



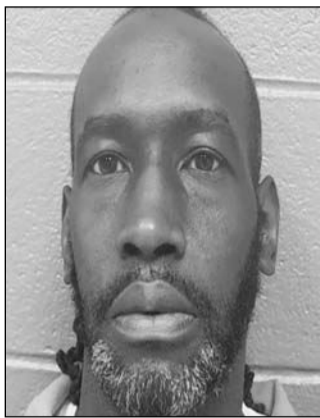
Wilkinson Co. teachers under assault lawsuits

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

Jamel Ashley was arrested last May and charged with aggravated assault, accused of "holding a pair of scissors to a student's throat," according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

The incident occurred at Wilkinson County Middle School, where Ashley was a first-year special education instructor. Ashley also was charged with 12 counts of misdemeanor child cruelty, one for every student who reportedly witnessed the incident. He made bond two weeks later.

Now, however, Ashley is back behind bars after a Superior Court judge filed a motion to revoke bond. That decision stems from an arrest on Nov. 17, when Ashley is accused of leading a Georgia State Patrol officer on a chase. Ashley, 46, ultimately was charged with DUI, fleeing/attempting to elude, as well as three traffic violations.



Ashley

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Jeffersonville city council met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 12 where members discussed upcoming events, city reports and more. From left to right are Council members Annie Williams, Nikki Stephens and Joseph Albert; Mayor Charles Williams; and council members Daniel Young, Laura Gallemore and Monte Bloodworth/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY

Jeffersonville City Council approves city's annual budget at recent meeting

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

The Jeffersonville City Council approved the city's annual budget at a regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 12, though the exact figures in the budget were not immediately available.

Early in the meeting, Water Clerk Tameka Walker gave the financial report, reporting a total of all accounts amounting to \$233,050.09.

After Walker presented the report, Councilwoman Annie Williams suggested adding a spreadsheet of all total figures for future financial reports. Councilwoman Nikki Stephens agreed, explaining that ideally, a spreadsheet would give a more detailed report of spending activity over a larger period of time.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Charles Williams reminded the council they need to start planning a city yard sale event scheduled for early May, asking them to look into advertising as much as possible in hopes of drawing out residents.

"It's usually an okay turnout," he said, "But I think it can be even better."

Councilman Monte Bloodworth added that the event will be free to the public, but vendors will have to pay a \$25 vendor's fee.

During this discussion, Councilwoman Stephens reminded the council the city's Juneteenth celebration will also be coming up soon. As she explained, the city goes back and forth every year between a Juneteenth and

Fourth of July celebration. This year, the city will celebrate Juneteenth.

Last year, the Fourth of July event was a massive success, with visitors coming from as far as Atlanta to spend the holiday in Jeffersonville. Stephens indicated she wanted to keep that momentum going for Juneteenth.

As she explained, local participation usually dips for the Juneteenth celebration.

The council discussed possible ways to promote local participation at the event. Stephens recommended getting a local band, and Williams suggested members reach out to local businesses personally asking them to participate.

"I think if we could bring local [businesses], that's going to attract some of the people here familiar with us, versus [if] we bring people from somewhere else, it's not going to bring the locals out. I think that's our whole purpose - to get the locals out to enjoy."

Another topic of conversation at the council meeting was the public safety report. Police Chief Greg Stone disclosed the safety report for December 2025, announcing that Jeffersonville police responded to a total of 45 calls. He shared that, throughout the month, there were a total of 2 arrests, 9 warning citations and 7 hard citations issued.

After Stone's presentation, Councilman Daniel Young asked Chief Stone if there were any leads regarding a recent dog attack.

Young went on to explain he's seen

three dogs, including an "extremely large Chow" run loose in the area. One morning, he said, the Chow traveled to one of the local schools and attacked some rabbits that were being kept there as part of an FFA program, killing them. Young added the dogs previously killed a resident's pet dog a few months prior.

Stone answered Young, saying though there weren't any new developments in the case Young spoke about, a man had been in court and was found guilty over the last week for dog restraint.

At one point in the meeting, Mayor Williams shared a positive comment he received about the police chief. According to Williams, somebody reached out to him letting him know they were pleased with Stone's presence at many of the local businesses and schools, thanking him for doing a "good job." Williams passed along the praise to Stone.

"We give credit when it's due," said Williams.

Following the mayor's comments, Councilwoman Laura Gallemore requested Stone drive past the senior center parking lot every once in a while while on patrol.

"When seniors see a strange car coming by," she explained, "they get kind of nervous." A natural crime deterrent, Gallemore shared that seeing police nearby might help seniors feel safer while at the facility.

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Gordon Police Department stays busy over the holidays



Lewis



Dupree

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

A man spent his Christmas at the county jail in Irwinton after a family dispute over food in the refrigerator reportedly turned violent.

A Gordon Police Department officer responded to a residence in the 100 block of Green Street after a 911 call. Upon arriving, three people were in the driveway, including the victim, who was holding a "rag that had a significant amount of blood on it." The officer then "noticed a laceration on (the victim's) right hand at the base of the middle finger near the left knuckle." Added the incident report: "The cut appeared deep and I could see what I believed to be a tendon." Ultimately arrested

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Gordon Public Library adds kids' corner, gardens

By CHRISTIAN MCKEARNEY
Staff Reporter

The Gordon Public Library's comeback continues. The 30-year-old library on the Milledgeville Highway recently debuted its new Children's Reading Corner, thanks to a donation from the Friends of the Gordon Library.

Meanwhile, the outside of the property also has been spruced up with a new shade garden and day lily garden, which provide more space for patrons to kick back with a good book. The new gardens were a collaboration between the Friends of the Gordon Library and the Wilkinson County Master Gardeners. The Master Gardeners club is run through the Georgia Cooperative Extension agency and Georgia 4-H. Members must complete a certain number of volunteer hours each year to maintain their certification.

The Gordon Public Library sort of bottomed out in 2023, when it was forced to temporarily close due to mold issues. The comeback has been strong, however, complete with new carpeting, a new paint job and upgrades to the HVAC system.



Gordon Public Library has added its Children's Reading Corner and new gardens/SPECIAL PHOTO

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While Ashley's case was winding through the court system, another case involving a Wilkinson County School District employee was filed. This time around, the mother of a Wilkinson County Primary student is seeking \$1 million in damages after she claims that her son was injured during an incident at WCPS. According to the lawsuit, the child, who was 5 at the time, was injured after a teacher's aide "violently (slammed the child's hand) in the door of a classroom." The aide was named as Joshua Chatman. The child's family is being represented by Sam Hart of the Dozier Law Firm in Macon.

As a result, the child "suffered a left middle finger open proximal phalanx fracture and lacerations on his left middle, left ring and left pinky fingers," according to court records. "Surgery to repair the fracture and subsequent physical therapy" amounted to \$44,191, added the lawsuit.

The plaintiff also contends that "the Wilkinson County School District was negligent in retaining Mr. Chatman as an employee."

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and charged with one count of aggravated assault was Terrell Shawn Lewis, 56. Lewis and the victim are related, and both live in the same house on Green Street. Lewis denied that a knife was involved and instead insisted that he threw a spatula across the kitchen, which caused the laceration.

Meanwhile, the GPD arrested the same man twice within a span of 11 days. Gregory Kyle Dupree, 38, was locked up the first time and charged with one count of criminal trespass. The second time around, meanwhile, Dupree was charged with possession of a Schedule 1 controlled substance, possession of drug related objects, as well as driving with a suspended license.

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In other news, Councilman Young told the council he was in talks with the Georgia Forestry Commission to plan a field burning at the city plant.

As he explained, the field regularly grows over with weeds, and in lieu of mowing, the Georgia Forestry burns it once a year to keep the growth at bay. Though the field was not burned last year, Young said that after consulting with the forestry, they agreed it needed to be burned this year.

Young told the council he would meet with the forestry again soon to discuss the fee the commission plans to charge the city, but he warned they shouldn't wait much longer. The grass would need to be burned soon, before the grass got "too green" and would resist burning, which he said he believed would be by March.

"It's just going to get worse if we don't, so it's a good time to do it now before everything starts turning green."

Another topic of conversation Monday night concerned a proposal for a new city vehicle.

Mayor Williams first mentioned the proposal at a council meeting in December.

The current car, which members of the council use to travel for conferences, is a dark, tinted, repurposed patrol car. Because of this, Williams explained, other drivers on the road respond to the car as they would a police car. They slow down, stop or even pull off to the side of the road to allow the car to pass.

William proposed the city look into getting a second vehicle for the council to use when traveling for city matters, saying he worried this innocent mistake could cause a major hazard for the roadways.

"I don't want to put anybody in a situation where we're going to training and things like that [happen]," said Williams. "I wanted to propose to the council that we get another vehicle for training. That way, nobody's in harms way."

On Monday, it was brought up again briefly. Williams told the council he wanted to table the topic until the following meeting in February, after he's had time to crunch the numbers.

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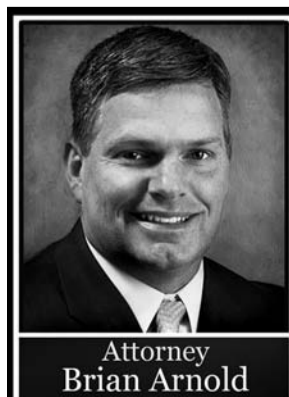
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Flu activity widespread in Georgia CDC projects severe upcoming flu season

STAFF REPORTS

ATLANTA – Flu activity is widespread and severe in Georgia, and cases are likely to increase following the holidays and as Georgians return to work and school. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also projects a severe flu season.

The Department of Public Health strongly urges individuals who have not gotten a flu shot yet and have no medical conditions preventing them from doing so to take advantage of the health benefits the flu vaccine provides as soon as possible.

The CDC recommends that individuals over the age of six months receive a once-yearly flu vaccine – not just for their own protection, but to protect others around them who may be more vulnerable to the flu and its complications, including the elderly and immunocompromised. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body, so now is the time to get a flu shot.

Even those who get the flu, the vaccine can help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and, in extreme cases, death, health officials say. Those with questions are urged to consult with a health care professional (such as a licensed medical doctor, nurse, or other practitioner) for questions about the flu shot.

The flu vaccine is widely available at public health departments, doctors' offices, grocery stores, neighborhood clinics and pharmacies.



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Southwest Health District

The state may see an upcoming severe flu season
/Photo courtesy of Georgia Department of Public Health

Flu symptoms and their severity can vary from person to person and may include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people are at higher risk of developing serious complications if they get sick. This includes people 65 years and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease, pregnant women, and children younger than 5 years old, but especially those younger than 2.

In some cases, health care providers may recommend antiviral drugs to treat the flu. Antiviral drugs are prescription medications and are most effective when taken within 48 hours of symptom onset.

There are other tried and true measures individuals can take to help prevent the spread of flu:

Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and warm water. Alcohol based

gels are the next-best thing for those who don't have access to soap and water.

Cough or sneeze into the crook of your elbow or arm to help prevent the spread of the flu.

Avoid touching your face, as flu germs can get into the body through the mucus membranes of the nose, mouth and eyes.

Those who are sick, stay home from school or work. Flu sufferers should be free of a fever, without the use of a fever reducer, for at least 24 hours before returning to school or work.

Individuals who are caring for a sick individual at home should keep them away from common areas of the house and other people as much as possible.

For more information about flu and how to prevent it, log on to dph.ga.gov/flu. Monitor Georgia's weekly influenza reports at dph.georgia.gov/flu-activity-georgia. The reports are updated on Fridays.

Federal government will give \$219 million to state to bolster rural healthcare

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The federal government will give Georgia nearly \$219 million to bolster health care in 126 rural counties, under a program established by President Donald Trump's signature budget reconciliation bill passed in July.

The distribution, announced Monday, is part of a \$10 billion allotment to the 50 states during the federal fiscal year that began in October, with another \$40 billion to be divvied among them in equal installments during the following four fiscal years.

Half of the money is being distributed equally, meaning less populous states will get more per person. The other half is being split based on a variety of factors, including rural population, the proportion of rural health facilities and "the situation of certain hospitals" in each state, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Georgia got more than all neighboring states, with the seventh largest sum nationally — \$333,000 ahead of Nebraska and \$3 million behind Kansas. Texas got the most money at over \$281 million.

Georgia's application by the Department of Community Health targeted 126 of the state's 159 counties, excluding the Atlanta metro area and other populous regions, such as Athens, Dalton, Macon, Rome, Savannah and Valdosta.

The application said the state's initiative — the Georgia Rural Enhancement and Transformation of Health program — would focus

on "root causes" of disease and on "strengthening the continuum of care" in rural areas.

"This funding will help move us forward in strengthening our rural providers while bringing cost-saving innovations to the state's health system," Gov. Brian Kemp said in a statement.

The federal Rural Health Transformation program was authorized by Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act. A government description says the money must be used for things like "evidence-based, measurable interventions," "consumer-facing, technology-driven solutions" for chronic disease, or training for use of "technology-enabled solutions" for delivering care.

Program goals include more "efficiency and sustainability," encouraging "the growth of innovative care models" and fostering "innovative technologies that promote efficient care."

The money comes as thousands of Georgians will see a spike in their premiums under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Democrats criticized the One Big Beautiful Bill for its impact on that program and on Medicaid — and on rural health care. U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock visited Evans Memorial Hospital in Claxton in August because, his office said, the hospital had to cut \$3.3 million a year due to the budget reconciliation bill. The Georgia Hospital Association warned in a letter to Republican leaders in the U.S. Senate in June that the bill as it was written then would "devastate" rural health care, putting dozens of rural hospitals at risk of closure.

CITY OF COCHRAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Cochran Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, Georgia, to consider a petition for Conditional Use submitted by Elevation Worship Ministries International for property located at 123 N Fifth Street and identified as Parcel ID A15 165 and A15 153.

The purpose of the petition is to allow the establishment of a combined church campus and hybrid academy on the subject properties.

The Cochran City Council will hold a subsequent public hearing and take final action on this petition on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, Georgia.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information, please contact the City of Cochran at (478) 934-6346.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2131 (1) (A), the Twiggs County Board of Education at the December 9, 2025, meeting set the following qualifying fees for the 2026 election year.

DISTRICT	QUALIFYING FEES
BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON	\$270
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1	\$216
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 3	\$216

Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, and will end at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 6, 2026. **Money Orders or Checks only.** Qualifying for offices will be held at the Twiggs County Board of Elections Office, 425 Railroad St., Jeffersonville, GA 31044, Room 123. The General Primary/Nonpartisan will be held on May 19, 2026, and the General/Special Election will be held on November 3, 2026.

Twiggs County Board of Education

Notice of Qualifying for May General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Election Wilkinson County, Georgia

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(1) (A), the following qualifying fees have been set:

County Commissioner Chairman	\$234.00
County Commissioner	\$180.00

Qualifying dates are Monday March 2, 2026, through Friday March 06, 2026, at 12:00 noon. Qualifying will be conducted by the Democratic and Republican parties and locations will be announced later by each party. Independent candidate qualifying will also be held during this time. The Primary Election will be held May 17, 2026. The deadline for registering to vote in the Primary is April 20, 2026. The General Election will be held on November 3, 2026.

Absentee ballots will be available at least 45 days prior to each election. For more information about qualifying and/or the elections, contact the elections office at 478-946-2188 or by emailing <mailto:kchatman@wilkinsoncounty.net>



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For March 17, 2026, Special Election

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. & 21-2-379.6 (c) notice is hereby given that the logic and accuracy testing on the voting equipment that will be used in the March 17, 2026, special election in Wilkinson County will be publicly performed at GED Building located at 8159 Ga Hwy 57, McIntyre, Ga. 31054. Testing on all voting equipment will begin on Monday, February 2, 2026, beginning at 8 am and will continue from day to day until completed. Members of the public are invited to observe the preparation and testing of all equipment to be used. The election supervisor and registrar will conduct testing. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. & 21-2-492 Computation, canvassing, and certification of election results will begin on Wednesday March 18, 2026, unless otherwise posted and will continue from day to day until complete.

The last date to request an absentee ballot for the March Special Election is March 6, 2026, at 11:59 pm. Advance Voting (in-person) will begin on Monday February 23, 2026, through Friday March 13, 2026, during the hours of 9am-5pm at the Wilkinson County Courthouse. We will have 2 mandatory Saturday voting days. February 28 & March 7 from 9 am to 5 pm. Election Day voting is Tuesday March 17, 2026, from 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. at your assign polling location. We are located in the courthouse in the Elections & Registrar's Office Rm# 133. For more information regarding testing and/or your voter registration status, contact the elections' office at 478-946-2188.

Wilkinson County Board of Elections and Registrations
Kelly S. Chatman
Election Superintendent

New Orleans, Louisiana

One of the most pleasant features to a sojourn to this extraordinary river city is landing at the Louis Armstrong Airport and hearing the comforting sounds of the jazz impresario, wafting leisurely in the atmosphere. You just feel good when you disembark.

The city has upgraded its airport with enamoring class, allowing it to showcase one of the most attractive and pleasant terminals anywhere.

Satchmo's resplendent rendition of "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," on the house speaker system elevates your mood and takes the stress out of the baggage claim routine and ordering transportation to the Vieux Carre, the heart of a city that has a bevy of influences — Spanish, French and African.

On occasions when I have visited Thomas Jef-

erson's home in Monticello and his memorial in our nation's capital, I always toasted one of his greatest decisions, which was the Louisiana Purchase which he orchestrated. I gave Napoleon Bonaparte equal applause when I stood by his tomb beneath the dome of les Invalides in Paris. Our young country, led by a visionary president, paid France roughly \$15 million dollars in 1803 which doubled the size of the U.S. of A.

My introduction to this vibrant city came in 1957 when UGA track coach Spec Towns had money left over in a budget and had to spend it or lose it. He paid the way for three of us to fly to New Orleans and take part in a cross-country race of five miles down the city's historic Canal Street. I still have the medal I was given for participating in the race. It was known as the

"Turkey Day Race," which took place Thanksgiving morning. Since that time, I have made countless trips to "Nola," one of the city's many nicknames and have many friends here. How sweet that is.

One of the most interesting introductions regarding the city came about was the result of a book which I read while traveling the Seine River one summer in France.

A friend, who owned a boat was taking a trip up the Seine to Compiègne and invited us to join him. He had a book, "Pegasus Bridge," by the historian Steven Ambrose which I read on our Seine excursion. On my next trip here, I went out to the University of New Orleans to meet Ambrose. He subsequently invited me to his 50th anniversary seminar of the D-Day invasion. He also connected me with a dozen or more WWII participants from Canada to the U.K., France, Belgium and Ger-



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many. I treasured spending time with each of them on their turf and hearing their accounts of the war.

Ambrose's D-Day conference also included NBC's Tom Brokaw, who wrote the book, "The Greatest Generation," and Tom Hanks who was the lead actor in "Saving Private Ryan." He also invited Viscount David Montgomery, the son of the British General, Bernard Montgomery. "Monty" was praised for his success at El

Alamein (Egypt) but castigated for his vanity and arrogance.

You could spend a week at this terrific museum and find yourself needing to return for more — it is a splendid documentation of WW II and is masterfully presented with the best in technology, offering insights and definitive detail that illuminate the war's captivating history.

Those who spend time in the Crescent City and feast on its food, jazz and limitless attractions and don't incorporate time for the World War II museum, would be like going to Commander's Palace and ordering scallops with dehydrated citrus peel, oven dried kale, salt cured breakfast, watermelon radishes, whipped Louisiana blue crab roe and then passing on the popular restaurant's creole bread pudding soufflé.

Fortunately, with frequent stops here over the years, I have dined at most

all the famous restaurants. I have experienced side trips throughout the state including to Breaux Bridge, Lafayette, Avery Island and have taken in the Cajun Grand Ole Opry at Eunice where a good time was enjoyed by all.

The only thing I haven't done, which is regrettable, is that I never found the time to spend time fishing the bayous, swamps and rivers of a state which bills itself as a "Sportsman's Paradise."

I've enjoyed New Orleans and "all that jazz." I have driven across the state and have taken a French writer-friend on an extended tour of the Louisiana hinterlands and have experienced triumph and heartbreak in the Superdome.

I'm a passionate aficionado of N'awlins and will always eagerly wait for a return trip to a city which most of us can't get enough of.

Here are some of my thoughts on a three decade-long friendship and Iran

I'm going to get a haircut this week. Please try to contain your excitement over this.

The lady that cuts my hair has been doing so about thirty years. My first haircut with her was quite random. I just dropped into one of the several places in Cobb County's Cumberland Mall when I determined things had grown a bit shaggy sometime around Atlanta's hosting of the 1996 Olympics.

We've since moved from mitigating cow licks to receding hair lines. I now know her not only to be kind, but an amazing person. Despite me having moved to the Georgia coast years ago, no one has cut my hair since we met but her.

She works hard six days a week. I've listened to stories about her raising two sons, and now her third grandson. She's seen me at my best and helped get me through my worst. There was a too long stretch of several months in there where she wouldn't accept

payment from me, knowing I didn't really have her meager fee to spare. I'm proud to call her a friend.

There's something about a barber or stylist that gets people talking. I guess once you've let someone into your personal space and alter your appearance you have already accepted a certain level of trust. Real talk occurs during haircuts.

Over three decades, we've had our share of real conversations. We know many of each other's problems and worries. We know a lot about each other's families. We know where we're coming from in dealing with our day to day, which brings me to the point of telling you more about her.

She has a slight but beautiful accent with her perfect command of English, but her native language is Farsi. She was born in Iran. Her religion is Baha'i Faith. Her story is pure American.

I had never heard of her religion until she told me about her journey. Her family had to escape Iran when

the late Shah was overthrown in the 1970's.

Baha'i is a peaceful religion that is politically agnostic. Their followers are often the first people targeted by religious fundamentalists during revolutions, and often executed, as the oppressors can make a point to all other groups while receiving little pushback from Baha'is.

Her family first fled to a neighboring country, then Canada, and after several months made it to America. Her sons know their native culture and country well, but have been raised as Americans. This is now their forever home.

I'm old enough to remember the revolution, as I was about 10 as it unfolded. Much of my political awareness was galvanized by the events of that era.

Economically, the oil embargos produced a stagflation that caused inflation much worse than we've experienced over the past few years. We also saw our national might openly ques-



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tioned and mocked by the new regime holding 52 hostages from our embassy in Tehran for 444 days.

The Ayatollahs have used their oil money not for the Iranian people, but to finance a terror network that has destabilized the middle east and openly threatened and undermined the west. It is understandable why most Americans view Iran as an enemy, if not the enemy.

Through our years of visits, I've grown to understand an Iran that once was.

It's what Iran still is in the heart and soul of many expatriates as well as those who live oppressed under the current regime.

There remains a great pride of an Iran that had the most educated population in the region. It was forward thinking. It combined centuries of culture with a hip vibe. The standard of living for most Iranians was among the best in the world. There are strong hopes and dreams of what Iran might one day be again.

There have been uprisings against the current regime several times since our haircuts began. We've discussed them all.

Each time, you could see and hear the hope and determination. You could also see the stoic resolve that a now half century of persistence has mandated.

Maybe this is the time that the people can live freely. Maybe Iran can one day be a leader again in the west, instead of being the chief architect and financier attempting to undermine it.

But maybe the wait will continue.

Thus far, at least publicly, America has only sent words of encouragement to those protesting for change. What we know for certain is that things are becoming increasingly violent. Those fighting for peace are literally putting their lives on the line.

We also know that regime change has open possibilities. What happens next, even if the Ayatollah falls, will likely be messy. "They lived happily ever after" is an ending reserved for fairy tales, not global politics.

I'm looking forward to my haircut not because I'm overdue, but because there will be a warm hug. On my end, it will be one of encouragement and of shared hope.

Say a prayer for those in Iran and what they must endure over the days and weeks ahead. Their success will influence if not outright determine our next chapters in world history.

Some observations that need to be shared with three great-grandsons

Dear Henry, Noah and Samuel Knox Wansley,

It looks like it is your turn to receive some unsolicited advice from an old man who has been dispensing it since your daddy and his cousins were about your age. That has been a long time. I'm not sure how much of it they found helpful, but I hope some of it stuck. Much of what I have to say to you comes from my own life experiences — good and bad.

Some of this may be a little premature, since you three range from shedding baby teeth to learning to read, but I thought I should share my thoughts while I am still able to do so. I hope you will at least put this note away and use it as a reference in the years ahead.

One thing that has changed dramatically in the years since I began this exercise is that the world in which you live has gotten infinitely more complicated, thanks to rapid advances in technology. Technology is a double-edged sword. There is much good to be derived from it. In your lifetime, you may witness cures to diseases unimagined in my lifetime. Tours to faraway planets. Driverless automobiles that can fly. And who knows what else?

There is also a dark side to technology. Misinformation can be spread at the speed of light. People can accuse, insult, slander and malign with complete ano-

nymity. Our electrical grid, our telephone network, our financial and defense systems are vulnerable to bad actors around the world. And there is the question of artificial intelligence and its impact on the future.

It is striking that none of this was a subject for discussion in my previous annual letters to your dad and his cousins. That is how much things have changed in such a short period of time. And yet much has not changed. The basics are still the basics, although given the above premise, applying them will be a challenge for you at times.

Fortunately, you three boys live in a stable environment with two loving parents. Consider yourselves blessed. Your parents are working hard to raise you right. Love them and appreciate them even when you may disagree with them. And, on occasion, you surely will. Being a parent is not an easy job. I know that firsthand.

Thanks to generations of forebears, you have inherited a good name. Do nothing to besmirch it by some careless thought or deed. Whenever it is spoken, read or written, make sure it will make your family proud.

Be a friend to everyone but pick your friends carefully. Don't try to be popular. Be yourself. There will be those who will try to drag you down to their lev-



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el. By setting a good example, hopefully you can bring them up to yours.

Never say anything you don't mean so you won't give anyone any reason not to trust your word. That is another way of saying don't lie. In my long years on this earth, I can't remember a lie that was beneficial to any-

one.

Go to bed each night satisfied you did your very best that day, whether it was in the classroom, on the soccer field or when no one was looking. These days only come one at a time. We have no guarantees there will be a tomorrow. Be your best with every day you are given.

Life doesn't offer shortcuts so don't go looking for them. Deal with life as it comes. There will be days of disappointment and times of frustration. We have all experienced them. You will, too. Stay strong. Be confident. Try to keep things in perspective. This, too, shall pass.

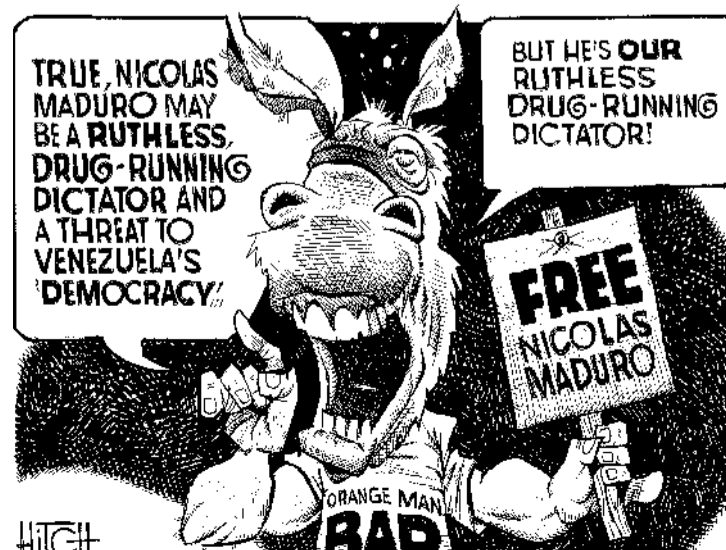
There is a God. I believe that with all my heart and you should, too. God is not Protestant or Catholic, Jewish or Muslim. God is God. Too many people try to

justify their prejudices and narrow-mindedness by invoking the name of God. Ignore them. They are bigots. And when you have doubts — as you surely will — just look at the magnificent symmetry of the universe. This stuff didn't just happen. Believe. Believe in God.

There is a pretty good

chance I won't be around to see you reach adulthood, but I am confident that even with all the challenges you will face, this will be a better world because you are in it. Thank you for letting me share these thoughts with you. Now, go forward and do good.

Love, Pa



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C25-143
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Construction Security Deed from Rivertown Builders, LLC to The Citizens Bank of Cochran dated October 7, 2024 and recorded at Deed Book 484, Page 28, Clerk's Office, Bleckley County Superior Court, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$245,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Court-house door of Bleckley County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 197 of the 24th Land District, Bleckley County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot A-18, consisting of 1.82 acres, Evergreen Creek Subdivision, according to a plat of survey prepared by Robert L. Story, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1853, dated November 17, 2022, and recorded in Plat Book E150, Page 118, Clerk's Office, Bleckley Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference. The debt secured by said Construction 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 Construction Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Construction Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as Lot A-18 Evergreen Drive, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is Rivertown Builders, LLC, a tenant or tenants thereof. The Citizens Bank of Cochran is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage c/o Fricks Person Tourville, LLC, 466 S. Houston Lake Rd., Ste. A, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088, 478-333-6502. Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

All debtors/creditors of the Estate of **Mandy NeSmith Scott**, deceased, of Bleckley 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 of the undersigned. This 8th day of January 2025. Michael Scott, Jr. c/o Kindall Browning-Rickle, Esq. P.O. Box 4939 Eastman, Georgia 31023 January 15, 22, 29, 2026, February 5, 2026

C26-001
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by James M Cumble, Suzanne M Cumble to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated February 10, 2021, recorded in Deed Book 450, Page 407, Bleckley County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 493, Page 441, Bleckley County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$183,882.00), 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 Bleckley County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 11988 Exit 5 Pkwy Bldg 4, Fishers, IN 46037, 855-690-5900.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James M Cumble and Suzanne M Cumble or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **163 Jones Rd, Cochran, GA 31014**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for James M Cumble, Suzanne M Cumble McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 85 of the 21st Land District, Bleckley County, Georgia, containing 24.57 acres and consisting of a 23.70 acre tract and a 0.87 acre tract, both as shown on a plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 126, Clerk's Office, Bleckley Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Being the same property as conveyed from Joseph T. Pitcher and Mary Jo Pitcher to James M. Cumble and Suzanne M. Cumble, as joint tenants with survivorship and not as tenants in common, for and during their joint lives, and upon the death of either of them, then to the survivor of them, as set forth in Deed Book 388, page 28, dated 10/01/2013, recorded 10/04/2013, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA. Tax ID: B51 084 MR /JD February 3, 2026 Our file no. 25-19895GA-FT17 25-19895GA January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

C25-141
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BLECKLEY IN RE: ESTATE OF LUCILE ARRINGTON ALLIGOOD, DECEASED. All creditors of the estate of Lucile Arrington Alligood, deceased, late of Bleckley County, are hereby notified

to render their demands to Richard M. McNeely, attorney for Mary Frances Alligood McNure, Administrator of the Lucile Arrington Alligood Estate, at P. O. Box 767, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of any indebtedness due the estate. This 18th day of December, 2025. RICHARD M. MCNEELY, Attorney for Mary Frances Alligood McNure Administrator of the Estate of Lucile Arrington Alligood Richard M. McNeely, P.C. P. O. Box 767 Swainsboro, Georgia 30401 (478) 237-4225 December 25, 2025, January 1, 8, 15, 2026

C25-140
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY All creditors in the ESTATE OF HOWARD G. BRIGGS, deceased, late of Bleckley County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to Joseph C. Spurlin, attorney for said estate, at P.O. Box 7566, Tifton, Georgia 31793, in accordance with Georgia law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said attorney. This 18th day of December 2025. /s/ Joseph C. Spurlin Joseph C. Spurlin December 25, 2025, January 1, 8, 15, 2026.

C25-142
REQUEST FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NUMBER: JU-2025-369.02 PETITIONER: CALHOUN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE MATTER OF: Gideon King Phillips Steele, a minor child, DOB: April 1, 2025 TO: Laura Ashley Steele, mother, whose whereabouts are unknown. A Petition has been filed in this Court requesting that the parental rights of Laura Ashley Steele, mother, whose whereabouts are unknown, be terminated and that the permanent custody of the minor child be vested in the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources. You must file an answer to said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights within fourteen (14) days of perfection of service by publication or a judgment by default may be rendered. Your answer is to be filed in the Juvenile Court of Calhoun County, Alabama, at the Calhoun County Courthouse. You are further notified of your right to counsel to represent you, and if you are unable to afford counsel, one will be appointed by the Court to represent you in this proceeding. A parent has the right to representation of an attorney in a dependency or a termination of parental rights trial, and, if indigent, the Court may appoint an attorney if requested. Should the parent desire a court-appointed attorney, application should be made immediately upon receipt of notice of the action, by contacting the Juvenile Court Intake Office at 256-231-1731. This case is set for trial on February 23, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. DONE this 19th day of December, 2025.

KIM MCCARSON, CIRCUIT CLERK
Attorney for Petitioner: **Kenneth F. Gray, Jr. (GRA092)** Assistant Attorney General Calhoun County Department of Human Resources P. O. Box 1869 Anniston, AL 36202 256-240-2073 January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

C25-144
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF GERRY RAY MADDOX, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025P82 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: and to whom it may concern: TRACY M. JONES has petitioned for TRACY M. JONES to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of GERRY RAY MADDOX deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before FEBRUARY 9, 2025. 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. Jonathan R. Fordham Judge of the Probate Court January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

C26-002
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS RE: ESTATE OF RHONDA D. GIBBENS, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Rhonda D. Gibbens, deceased, late of Bleckley 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 Executor. Gloria D. McNease, Executor 234 Ninth Street Cochran, GA 31014 January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

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T25-082
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ELIZABETH BARLOW ESTATE NO. P-25-072 NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT The petition of **Johnny Carl Barlow**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Elizabeth Barlow**, deceased, for decedent's Surviving Spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **January 12, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing. Gary Nobles, Jr. Judge of the Probate Court By: Diane H. Robinson Clerk of the Probate Court 425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186 Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044 478-945-3390 December 25, 2025 & January 1, 8, 15, 2026

T25-084
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T25-081
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: BRUCE EVERETT STILLE DECEASED ESTATE NO. P-25-045 NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT The petition of **Shelby Jean Stille**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Bruce Everett Stille**, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **January 19, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing. Gary Nobles, Jr. Judge of the Probate Court By: Diane H. Robinson Clerk of the Probate Court 425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186 Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044. 478-945-3390 December 25, 2025, January 1, 8, 15, 2026

T26-002
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE YOUNG MITCHUM, DECEASED ESTATE NO. P-26-002 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

T25-083
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: BRUCE EVERETT STILLE DECEASED ESTATE NO. P-25-045 NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT The petition of **Shelby Jean Stille**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Bruce Everett Stille**, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **January 19, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing. Gary Nobles, Jr. Judge of the Probate Court By: Diane H. Robinson Clerk of the Probate Court 425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186 Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044 478-945-3390 January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

T25-085
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA In RE: Estate of Edwin R. Robinson, Sr., deceased. All creditors of the estate of **Edwin R. Robinson, Sr.**, deceased, late of Twigg 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 me. This 22nd day of December, 2025. **Faith Nicole Lucas and Melissa Clark Robinson**, Co-Administrators Estate of **Edwin R. Robinson, Sr.** John D. Newberry Newberry & Newberry Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 844 Gray, GA 31032 (478) 986-5141 January 1, 8, 15, 22, 2026

T25-083
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: BRUCE EVERETT STILLE DECEASED ESTATE NO. P-25-045 NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT The petition of **Shelby Jean Stille**, for a Year's Support from the estate of **Bruce Everett Stille**, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **January 19, 2026**, why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing. Gary Nobles, Jr. Judge of the Probate Court By: Diane H. Robinson Clerk of the Probate Court 425 Railroad Street North P. O. Box 186 Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044 478-945-3390 January 15, 22, 29, 2026, February 5, 2026

T25-085
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Wilkinson Co. Legals

W26-001
TS # 2024-10926-GA Notice Of Sale Under Power Georgia, Wilkinson County Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by Larry S Bennett, a married person to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantor, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated 6/12/2014, and recorded on 6/13/2014, in Instrument No.---, Deed Book 357, Page 849, Wilkinson County, Georgia Records, along with Scrivener's Affidavit recorded 12/16/2024 in Deed Book 00420 and Page 00521, and again Scrivener's Affidavit recorded 09/25/2025 in Deed Book 00426 and Page 0135 as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 8/15/2024 in Instrument No.--- Deed Book 00418, Page 01005, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$88,369.00, with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash

C25-139
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BLECKLEY IN RE: DENNIS MARION ELLIS, DECEASED All debtors/creditors of the Estate of **Dennis Marion Ellis**, deceased, of Bleckley 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 of the undersigned. This 18th day of December 2025. Christopher Ellis c/o Kindall Browning-Rickle, Esq. P.O. Box 4939 Eastman, Georgia 31023 December 25, 2025, January 1, 8, 15, 2026

C26-003
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BLECKLEY IN RE: MANDY NESMITH SCOTT, DECEASED

Name: SHILANO MARTEZ HOWELL Address: IRWINTON, GA 31042 Case No: 2023CR013 Date of Arrest: APRIL 12, 2023 Time of Arrest: 18:30 Place of Arrest: Ga Hwy 29 Defendant plead guilty D11 ALCOHOL (Less Safe) Disposition: Cx 1 DUI (Less Safe) (Alcohol) 12 Months Probation, \$1000 Fine with Add Ons 72 HOURS IN WILKINSON COUNTY JAIL, 12 MONTHS PROBATION Date of Conviction: December 22, 2023 Name of Court: Wilkinson Superior Court

Name: SHILANO MARTEZ HOWELL Address: IRWINTON, GA 31042 Case No: 2023CR013 Date of Arrest: JANUARY 18, 2024 Time of Arrest: 19:13 Place of Arrest: Ga Hwy 29 Defendant plead guilty D11 ALCOHOL (Less Safe) Disposition: Cx 1 FLEEING/ATTEMPT TO ELUDE A POLICE OFFICER 180 Days in State Probation, 20000 Dollars Center 12 Months Probation, \$1000 Fine with Add Ons Cx 2: POSSESSION OF COCAINE Three Year Probation \$3000 Fine with Add Ons Cx 4: CROSSING GUARD LINES WITH CONTRABAND Five Year Probation Cx 5: OBSTRUCTION OF AN OFFICER 12 Months Probation Cx 6: RECKLESS DRIVING 12 Months Probation Cx 7: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED 12 Months Probation Cx 10: FLEEING OR ATTEMPTING TO ELUDE A POLICE OFFICER 12 Months Probation, \$1000 Fine with Add Ons Cx 11 DUI (Less Safe) (Alcohol) 12 Months Probation, \$600 Fine with Add Ons Cx 7: OBSTRUCTION OF AN OFFICER 12 Months Probation 180 DAYS IN STATE PROBATION DETENTION CENTER, 10 YEARS PROBATION Date of Conviction: December 22, 2023 Name of Court: Wilkinson Superior Court

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before the Courthouse door of Wilkinson County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 2/3/2026, the following described property: All Those Tracts Or Parcels Of Land Situate Lying And Being In The 331st (Ramah) G.M. District And In The 5th Land District Of Wilkinson County, Georgia, Being Shown As Lot Number WF-29 And Lot Number WF-30, Section Twenty-Five, Tract "C", In The Subdivision In And At Ivey, Georgia, Known As Holiday Hills Lake Tchukolako Development, According To A Plat Of Survey Recorded In Plat Book 7, Page 106 In The Office Of The Clerk Of Superior Court Of Wilkinson County, Georgia, Said Lots Have Such Size, Shape And Dimensions As Shown On Said Plat, Which By Reference Thereto Is Made A Part Hereof. Less And Except All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In Land Lot 46 Of The 27th Land District And/Or 331 Georgia Militia District Of Wilkinson County, Georgia, Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Point 39.53 Feet Right Of And Opposite Station 12+200.777 On The Construction Centerline Of Fall Line Freeway On Georgia Highway Project No. FLF-540 (19); Running Thence Northeast-erly 154.174 Feet Along The Arc Of A Curve (Said Curve Having A Radius Of 154.135 Feet On A Bearing Of N 27° 15' 18.3" E) To The Point 57.84 Feet Right Of And Opposite Station 12+246.514 On Said Construction Centerline Laid Out For Fall Line; Thence S 43° 53' 30.8" E A Distance Of 36.52 Feet To A Point 90.29 Feet Right Of And Opposite Station 12+241.511 On Said Construction Centerline Laid Out For Fall Line; Thence S 18° 18' 47.5" W A Distance Of 73.40 Feet To A Point 92.26 Feet Right Of And Opposite Station 12+220.000 On Said Construction Centerline Laid Out For Fall Line; Thence S 19° 03' 41.0" E A Distance Of 132.83 Feet To A Point 22.84 Feet Left Of And Opposite Station 1+053.647 On Said Construction Centerline Laid Out For South Lakeview Dr.; Thence N 55° 20' 18.4" W A Distance Of 91.22 Feet Back To The Point Of Beginning, Containing 0.226 Acres, More Or Less. Map And Parcel Number: V05-001 (Lot 30) And V05-002 (Lot 29) Said Property Is Conveyed Subject To And With Notice Of The Following Matters: (A) Drainage Easements, Building Set Back Lines, And Other Matters Shown On The Aforesaid Subdivision Plat; (B) General Utility Easements And Road Right Of Way Grants And Easements, Including Those Of Record In Deed Book 318, Pages 47-51; Deed Book 227, Pages 38 And 41; And Deed Book 248, Page 502, Aforesaid Clerk's Office; And, (C) Restrictions Of Record In Deed Book 147, Page 365, Aforesaid Clerk's Office.. Said property is commonly known as **103 Lakeview Dr S Ivey, GA 31013**. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of the sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Attention: Loss Mitigation Department, 11988 EXIT 5 PKWY BLDG 4 FISHERS IN 46037-7939, Telephone No.: (855) 690-5900. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the security instrument. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party(ies) in possession of the property is (are) Larry S Bennett, a married person or tenant(s) or other occupants. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. The sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Larry S Bennett, a married person.

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W26-003
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Louise Cummings, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 316
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: Felicia Cummings and to whom it may concern:
Felicia Cummings has petitioned for **Felicia Cummings** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Louise Cummings** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **February 9, 2025**.
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.
 Bradasia A. Mims
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Carol Hadnett
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Wilkinson County Probate Court
 100 Bacon St
 Inwinton, GA 31042
 478-946-2222
 January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

W26-004
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Cecil James Howard Jr., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 315
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: **Deidra Patrice Howard** and to whom it may concern:
Deidra Patrice Howard has petitioned for **Deidra Patrice Howard** to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Cecil James Howard Jr** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **February 9, 2025**.
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W26-002

CITY CLERK – City of Gordon

The City of Gordon is accepting applications for a City Clerk (Exempt position). This role oversees city administrative operations including official records, budgeting and finance, utility billing, payroll, business licensing, elections, customer service, and public meetings. Serves as Clerk to the Mayor and City Council and coordinates municipal elections and court records.

Qualifications: High School diploma required; Bachelor's degree preferred. Minimum of five (5) years of progressive office or administrative management experience, preferably in municipal government. Experience with billing, accounting principles, payroll, public records, elections, and customer service required.

Application Deadline: Please submit all applications to **Gordon City Hall by January 23, 2026, at 4:00 PM.**

The City of Gordon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

City of Gordon – Part-Time Job Opening

The City of Gordon is accepting applications for a **Part-Time Administrative Assistant.**

Duties include: Customer service, answering phones, accepting payments, data entry, filing, and general office support.

Minimum requirements: High School Diploma or GED, basic computer and math skills, and a valid Georgia driver's license.

Work location: Gordon City Hall

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted to **Gordon City Hall by 4:00 PM on January 23, 2026.**

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DID YOU KNOW...?



Was one of the radio's longest broadcast marathons tied to a baseball team's losing streak?

By JACK BAGLEY
Georgia Trust For Local News

Did you know...

... non-dairy coffee creamer is flammable? (Which makes you really wonder about some of the stuff we put into our bodies.)

... a part of the United States once belonged to Russia? What is now the state of Alaska was purchased by the United States from the Russian government in 1867 at the bargain-basement price of 2¢ an acre, or \$7.2 million. Why did Russia want to sell its sole North American claim? They thought the land was simply useless tundra, and the government of Tsar Alexander II (1818-1881) needed money. Within 20 years, however, huge gold deposits were discovered in Alaska, and in the 20th Century another very valuable mineral – petroleum – was found. (So, if the Russians were to think they were robbed, you may just understand that.)

... one of the longest broadcasting marathons was tied to a baseball team's losing streak? In 1988, the Baltimore Orioles opened their season by dropping 21 consecutive games. Ten games into the streak, a disc jockey at radio station WYZZ in Baltimore, Bob Rivers (1956-2025) made an on-air promise to his listeners: he would stay on the air until the Orioles won a game. Great idea, right? I mean, they had to win some time, didn't they? Eventually, they did ... twelve games later. Rivers kept his word, though, staying on the air 24 hours a day, sleeping only during long song sets. During his marathon, Rivers began to develop health issues from lack of rest. After 258 straight hours on the air, the Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox, 9-0, and Rivers could finally sign off. His last choice of a song was appropriate, too – The Who's "I'm Free." (That gives "think before you speak" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?)

... the largest Christian church in the world is in Africa? Located in the city of Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire (or Ivory Coast) on Africa's northwest bulge, the Our Lady of Peace Yamoussoukro Basilica was built between 1986 and 1989 and is roughly based on St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It rises to a height of 489 feet at the top of its dome and can hold up to 18,000 worshippers. The esplanade, or promenade area, can accommodate up to 300,000 more. The church was built by order of the country's then-president, Félix Houphouët-Boigny (1905-1993).

... the founder of the Smithsonian Institution is entombed in his museum? James Smithson (1765-1829), a British chemist and mineralogist, was the founding donor of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. When he died in Genoa, Italy, he was buried in a cemetery there, and in his will he bequeathed his entire estate to found a museum in Washington. After the cemetery was planned to be moved in 1905, Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), one of the museum's regents, asked that Smithson's body be moved to the Institution building. Smithson is still there, entombed in the "Castle," where his remains have been since 1905. (I've heard of monuments, but this...!)

... a popular comedian never passed on an offer of work? Mitch Hedberg (1968-2005), who was known for his surreal humor and deadpan delivery of unconnected one-liners, never turned down an opportunity to perform. Hedberg said he had been told "no" so often at the start of his career that he feared never working again if he refused a gig. (A funny man who left us far, far too soon.)

... a popular movie franchise was created because of rejection? Steven Spielberg (born 1946) had always wanted to direct a movie in the James Bond franchise. He was turned down, however, and shared his disappointment with his friend George Lucas (born 1944). Lucas advised Spielberg that he had an idea of how to make a James Bond movie – but even better. That's how the Indiana Jones movie franchise was born. (He raided the lost ark.)

... there is a strange reason that many windows in buildings in Britain and France are bricked over? In the 1700s, the governments of Scotland, England and France enacted "window taxes" in a discreet effort to tax rich people more. The tax was based on the number of window panes a residence had. To combat the tax, rich people bricked over many of the windows in their residences, and those brick patterns can still be seen today. (A transparent way to raise some money, wouldn't you say?)

Now... you know!

Shopping carts and living at the end of civilization

Like most people, Sylvan Goldman wanted to make more money.

The businessman knew what it was like to lose it all. He had lost what most folks would call a fortune in the stock market crash, but towards the end of the Great Depression he had once again found success and financial freedom. But of course, you can never make too much money.

In 1937, Goldman was owner of Humpty Dumpty, a chain of supermarkets in Oklahoma City. One night, he whiled away the hours in his office pondering up a way to move more groceries from his shops. Inspired by metal framed folding chairs and with the help of a young mechanic well on his way to being a mad scientist, Goldman developed the first shopping cart, a simple wire basket on a frame with wheels.

On June 4, he unveiled his invention to his customers. Goldman's hopes of instantly doubling his sales were anything but triumphant. Shoppers shied away from this Frankenstein's monster of a device. Men laughed at it. They wouldn't dare be caught pushing a basket for help, but preferred to carry everything in their arms like gorillas build-

ing a nest. Women scoffed at the buggies. Society already forced all domestic roles on them and they didn't want to spend more time pushing around what was essentially a baby carriage.

Thus the shopping cart had a dismal debut.

But Goldman, being the astute person that he was, did what any entrepreneur with disposable income would do: He hired beautiful people to walk around his shops pushing the carts.

It's funny what happens to humans when we see attractive people doing something. We think doing the same thing makes us attractive. Soon, people everywhere were shopping for groceries with the aid of buggies.

To get revenge on people for at-first rejecting his revolutionary retail aid, Goldman later invented shopping cart advertisements, selling only to real estate and insurance agents and wheels that last no longer than six months and cause carts to constantly drift to the left.

Have you ever pushed a brand new shopping cart? It's one of the greatest pleasures a body can experience. I'm talking heaven on earth, up there with holding your baby for the first time.

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Now we can't imagine going into a store and not seeing an abundance of carts, neatly lined up waiting for our arrival. Men and women alike, shudder at the thought of carrying groceries around like a pack mule. My wife called me from a popular chain grocer the other day. Not a buggy to be found. She left the store.

I returned to the location the next day with my son, the black-belt in taekwondo. There were only a couple of carts available, the rest abandoned and scattered across the parking lot like a scene in a post-apocalyptic movie.

Shoppers moaned and shuffled around like zombies. I managed to get my hands on one, beating an overweight man wearing a fedora and flip flops to the last cart in the corral.

We did our shopping as quickly as we could and got out of the store. After loading the haul into the car, I made a great show of returning the buggy to the proper receptacle, demonstrating to passersby appropriate behavior.

I just hope and pray I'm attractive enough to make a difference.

COUCH THEATER



Emilia Clarke, left, and Haley Lu Richardson star in "Ponies" / Photo courtesy of MovieStillsDB

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

"83rd Golden Globe Awards" (TV-PG) – Nikki Glaser is back to host another round of the Golden Globes, and the ceremony is already available to stream in its entirety. Leading the pack in the film category is "One Battle After Another," while "The White Lotus" inched past the rest with six total nominations to top the TV category. Dame Helen Mirren, who has extensive credits in film and television but won her Academy Award for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," will be honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Award. Meanwhile, for the Carol Burnett Award, the recipient is none other than our Carrie Bradshaw, Sarah Jessica Parker ("Sex and the City"). If there's any award show that'll keep you watching this season, it's this one, so don't miss it! (Paramount+)

"Zootopia 2" (PG) – The sequel to Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Zootopia" (2016) not only brought in more money at the box office than its predecessor, but it also became the

highest-grossing film that the company has ever produced. Ginnifer Goodwin reprises her role as lovable bunny cop Judy Hopps, and the satisfyingly sarcastic Jason Bateman is back as fox Nick Wilde. Officially partners now at the Zootopia Police Department, Judy and Nick begin working on a case where they must pursue Gary De'Snake (Ke Huy Quan), a viper who is the first snake to appear in Zootopia in years. During their investigation, they get mixed up with the Lynxley family, a powerful pack of Canada lynxes, and must also prove their innocence to clear their names and avoid becoming fugitives. Out now to rent! (Amazon Prime Video)

"Ponies" (TV-MA) – Emilia Clarke ("Game of Thrones") and Haley Lu Richardson ("The White Lotus") are the leading ladies of this new spy thriller series premiering on Jan. 15. Set in Moscow in 1977, Bea (Clarke) and Twila (Richardson) are two women working as secretaries at the American embassy, and both of their husbands are undercover CIA operatives. When they receive news that their husbands have

died in a mysterious plane crash, both women are desperate for answers and agree to start working in intelligence. As the women are gently integrated into the world of espionage, they get closer to figuring out a large-scale conspiracy involving the Cold War. All eight episodes are out now to stream. (Peacock)

"People We Meet on Vacation" (PG-13) – Scoot over, "The Kissing Booth" and "To All the Boys I've Loved Before"! I have a feeling this new rom-com that is out now to stream will be Netflix's next success in the genre. Based on the novel by Emily Henry, it follows best friends Poppy (Emily Badger) and Alex (Tom Blyth), who live far apart from each other but agree to go on one week of summer vacation together for a decade. Although the two couldn't be more different from each other, one always encourages the other to step out of their comfort zone, all while exploring different parts of the world together. But with the promise of vacations together for 10 years straight, will it be possible to keep the relationship platonic? Watch and see! (Netflix)

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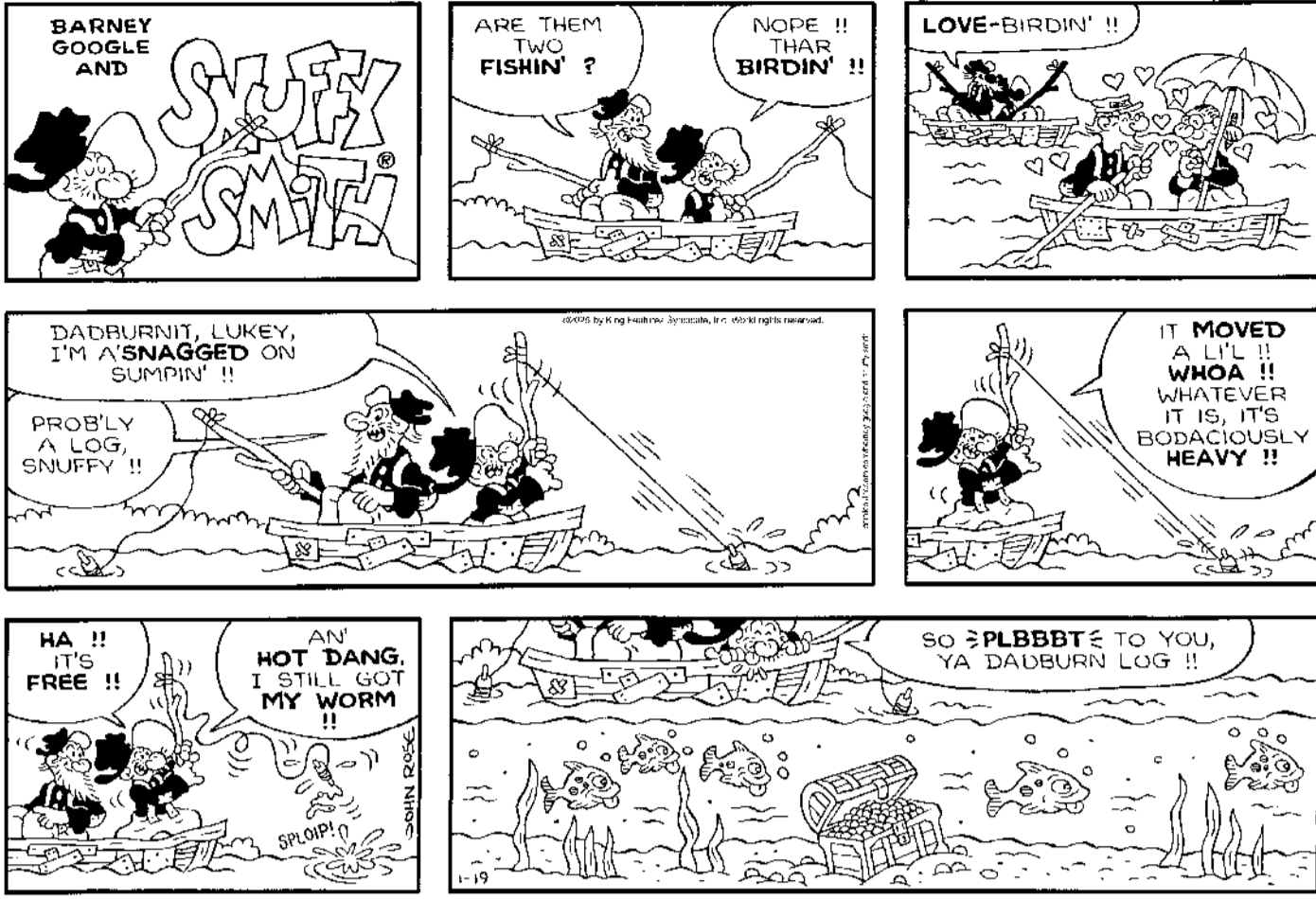
By FIFI RODRIGUEZ
King Features

- (HISTORY): What is the Code of Hammurabi?
- (GAMES): Which letters in the English version of Scrabble are worth 10 points each?
- (MOVIES): What is the name of Dr. Evil's cat in "Austin Powers in Goldmember"?
- (MEDICAL TERMS): What is the common name for somnambulism?
- (TELEVISION): What is the name of the town where "Veronica Mars" is set?
- (THEATER): What is the first play written by an African American woman to be produced on Broadway?
- (LANGUAGE) What is the official language of Austria?
- (MATH): What is the smallest prime number?
- (GEOGRAPHY): What is the only U.S. state with a one-syllable name?
- (MYTHOLOGY): What is the home of the Norse gods?

1. One of the earliest and most complete written legal codes established by the Babylonian King Hammurabi.
2. Q and Z.
3. Mr. Bigglesworth.
4. Sleepwalking.
5. Neptune, California.
6. "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, 1959.
7. German.
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9. Maine.
10. Asgard.

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ANSWERS



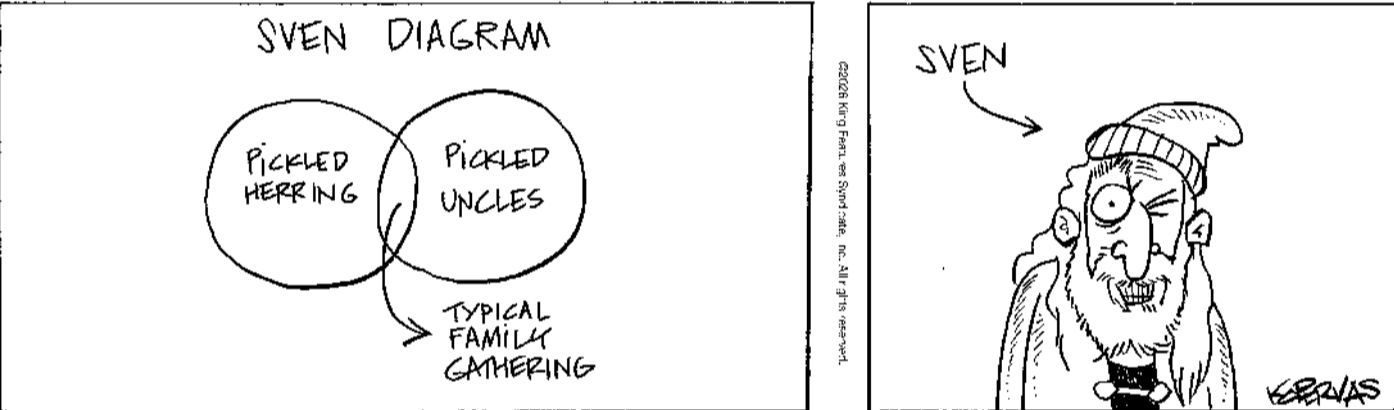
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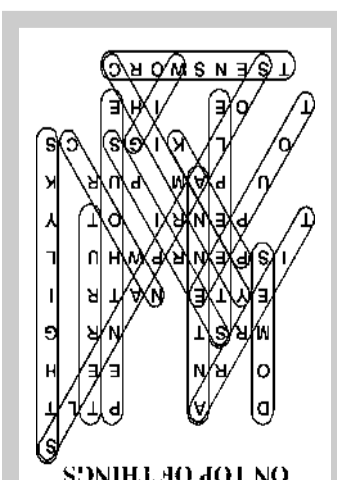
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Answers
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CROSSWORD ANSWERS



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ACROSS

- 1 Post-WWII alliance
- 5 Life story
- 8 Quick kiss
- 12 Challenger's words
- 14 Oklahoma tribe
- 15 Misses an opportunity
- 16 Without acting
- 17 Prattle
- 18 Contacts, e.g.
- 20 Vowel group
- 23 " — Misbehavin' "
- 24 Japanese noodle
- 25 Anthology
- 28 Pvt.'s superior
- 29 To the third power
- 30 Green shade
- 32 Cruised in style
- 34 Furnace fuel
- 35 Region (Abbr.)
- 36 Natural talents
- 37 Nap
- 40 Extinct bird
- 41 "Hulk" star
- 42 Distributes
- 47 "Smallville" girl
- 48 Coffee bar order
- 9 LAX postings
- 10 Natalie or Nat
- 11 Piano pieces?
- 13 Isaac's eldest
- 19 Author
- 22 Speck
- 23 Fossil resin
- 25 Incensed
- 26 Atop
- 27 Bicycle part
- 29 Guitarist
- 31 Gore and Pacino
- 33 MD's diagnostic order
- 34 Stopped
- 36 Dutch word for "farmer"
- 37 Actress Ward
- 38 401(k) relatives
- 39 Drei minus zwei
- 40 Star athletes, briefly
- 43 Equi-
- 44 Sugary suffix
- 45 Mex. neighbor
- 46 Great weight

DOWN

- 1 Zlich
- 2 Hubbub
- 3 Prof's aides
- 4 Salem's state
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- 8 Unspecified

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MAGIC MAZE ● ON TOP OF THINGS

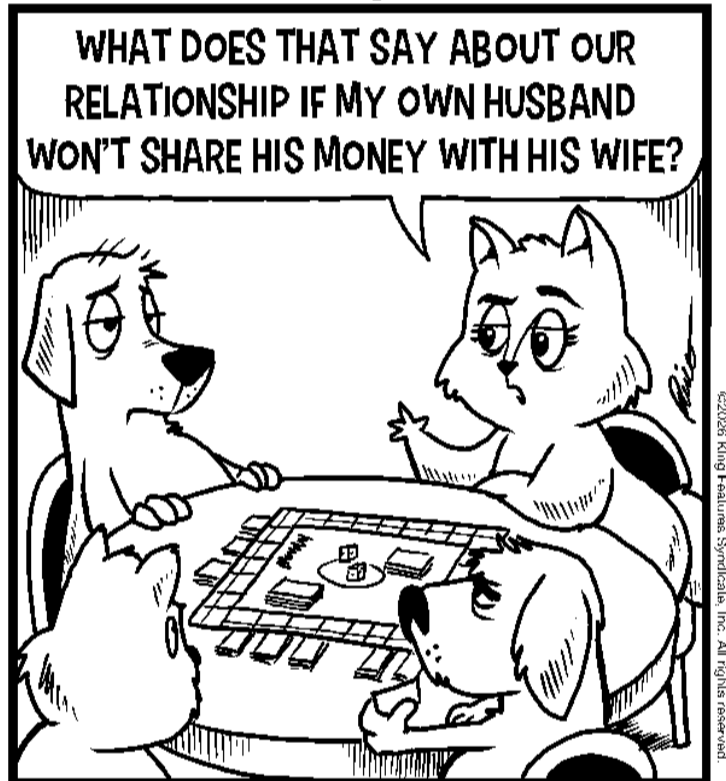
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: ON TOP OF A CAKE

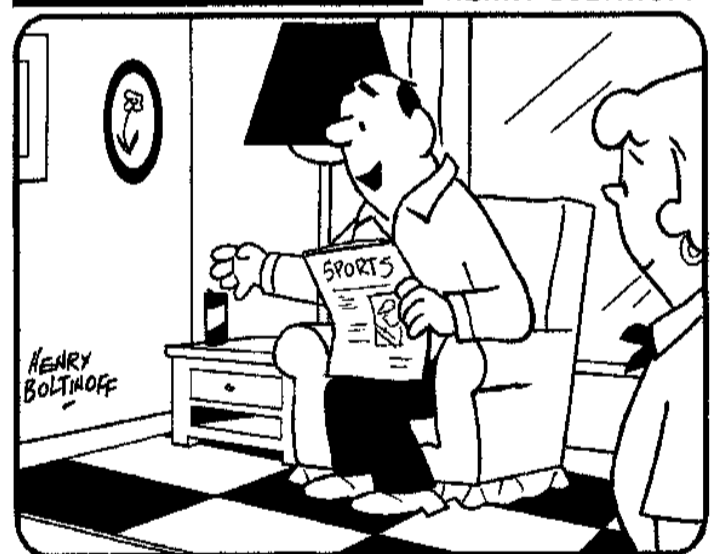
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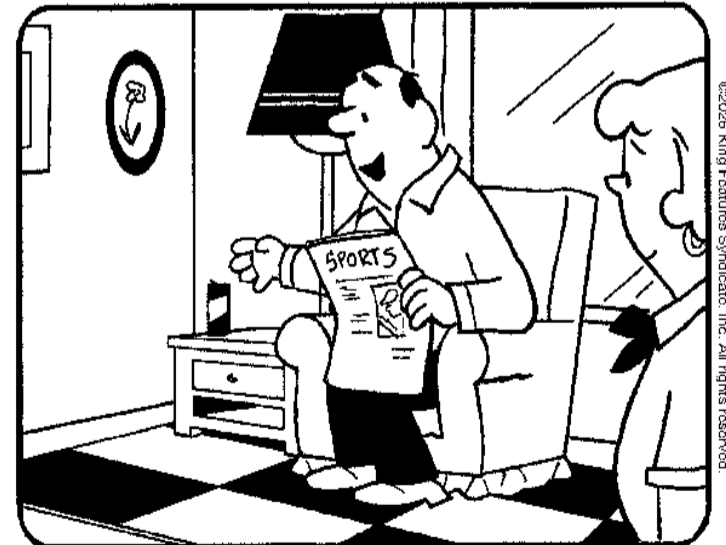
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is shorter. 2. Window sill is higher. 3. Bow is larger. 4. Paper is longer. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Sleeve is different.

It pays to advertise in your local paper!