innings.

Brantley scored three runs in the fifth, then added four in the sixth. Two errors and two walks in that inning helped turn Worth's promising start into an opening-round loss.

The defeat left the Lady Rams

needing to regroup quickly. Their Thursday schedule paired them with Rockmart, which entered at 26-7, in a 5 p.m. elimination game.

Worth had already demonstrated its ability to recover under postseason pressure. In the super regional round against Jackson, the Lady Rams won a 2-1 game and then survived a 16-12 slugfest to reach Columbus. Kamryn Kendrick hit two home runs and drove in seven in the deciding victory.

Wednesday presented another test of that resilience.

Lee County's rally bought it room to maneuver in the bracket. Worth County's lost lead took that cushion away. Both left their opening games with more softball ahead — and considerably different margins for error.

Georgia Bulldogs: World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party 2026

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Occam’s Razor, also known as *lex parsimoniae*, is a problem-solving and philosophical principle stating that, among competing hypotheses, the one with the fewest assumptions or variables is generally preferred. In other words, the simplest answer to a question or problem is probably the right one. It’s an old thought, and a useful one, credited to William of Ockham, a 14th-century English Franciscan friar and scholastic philosopher who used it frequently in his writings. As we enter the 2026 edition of “The World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party”, this principle can help us answer some questions about our Georgia Bulldogs and what comes next.

First, let’s get this out the way. That home loss to Auburn is one of the worst losses of the Kirby Smart era in Athens. It is right up there with the 2019 home loss to the South Carolina Gamecocks. Both featured the Georgia quarterback turning the ball over at least three

times along with a missed field goal. This 2026 Auburn team, and that 2019 South Carolina team, are just bad football teams. Congrats to Auburn for the win, but criming that is an embarrassing loss. There is no shame in losing, but there is shame in losing to a team that bad.

And now we turn from one historic rival to another. The World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party (WLOCP) is one the fiercest, most heated, most anticipated of the year. The tradition of a week-long bacchanalia on water culminating in the 3:30 PM sun of Jacksonville Florida on a football field is the stuU we grew up on. This game is a part of our fabric. This game is a part of our history as Bulldog fans and as Georgia residents. This game is one of the reasons why we love college football.

And yet, this year, like so many things in our country, and in the sport of college football, it just looks and feels so diUerent than it used to look and feel. Georgia is coming oU of a loss to Auburn (that feels weird enough) in October. The

game is being played in Atlanta, rather than Jacksonville, due to stadium repairs. That is an odd feeling. Florida is primarily a running team and has been boat raced by Missouri and South Carolina. That is kind of weird. This game just has diUerent feel to it going into Saturday.

When they put toe to leather, however, none of that will matter. What will matter is which of these teams shows up and which of these teams can execute.

As for our beloved Georgia Bulldogs, the question coming out of the bye week is, ‘what happened and can they get it fixed?’ The obvious answer to this question is the turnover problem. In the last two games (Bama and Auburn), UGA had a combined 8 possible turnovers. In the Bama game, all four of the fumbles were recovered. In the Auburn game, two interceptions, a fumble, and a missed FG all went Auburn’s way. Occam’s Razor dictates that we start there. Gotta fix that.

Staying on the oUensive side of the ball, the Georgia Bulldog

oUense has only scored 44 points in the last two games. In fact, against the three teams this year with a heartbeat on defense (Oklahoma, Bama, Auburn), the Bobo led oUense has had 10 turnovers (four recovered), has scored a total of 72 points, which is an average of 24 points per game. Of course, the turnovers will cause the oUense to score less. But, you see where we’re going with this? There is something seriously wrong with the oUense that has been masked by poor competition early. Gotta fix that.

On defense, our beloved Dawgs had a diUicult time corraling a mobile quarterback and let Auburn run for over 200 yards. In addition, the significant loss of K.J. Bolden on the back end has been evident. He struggles some in coverage, but has been solid in coming up in run support. Bolden might not play on Saturday. Against this Florida team, gotta fix that in a hurry.

These 2026 Florida Gators lit it up early in the season, fell back down to reality ignominiously in consecutive

weeks, but then just humbled Texas a few weeks ago, going into their bye week. When they are able to run the ball, this Buster Faulkner led oUense can light up the scoreboard. It is Head Coach Jon Sumrall’s first year in Gainesville and the usual inconsistencies associated with a new coaching staU have shown at times. Especially, on the defensive side of the ball. But, this is a very dangerous and talented team.

The pomp and circumstance around the World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party looks and feels diUerent in 2026. The tailgating goes from the marina to the Mercedes-Benz parking lot. The hotel and VRBO stays go from St. Simons to Smyrna and Sandy Springs. The after party goes from the beach to Blind Willie’s in Midtown. It is definitely a diUerent feel.

What hasn’t changed, though, is what a win in this game means. Georgia leads the series (58-44-2) all-time, has won 8 of the last 10, and is riding a five-game win streak. A Florida win would cement Sumrall as the coach to lead the Gators into the future. A Georgia Bulldog



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win would take the sting of loss away, but also continue a march to the playoU’s and possible SEC Championship appearance.

But, the pressure here is squarely on our Dawgs. A loss in this game is a season wrecker and would put any championship aspirations on life support. The last time Georgia lost to Auburn and Florida in the same season was 2010. This game has always been massive. This game is still massive; no matter where they play it.

Occam’s Razor basically says, “keep it simple, stupid”. So, here it is: If Georgia doesn’t turn the ball over, can score more than 24 points, and can contain the run game, it should win. Sound familiar?

Falcons, Bucs seek another step forward

Field Level Media

The NFC South has produced unlikely division champions in recent seasons, so there’s little reason for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Atlanta Falcons to concede anything this early in the season.

The Buccaneers and the visiting Falcons will have plenty to play for in their Week 8 meeting Sunday in Tampa despite the math.

Tampa Bay (2-5) jolted its

season back to life last week with a 43-13 rout of the Carolina Panthers on the road. The Bucs rushed for 258 yards and quarterback Baker Mayfield returned from a dislocated thumb on his throwing hand.

Tampa Bay has overcome slow starts before under coach Todd Bowles. It won the NFC South every year from 2022-24 despite falling below .500 in November each season.

The team’s hopes of winning

another South title could hinge on beating division rivals, including an Atlanta team that has won five of the last seven meetings, most recently a 29-28 decision last December in which tight end Kyle Pitts Sr. caught 11 passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns.

“We’ve got to do a better job. He’s a great athlete and a great player, but we’ve got to do a better job defensively.”

Mayfield eased back into action last week, completing 7 of 11 passes for 64 yards and a touchdown. The 31-year-old has thrown 17 touchdowns and four interceptions in seven career games against Atlanta, but he has yet to beat the Falcons at home in three tries.

Mayfield also hopes to deliver Tampa Bay’s first home victory of the season. The Bucs are 0-4 at Raymond James Stadium.

“We’re very eager” to win at home, he said. “It’s not just about that. Obviously, this division is extremely important, but we definitely need to get our mojo back at home. ... These are teams that know each other so well. We know (the Falcons’ defense) plays aggressive. When they recognize plays, they make plays on the ball.”

The Falcons (3-4) also breathed life into their season last Sunday, knocking off the previously undefeated San Francisco 49ers 29-20 at home. Atlanta’s defense forced



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Tampa Bay quarterback Baker Mayfield and the Buccaneers host Atlanta on Sunday as both teams look to build on victories and gain ground in the NFC South.

four turnovers and quarterback Michael Penix Jr. posted his second straight game of three touchdown passes.

Penix, who was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week on Wednesday, has thrown for 1,157 yards and nine touchdowns in five games since returning from a partially torn ACL that ended his 2025 season. The 26-year-old Tampa native enters the homecoming game riding the best stretch of his young career.

“It’s awesome,” Penix said of winning the conference weekly honors. “You can’t do that by yourself. It shows the guys I

have around me, the guys we have in this building. They make my job easier, but it’s an awesome award, and I’m thankful for it.”

Penix hasn’t thrown an interception since his third pass of the season, at Green Bay on Sept. 24.

Presenting a challenge will be a stout Tampa Bay run defense, which ranks second in the league with 77.3 rushing yards allowed per game.

“They’re outstanding. The tape jumps out at you,” Atlanta coach Kevin Stefanski said of the Bucs’ defense. “Just looking at the stats gets your

attention and then you watch the tape and the tape matches the statistics. They’re hard to run against, hard to throw against. It’s a great challenge.”

Atlanta running back Brian Robinson (hamstring) didn’t practice on Wednesday, joining cornerback Billy Bowman Jr. (hamstring) and linebacker Divine Deablo (forearm) as non-participants.

After rushing for a season-high 88 yards against Carolina, Tampa Bay running back Kenneth Gainwell (hip) did not practice Wednesday. Offensive tackle Luke Goedeke (calf) also sat out.

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er-classification school does not automatically earn a bonus.

Victories over GHSA opponents count as one weighted win, whether earned at home, on the road or at a neutral site. A victory against a non-GHSA opponent counts as .9.

That explains why the winning-percentage column sometimes differs from the simple calculation of wins divided by games played. Football teams also must meet GHSA’s nine-game minimum to qualify for the postseason.

A region title means a home game — not a week off

The statewide calculations have not erased the value of a region championship.

Region champions automatically qualify for the playoffs and host a first-round game. PSR determines the remaining qualifiers, replacing the familiar assumption that finishing among a region’s top four guarantees advancement.

For Dougherty, that distinction could become important Friday night. A victory over Westover would clinch the Region 1-4A championship and guarantee the Trojans an opening-round home game.

It would not give Dougherty a first-round bye. The Trojans would still have to win their playoff opener to advance.

Nor would the region title alone guarantee another home game the following week. After the opening round, the higher seed hosts each matchup before the championship, subject to GHSA’s facility requirements.

A region champion ranked outside the top 16 is moved into a top-16 seed to accommodate its first-round home game. Other teams shift accordingly. That is why a published PSR rank and a final playoff seed are not always identical.

For Lee County, the stakes extend into November

A high seed can do considerably more than provide one home game.

If Lee County finishes as the No. 2 seed in the final playoff bracket, the Trojans would have home-field advantage through the semifinals, provided their stadium meets GHSA requirements.

In a standard 32-team bracket, the No. 1 seed occupies the opposite half. Lee therefore could not encounter a higher-seeded opponent before the state championship game in Atlanta.

The same principle would apply to Randolph-Clay if the Red Devils finish as the No. 2 seed in their bracket.

For those teams, maintaining a top-two seed could mean the road to Atlanta runs through their own stadiums.

The local picture

Team	Classification	Published PSR rank
Lee County	6A	2
Dougherty	6A	7
Westover	4A	9
Worth County	3A	15
Randolph-Clay	A	2
Mitchell County	A	10
Terrell County	A	37
Monroe	4A	41

GHSA rankings updated Oct. 27.

The lists require another bit of care. Private schools in Classes 2A, 3A and 4A appear in the classification rankings but compete in a separate private-school postseason bracket. Their presence is another reason to avoid treating the current list as a completed playoff field.

For fans, the biggest adjustment may come after the final whistle. Results elsewhere can change a team’s schedule components — and its ranking — even when its own players have the night off.

The assignment on the field remains familiar: Win the next game.

Afterward, checking on an old opponent might require a little less rivalry and a little more rooting interest.

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ATHENS — The University of Georgia -- an academic and athletic powerhouse within the Southeastern Conference -- and Learfield -- the leading media and technology company across college athletics -- have agreed to a transformative 15-year extended partnership to maximize revenue for Georgia Athletics and grow opportunities for Bulldog student-athletes.

The agreement aligns with Georgia Athletics’ aggressive revenue growth strategy and expands the ability to collaborate on new sponsorship, media, and fan engagement opportunities, creating one of the most innovative and largest revenue-generating relationships in college athletics. Through the partnership, Georgia continues to strengthen its position as a leader in student-athlete influencer marketing campaigns, sponsorships, and brand partnerships.

“This new partnership represents a historical moment for our program as we focus on providing meaningful ex-

periences for student-athletes, supporters and corporate partners,” J. Reid Parker, Director of Athletics, Josh Brooks said. “To remain at the forefront during this new era in college athletics, it is vitally important we strengthen our investment in student-athletes and connect them with brands that help them be successful during their time at UGA and beyond. Learfield is the industry leader when it comes to fostering strategic partnerships, and we are thrilled to extend our agreement for the next 15 years.”

Under Brooks’ leadership, Georgia Athletics has emerged as a leader in student-athlete marketing, becoming one of the first departments to launch a comprehensive program offering wide-ranging education, multimedia management tools and brand-building training. The Bulldogs were also one of the first schools to establish an in-house student-athlete marketing department with an Athlete Manager to help student-athletes navigate this space. In collaboration with Learfield Impact services, Georgia

continues to expand opportunities for student-athletes to participate in authentic brand partnerships through unique storytelling, exclusive content and marketing events. Brand partners, including Delta Airlines, DoorDash, Jersey Mike’s and many others leverage these opportunities to connect with student-athletes and engage fans year-round.

To elevate student-athlete storytelling, UGA’s media team, in collaboration with Learfield, develop unique content to engage fans and maximize brand activations. These teams, coupled with UGA’s robust broadcast network, deliver curated Georgia Athletics content, aligned with brand partners, throughout the year.

Through its partnership with Learfield and Georgia Bulldog Sports Marketing, the UGA Athletic Association has built several impactful brand collaborations featuring marquee assets including on-field logos for football (Progressive) and softball (Georgia’s Own Credit Union). The relationship has also developed strategic partnerships with the state’s

largest companies including Coca Cola, Chick fil-A, Delta Airlines, Georgia Power, Napa Auto Parts, Piedmont Healthcare, Zaxby’s, and many more. Further opportunities will continue to expand under this new agreement that goes until 2042.

“Josh and his team have consistently led through this period of profound change with a clear vision and commitment to excellence,” said Learfield CEO and President Cole Gahagan. “By pairing Learfield’s scale and innovation with the strength of the Bulldogs brand, we will continue to grow Georgia Athletics revenues at record levels, deliver authentic partnerships for Bulldogs student-athletes, and engage fans.”

Georgia Athletics also taps into additional Learfield solutions to enhance the fan experience and grow revenue throughout touchpoints including solutions from SIDEARM Sports for digital fan engagement, Paciolan for ticketing, marketing and fundraising, amplify for ticket sales, development and seating.

Bulldogs build on brand power

EARTHWEEK

Diary of a Changing World

By Steve Newman

Climate Overshoot

Decades of delayed emissions cuts have left the world facing a breach of its most ambitious climate goal, but how much hotter the planet becomes remains within humanity's control.

The U.N. Environment Program (UNEP) says current policies point toward about 2.8°C (5.0°F) of warming above preindustrial levels this century, far beyond the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C (2.7°F) goal.

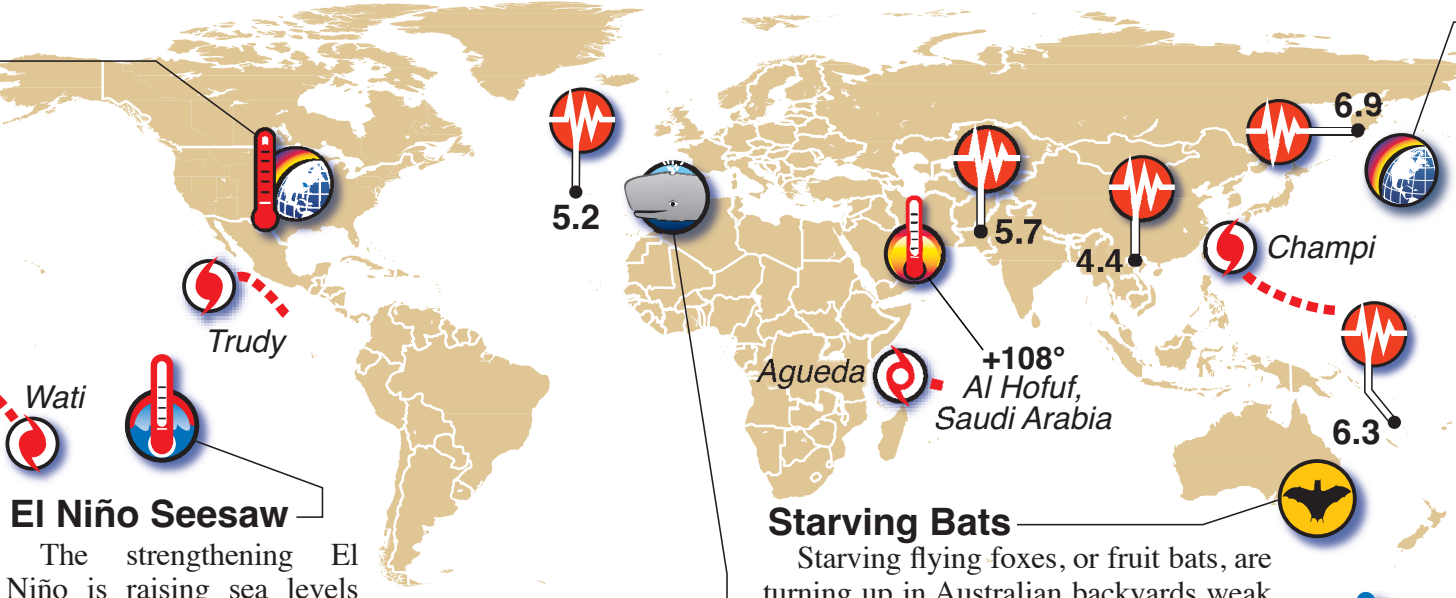
Bringing temperatures back to that goal by 2100 would require removing huge amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, with no guarantee of success due to the expense and complexity of the process.

UNEP says every fraction of a degree of warming avoided would lessen the severity of climate change.

Earthquakes

A sharp tremor in Pakistan's Balochistan province killed one person and wrecked several mud homes around Khuzdar.

• Other earthquakes were felt in northern Vietnam, the Kamchatka Peninsula, Vanuatu and the Azores.



El Niño Seesaw

The strengthening El Niño is raising sea levels in the eastern Pacific while lowering them around northern Australia and Southeast Asia, threatening coastlines and marine habitats on opposite sides of the ocean.

Parts of the eastern Pacific are already about 16 inches above normal, increasing the danger of flooding and erosion during high tides.

The seesaw occurs as weakened or reversed trade winds allow warmer water normally piled up in the western Pacific to spread eastward to South America.

Scientists told *New Scientist* that falling seas in the western Pacific could leave mangroves, shallow corals and seagrass exposed long enough to dry out.

Whale Slowdown

Six conservation groups are urging Spain to require slower vessel speeds in important whale and dolphin habitats to reduce the risk of deadly collisions.

Their proposals target waters off northeastern Spain and Mallorca to the Strait of Gibraltar and waters around the Canary Islands.

The organizations, including Greenpeace, WWF and OceanCare, submitted recommendations during a review of Spain's marine mammal protection rules.

They say growing shipping, ferry and recreational traffic is increasing collision risks, underwater noise and other disturbances.

Starving Bats

Starving flying foxes, or fruit bats, are turning up in Australian backyards weak or dying, while rescuers struggle to save their premature young.

The crisis stretches across New South Wales and into Victoria, with grey-headed flying foxes among the hardest hit.

A shortage of nectar from native trees this year has left mothers struggling for food just as they give birth and nurse their pups.

Wildlife Health Australia considers starvation the most likely explanation, but the causes of the food shortage remain under investigation.

More details at earthweek.substack.com.



A starving flying fox receives care amid a wave of rescues from backyards and gardens across southeastern Australia. Photo: Kerry Walker

Shifting Balance

Even the arrival of winter snow can shift the balance of our planet. NASA researchers say the enormous weight of snow, rainwater, ocean water and air moving with the seasons nudges Earth's balance point back and forth.

Northern snow pulls it toward the Arctic, while the Amazon's seasonal rain later draws it southward.

Scientists have developed a more precise way to follow this minute movement through satellite tracking and GPS.

These almost imperceptible shifts of less than an inch matter to the navigation and mapping systems that help people find their way.

Tropical Cyclones

Hurricane Trudy lashed parts of Mexico's central Pacific coast.

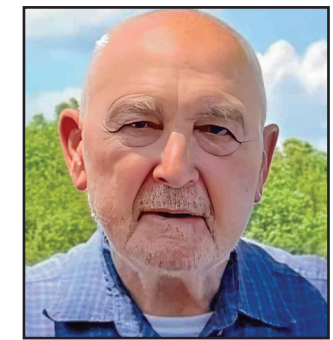
• Passing Super Typhoon Champi raked Guam before intensifying into the strongest storm on Earth this year, with 185-mph winds.

• Tropical Storm Agueda formed near the Seychelles.

• Cyclone Wati passed between the Cook Islands and French Polynesia.

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Obituaries



Mr. Reginal "Reggie" Dowdy

Reginal "Reggie" Dowdy, 81, of Cedar Bluff, Alabama, passed away peacefully at his home on October 22, 2026, surrounded by his wife and children.

Born October 31, 1944, in Sylvester, Georgia, to W.T. and Doris Dowdy. Reggie graduated from the University of Georgia with a BA in Business before serving his country in Vietnam. He went on to a long career as a textile manager that spanned South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi, as well as several countries overseas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W.T. and Doris Dowdy; his brothers, W.A. Dowdy and Ricky Dowdy; and Ricky's wife, Patty Dowdy.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Linda Newberry Dowdy; his children Gina Dowdy, Eric Dowdy, and Julie Dowdy (Sara Vida); his sister Rhonda Dowdy Howard (Fred); his sister-in-law, Diana Dowdy; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Reggie's wishes, he was cremated and no formal services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

To share your condolences with the family online, please visit www.masonfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are provided by Mason Funeral Home, Summerville, GA.

Barbara Bennett Pippin

Barbara Bennett Pippin passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, October 23, 2026, surrounded by family and beloved caregivers. Though she has passed from among us, she leaves a profound mark on this community and on the lives of all those she touched as a loving wife, mother,

stepmother, grandmother, great-grandmother, beloved aunt, friend, world traveler, businesswoman, and teacher.

The youngest of the four children of Jay Frank and Lilian Mixon Bennett, Barbara was born in Albany on October 29, 1939. Except for a brief period as a student at Florida State University, she lived in Albany all of her 86 years, growing up on Third Avenue and later spending over 40 years on the pecan farm where she passed her last days.

Known to so many simply as "Miss Barbara," she spent more than five decades teaching dance and inspiring thousands of young people through the Pritchett-Pippin Dance Studio. Led by her deep Christian faith, anyone who crossed her path knew that she was a force of nature—spreading love, compassion, and inspiration throughout her extensive family and the wider community.

Barbara is survived by her four children: Colleen Jones Meriwether, Billie Bruce "Chip" Jones III (Diane), Clarence Mangham "Trey" Pippin III (Shena), and Jay Scott Pippin (Theresa); her two stepchildren: Trina Pippin Lawrence (Stephen) and Leah Pippin Harding (Chad); as well as 16 grandchildren and many cherished great-grandchildren.

Barbara was the essential glue that bound this family together as generations grew, branched out, and dispersed across the country and the world. No matter the holiday or occasion, everybody was always welcome. With her, it was truly "the more, the merrier," and she possessed love and generosity enough for everyone. She loved deeply and was loved by so many in return.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 44 years, Clarence Mangham "Bubber" Pippin, Jr.; her brothers, Jay Donald Bennett and James "Jim" Franklin Bennett; her sister, Wyolene Bennett Walker; and her stepdaughter Sharon Lynn "Shari" Pippin.

The family is eternally grateful to Miss Barbara's longtime caretakers—Venetia Fredenburg, Earnestine McNeil, and Melissa Stevens—as well as the many friends and family members who contributed so lovingly to her care.

The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at Gillionville Baptist Church, followed by a service celebrating her life at 3:00 p.m.,

officiating. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ministry of Gillionville Baptist Church 4614 Gillionville Rd, Albany, GA 31721.

The family warmly invites all who knew and loved Miss Barbara to join them in honoring a woman who brought so much joy, movement, and light to our lives—remembering that while there is "a time to weep, and a time to mourn," because of the legacy she leaves in our hearts, there is also a time to do what she loved most: "a time to laugh, and a time to dance." (Ecclesiastes 3:4)

To sign our online registry, or to send condolences to the family, you may visit Mathews' website at www.mathewsfuner-alhome.com.



William E Southerland

Major William (Bill) Elbert Southerland, USMC (Ret.), age 91, passed away peacefully on October 19, 2026, in Moultrie, Georgia. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Friday, October 23, 2026, in the chapel of Baker Funeral Home, with the Reverend Josh Purvis officiating. A graveside service with full military honors was held at Gurganus Cemetery in Shallotte, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 3:00 PM. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Thursday, October 22, 2026, in the chapel at Baker Funeral Home.

Bill enlisted in the Marines in 1953, beginning a distinguished 30-year career that saw him through numerous rank promotions and took him to many destinations across the globe. Bill was a member of a select group of Marines called "Mustangs." His storied military career began with the enlisted rank of Private and ended with retirement at the officer rank of Major. During active duty as well as in his civil service career, Bill saw the world. He traveled to many foreign countries and saw almost all 50 states of the United States. He

served in Vietnam and many overseas deployments, earning the Good Conduct Medal (w/3 stars), Navy Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal (w/1star), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (w/"V"), Navy Unit Commendation, RVNAF-MUC Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Achievement Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. Bill served in a variety of battalions and divisions while in the USMC, but referred to himself as a "Tanker," which was the role he enjoyed the most. Upon retirement from MCLB Albany, GA, in 1983, Bill began a distinguished 25-year-long career with the MPS Program (Blount Island, Jacksonville, FL), serving as a civil service worker for the United States Marine Corps. Through his 55-year long service to the

Marines, Bill was known for his steady leadership and unwavering commitment. He mentored countless Marines and left a lasting impact on the Corps.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret Usher Southerland; daughter, Terri Southerland; brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Peggy Southerland; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and JD Sorrell; brothers-in-law, William Usher Jr. and Grover Holden. He is survived by his children, Tammy Southerland Maxwell and husband Brennen, and Tina Southerland Johnston, all of Moultrie; his grandchildren, Billy Johnston and wife Faith of Moultrie, Kathryn Maxwell of Jasper, GA, Adrienne Johnston and fiancé, Adam of Doerun, GA, and Kaitlyn Maxwell of Statesboro, GA.

Because Bill had a heart for

giving and a love of children, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Called to Care (a children's foster care mission group), PO Box 2396, Tifton, GA 31793, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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she said. She said she hopes pieces customers buy one season will outlast cheaper alternatives season after season.

Her fashion references include Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and Princess Diana, but she makes room for playful pieces, choosing versions of current trends she believes customers can keep wearing.

As an example, Tye described zebra-print dresses she sold in a previous season. Two customers later wore the dresses to separate weddings on the same weekend, reinforcing her belief that a trendy print can outlast its moment when the design is restrained.

Tye says she plans to offer a range of price points, including premium denim, and said durability matters in the pieces she buys. Her aim is for clothing to hold up beyond a few wears, whether it comes from the higher or lower end of the store’s price range.

The storefront also gives her a different way to connect with customers she first reached online.

Tye said orders have gone to Texas and other parts of the country, allowing the business to reach beyond Albany before it had a retail location.

She said she plans to give both sides of the business attention, treating them almost as separate operations, hoping online orders and store traffic can balance each other when one slows.

Starting online also gave Tye time to introduce herself and establish the look of Millie’s. Customers who already know the brand, she said, have an idea of what to expect from the space.

Still, the relationships she hopes to build are personal. Tye wants to know when customers are getting married, hear about their grandchildren and greet familiar faces when they come through the door.

“I want my customers to become my friends, too,” she said. “I want to grow with the people I serve.”

Some of her husband’s friends have asked when she will add men’s clothing, encouragement she found amusing as they helped move things into the store. For now, her focus remains establishing the women’s business and getting to know the people

who shop there.

Her great-grandmother’s influence runs through those plans. Tye said Millie Daughtry helped raise her and her cousins, passing along lessons about caring for others as well as presenting themselves well.

To Tye, Millie’s favorite pink azaleas on the building and the family furniture being readied for a new purpose are reminders that relationships rooted in loving the people you serve can shape the course of a life.

As she readied the shop, Tye

pointed to a photograph of Millie in her 20s, the same decade of life Tye is navigating as she builds her business. Remembering her great-grandparents, she said, gives her something to hold on to when the work becomes difficult.

“They loved us hard,” Tye said. “They made us into who we are today.”

For Tye, building her business means carrying that legacy of care into relationships new and old when her doors open Nov. 1.



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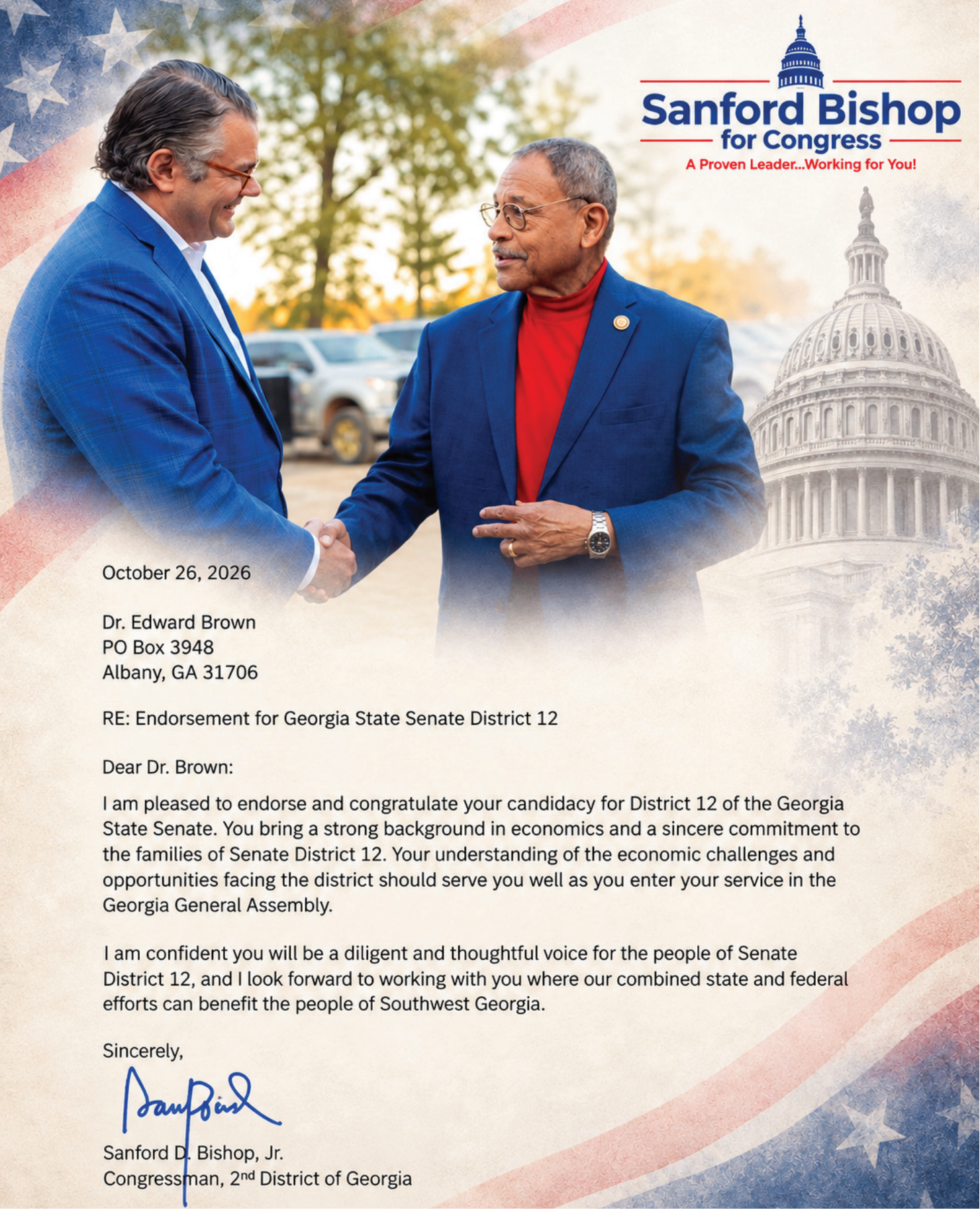
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A portrait of Millie Daughtry in her 20s is displayed inside her great-granddaughter Sydney Kate Tye’s Albany boutique.



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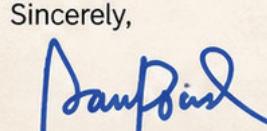
RE: Endorsement for Georgia State Senate District 12

Dear Dr. Brown:

I am pleased to endorse and congratulate your candidacy for District 12 of the Georgia State Senate. You bring a strong background in economics and a sincere commitment to the families of Senate District 12. Your understanding of the economic challenges and opportunities facing the district should serve you well as you enter your service in the Georgia General Assembly.

I am confident you will be a diligent and thoughtful voice for the people of Senate District 12, and I look forward to working with you where our combined state and federal efforts can benefit the people of Southwest Georgia.

Sincerely,



Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Congressman, 2nd District of Georgia

From 1A BREWERY

Singfield said. “It’s going to bring foot traffic.”

It also will help bring visitors to downtown hotels as well as employment in production, hospitality and sales, he said.

The group is requesting a \$450,000 investment from the commission and is looking at securing a \$750,000 loan from the downtown revolving loan fund. Plans are to match that with \$4.1 million in private investment.

Pretoria Fields was not the only brewery operation to feel the sting from the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftereffects, said Glen Sprouse, a consultant and engineer with Brewery Development & Automation located in Grayson.

Beer consumption among younger people has fallen off, and the pandemic also hit craft brewery operations hard, he said. One project in which he was involved, a 16,000-square-foot facility for which construction started in 2019, produced 80,000 barrels a year for a number of companies.

“By July of 2020, 15 of those were no longer in business,” Sprouse said. “We still survived for four years. We produced a lot of beer for a lot of great companies.”

Costs for commercial brewers increased 40% during a time that distributors were unwilling to increase payments to cover those costs, he said.

Sprouse, a mechanical engineer who said he designed and constructed 20 breweries, has been enlisted to get the operation running, including hiring a head brewer and staff and getting the brewery back in operation.

Due to disuse, the equipment will require servicing, and some of the design of the original system needs to be reconfigured, the engineer said.

As a business operator for four decades, including in east Albany, Glenn Singfield said he took on the task to help the city – and the Flint Restaurant, which he operates with his family – succeed. The brewery, located next door to the restaurant, and the people it brought downtown are part of the reason he took the risk of opening an upscale restaurant in the city.

“Albany deserves a brewery,” he said. “Albany, Georgia, deserves a brand. COVID hit Albany. It killed many of our neighbors.”

“We’re ‘after-COVID.’ I don’t think the brewery failed. I think the community failed.”

Development Authority member Omar Salaam said he liked what he heard at the meeting on Wednesday.

“I’m so glad to have businesses supporting downtown,” he said. “I just want this city, this board and these people in positions of leadership to relax ... to be creative, to make this process work. Downtown has really suffered the last 30 or 40 years.”



HUNTING SEASON DATES

Crow: November 7 – February 28
Coot (Falconry): November 14 - 15,
November 21 – December 6
Duck (Falconry): November 14 -15
Quail: November 14 – February 28
Rabbit: November 14 – February 28
Common Snipe: November 15 – February 28



Hunters must overcome deer's heightened senses

By Tom Seegmueller
news@albanyherald.com

ALBANY -- Stealth is defined as "utilizing a cautious, unobtrusive way of moving or proceeding intended to avoid detection." Before food plots, baiting, tower stands, and game cameras became common, stealth was the foundation for a successful deer hunt. A hunter had to utilize every trick in the book to avoid being detected by his quarry.

Hunters have always known that deer have exceptional senses of hearing, smell and vision. Today we have a better understanding of just how exceptional those senses are and how they relate to the interaction between the hunter and the hunted.

Regardless of how one hunts, mastering the ability to minimize noise and control scent while blending into the surrounding landscape is still critical to success. Deer have an acute sense of hearing. The large funnel-shaped design of the exterior ear is up to 10 times larger than the ear of a human. The funnel shape allows the ear to capture the faintest sounds. More importantly, they can be independently rotated to enable precise sound localization.

They also have a superior range of hearing, allowing them to hear subtle noises beyond the range of human hearing. Research by the University of Georgia shows deer hear higher-pitched sounds better than humans. This allows them to hear rustling leaves and the snap of a twig at greater distances. The bottom line is that they can hear you before you hear them.

These abilities can be a double-edged sword. For deer. While it allows them to hear the vocalizations they use to communicate over distances it also makes them vulnerable to hunters that have mastered replicating these calls. This is particularly true during the mating season when hunters can use the calls of a doe seeking a mate or the rattle of antlers replicating bucks fighting or dominance to draw deer to them.

Heavy rain, dense vegetation, and wind can muffle sounds, reducing the chances that deer will detect them. However, all things being equal, deer also have the ability to hear sounds at greater distances than humans. Studies have shown that deer can hear sounds of a potential threat that are up to a half-mile away.

While many deer hunters believe that windy conditions negatively impact daylight deer activity, studies have indicated that hunter success rates over a 23-year period were actually highest on clear windy days. Wind directly impacts the distance sounds can travel, either carrying them farther or reducing the distance they travel.

Winds also create background clutter which can make detecting, identifying or locating a specific sound more difficult for both the deer and the hunter. However, deer once again hold an advantage. They have the auditory ability to utilize neuro-filtering to ignore constant background noises. This allows them to subconsciously filter out irrelevant sounds while focusing on those that signal the approach of a predator.

Although unnatural sounds may initially startle deer and other big game animals, they have the ability to differentiate those sounds that are threats from those that are merely loud or unnatural. This was formally studied in the 1980s when the U.S. Air Force conducted experiments on the impact of the sounds associated with supersonic flight and other



Special Photos

Deer's powerful senses make them hard to beat in the game of hide and seek. Red and black plaid shirts and jackets were traditional outdoor wear in the Northwoods.

activities on the big game herds on their air bases and bombing ranges.

The tests measured the reaction of deer, antelope, and elk to dirt bikes, four-wheel-drive vehicles, small planes, helicopters, and hikers. The first time an F-16 roared over or created a sonic boom, test animals with implanted monitors showed a hard spike in their heart rates and panic behavior. By the fourth test, the same animals barely reacted. They quickly learned and remembered that the noises were not a threat.

The same type experiment was conducted several years later when live bombing runs were conducted at the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range. The herds there also disassociated the noise to a life-threatening event. In fact, in both studies the only thing that the large game animals did not get accustomed to was a slow moving human. Once a predator always a predator.

Noise is not the only variable related to stealth. Motion and scent are challenges that must still be overcome. This is particularly true if the hunter decides to forgo sitting in a stand and goes old school and still-hunts. Still-hunting is a contradiction, as it does not define the act of sitting in a deer stand. Still-hunting follows the dictates of the old axiom, "When the deer are moving sit in a stand. When deer are bedded down, hunt the deer."

It is by definition, the intentional choice "to pursue game noiselessly, to approach by stealth." The art of still-hunting is rooted in antiquity, when getting close to a game animal was the difference in eating or going hungry. To accomplish this goal, a hunter must overcome all three of a deer's primary senses of protection. To be successful with this tactic, a hunter must learn to travel as slowly and quietly as possible from point A to point B, then go slower, while using trees and other cover as intermediate stopping points along the way to avoid detection.

This slow pace allows the hunter to carefully tread through scattered debris on the forest floor. Each step is purposeful and de-

liberate, avoiding fallen twigs and limbs that when stepped on would pinpoint the hunter's location by sound. This slow deliberate pace also makes it harder for deer to see the hunter in motion.

The stalk or hunt should be planned so the hunter is entering the targeted area against the prevailing wind to reduce the chances of scent and sound signaling the approach. While deer have exceptional hearing, the same can not necessarily be said for their eyesight. Humans typically have 20/20 vision. The acuity of a deer's vision typically falls between 20/60 and 20/100.

This means an object must be much closer to be seen with

their eyes while their heads are lowered to feed. They also can rotate their eyes up to 50 degrees in opposite directions. This gives them a wide view of the horizon even though their nose is touching the ground. This ability, called cyclovergence, allows them to see the slightest motion between them and the horizon, allowing them to spot prey before they are spotted.

Deer and humans have photo receptors in their eyes that are called rods and cones.

Rods are responsible for light absorption, and deer have more rods than humans, allowing them to see better in low light. Cones are responsible for color vision,

were traditional outdoor wear in the Northwoods. It served for decades as both a safety feature as well as a primitive form of camouflage.

When selecting modern camouflage patterns, it is important to select one that does not contain white, as deer see that as a reflection of all colors.

Although deer see better in low light conditions and move and feed at night, they are not truly nocturnal creatures. Instead, they are classified as crepuscular, being most active at dawn or dusk when they see 18 times better than humans.

Research conducted at the University of Georgia deer lab shows that although deer have less visual acuity than humans, they are able to process images four times faster than humans. This allows them to detect the slightest moment crossing their visual field. In essence, they perceive the world around them in slow motion. This is one reason the camouflage is so effective, so long as the hunter remains motionless.

Using binoculars instead of a rifle scope to spot deer moving reduces motion and the likelihood that the deer sees the hunter first. Binoculars also pick up additional light when hunting in thick cover where shadows mask movement. They also do the same in early and late light when deer like to move into feeding areas. Controlling motion also means controlling the movement of a hunter's eyes. This is particularly critical when deer get closer or are already wary of other factors.

Deer have an extraordinary sense of smell, estimated at being 1,000 times more sensitive than that of a human. This plays a critical role in their survival and can frequently offset the human advantage of sight, allowing deer to smell a human predator long before the human can visually detect the deer.

The long nasal passage of a deer increases surface area that contains approximately 297 million olfactory receptors compared to the 5 to 6 million found in the human nasal passages. Deer also have an enlarged olfactory bulb four times that of a human, allowing them to process scent

signals more efficiently.

Deer also have a vomeronasal organ located in the top of their mouth that is capable of detecting the pheromones associated with mating and other social and interspecies communications. This is a reason that scrapes and rubs are more complex than simple territorial markers in a deer's home range. It is also why estrus scents and cover scents can be effective tools in the deer hunter's bag of tricks.

Cover scents and deodorants help reduce the deer's olfactory advantages. Washing clothes in scent-free detergent may also provide an additional edge to the hunter. When using scents to attract deer, do not put them too close to a stand, as this will encourage deer to focus their other senses on a hunter's location. Place them in an open area or on a shooting lane 20-30 yards downwind of a stand.

Under ideal conditions, with a moderate wind and moderate humidity a deer can detect human scent from distances ranging between 440 and 880 yards. They can also detect the presence of other predators as well as the scents identifying predators, potential mates, and food sources. The ability to detect various scents is impacted by wind, humidity and temperature.

Humidity plays a significant role in how far scent can travel. Moist air allows scent molecules to remain suspended in the air for longer periods of time increasing the range of detection. Cool air stays closer to the ground, allowing the scent to remain at an elevation where it can be detected. Scent eventually rises to undetectable elevations when prevailing conditions are dry and warm.

Regardless of how one chooses to hunt, they are continually trying to overcome the deer's overall superior senses of hearing, smell, and vision. Each sense overcome is a step toward success. However, let a deer detect a hunter with more than one of these senses, and the chance of winning the game of hide and seek are greatly diminished.



Special Photo

the same clarity. However, this weakness is offset by the fact that it prioritizes their visual sensitivity to light and motion. Like most prey animals, a deer's eye placement is as critical as their visual acuity. With eyes positioned on each side of their head, they have a wide field of view encompassing about 310 degrees. This panoramic view allows deer to scan a broad area without moving or lifting their heads. The oval shape of their pupils provides them with a maximum view of ground area while minimizing overhead glare.

Deer and other grazing animals have the capability of rotating

and the ability to distinguish fine details. Deer have fewer cones and therefore see colors differently than humans. Deer are highly sensitive to the color blue and yellow light spectrums, seeing blue at a level 20 times higher than human vision.

So your favorite jeans might not be your best choice for hunting deer. However, red, and bright orange appear as muted tones of grey and brown to deer. As a result, the bright hunter orange required for hunting safety does not register the same for deer as it does for humans. This is also the reason that, for decades, red and black plaid shirts and jackets

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PROPOSAL REF. #27-034

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Albany, Procurement Division, 222 Pine Avenue, Suite 260, Albany, Georgia, 31701, until 5:00 PM, on November 23, 2026. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held November 2, at 10:00 AM in the Procurement division. Proposal documents can be obtained from Procurement, the Georgia Procurement Registry, and www.albanyga.gov. For additional information contact Joshua Williams, Procurement Manager, at jsWilliams@albanyga.gov. \b\ Michael Eaton, Chief Financial Officer

October 31, 2026

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., a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation 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

A-1044

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation which incorporate MNR EXPRESS CORP have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 404 Forest Glen Drive, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia 31707. The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is RUBINA ASLAM. LISA M. GABLE ROBERTSON & GABLE, LLC 3595 Engineering Drive, Suite 101 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 (770) 736-5182

October 24, 31, 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, Pettitioner 2721 Rushland Park Blvd. Knoxville, TN 39724

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

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Debtors & Creditors

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-1071

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of RONALD H. SLEDGE, late of Dougherty County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 28th day of October 2026.

Smith Wilson, Attorney for Deborah M. Sledge

Executor of the Estate of RONALD H. SLEDGE

GARDNER WILLIS PLAIRE & WILSON, LLP

P.O. Drawer 71788

Albany, Georgia 31708-1788

229-883-2441

October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-1047

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE is hereby given to all debtors and creditors of the Estate of George M. Chastain III 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 20th day of October 2026.

George M. Chastain IV, Executor of the Estate of George M. Chastain III

c/o John M. Moorhead, Esq.

314 W. Residence Ave.

Albany, GA 31701

October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 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

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

Edward R. Collier

P.O. Box 577

Dawson, Georgia 39842

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-1046

NOTICE

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Estate of Jimmy E. Martin, 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.

Genelle Denise Martin

Administratrix of the Estate of Jimmy E. Martin

c/o Larry B. Owens, LLC

P.O. Box 352

Albany, GA 31702

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October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

Debtors & Creditors

A-1060

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

All creditors of the Estate of VICKIE OHMART 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 26TH day of October, 2026.

Benjamin Ohmart, Administrator of the Estate of Vickie Ohmart

1317 Edgewater Dr. #110

Orlando, FL 32804

October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

A-1063

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

All debtors and creditors of the estate of Dwain Rex Hackley, deceased, late of said State and County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor.

This 20th day of October, 2026.

To be published: four consecutive weeks

Bessie Mae Hackley as Executor of the Estate of Dwain Rex Hackley, deceased

c/o Perry & Walters, LLP

Post Office Box 71209

Albany, Georgia 31708

October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

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

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October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-979

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA, 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 of Stella Pete, deceased

305 Southwood Drive

Albany, GA 31701

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 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

Divorces

A-976

DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA

Pettitioner: 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

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Divorces

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

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

Name Changes

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

Name Changes

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

Pettitioner pro se

22 Transvilla Pkwy

Albany, GA 31705

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 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 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-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

Pettitioner

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, Pettitioner

503 Rosenberg St

Albany, GA 31707

229-439-3349

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1048

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of: Seth Aaron Best

Civil Action File No. 26CV994

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

I, Seth Aaron Best, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia on the 19th day of October, 2026, to change my name from Seth Aaron Best to Elliot Silvi-Best. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Signed this 19th day of October, 2026.

Seth Aaron Best, Petitioner

October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

A-1072

DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF GEORGIA

Pettitioner: Joana Roblero V.

Respondent: Alexis Enriquez

Civil Action Case Number: 26CV882-2

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

To: Alexis Enriquez, Respondent

Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Name Change case was filed against you in Superior Court on 9/15, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 9/23, 2026. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the clerk of Superior Court and serve the Petitioner with a copy of the Answer. The Petitioner's address is 700 Cason St, 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 Name Change.

This the 23rd day of October, 2026.

Samantha Sebastian, Dep

October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

Probate Court Administration

A-1053

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF: RANDALL RAYMOND EVANS

ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-302

Cassandra Rebecca Mullins has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of RANDALL RAYMOND EVANS, Deceased, of said County. (The Pettitioner 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 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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October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 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 Pettitioner 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.

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A-1064

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF: WILLIE JAMES GATSON, JR.

ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-280

Brittany Marie Gatson-Lassiter has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of WILLIE JAMES GATSON, JR., Deceased, of said County. (The Pettitioner 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 23, 2026.

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A-1042

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES REUBEN KIRKPATRICK

ESTATE NO: 2026-ES-340

NOTICE

Matthew Kirtlink, Esquire, has 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.

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October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

A-1047

GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF: CHARLES HENRY GOODROE

ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-343

Ethan Lee Goodroe has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of CHARLES HENRY GOODROE, Deceased, of said County. (The Pettitioner 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.

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

IN RE: ESTATE OF: OTIS FLOYD

ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-295

Verlinica Green has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of OTIS FLOYD, Deceased, of said County. (The Pettitioner 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.

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

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ESTATE FILE NO: 2026-ES-295

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GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY

PROBATE COURT

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ESTATE NO: 2026-ES-340

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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 Nicole 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 Pettitioner has also applied for certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261,

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and/or 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**.

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Probate Court Misc.

A-1009
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.

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Probate Court 12 mth Support

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.

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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.

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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**

Probate Court 12 mth Support

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.

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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.

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Public Hearings

A-1055
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY
RFQ NO. PIN-55-001
LAND ACQUISITION DUE DILIGENCE, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND LAND PLANNING SERVICES
The Housing Authority of the City of Albany, Georgia (AHA) invites qualified civil engineering firms to submit qualifications for comprehensive acquisition due diligence and preliminary land planning services for approximately 55.27 acres on Pinson Road and Rosebrier Avenue in Albany, Georgia.

AHA seeks one prime consultant responsible for providing and managing all required technical disciplines, including surveying, environmental assessments, geotechnical investigations, wetlands and floodplain evaluation, utilities, drainage, access, zoning, preliminary development planning, cost estimates, and technical closing support. Qualified subconsultants are permitted. Services will support a proposed mixed-use development and a 90-day acquisition inspection period.

Selection will be based on qualifications, relevant experience, proposed personnel, approach, availability, and past performance, followed by negotiation of scope and compensation. **Do not submit pricing with qualifications.** The complete RFQ and submission instructions may be obtained by contacting Douglas Holdridge, Director of Modernization, at dholdridge@albanyvha.com. Qualifications must be received by no later than 2:00 PM **Eastern Time on 11-19-2026**, in accordance with the RFQ. Written questions are due by **11:00 PM Eastern Time on 11-05-2026**

AHA reserves the right to reject any and all submissions and to cancel or amend this solicitation in accordance with applicable requirements. Small, minority-owned, and women-owned firms are encouraged to participate.

October 24, 27, 29, 31, November 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 2026

Public Sales/ Auctions

A-1056
UNKNOWN VEHICLES STRUMS ELITE TOWING & RECOVERY

You are hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions will be filed in the Magistrate Court of Dougherty County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is:

Strum's Elite Towing & Recovery
2800 Phillips Dr
Albany GA 31721

Anyone with an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein contact us at 229-319-5924

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

2.VIN:1C4HJXEN1JW304448
Year: 2018
Make: Jeep
Model: Wrangler

3.VIN: 2C3CD2BT4K4H661546
Year: 2019
Make:Dodge
Model: challenger

4.VIN:2C3KA53G36H125627
Year:2006
Make: Chrysler
Model:300

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5.VIN:1FTRW12869FA31892
Year:2009
Make:Ford
Model: F150

6.VIN:1HGCP2F3XAA056157
Year:2010
Make:Honda
Model:Accord

7.VIN: 5FNRL38275B105746
Year:2005
Make:Honda
Model: Odyssey

8. Vin: 1HGES15582L000096
Year:2002
Make: Honda
Model: civic

9. VIN:5NPE24AF3HH448662
year:2017
Make: Hyundai
Model: sonata

10. VIN: 3N1CN8EV4ML847052
Year: 2021
Make: Nissan
Model: Versa

11. VIN: 1N4BL4BV6RN367068
Year: 2024
Make: Nissan
Model: Altima

12. VIN: WBAYE8C50ED134417
Year:2014
Make: BMW
Model: Alpina

13. VIN: 1VWBH7A37DC004437
Year: 2013
Make: Volkswagen
Model: Passat navy
October 31, November 7, 2026

A-1045
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.
Corrections to advertisement of 8/8/26 and 8/15/26 incorrect vin # listed:

Make: Dodge
Model: Dakota
Year: 2007
Vin #: 1D7HE22K07S232326
License: NE022
State:
Case #: 2026-229A

Make: Honda
Model: CRV
Year: 2006
Vin #: SHSRD68516U403888
License: GR1962
State: GA
Case: 2026-228AV
Octobers 24, 31, 2026

A-1034
Public Auction
Location:
Royal Storage
2801 Palmyra Road
Albany, GA 31707
Date & Time:
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Bids due by 12:00 PM Sharp
Auction by Sealed Bid Only
Viewing:
Monday, November 16, 2026
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Unit 254 Jo Ann Sagendorgh: Furniture, mattress

Unit 638 Carmen Spencer: Furniture, boxes & misc.

Unit 668 Shakeita Mackey: Furniture, boxes & misc.

Unit 715 Christina Williams: Bike, suitcase & misc.

Unit 726 Carmen Spencer: Furniture & misc.
October 31, November 7, 14, 2026

A-1043
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. Vehicles are currently located at: A1 Wrecker Service
The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Make: Jeep
Model: Cherokee
Year: 2014
Vin #: 1C4PJMC54EW147670
Tag: GBK935
State: GA

Make: Jeep
Model: Cherokee
Year: 2015
Vin #: 1C4PJMC33FW565039
Tag: NONE
State;

Make: Jeep
Model: Wrangler
Year: 2006
Vin #: 1J4FA69S46P722841
Tag: NONE
State:

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:
A1 Wrecker
213 7th Ave
Albany, GA 31701
Phone: (229)-436-3990
October 24, 31, 2026

Service by Publication

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

Service by Publication

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

A-1038
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
V.
DENNIS ADDISON, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of the DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.
Case No. SUCV2026000269
TO: DENNIS ADDISON

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
By Order for Service by Publication, entered the 13th day of October 2026, and filed on this Court's Docket the 14th day of October, 2026, you are hereby notified that Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC (the "Plaintiff") filed a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure (the "Complaint") on March 20, 2026 and you have been named as a party-in-interest.

You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys, Bret J. Chaness and Patty Bramlett of Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30071, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.

WITNESS, the Honorable Denise Marshall, Judge of this Superior Court. This 14th day of October, 2026

Phyllis Johnson
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA
October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

A-1041
DOUGHERTY COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

Petitioner: Tiffany Jackson V.
Respondent: Kevin R. Wilburn
Civil Action Case Number: SUCV2026000362

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
To: Kevin R. Wilburn, Respondent
Named Above: This notice has been published to let you know that a Petition for Child Support case was filed against you in Superior Court on 4/14, 2026. The court issued an order for service of summons by publication on 9/22, 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 152 Patriots Trail #117, Hinesville, GA 31313. 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 Child Support. This The 22nd day of September, 2026.
Samantha Sebastian, Dep Clerk

October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

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

Trade Names

A-1039
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT
Trade Name: Smith's Transfroid
203 Independence Dr Albany, GA 31705

(1) (Description of Registrant; if natural person, give name and full address; if firm or partnership, give name and address of each member of firm or partnership; if corporation, give name of corporation and its legal domicile. If limited partnership the firm name shall have added the word "limited" in parentheses).
Dontavia Farley, 203 Independence Dr Albany, GA 31705
(2) (Describe the business owned or being or to be carried on and the county in which said business is chiefly carried on, and, if a corporation, it's legal domicile; and the trade name used).

Providing hotshot trucking and transportation services for businesses and individuals. Freight transportation, local and long distance hauling, equipment and general cargo.
(3) This registration made and filed to comply with requirements of Act of General Assembly of Georgia, approved March 29, 1937, and amendment approved March 20, 1943.
Dontavia Farley
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Personally appeared before me Dwan Cantrell, an officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned, who being duly sworn deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing registration are true. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 16th day of October, 2026.
Dwan Cantrell
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: December 22, 2028

October 24, 31, 2026

A-1054
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT
Trade Name: Sunnyside Landscaping
2214 Taft St, Albany, GA 31707
(1) (Description of Registrant; if natural person, give name and full address; if firm or partnership, give name and address of each member of firm or partnership; if corporation, give name of corporation and its legal domicile. If limited partnership the firm name shall have added the word "limited" in parentheses).
Anthony Phillips, 2214 Taft St, Albany, GA 31707
(2) (Describe the business owned or being or to be carried on and the county in which said business is chiefly carried on, and, if a corporation, it's legal domicile; and

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the trade name used).
Landscaping/Construction business in Dougherty County. 2214 Taft St, Albany, GA 31707 dba Sunnyside Landscaping
(3) This registration made and filed to comply with requirements of Act of General Assembly of Georgia, approved March 29, 1937, and amendment approved March 20, 1943.

Anthony Phillips
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
Personally appeared before me Anthony Phillips, an officer authorized to administer oaths, the undersigned, who being duly sworn deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing registration are true. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 21st day of October, 2026.
D. Elaine Hunt Nichols
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: July 20, 2028

October 24, 31, 2026

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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, GEORGIA.

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-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

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personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of **Rico B Anderson and Odella Smith Anderson, successor in interest or tenant(s).**

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

File no. 26-084157
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30338
(770) 220-2535
<https://www.logs.com/>
*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

A-963

NOTICE OF SALE
GEORGIA, DOUGHERTY COUNTY
By virtue of a power of sale contained in that certain Deed

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made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is DEVONATE BARKSDALE A/K/A DEVONATE BARKSDALE, LESSIE SHORTER, or tenants(s).

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

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

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC

as Attorney in Fact for DEVONATE BARKSDALE A/K/A DEVONATE BARKSDALE, LESSIE SHORTER

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. MTB-26-04925-1
riselaw.com/property-listing
October 31, 2026

A-1044
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM (NOTICE OF BARMENT)

FROM: WARE QUALITY INVESTMENTS TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LLC 406 FIFTH AVE ALBANY, GA 31701
RE: Foreclosure of Right to Redeem Property Tax Deed
Current Tenant: 2002 COLQUITT AVE ALBANY, GA 31707
Date of Notice: 10/01/2026

Data 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 more particularly described as follows:

PLT 3-36 PT LL 402, 1ST DIST/00230/00005/038/2002 COLQUITT AVE ALBANY, GA 31707

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 20th 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 the Superior Court of Dougherty County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3, Page 36.

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

Redemption Payment Location: Ware Quality Investments 2217 Glenegades Dr Albany, GA 31707
E m a i l : warequalityinvestments1@gmail.com

The property was purchased for \$13,100. In addition, 2025 taxes were \$1168.72. Initial premium was 20% for the first year and now an additional 10% due to currently being in the 2nd year. Pay off amount for the property is to be paid with a certified check or money order. Please govern yourself accordingly. This 1st day of October 2026

Torey Ware / Ware Quality Investment

October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

A-1049
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC 604 Moultrie 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 a strip 10 feet wide across the entire West side of Lot 32, All of Lot 33 and a 10 foot strip across the entire East side of Lot 34 of Kalmon & Malone Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 145, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County.

Parcel No. 0000Y/00021/005 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **21st 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 217**.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **21st day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

REAL INVESTING, LLC % Divine Finney Davis, PC 600 N. Jackson Street

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Albany, GA 31701
PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.
By: /s/ (SEAL)
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS
Attorney for Real Investing, LLC
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com
October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

A-1050
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC 606 Moultrie 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 the East 60 feet of Lot 32 of Kalmon & Malone Subdivision, according to a map or plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 145, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty County, and is located at 606 Moultrie Road.

Parcel No. 0000Y/00021/004 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **21st 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 216**.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **21st day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

REAL INVESTING, LLC % Divine Finney Davis, PC 600 N. Jackson Street Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

By: /s/ (SEAL)
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS

Attorney for Real Investing, LLC
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com
October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2026

A-1051
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: FORTUNE RENTAL PROPERTIES, LLC 804 Colquitt Circle, 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 402, the City of Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia, and being Lot 218 of West Town Subdivision, Section II, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 36, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description, located at 804 Colquitt Circle, according to the present system of numbering property in Dougherty County, Georgia.

Parcel No. 00230/00008/018 will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the **21st 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 321**.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the **21st day of December 2026**, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

LATISA BOWMAN % Divine Finney Davis, PC 600 N. Jackson Street Albany, GA 31701

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

By: /s/ (SEAL)
TIMOTHY O. DAVIS

Attorney for Latisa Bowman
GA State Bar No. 213025
600 N. Jackson Street
Albany, GA 31701
229/883-1610
tim@dfdpclaw.com
October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 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 **5612 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

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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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Notice Of Foreclosure Sale Under Power

Dougherty County, Georgia Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by David G Quan And Bobbi M Scales, As Joint Tenants With Right To Survivorship to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Colony Bank, Its Successors And Assigns, dated 08/11/2023 and recorded 08/16/2023 in, Book 5116, Page 51-63, Dougherty County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded on 06/10/2026 in, Book 5384, Page 567-568, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Dougherty Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$ 226,816.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Dougherty County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 01/05/2027, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In Land Lot 79 In The Second Land District Of Dougherty County, Georgia, And Being All Of Lot 62 Of Devon Village Subdivision, Section Two, According To A Map Or Plat Of Said Subdivision As The Same Is Recorded In Plat Cabinet 1, Slide C-67A, In The Office Of The Clerk Of Superior Court Of Dougherty County, Georgia. 00348/00024/062 This conveyance is made subject to all zoning ordinances, easements and restrictions of record affecting said bargained premises. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fee having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC they can be contacted at 866-978-2622 for Loss Mitigation Dept. or by writing to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC 9726 Old Bailes Rd Ste 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is David G Quan And Bobbi M Scales, As Joint Tenants With Right To Survivorship or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **3117 Cane Mill Dr, Albany, GA 31721**. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC as Attorney in Fact for David G Quan And Bobbi M Scales, As Joint Tenants With Right To Survivorship, Sokolof Rentulla, LLP c/o First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving TX 75063 866-429-5179 GA2600295568

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STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF DOUGHERTY

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by James H. Coston and Anita S. Coston, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for BBMC Mortgage A Division of Bridgeview Bank Group, its successors and assigns dated January 26, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 4481, Page 189, Dougherty County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to U.S. Bank National Association, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$226,743.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, 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 IN LAND LOT 37 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS ALL OF LOT 263 OF ST. ANDREWS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

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DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, VISIBLE AND OF RECORD, IF ANY.

DEED TYPE: WARRANTY DEED BETWEEN CHARLES A. CLARK, AND HAZEL F. CLARK AND JAMES H. COSTON AND ANITA S. COSTON DATED: 1/20/2000, RECORDED DATE: 1/20/2000, IN BOOK: 2051, PAGE 176.

Said property is known as **2405 East Alberson Drive, Albany, GA 31721**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

The property is or may be in the possession of **Anita S. Coston and The Representative of the Estate of James H. Coston, successor in interest or tenant(s).**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Attorney-in-Fact for James H. Coston and Anita S. Coston, husband and wife

File no. 26-084664
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30338 (770) 220-2535 https://www.logs.com/

"THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, 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 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 tim@dfdpclaw.com

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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

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A-1016
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

TO: GREENLEO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL, LLC

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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 600 N. Jackson Street Albany, GA 31701

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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

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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 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 Townspeak 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, 000000107212636 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 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 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 15/2027 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 Mortgageors 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

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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, 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

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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: Mardesti 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, Georgia, 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
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,

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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, 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: Sweetman, 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

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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, Cornelius; E003 036 / 18, 28, 38, 48 Manry St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 207/517
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

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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

A-1068
Early Processing Tabulation Notice CALHOUN COUNTY O.C.G.A. 21-2-386(a)(4)
Early Computation: pursuant to OCGA 21-2-386 (a)(e) this is to notify the citizens of Calhoun County that the Calhoun County Board of Elections will begin opening of absentee ballots cast for the November 3, 2026 General/Special Election.
Early Processing: shall begin at 6:00 pm on November 3, 2026 at the **Calhoun County Courthouse, located at 31 Court Street Suite F. Morgan, GA 39866 in the Voter Registration Office.** The results of said processing shall not be tabulated until 7 pm on November 3, 2026.
All events are open to viewing by the public and will be in the Election's office.
Zakenya Cook
Superintendent of Elections & Registrar
October 31, 2026

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

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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
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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 not clear (10)	_____
2 pet pamperer (7)	_____
3 sluggishness (6)	_____
4 ill-fated ocean liner (9)	_____
5 king of Spain (6)	_____
6 digging tools (8)	_____
7 like a picnic (8)	_____

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Thursday's Answers: 1. MARKETING 2. MATINEE 3. CONDUCTOR 4. SMITE 5. KITTIES 6. REDUCED 7. ELIZABETH 10/30

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 heart-pumping exercise (6)	_____
2 savory tart (6)	_____
3 Her Majesty the Queen (7)	_____
4 mockery (8)	_____
5 acid in apples (5)	_____
6 Scottish mountain range (10)	_____
7 sci-fi author Adrian (11)	_____

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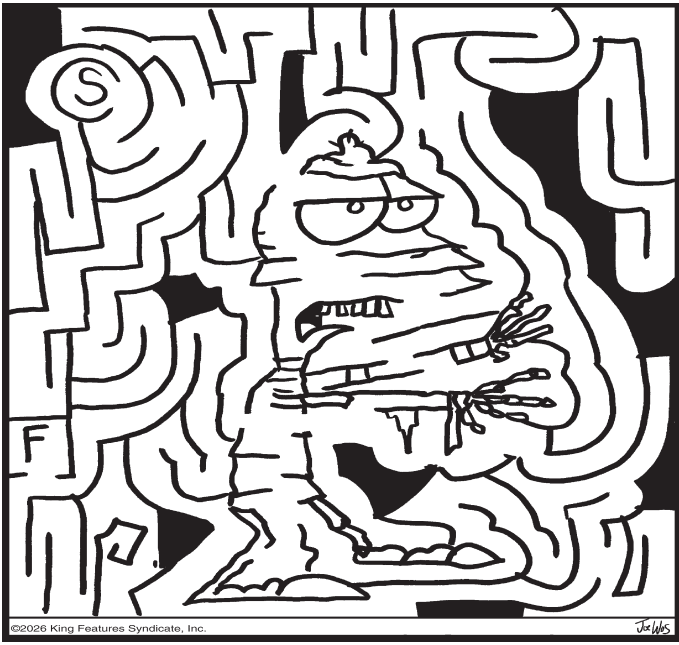
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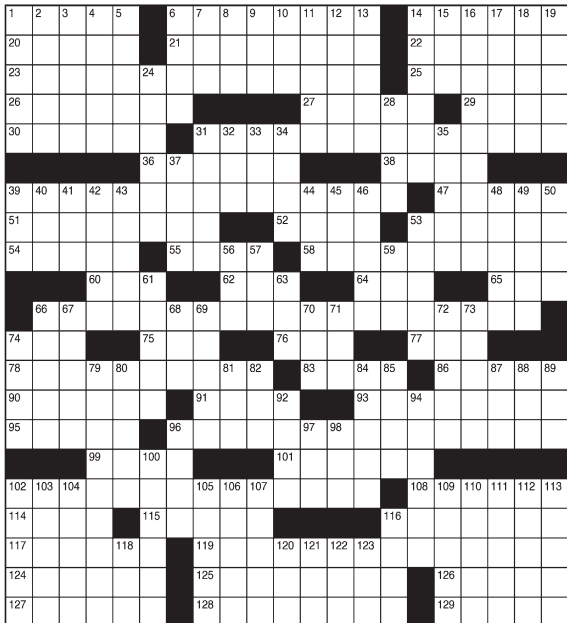
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- ACROSS
- 1 'Tis — cause!
6 Square mile, say
14 Puccini's "Butterfly"
20 Roping event
21 Broken ceramic bit
22 Trapped after a blizzard
23 Stumbled and really got hurt?
25 Starting a golf game, with "off"
26 As yet unborn
27 Don't fully believe
29 Find
30 Winged seed of a maple or elm tree
31 Stress felt after eating jalapeños?
36 Arranged like a ladder
38 Organic compound
39 Gymnast?
47 Banquet
51 One giving paid money back
52 U.S. territory since 1898
53 Noisy rap
54 Sight-related
- 55 Flooring square
58 Person walking with a limp?
60 Actor Mino
62 Lac liquid
64 Pro vote
65 CR hookups
66 Orbed a judge in order to win?
74 Body part with three bones
75 Wingy fish
76 Tram cargo
77 Actor Linden
78 Buttes between Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie?
86 Martini & (vermouth)
90 DeGeneres and Bustyn
91 Get really wet
93 Exchanges
94 — Dooms (cookie)
95 More guleful
96 Mailed in the opposite direction of?
99 Hoops great Bryant
101 Last Greek letters
- 102 Bounding along merrily on a Swiss mountain?
108 Himalayan guide
114 Johnson who directed "Kluge's Out"
115 Electric fan's sound
116 Dissolves out via percolation
117 Riddle
119 Suggests mammal wearing a pair of hats?
124 Golden ager
125 Fearful
126 San Diego ballplayer
127 Third-largest Danish city
128 Cold carnival treat
129 Tarnish
- DOWN
- 1 — a jealous mistress
2 — Dooms (cookie)
3 Strong dislike
4 Train system in Philly
5 Heavy drinker
6 Raised coil
7 Negating word
8 "What was — do?"
9 General chicken
10 Sound made during a physical
11 Novelist Charles
12 Mistake
13 Do a tally of
14 Glove alter-native
15 High card
16 Heavy slumber
19 A right one is 90 degrees
24 Wiped clean
28 Male sibling
31 Father: Prof's
32 Pieshish sort
33 Good bud
34 Prudish sort
35 Opera singer
37 Tech news website
39 To and — keyhole, say
40 Sales agt.
41 Small newt
42 Old cereal with an alien mascot
43 Open, as a drink bottle
44 British tavern
45 Gasol of the NBA
46 TV prizes
48 Meat jelly
49 Actor Casell of "Viol"
50 Saliors, colloquially
53 Spherical, bottom, informally
57 U.K. record label
58 Lion lat
60 Watch out for
102 Playground repender
103 Like ruled paper
104 Pamphleteer Thomas
105 Saint — and News
106 Writer Shaw
107 Teaser ad
109 Lock holders
110 Dazzling success
111 1970s sitcom
112 — dish (bio lab item)
113 Ghostly white
116 — majesty (high treason)
118 Year dies
120 AAA service
121 Tolkien fiend
122 Male (hybrid dog)
123 Play on words



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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Solution is accompanied by trial and error.

Clue: U equals C

KG ZUDPFYY YDXIF ZIC SFP
URXIFY GKRRFC EIO X DSZFZDF,
K YEOOXFY XIF NERC YFF
PXNY XG YSZPXI.

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Sticklelers

Terry Stickle

Mike's father-in-law has one daughter only. The daughter's mother-in-law has a son named Robert who has a son named Tyler. Tyler is Mike's:

A) cousin
B) nephew
C) uncle
D) son
E) father

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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Super Crossword

Answers

1. Light is moved. 2. Sleeve is pulled up. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Door is moved. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Painting is different.

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. Young canine — U — — — Fully of energy — E — —
2. Fetch — — — — — G — — — — — Brim — — — — — K — — — — —
3. Buy stocks & bonds — — — — — S — — — — — Concoct — — — — — N — — — — —
4. Time regulator — — — — — C — — — — — Mantle — — — — — A — — — — —
5. More rapidly — — — — — A — — — — — Promote — — — — — O — — — — —
6. Instilled knowledge T — — — — — Seized the baseball C — — — — —
7. More bleached out — — — — — H — — — — — Author — — — — — R — — — — —
8. Outrigger — — — — — E — — — — — Tenet — — — — — N — — — — —
9. Tiger or mako — — — — — K — — — — — Like cheddar cheese — — — — — P — — — — —
10. Frontrunner — — — — — A — — — — — Banker — — — — — N — — — — —

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Cryptoquip

If address Sticks and new answer

The answer is B) nephew.

Sticklelers Answer

1. Paddy, Paddy
2. Ring, Ring
3. Ring, Ring
4. Ring, Ring
5. Ring, Ring
6. Ring, Ring
7. Ring, Ring
8. Ring, Ring
9. Ring, Ring
10. Ring, Ring

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Halloween fun doesn't always extend to pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm planning to hold a Halloween party at my apartment, and I want my Toy Terrier "Skip" to be part of it. I even have a little costume picked out for him so he can be part of the fun. My roommate says that parties aren't a great environment for dogs, and Skip could be traumatized by all the noise. What do you say? — Carl in Brooklyn

DEAR CARL: Listen to your roommate. Terriers are energetic dogs who love attention, but a loud, crowded party is stressful for any dog. It's also difficult to keep tabs on where Skip is and what he might be eating. If there is stray chocolate sitting within reach, for example, he might ingest it and get really sick. Ditto for rich party foods with lots of cream, herbs, salt, onions or garlic — all these things can be dangerous for dogs, especially a little guy like Skip.

A better alternative is to keep Skip in your bedroom for most of the night, away from the party, with a nice bed, toys and fresh water. Stop in every hour to say hello, if you'd like.

You can put Skip into his costume and bring him out to meet the guests, but only for about 10 to 15 minutes. And if he begins showing signs of distress — trembling, barking at everyone, growling or snapping — take him back to the room right away. Take off the costume after his visit, so that he is comfortable and doesn't get tangled up in the fabric or chew on any dangling appendages, if the costume has any.

With a little planning, you can still show off Skip in his costume and have a party that is enjoyable for you and safe for him.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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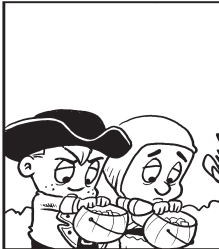
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Fun Fact

Archeological evidences shows us that tools resembling screwdrivers were being used in Germany and in France during the 15th century. The Industrial Revolution paved the way for faster and simpler production of screws, thus increasing the use and popularity of screwdrivers.

Source: monroeengineering.com

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



Americanisms

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."
— George Adair

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

I TOLD YOU I DON'T LIKE SHOPPING FOR CLOTHES. LAST TIME I FOUND A SHIRT THAT FIT, I WAS IN THE MATERNITY SECTION.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Prince William, to Eddie Redmayne, at 51-Down
11 Ask
15 "This is news to me!"
16 Quechua-speaking highlander
17 Feeling that all roads lead to room?
18 Some Ivy Leaguers
19 Combine
20 Some are plant-based
21 Winnow
22 Skye of "La Brea"
24 Prince of Moscow from 1325 to 1340
26 "And there it is!"
31 Helps out with a job
32 "Waiting for Godot" role
35 "You don't say!"
36 San Juan's ___ de la Princesa
38 Took home
39 Reserved
41 Many a "Hacks" fest star
42 Fixes a situation
45 Needle
46 Strong
47 Farm youngster
48 Peter ___ Steak House
51 Federal org. with a flower logo
54 Dance in "Lilo & Stitch"
55 Topic for discussion
58 Cartel headquartered in Vienna
59 List of attractions
60 Forward
61 Fatal attractions?

DOWN

1 "Boomerang" singer JoJo
2 African lake in four countries
3 Assistance
4 Suspicious
5 Number of former public defenders who have served on the Supreme Court
6 "Perish the thought!"
7 Environs
8 Together, musically
9 Try out
10 Starts to consume
11 Dishes that can be both hot and cold
12 Minecraft, e.g.
13 "Dune" realm
14 From Armenia to Azerbaijan
22 "Oh, yeah?"
23 Kvetching cries
25 Home entertainment staple, once
26 Secures
27 Prominent instrument in "Swan Lake"
28 Novelist's goal
29 Sits for a spell
30 Mistreat, maybe
33 Like much of Pindar's work
34 Ukulele part
36 Warmup stretches
37 Synagogue fixture
40 Some med. professionals
41 Film frame
43 From that point on
44 Firm up
45 Neutral tone
47 Lamb cut
49 Citrus hybrid
50 Neutral, for one
51 College founded in 1440
52 Simon of the "Mission: Impossible" franchise
53 "The West Wing" actor John
56 Donkey
57 Manga artist Junji

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE:

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"READ THAT BACK TO ME" BY DOUG PETERSON

ACROSS

1 Low voice
6 Out of fizz
10 Zoning measure
14 Expressed disdain
19 Room that often has a slanted ceiling
20 Undoer of Othello
21 Son of Noah
22 Absolut rival
23 Bonk?
25 Considerate
26 March 14 observance
27 Classic record label
28 Repetitive sonata movement
29 Trojan hero in a Virgil epic
31 London art gallery
32 Performer honored with a Billboard Icon Award in 2017
34 Laced?
37 One of Pittsburgh's Three Rivers
39 Inked body art
42 Monopoly token that replaced the iron
43 Corned beef
44 Pacer?
49 "Jingle Bells" transport
53 South Pacific island group
54 Picked out, in a way
55 Los Angeles Philharmonic, e.g.
57 "My turn"
59 Sorceress whose aunt is the sorceress Circe
61 Exploits
62 Invalidated
65 Drab?
68 —Wan Kenobi
69 Cheer syllable
71 Sticky pine product
72 Padmé's beloved
73 JFK predecessor
74 Ergo?
77 Precisely correct
79 Egyptian cross
80 — Hall
81 Princess introduced in season four of "The Crown," familiarly
84 "So much for that plan"
87 Norway home of the Munch Museum
88 Wreck
92 Carpentry tool
93 Gulp?
97 Shortly, shortly
99 She! — pronouns
100 Consumed
101 Goes (for)
102 Mined?
108 Once-sacred snakes
110 Within
111 Schoolbook
112 Shelter org.
115 Poetic contraction
118 Move like a crab
120 "Voulez-Vous" pop group
121 Rebut?
122 Nondairy spreads
124 Food plan
125 Pet aisle brand
126 Maker of iComfort mattresses
127 Cozy spots
128 Hearing things
129 Doofus
130 Endless expanse

DOWN

1 Commanded, quaintly
17 Make merry
2 Particle with an electron cloud
3 Philosophy stressing self-control
4 Title for Idris Elba
5 Earthy colour
6 Literary
7 Cheryl of "Charlie's Angels"
8 Radiant
9 Digit covered by a sock
10 Sent an invitation for
11 Khaki-colored cloth
12 Extend, in a way
13 Punctuation mark that may signal an abrupt change
14 Minced garlic amt.
15 Repairs with thread, as a torn pocket
16 Classic camera brand
17 Make merry
18 One who may watch how-to videos online, for short
24 Vital artery
29 Take ___ rest up
30 Save for later
33 Deep conditioning choice for hair
35 Coffee specification
36 ___ of Wight
37 Short missions?
38 Residential community org.
40 Dijon companion
41 Lecture series spinoff
45 Giant fire-breathing turtle in Japanese monster films
46 Pt. of IRA
47 The Burghers of Calais sculptor
48 Plant with a trunk
50 "Hm, strange"
51 "Star Wars" bounty hunter shot by Han Solo
52 Hotfoot it
56 Spanish wine similar to Champagne
58 "Keep this private" docs
59 Styleke
60 Make a long story short?
62 "You cheated!"
63 Congo River tributary
64 Connect (with)
65 Veal or venison
66 "Toy Story" boy
67 Wasn't honest with
70 Church song
71 Fashion designer Oscar de la
75 Baseball movie with the line "You're killing me, Smalls!"
76 ___ tube
78 Prepare a movie snack, perhaps
81 Baton Rouge sch.
82 Actress and entrepreneur Jessica
83 "___ thou love me?"; Juliet
85 Attitude
86 ___ Thing: green DC Comics superhero
87 Other, in Oaxaca
89 Place to buy games
90 Matching group
91 Time sheet abbr.
94 Menacing messages
95 Beneficiary
96 Do some school work?
98 Show off
99 "Matlock" actor Rittor
103 "Ratatouille" rat
104 West Wing staffers
105 Leg bone
106 Live coal
107 Former TV drama set in SoCal
109 Final word
113 Sweet start?
114 Soft "Hey, you!"
116 Tiny bit
117 Big fan, in slang
119 Curvy shape
121 In shape
122 Button for making a voice note, briefly

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Weekend Comics

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PICKLES
by BRIAN CRANE

WHAT'S WRONG, NELSON?
I HURT MY FINGER.

OH, NO! YOU'VE GOT AN OUCHY ON YOUR FINGER? LET GRAMMA KISS IT AND MAKE IT BETTER.

HOW DID YOU HURT YOUR FINGER, NELSON?
SMACK!

I WAS GETTING MY PAPER AIRPLANE FROM BEHIND THE TOILET AND I SCRAPPED IT ON SOMETHING.

PFOO! PFOO!
YOU SEE? THIS IS WHY GRAMPAS DON'T KISS OUCHIES.

Crabgrass
by TAUHID BONDIA

HEY, DAD, HOW COME WE NEVER VISIT YOUR MOM AND DAD?
THAT'S KIND OF A TOUGH ONE, CHAMP.
I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO IT WAS FOR THE BEST IF WE DIDN'T.
BUT WHY, THOUGH?
WELL... ME AND MY FOLKS NEVER REALLY GOT ALONG.
DID THEY DO SOMETHING WRONG?
THAT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU ASK.

BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT UNTIL YOU'RE OLDER. AND THEN YOU CAN DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO BE AROUND THEM.
I CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING YOU COULD DO TO MAKE ME NOT WANT TO BE AROUND YOU.
MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT, THEN.

The FAMILY CIRCUS
By BIL KEANE

B-B-BILLY?
BILLY!
BILLYBILLYBILLYBILLY...
BILLY!
BILLY!
BILLY!
BILLY!
BILLY!

IT'S ALL IN THE WAY IT'S SAID

ZITS
by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

WHERE ARE YOU TWO GOING?
TO YOUR DAD'S ANNUAL RETAINER AWARDS BANQUET.
CAN I GO?
OH, SWEETIE, I'M AFRAID NOT.
THIS IS THE BIGGEST NIGHT IN MIDWEST ORTHODONTIA! IT'S COMPLETELY SOLD OUT!
BUT I WANTED TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOU.

YOU KNOW... UNO... CHARADES... DOMINOES...
I'M SORRY, HONEY. WE'RE COMMITTED.
WELL, OKAY.
BYE.
HAVE FUN.

(SIGH!) I HATE TO MISS THE CHANCE TO PLAY GAMES WITH HIM.
DON'T WORRY, YOU DIDN'T.

FoxTrot
by Bill Amend

MIND HELPING ME UNLOAD THE CAR? THERE ARE HALF A DOZEN HEAVY BOXES FROM COSTCLUB.
OOO! ANYTHING GOOD?
CHAMPAGNE FOR CELEBRATING, SHOULD THIS WEEK'S ELECTIONS GO THE WAY I HOPE THEY WILL.
YOU BOUGHT SIX BOXES OF CHAMPAGNE???
NO, JUST ONE BOTTLE.
THEN WHAT'S IN ALL THE BOXES?

EMERGENCY PROVISIONS, SHOULD THE ELECTIONS GO THE OTHER WAY.
IS THIS WHY YOU ASKED IF I STILL HAD MY OLD BOY SCOUT MANUAL?

TODAY'S ANSWER: Nine to Five

CLOSE TO HOME John McPherson



When zombies trick-or-treat.

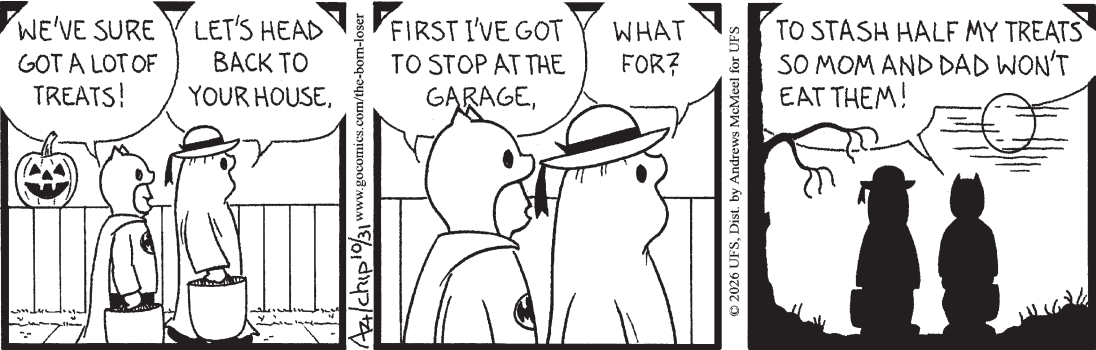
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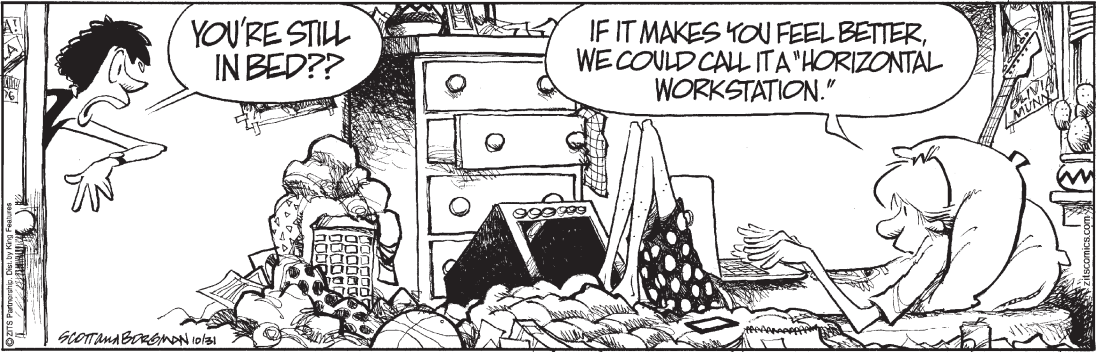
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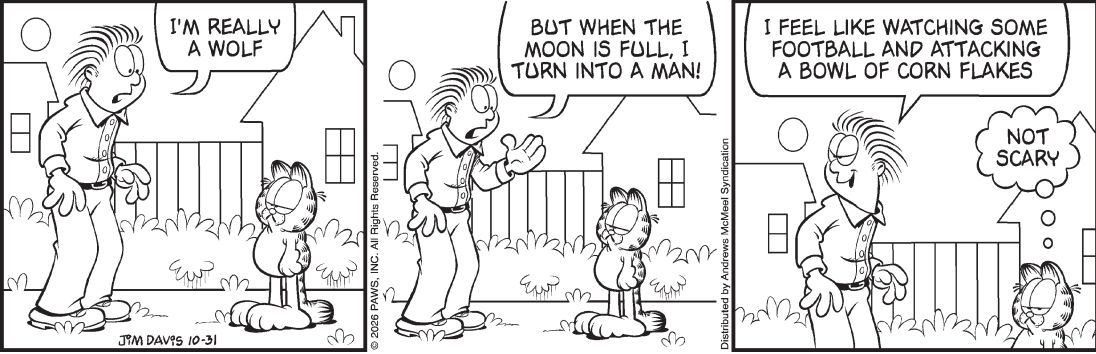
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PICKLES Brian Crane



SUDOKU

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS Bil Keane



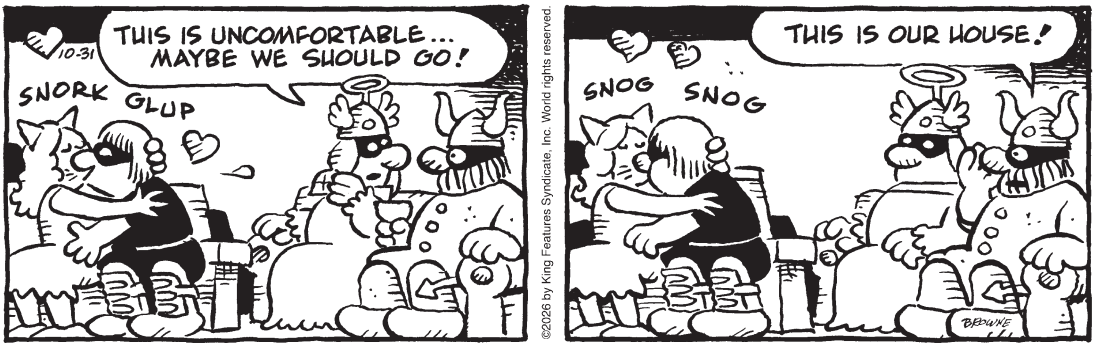
"We could cover a lot more places if you'd drive us over to Condo Park."

CROSSWORD

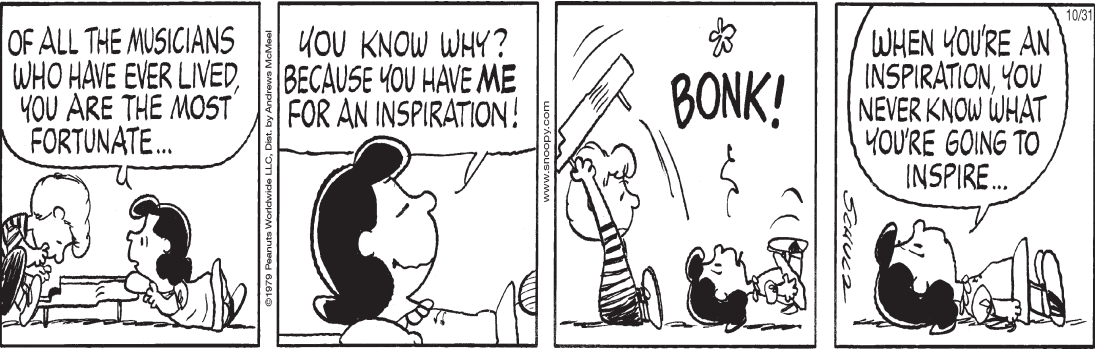
- ACROSS
- 1 Research room, for short
 - 4 Mermaid's home
 - 7 Afternoon socials
 - 11 Swelled head
 - 12 Implement
 - 13 Harangue
 - 14 Pitcher's pride
 - 15 Go after game
 - 16 Aleutian island
 - 17 Moral tale
 - 19 Mistreated
 - 21 Make public
 - 22 Bulg. neighbor
 - 23 Cowboy film
 - 27 Slight error
 - 31 Punta del —
 - 32 Eject
 - 34 Scarecrow stuffing
- DOWN
- 1 Frond
 - 35 Singer — DiFranco
 - 36 Plant bristle
 - 37 "— Kind of Wonderful"
 - 38 Summary
 - 40 Like a leopard
 - 42 Drink daintily
 - 44 Bill and —
 - 45 Animated snowman
 - 48 Jean Smart comedy
 - 51 Luxury car
 - 52 Come in last
 - 55 Canadian prov.
 - 56 Egyptian goddess
 - 57 Scent
 - 58 Pod veggie
 - 59 Time of fasting
 - 60 Modern
 - 61 So far

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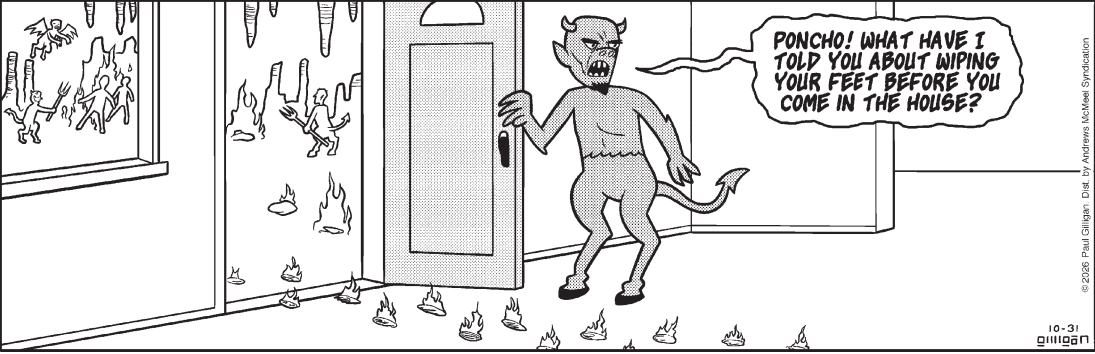
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE Chris Browne



PEANUTS Charles M. Schulz



POOCH CAFE Paul Gilligan



WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

IF YOU'VE GOT IT, HAUNT IT! Solution: 10 letters

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

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TODAY'S ANSWER: Frightened

WHATZIT?

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

well (wel) adj. in good condition; healthy; comfortable.

SUDOKU INSTRUCTIONS: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

TODAY'S WHATZIT SOLUTION: Well-meaning

ADAM@HOME

BY ROB HARRELL

AND THIS IS -

THE COFFEE-BOT 4000.

COFFEE-BOT GRINDS, BREWS AND SERVES THE FINEST COFFEE.

PERHAPS A REFILL, MY GOOD SIR.

THANK YOU!

SO IT'S A ROBOT COFFEE BUTLER?

EXACTLY. AND HE'S WONDERFUL.

HOW DID YOU AFFORD -

ADAM! WHERE ARE OUR CARS?

COFFEE-BOT ALSO DOES MARRIAGE COUNSELING.

I'M ON IT.

CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN MCPHERSON

WHILE HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, PAM AND CARL HAVE A RARE SIGHTING OF THE LEGENDARY BADGER WHISPERER.

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

THORNAPPLE CATCHES THE PASS AND STREAKS PAST THE DEFENDERS!

THORNAPPLE COULD GO ALL THE WAY!

HE'S AT THE 30... HE'S AT THE 20... HE'S AT THE 10...

HE'S AT THE 5...4...3...2...1...

TOUCH-DOWN!

WHEN THERE'S NOBODY AROUND TO PLAY A GAME WITH, I PRETEND I'M IN A BIG GAME AND I'M THE HERO!

SIGH...BUT WHEN I WIN THE GAME, THERE AREN'T ANY TEAMMATES TO DO AN END ZONE CELEBRATION WITH!

Jeff MacNelly's

Shoe

By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly

WELL, THAT'S GOING TO DO IT FOR ME.

AW, COME ON, BIZ. THE NIGHT IS YOUNG.

SORRY, COSMO. THE OLDER I GET, THE EARLIER THE LATE GETS.

LAZY & FUNNY

EARLIER THIS WEEK

COME ON, FRANK! LET'S GET READY TO GO!

GO WHERE?

BUT WE'RE YOUNG AT HEART. COME ON! IT'LL BE FUN!

WELL... I WOULD LIKE SOME CANDY...

MAYBE WE'LL EVEN GET SPECIAL TREATMENT. IT COULD HAPPEN!

TRICK-OR-TREATING!

ERNIE, WE'RE ADULTS.

LAST NIGHT

I GOT ARTHRITIS CREAM.

I GOT A PILL ORGANIZER.

BLONDIE

BY DEAN KURTZ & JOHN MARSHALL

ALMOST, HONEY! MAYBE JUST A NUDGE TO THE RIGHT

NOW SLIDE IT DOWN JUST A PINCH

TOO MUCH! SORRY, HONEY! GO BACK A BIT

THANK YOU, SWEETHEART... YOU'RE THE BEST!

BAM! BAM! BAM!

PERFECT!

DO YOU THINK THAT PAINTING MIGHT LOOK BETTER ON A DIFFERENT WALL?

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

FINALLY, SOME NEW GARBAGE CANS

I KNEW I'D FIND YOU IN HERE

GET BACK TO WORK!

I'M IN A RUT

MY LIFE IS GETTING TOO PREDICTABLE

I NEED TO FIND SOME NEW PLACES TO HIDE

I CAN'T FIND BEETLE ANYWHERE TODAY!

NOW THIS IS DIFFERENT

Mark Ketchum's
Dennis the Menace REALLY TIRED

YOU SHOULD RIDE YOUR BIKE AND HAVE FUN WHILE YOU'RE RETIRED.

DO YOU LIKE BEIN' RETIRED?

NOT REALLY.

EVERY DAY I WAKE UP WITH NOTHING TO DO...

...THEN EVERY NIGHT...

...I GO TO BED...

...WITH ONLY ABOUT HALF OF IT DONE!

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

I THINK I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING

WHEN YOU WAKE UP AT NIGHT, AND YOUR HEAD HURTS AND YOUR STOMACH FEELS FUNNY...

THE FIRST THING YOU DO IS PUT ON YOUR BATHROBE

THEN YOU DRINK A GLASS OF WATER AND TAKE SOME PILLS, AND YOU SIT BY YOURSELF IN THE DARK FOR AWHILE UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO GO BACK TO BED...

BUT IT'S NOT THE PILLS THAT MADE YOU FEEL BETTER..

IT'S THE BATHROBE!

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

WISER AS ON THE HILL

HI, I'M WISE ASS. I JUST CAME DOWN FROM MY MOUNTAINTOP TO SAY ITS GOOD THAT YOU'RE VOTING. BUT ALSO...

POLLING PLACE

YOU CAN CHANGE POLITICAL PARTIES EVERY TWO YEARS, BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT EVER SINCE THE SUPREME COURT ALLOWED THE RICH TO GIVE UNLIMITED SUMS TO CAMPAIGNS, MOST POLITICIANS ARE ALREADY BOUGHT AND PAID FOR.

POLLING PLACE

BUT GOOD NEWS! WE THE PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION TO MAKE IT SO THAT NO POLITICIAN CAN EVER ACCEPT CAMPAIGN DONATIONS AGAIN, AND INSTEAD PUBLICLY FINANCE OUR ELECTIONS.

BECAUSE NONE OF THE CHANGE YOU SEEK WILL EVER OCCUR SO LONG AS THE PEOPLE WHO CAN EFFECT THAT CHANGE ARE CONTROLLED BY THE RICH AND POWERFUL WHO OPPOSE THAT CHANGE.

YOU LOST ME AT CONSTITUTION.

I'LL JUST STAY UP HERE.