

Operation Wrong Exit leads to several arrests

Twiggs County Sheriff's Office annual operation aims to deter DUI drivers

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

Operation Wrong Exit took place over the St. Patrick's weekend in Twiggs County, seeing several arrests and citations over the two-day operation.

Operation Wrong Exit is an annual event hosted by the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office. Over the span of two days, local law enforcement band together to perform a DUI checkpoint off of I-16 East heading towards Savannah. The goal - getting impaired drivers off the road.

"Simple thing is, we're trying to de-

ter impaired drivers," said Captain Lee Smith with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office. "We have a lot of crashes, a lot of crashes. Obviously, everybody sees it, and we're trying to do something about it."

During the operation, law enforcement officials set up a sign on the side of I-16 warning upcoming motorists of a DUI checkpoint ahead. Drivers who might want to evade law enforcement, take the next exit in Danville with the belief they're avoiding a checkpoint on the interstate. In reality, the checkpoint is the Danville exit.

Once on the offramp, officials screen drivers for signs of impairment. If deputies believe the driver may be under the

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Twiggs County Sheriff's Office performed annual Operation Wrong Exit on a checkpoint off I16 East towards Savannah over the span of two days/CAROLINE WEATHERSBY



Country Fest

Seasonal festival returns to Twiggs County this weekend



By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

Country Fest is back in Twiggs County this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organizers are expecting 40+ vendors, more than any other previous Country Fest before. Vendors are expected to include food booths, clothing, accessories and more. They will also have food trucks, live gospel music and several animals including chickens, rabbits, goats and ponies.

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Rachel Butler, the organizer and property owner hosts Twiggs County Country Fest seasonally on her property at 3391 Sgoda Road, that she says is intended to promote "community bonding."

Butler says the idea originated in a conversation with a friend a few years ago. At the time, this friend recently moved to Twiggs County from Hawkinsville. According to Butler, she came to her one day interested in meeting new people in Twiggs, but didn't know where to begin. In Hawkinsville, she said, it was easy to meet new people because the environment promoted it. Residents met regularly through community events, like the community market. These experiences kept people in touch.

Twiggs, Butler realized, was lacking in that community space. "Why can't we do that here?" she said.

And so the Twiggs County Country Fest was born.

"A lot of people say, 'You know so-and-so' I haven't seen them in years.' [The festival] is more for that. It's about the community," said Butler. "And it has really taken off."

Last year, Butler held 3 festivals throughout the year,



Country Fest will return to Twiggs County this weekend. Pictured are photos from the very first Country Fest /ELLIE WORSHAM

with vendors averaging about 20-30 booths per festival. This year, she's expecting even more.

One thing that sets Butler's Country Fest apart from others is the live playing of gospel music. This year, Butler said she has a long list of gospel singers to play throughout the duration of the festival from morning to afternoon.

"I love the Lord, and [playing gospel music] is just a way to get His Word out," Butler shared. "You never know who you might touch."

Butler is also the owner of Southern Grace Creations, a clothing boutique on the same property as the festival.

Following this Saturday's event, Butler says the next Country Fest is planned for June 6.



On March 16, the City of Gordon held a public hearing to discuss a federal grant that could help pay for the city's upcoming stormwater project/SPECIAL PHOTO, City of Gordon

Gordon City Council holds a hearing to discuss block grant

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter

Gordon city council held a public hearing on March 16 to discuss a federal grant that could help pay for its upcoming \$1m stormwater project.

Originally meant as a council meeting, Mayor April Adside-Smith declared the meeting couldn't proceed without a quorum, and instead, since public hearings don't require a majority of the council to be present, Smith directed Keristen Layrock with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to hold a public hearing in its place.

Layrock, a community development specialist and representative for the MGRC, gave a thorough presentation on the city's upcoming stormwater project. This project consists of adding 18 to 24 inch drainage ditches along multiple roadways in Gordon, to avoid excess rainwater accumulating in residents' yards and flooding neighborhoods. The drainage ditches will lead to specially desig-

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SNAPSHOTS: YEOMANS, NEWBERN HONORED



Former Cochran mayor Billy Yeomans and exiting city manager Richard Newbern were honored at a March 10 city council meeting. Billy Yeomans served as mayor of Cochran for eight years and retired in December. Richard Newbern served as Cochran's city manager for 11 years. He announced his resignation last month, effective March 13. Newbern will be moving to Barnesville, Ga. with his family to serve as city manager. According to current mayor Carla Coley, the city hopes to hire a new city manager by mid-July/LISA EISELE, City of Cochran



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One arrest made during Operation Wrong Exit was Royjeri McClendon. According to officials, McClendon evaded law enforcement at the Danville checkpoint when asked to pull over, leading to a short pursuit on I16 that ended in a successful PIT maneuver. Officials say that McClendon had several warrants out for his arrest prior to his encounter with the TCSO and that a handgun and multiple pounds of marijuana were found inside his vehicle/SPECIAL PHOTO

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influence of alcohol or drugs, they bring in drug recognition experts for further assessment. Sometimes, they even bring out Pali, a drug-tracking K9 who can detect if drugs are in the vehicle.

This led to several arrests over the weekend. As of March 17, officials are still tallying the data.

One such arrest was for Royjeri McClendon.

According to the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, McClendon was behind the wheel of a black GMC Denali on Saturday afternoon when he entered the DUI checkpoint on Exit 27. While driving through the checkpoint, McClendon avoided multiple signs from law enforcement to stop.

Dash cam footage posted to social media reveals the Denali drove straight through the exit, onto the onramp, and back onto the interstate. Officials say he nearly hit multiple deputies in the process. The footage shows deputies following the Denali onto the interstate, with speeds exceeding 100 mph as the vehicle swerved through traffic.

According to a release by the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, it is believed McClendon pulled a gun and fired one shot toward a police vehicle. Shortly after, deputies performed a successful PIT maneuver, ending the pursuit.

McClendon was arrested shortly after.

"During the pursuit, McClendon showed no regard for the safety of the motoring public, nearly striking other vehicles and even attempting to ram the lead pursuit patrol car," said the release. The release also shared that a handgun and multiple pounds of marijuana were recovered inside the vehicle.

Upon further investigation, law enforcement discovered McClendon had multiple outstanding warrants from several counties across Georgia and an extradition warrant out of Missouri. Charges cited in the warrants include armed robbery, hit and run involving serious injury or death, failure to appear and multiple other felony offenses.

Officials say the investigation into McClendon and his actions on Saturday is still ongoing but additional charges are expected.

"This is a great effort," said Captain Smith. "We couldn't do it by ourselves."

According to Smith, this is the 23rd year of Operation Wrong Exit. Each year since, with the exception of 2020, law enforcement agencies have worked together on this program to deter impaired drivers ahead of St. Patrick's Day.

This year, about 15 agencies were involved including multiple police departments in central Georgia and the Georgia State Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement,



Department of Corrections, Department of Community Supervision and the District Attorney's Office.

"We're all working for the same common goal to make the roadways safer," said Smith.

In addition to checking for impaired drivers, officers also check the safety of children in vehicles. Citations were handed out to parents for children who weren't properly buckled-in, and the sheriff's office distributed carseats free of charge.

"Realistically we're not the biggest agency, but we try to do the best we can do," Smith added, emphasizing the importance of community support in keeping operations like these possible.

Smith also highlighted the importance of vehicle safety in preventing fatalities on the road. "If you're going on vacation, be safe and party there but not behind the wheel of a car...Please put the cellphones down, buckle up, and slow down."

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nated outfall locations, she described.

The roads currently named in the project include College Street, Brooks Street and Shinholster Street.

Layrock explained that to help pay for this project, the city of Gordon applied for the Community Development Block Grant, a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to aid local governments in funding community projects.

Under the CDBG program, at least 70 percent of grant funds must benefit residents with moderate income to "ensure that CDBG

investments improve the living conditions, expand housing access, and improve economic opportunities for residents," said Layrock.

During the presentation, she shared that the total cost of the drainage project will be \$1,056,000.

This hefty bill includes several combined costs including \$799,750 on construction, \$80,250 on contingency, \$72,000 on engineering, \$24,000 on inspection, \$60,000 on grant administration, \$10,000 on legal and easement and \$10,000 on permitting.

The grant deadline is April 10, and the city is expecting to learn if they'll be awarded the grant in October.

If all goes according to plan, says Layrock, the current schedule could look like this - The city will advertise and receive bids during April 2027 and award a contract in May. A pre-construction conference will be held in June, and the project could be completed by December 2027.

Layrock shared that Shinholster Street will proceed first, citing inflation costs as a threat to its completion in the future if pushed off.

Recently, the project on Shinholster was valued by an engineer at \$1.8m, the most expensive of any other drainage projects in the city. She explained if the city waits to complete the drainage project on Shin-

holster last - or anything other than first, the project could be much more expensive, potentially \$2 million, she said.

At the end of the presentation, Mayor Adside-Smith announced that since the council still hadn't met a quorum, they could not vote on the matter and the meeting couldn't proceed.

"At this time...that's all we can do. We don't have a quorum to go further," she said.

The council is expected to revisit the CDBG discussion at a future meeting.

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Concerning the Louvre Heist: Planning a museum theft

On Oct. 19, 2025, a team of intrepid thieves donned the guise of humble construction workers and pulled off one of the greatest heists in human history.

At about 9:30 in the morning the apparent work crew parked a furniture lift against the wall of Paris' famed Louvre Museum. Using the vehicle to gain access to a balcony, the bandits used a disc cutter to enter the historic structure through a window. The alarm was triggered, but people outside suspected nothing, just another day on the busy streets of the City of Lights. Inside, however, unsuspecting guards were held at bay with power tools while several pieces of the French crown jewels, over \$100 million worth, were

pilfered by the poachers.

The criminals left the same way they got in, and, again, no one thought anything of the work team that left the scene just as fast as they arrived. The whole event lasted less than eight minutes. It took authorities about a week to track down the suspects. Eleven people were arrested in connection with the heist, and so far, only five folks have been officially charged for the crime.

The crown jewels, however, remain at large.

Crimes like this always garner a lot of attention, with the lore behind the events reaching mythic proportions and the perpetrators often being granted hero status. Pop culture glorifies a good heist, with



By **KYLE DOMINY**

countless books and movies depicting them in fantastic fashion.

Now it's time for me to plan my own. I have become

aware of an artifact in need of deliverance, and I cannot rest until it is liberated from its climate controlled archival safe glass enclosure.

Nestled near the Pagan River in southern Virginia is the Isle of Wight County Museum. In the quaint structure housing the history of one of our nation's oldest communities is believed to be the world oldest ham.

This slab of still-edible meat is believed to be about 120 years old. It is a "Smithfield Ham," cut was the carcass of a peanut-fed hog slayed, cured, treated and smoked in the town of Smithfield, a small town east of Norfolk, Va. and just south of the legendary Chesapeake Bay.

I must eat that ham.

But freeing it from the eyes of the public will be no easy task. It is under constant supervision, in the form of a 24-hour livestream called the Ham Cam.

A recent study of the footage doesn't reveal a lot of foot traffic near the exhibit. Being the home to the world's oldest ham probably does not bring as many visitors to Smithfield as it used to. In fact, production of genuine Smithfield Hams ceased not too long ago, in 2024, due to reduced consumer demand.

So, replicating the livestream online will be a simple task. AI can help me with that now. Taking care of the guards could be more difficult, but the video shows little surveillance outside the webcam.

On second thought, this job might just be a piece of cake, or rather, ham.

I'll have it out in time for Easter.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Scientists now believe Neanderthals were not just brute cavemen!

By **JACK BAGLEY**
Georgia Trust For Local News

Mark your calendars! This Friday, at 10:46 am Eastern Standard Time, spring begins!

It's the vernal equinox, the time of the year when the duration of day and night are just about the same length (as close as they ever get, anyway) and we see the annual renewal of the world - in the Northern Hemisphere, anyway. Down below the Equator, things are heading toward winter.

Here's hoping your spring goes exactly the way you want it to! For me, it always does, since the trivia flows nonstop. Enjoy!

Did you know ...

... the brother of a notorious gangster was a Prohibition officer? While Chicago mob kingpin Al Capone (1899-1947) was keeping his city afloat in bootleg booze during Prohibition, his older brother James (1892-1952) was one of the top enforcement officers in the country. James Capone changed his name to Richard James Hart following World War I in an effort to distance himself from his Italian ancestry and from his notorious younger brother. He became an agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Nebraska in 1926, and later became a top Prohibition agent until Prohibition itself was repealed in 1933. Later in life, the elder Capone became a justice of the peace, even while his more famous younger sibling was serving time in Alcatraz for tax evasion. (Family ties, indeed.)

... packaged baby food is not the most nutritious baby food out there? It's actually only about half as nutritious as an equivalent meal made from scratch at home. (Yeah, that packaged baby food pork chop is a real

doozy.)

... the Nazis tried to teach dogs to talk and read? In 2011, it was revealed that the Nazis had tried to teach dogs to speak, read and spell - and even conducted experimental research in man-to-dog telepathy. Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) was a well-known dog lover, and he instructed that the research be undertaken hoping that dogs would learn to communicate with their SS masters. According to an article in the Daily Mail, some dogs were said to have been able to imitate the human voice, with one apparently able to say, "Mein Führer." (I have a line here, but it would close the show.)

... opossums do more than just "play dead" when confronted with danger? Sure, we all know where the expression "playing possum" came from. But these remarkable little critters, when cornered, also can foam at the mouth voluntarily to try to convince the predator that it is toxic or sick. If that fails, they can also produce a fluid that smells almost as bad as a skunk's spray. (Amazing little ones, aren't they?)

... scientists now think Neanderthals were not really stupid cavemen? For a

long time, people thought of our early human cousins as dumb brutes because their skeletal remains led to that belief. Neanderthals had ridges of bone above their eyes, they were short, and their bones gave the appearance of having supported very muscular bodies. But recent research has shown that Neanderthals - who disappeared about 30,000 years ago - had a more complex life than that of just brute cavemen. The tipoff was a burial site, which held a Neanderthal skeleton, some tools, and the remains of food and flowers. That indicated a belief in an afterlife - something that had to be communicated verbally, meaning Neanderthals had language and, presumably, intelligence.

... two major milestones in human history happened less than a century apart? In 1903, the first powered flight of a heavier-than-air machine took place at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, by the brothers Orville (1871-1948) and Wilbur Wright (1867-1912). Just 65½ years later, Neil Armstrong (1930-2012) stepped onto the surface of the Moon. (That, friends, is known as progress.)

Public Notice for Variance Request

The Twiggs County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom at the Twiggs County Courthouse, 425 N Railroad Street, Jeffersonville, Ga 3144.

At that time, the Board shall consider the application for Byron & Alisha Glass, located at 94 Windy Hill Ct, Macon, Ga 31217 (T055-225), for a request of a New Residential Construction setback to property line. The property owners are requesting a 2ft setback from the side property line.

Any person interested in being heard by the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners on this matter is invited to attend.

Monte Bloodworth
Planning & Zoning Official

PUBLIC NOTICE

L & A Testing, Computation & Canvassing and Absentee Voting For May 19, 2026, Primary/Nonpartisan Election

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. & 21.2-379.6 (c) notice is hereby given that logic and accuracy testing on the voting equipment to be used on May 19, 2026, Primary/Nonpartisan Election, in Wilkinson County will be publicly performed in the Old GED Building located at 8159 Ga Hwy 57, McIntyre, Ga. 31054. The testing on all voting equipment will begin on Monday, April 6, 2026, beginning at 10 am and will continue from day to day until it is completed. Members of the public are invited to observe the preparation and testing of all equipment to be used. The election supervisor and registrar/clerk and staff will conduct testing. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. & 21-2-492 Computation, canvassing, and certification of election results will begin on Wednesday May 20, 2026, unless otherwise posted and will continue from day to day until complete.

The last date to register to vote in the May 19, 2026, Primary/Nonpartisan Election is April 20, 2026. The earliest date to begin Absentee Voting by mail is April 20, 2026. The last day to request a ballot by mail is May 8, 2026, Advance Voting (in-person will begin on Monday April 27, 2026, through May 8, 2026, (Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) & May 11, 2026, through May 15, 2026 (Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Election Day voting is May 19, 2026, from 7:00a.m to 7:00 p.m. at your assigned polling location. We're 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 Registration
Kelly S. Chatman, Election Superintendent

PUBLIC INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP-IN SESSION ON BLECKLEY COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 5:00 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: The Cochran City Auditorium, 102 North Second St., Cochran, GA 31014

Are you concerned about the future of Bleckley County and the City of Cochran? Do you have thoughtful ideas on what needs to be done to make the community a better place? What do you consider to be pressing needs and issues in the community?

The local governments of Bleckley County, the Bleckley County Government, and the City of Cochran are in the process of updating their comprehensive plan required by state law. The current joint comprehensive plan dates back to 2021 and is the principal guide to the long-term growth and development of Bleckley County and the City of Cochran. The new update will focus on achieving a vision set by the community on what it wants to be and addressing identified needs and opportunities.

You are cordially invited to get involved and to participate in this plan update process. You may do so by attending a public drop-in session concerning the comprehensive plan update to be held at the Cochran City Auditorium, 102 North Second Street, in the City of Cochran, GA from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. The session is designed to be informal, to answer any questions you may have, and to allow for one-on-one input at your convenience. Planning staff from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission will be on hand to discuss the plan and its process, and to receive your input and ideas. There will be no formal presentation. The event is designed as a drop-in at whatever time is convenient for those wishing to participate or learn more.

Please attend and voice your ideas. We want to hear them. Let us know what you think about your community. Do your part in making Bleckley County an even better place to live, work, and play.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to amend an Act creating the Cochran/Bleckley Airport Authority, approved May 12, 2015 (Ga. L. 2015, p. 4067); and for other purposes.

Sunrise on the marsh

DARIEN – There's nothing like an early morning breakfast—even if it is your own kitchen—but when you are on the road it just seems more fulfilling, especially if there is something extraordinary about the landscape and the environment.

When I walked into Kathleen Russell's kitchen here recently, I could smell the bacon frying and was greeted by her other guest, Kenny Palmer. He is her long-time neighbor and friend—a very good person about whom the Beatitudes could have been written. For sure he is a Good Samaritan, always extending a helping hand. He has been enriched by some worldliness but is now happily entrapped by the vicissitudes of home.

A little explaining is in order. He left the Old South of the seventies, when opportunity was still limited for African Americans, and

struck out for New York, settling in Harlem. He found work at an hourly rate that would have been unheard of in McIntosh County. He prospered but learned that by the time he paid the rent and utilities, there wasn't a lot left for groceries and other necessities. He could go anywhere he wanted and do whatever he wanted; there were no barriers. But sometimes the cost of a meal at the end of the month could be overwhelming.

He enjoyed the atmosphere of "the City," but his real home was the Georgia coast from which he was bred. Through it all, he learned that for most of us, making do is a requirement to get through life and realized he could make do much better where he grew up than his well-known adopted address.

Initially, he had to persuade his New York-born wife, Sharon, to join him

as he returned to his native state. She didn't see the sun come up over the marsh every day in Manhattan. She never saw Kenny pull a three-pound trout out of the water, fillet it, and give it the rare tender-loving care on the grill to create as fine a meal there is. Something that would have brought about a tab of \$150.00 or more in New York costs virtually nothing when it is done the Kenny Palmer way.

Fried eggs, grits, and bacon à-la-Kathleen Russell is not only as good as it gets, it is bountifully enhanced by the sun coming up over the marsh. A cloudless sky at sunrise with birds singing, seagulls floating aimlessly in the wind, and trout becoming temporarily airborne down by the docks makes you regret that you aren't an artist.

Such scenes bring about humility, which made it fitting that Kathleen conducted a soft-spoken and introspective devotion-



LORAN SMITH

al. However, this does not mean that she gives up her right to invoke her boat-swain-mate vocabulary if someone challenges her about an issue in these parts.

She knows well the history of U.S. Highway 17's clip joints and the illicit shenanigans of a tyrant sheriff of yesteryear. Kathleen's daddy, Charles Williamson, spoke out against the crooked sheriff and a judge of similar ilk.

What happened next?

They burned his newspaper, printing press, and the rest of his business to the ground. Then Dink Ne-Smith, who owned the Jesup Sentinel, 40 miles up the road, printed the Darien News until the family could get back on its feet.

As we are enjoying breakfast and the spectacular view of the marsh, I couldn't help but think about the hue and cry from various corners about the meddling media. It really starts at the local level. Small communities need editors who are willing to stand up to wrongdoing by public officials and sheriffs who are bullies instead of upstanding citizens.

Billionaires buying major media outlets is not healthy for our society. How can a Jeff Bezos, latent owner of the Washington Post, underscore editorial independence when his career has been to increase the bottom line in all the businesses he has owned?

And right here in McIn-

tosh County this area got its respect back because Kathleen's family was willing to take on a crooked sheriff and a crooked judge.

However, she would rather enjoy promoting the local news about weddings, 4-H clubs, blessings of the fleet, and enjoy weekly breakfasts, accented by devotionals, with a family friend who goes about his daily life, doing good for his fellow man.

This parting shot of Kenny Palmer. There was a young, local kid who needed some mentoring. Kenny picked him up from school, took him home, and provided leadership and counseling. The kid is white.

When some of his black friends asked why, Kenny said, "It doesn't matter. When a kid needs help, we should respond."

Here in this county where corruption was once as thick as the marsh, there are some good things taking place when everyday Americans are Great Americans.

The Democrats' recent filibuster in the Senate risks domestic disaster

I tend to begin my mornings with a game of Wordle. A quick word game is a decent way to get the mind working and hopefully exercise and extend cognitive abilities. There are no stakes involved other than a few minutes of my time and perhaps a few minutes of self-loathing when I fail to guess the right answer.

Other word games have much higher stakes. We're a nation clearly at war. Congress hasn't officially declared a war since WWII, but we've had quite a few peacekeeping missions and police actions since then. The graves of our soldiers from the conflicts of the past 80 years look remarkably the same as to those who died in our declared wars.

We're now even playing word games over the name of the entity that manages and funds our armed forces. What was once the Department of War was changed by Congress to the kinder, gentler name of the Department of Defense. President Trump has reverted back

to calling it the Department of War. Congress, as they so often do, has made some speeches and sent out some press releases, but has officially shrugged at the change.

Over this time our language for public discourse has devolved in parallel with Congress' sense of urgency. We've moved from "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" to "(Expletive) ICE".

The latter is supposed to be cool and relatable to the young kids. We know this because it's almost exclusively used by baby boomers, including those who have been in Congress since we were mopping up from the Vietnam...police action.

Congress appropriated billions in multi-year funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement and its cousin agency Customs and Border Patrol in the One Big Beautiful Bill. The rest of the Department of Homeland Security has gone without funding after the agency was stripped



CHARLIE HARPER
GEORGIA POLITICS

from the last set this year's appropriations bills passed and signed in mid-February.

The stated goal in this word game is to gain concessions on procedures used by ICE to detain and deport people who are in this country illegally. The TL;DR version is to (Expletive ICE).

But ICE is already fully funded, and the Democrats who refuse to vote for the bill didn't want to shut down the entire federal government. They are now

just using the non-ICE/CBP federal employees as "leverage". Senator Sheldon Whitehouse is fond of that word, noting that a shutdown is "the only lever (Democrats) have".

Students of physics know that a lever works when a fixed rod is placed against a fixed pivot point, or fulcrum, to move the object of choice. It's the fulcrum that was otherwise minding its own business that must absorb all the pressure and force for the lever to work.

The pressure points in this government shutdown are the employees of the TSA, the Coast Guard, FEMA, Secret Service, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. About 90% of the employees in these agencies are considered "essential", and thus are still expected to work to retain their positions. They missed their first full paychecks last week.

These aren't desk jockey paper pushers. And as a reminder, word games or not, we are at war. The country we're at war with is

the world's largest sponsor of terror groups. They are known to incubate and activate sleeper cells around the globe. And we're not paying the folks that screen our airports, coasts, or work against cyber threats.

The last administration let 20 million undocumented people enter our country without any sense of vetting. This was done while the Biden Administration pretended Congress needed to act to stop it.

Now the second Trump Administration has virtually halted illegal entries into the country, but the minority party in Congress is using its only levers to stop not just ICE practices and policies, but is refusing to cede to the validity of any deportation order issued anywhere.

Think that's an extreme or overarching statement? Senator Chris Van Hollen flew to El Salvador to meet with a "Maryland man" who has had a longstanding deportation order, and is an MS-13 gang member and known human trafficker.

Who are the folks bearing the cost of this shutdown? A TSA agent in Atlanta has a starting salary of about \$38,000, or about \$18 an hour plus benefits. An agent with 3 to 5 years of experience makes about \$50,000.

These are salaries that are usually associated with people living paycheck to paycheck. And now the Democrats in Congress believe withholding their paychecks is the best way for them to change the administration's deportation arc.

We can see the results in airport security lines. We can't see as closely what is happening in the minds of other officials dedicated to securing our country at a time of war who are trying to figure out how to pay mortgages, car payments, or even buy groceries.

Those blocking a final Senate vote to fund agencies designed to protect Americans at home are enjoying their word games. They run the risk of raising the stakes to the point of a domestic disaster.

Leading Okefenokee mining opponent takes issue with Jones' rationale

Last week, Charlton County commissioner Drew Jones used this space to defend the actions of Toledo Manufacturing in the Okefenokee mining controversy. Comm. Jones, who also runs Toledo's day-to-day operations, says Toledo has gotten a bad rap from me and others over their intentions and wished to clarify their position, which includes how studies are done and by whom on whether or not to permit mining on Trail Ridge, adjacent to the swamp. He also emphasized the economic pressures being currently felt by forestland ownership. Toledo owns some 50,000 acres in Charlton County where Trail Ridge is located.

Now, attorney Josh Marks, president of Georgians for the Okefenokee, a statewide group focused on protecting the Okefenokee from mining, has his say:

"Drew Jones's comments professing dedication to independent science for safeguarding the Okefenokee Swamp were simply jaw-dropping in their audacity. The truth is Toledo and its owners, led by Jones and his uncle Joe Hopkins, have no interest in science unless it supports mining along the swamp's edge, and accordingly they remain the most serious threat to the Okefenokee.

"Here are the facts: Toledo has been pushing for mining of its 30,000-plus



DICK YARBROUGH

acres along the swamp's edge for over 30 years. Toledo leased 23,000 acres to Dupont Chemical in the 1990s despite numerous independent scientists saying mining could damage the swamp. And in 2024, Hopkins was quoted saying: 'I honestly wish Chemours [DuPont's successor] was in Twin Pines' place right now,' referring to Twin Pines Minerals, the company that tried and failed to open its own strip mine immediately south of the Toledo land. That sure sounds like solicitation.

"During the Twin Pines saga, scores of independent scientists, none of whom received compensation from project opponents, produced hundreds of pages of data and reports showing mining would damage the swamp.

"These scientists also repeatedly criticized Georgia EPD, the state's mining reg-

ulator, for repeatedly using faulty methods in its analysis of TPM's project, which criticism was joined by former EPD employees. EPD's failure could be explained by its lack of any groundwater hydrologists or that the agency answers to Governor Kemp, who received over \$150,000 from Hopkins, Twin Pines and other mining interests. Either way, the regulators Jones thinks deserve our deference have instead been proven incapable of doing the job.

"UGA released a rigorously prepared peer-reviewed study in December 2025 proving that pumping of groundwater would draw down the swamp's surface, and because any mining on Trail Ridge would require groundwater pumping, shows mining would damage the swamp. Not a single scientist with the requisite expertise said that Twin Pines' project could be done safely or has challenged the UGA study. Toledo's response? Silence.

"If Toledo truly supported independent, rigorous science, why has it ignored the independent scientific consensus, especially the UGA study, and the criticism of EPD?

"The only possible explanation: money. Toledo and the extended Hopkins family would make hundreds of millions from mining. And to be clear, they're not poor, but are in fact incredibly

wealthy. Toledo's and Hopkins's land holdings collectively exceed \$30 million in value.

"And yet Jones, Hopkins, et al have repeatedly claimed that a scientifically supported prohibition of mining on Toledo's land would destroy their property rights. That is simply ludicrous. Toledo's lands have generated millions from decades of timber harvesting and can continue generating millions via timber, appropriately designed residential development and conservation strategies like stream mitigation.

"Not only is the Hopkins family wealthy, but they also exert outsized political influence. As a Charlton County Commissioner, Jones endorsed the Twin Pines project in 2019 despite Toledo having a direct interest in seeing mining approved in the county and the eventual windfall that would create. He chose not to recuse himself despite the apparent conflict of interest. Not exactly a paragon of transparency.

"Jones and Hopkins testified twice against the Okefenokee Protection Act, even though the bill would protect the swamp and the over 800 jobs and \$90 million in annual revenues the swamp generates and was supported by nearly 100 bipartisan Georgia House members. And they are leading the opposition to the Oke's World

Heritage Site designation, even though such recognition will generate more visitation and improve his community. Why have they done all of this? Take one guess.

"The bottom line: if Toledo Manufacturing really believes in environmental stewardship, they should follow their own advice, listen to the independent sci-

entists, abandon the pursuit of mining and sell or donate their land for conservation. That would be a tremendous gift to Georgia and the world and cement the legacy of the Hopkins family for present and future generations."

There you have it. Both sides have spoken. Now, it is your turn.

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Thanks Mayor & Council

Legals

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C26-024
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES SMITH, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Charles Smith, 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 Executors.
This 2 day of March, 2026.
Ronnie Smith, Co-Executor
827 Limestone Road
Cochran, GA 31014
Vicky Dykes, Co- Executor
360 Williams Road
Cochran, GA 31014
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

C26-012
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BLECKLEY
IN RE: ESTATE OF GERRY RAY MADDOX, DECEASED.
All creditors of the estate of GERRY RAY MADDOX, deceased, late 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.
This 10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2026.
TRACY M. JONES
Executor of the Estate of GERRY RAY MADDOX
167 PALM ST
COCHRAN, GA 31014
February , 26, March 5, 12, 19 2026

C26-020
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Katherine B. Jones late of Bleckley County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 18th day of February, 2026
Name: Jennie Ann Jones Edmond
Title: Executor
Address: 2237 NW 59th St., Miami, FL 33142
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

C26-014
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED
GEORGIA, BLECKLEY COUNTY.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by AMEER LEGACY ARK LLC to COUNTRY LOTS, LLC dated June 14, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 464, Pages 25-29, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Ameer Legacy Ark LLC to Country Lots, LLC in the original principal amount of \$100,000.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Bleckley County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, the following described property:
SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF. THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: CAP SMITH ROAD, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is AMEER LEGACY ARK LLC. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of,

among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. 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.
Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed.
Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property.
Additionally, this 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.

THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed is Brittany Mathis, Country Lots, LLC, 1101-L Hillcrest Parkway, PMB 282, Dublin, Ga 31021.
Country Lots, LLC
Attorney-in-Fact for
Ameer Legacy Ark LLC
Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-9965
ebcatty@bellsouth.net
EXHIBIT "A"

TRACT 1: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #3, containing 6.47 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof
TRACT 2: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #4, containing 4.03 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof
TRACT 3: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County, Georgia, and being identified as Tract #5, containing 3.00 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof
TRACT 4: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 98 in the 22nd Land District of Bleckley County,

Georgia, and being identified as Tract #6, containing 3.04 acres, more or less, located in Bleckley Farms, as more particularly described and delineated on the plat of survey prepared by Abraham D. Eason of Eason Land Surveying, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 8, 2022, filed for record March 29, 2022, recorded in Plat Book EI 50, Page 32, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.
For an aggregate of 16.54 acres, more or less.
This property is subject to Restrictive Covenants dated April 13, 2022, filed for record April 18, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 462, Page 234, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia.
March 12, 19, 26, 2026, April 2, 2026

C26-021
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Lewis Jones, Jr. late of Bleckley County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 18th day of February, 2026
Name: Jennie Ann Jones Edmond
Title: Executor
Address: 2327 NW 59th St., Miami, FL 33142
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

C26-018
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
RE: ESTATE OF JOHN MCCALL WHEAT, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of John McCall Wheat, 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 Executors.
This 26th day of January, 2026.
/s/ Jim Iler
Jim Iler, Co-Executor
160 Stanbrough Drive
Dallas, GA 30157
/s/ Cherrie Helmboldt
Cherrie Helmboldt, Co-Executor
313 East 8th Street SW
Rome, GA 30161
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

C26-025
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
ROBBY MANNING AND KIM MANNING, Petitioner
V.
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING, AND BEING IN LAND LOT 120 AND 121, 20TH LAND DISTRICT, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND LAND LOTS 269, 270, 271, 299 AND 300 OF THE 21ST LAND

Notice

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DISTRICT, BLECKLEY COUNTY, GEORGIA AND ALSO KNOWN AS MAP AND PARCEL NO. B34 045 AND DOREEN A. MORGAN DENNIS H.) MORGAN, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO) CLAIM OR MIGHT CLAIM ADVERSELY TO PETITIONERS' TITLE IN THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTY.
Respondents.
Case No.: 2026V-0020CMJ
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO:
(1) Doreen A. Morgan;
(2) Dennis H. Morgan;
(3) Carlos A. Romany;
(5) Craig R. Lovelock; and
(6) Any interest of all persons unknown who claim or might claim adversely to Petitioner's title in the Property.
By Order for Service by Publication you are hereby notified on January 24, 2026, the Petitioners herein filed a Petition to Quiet Title to Land requesting, among other relief, an order establishing Petitioners' title to the above-referenced property. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Bleckley County, Georgia, and to serve upon the Petitioner's counsel, Ronald Edward Daniels at PO Box 4939, Eastman, Georgia 31023, any objections to said Petition on or before April 10, 2026.
Witness the Honorable C. Michael Johnson, Judge of this Court.
This 10th day of March 20, 2026.
CAROL EVANS, CLERK
BLECKLEY COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT
March

Twiggs Co. Legals

T26-017
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
TWIGGS COUNTY
By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Nathaniel Shine and Nellie Mae Wood to CitiFinancial Services, Inc. and recorded in Deed Book 7J, Page 484, Twiggs County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$18,164.58 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of TWIGGS COUNTY, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, to wit: April 07, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 63 OF THE 23RD LAND DISTRICT OF TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA, FRONTING 318.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERN MARGIN OF U.S. HIGHWAY 80 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY FOR MRS. IDA KING LOWTHER AND EMMETT J. ASHLEY DATED MARCH 26, 1974, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 ON PAGE 41 IN THE REAL ESTATE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF TWIGGS SUPERIOR COURT, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

Being real property commonly known as 19566 Hwy 80, Danville, GA 31017.

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:
Statebridge Company, LLC
6061 S. Willow Drive, Suite 300
Greenwood Village, CO 80111
866-466-3660
The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust as Trustee for PNPMS Trust IV to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust as Trustee for PNPMS Trust IV as Attorney in Fact for Nathaniel Shine and Nellie Mae Wood
Attorney Contact:
Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558

25GA451-0003
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

T26-016
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY LEE ANDERSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. P-26-009
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
Thaddus L. Anderson has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Bobby Lee Anderson 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 **March 23, 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.
Honorable Gary Nobles, Jr.
Judge of Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroad St. N P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390
February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

T26-015
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF



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Invitations for Bid and Request for Proposals by Twiggs County, Georgia

Twiggs County is accepting proposals from qualified Contractors for resurfacing and related road work (the "Work") on New Bullard Road. The Work shall begin at the intersection of New Bullard Road and Highway 129 and shall continue for approximately 2.61 miles along New Bullard Road, ending at the intersection of New Bullard Road and River Road.

All bids must be received by 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026.** Proposals/Bids must be signed; late Proposals/Bids will not be considered. **A Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount is required.** Proposals/Bids without a Bid Bond shall not be considered. Proposals/Bids for the Project will be sealed and not opened until **Thursday, April 2, 2026 at the 9:00 A.M. Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Twiggs County Court House.**

The terms and conditions for the Proposals/Bids, specifications for the Project are: (1) a minimum application of 2.0" asphalt for resurfacing; (2) centerline striping and fog line striping are required; (3) a 2-foot apron is required at all driveways and intersections to ensure a smooth transition; (4) work must be completed within 60 calendar days from the notice to proceed; (5) clipping in preparation for new pavement is mandatory as needed; (6) Contractor agrees it shall remove all debris from the project site upon completion of the Work; and (7) mobilization, bonding, and insurance is required.

As allowed by Georgia law, this Request for Proposal expressly provides that:

Offerors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion, negotiation, and revision of proposals. Discussions, negotiations, and revisions may be permitted after submission of proposals and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

In accordance with the request for proposals, all responsible offerors found by Twiggs County to have submitted proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award shall be given an opportunity to participate in such discussions, negotiations, and revisions. During the process of discussion, negotiation, and revision, Twiggs County shall not disclose the contents of proposals to competing offerors.

Twiggs County specifically reserves all of its rights under Georgia law as to the proposals it receives pursuant to this Request, specifically including but not limited to, the right to waive any requirements and/or specifications included, to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities or informalities, and to accept any proposal that in its judgment best serves the interests of the County and/or is deemed to be best suited for its needs.

Please note that Georgia's law as to the bonding requirements for a county road are applicable to this Project and must be followed, including but not limited to, a performance and payment bond, that must be paid for as part of and included in the contract price awarded to the Contractor selected by Twiggs County.

If there are any questions please submit such questions in writing to the Twiggs County Board of Commissioners Office at 425 N Railroad Street, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044.

Legislation raises concerns on public access to police videos

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Four words added to legislation that targets mugshot mills have free speech advocates worried the public could lose access to videos that hold police accountable for their conduct.

Legislation that started in Georgia's Senate as a solution to the reputational harm caused when booking photographs circulate online after charges are dismissed has evolved into a much broader measure.

Senate Bill 482, supported by sheriffs across Georgia, pits personal privacy of the accused against the public's right to examine government use of force.

Blake Feldman, senior policy counsel with the Southern Center for Human Rights, said it raises a red flag when "a law enforcement agency that wields incredible authority to stop and detain people and discharge firearms at people" seeks to withhold footage from body-worn cameras.

He and advocates for free speech and for newsgathering operations, including broadcasters and the newspaper industry, argued that the requirements would pose a barrier to such access.

The legislation started as a requirement for anyone who wants a mugshot to obtain it in person, with a notarized statement that they would comply with existing law intended to protect people in those images.

In 2013, Georgia made it illegal for websites that publish mugshots to make subjects who were

not convicted pay to take their picture down.

But that law did not solve the problem, so the next year Rep. Brian Strickland, R-McDonough, pushed through a law requiring operators to promise in writing that they would abide by the takedown requirements.

That still didn't fix the problem.

So, this year Strickland, now a state senator, introduced SB 482, intending to make it harder to get mugshots in the first place.

Along the way, he added the four words to his bill that have the free speech advocates concerned: "or law enforcement video."

Not only would news organizations have to drive across the state to get an official copy of a police video from a far-flung community, but they arguably could be forced to identify everyone in the video they are seeking, said Sarah Brewerton-Palmer, a lawyer with the Georgia First Amendment Foundation.

"In order to get this footage, you have to name everybody who's in it," she said. But there could be bystanders in a video of an altercation between police and a suspect, she said, "and before you see it, you don't know who those people are."

Brewerton-Palmer said bodycam videos of a shooting by police during a protest would effectively become exempt from the state open records act.

She and others are less concerned about the proposed restrictions on releasing mugshots because of the way their enduring

presence online has upended the lives of innocent people.

At a Feb. 18 Senate committee hearing on Strickland's bill, a representative from the Georgia Justice Project, which helps people reintegrate into their communities after tangling with the criminal justice system, said it remains a common issue among their clients.

It was at that hearing where videos entered the conversation.

Forsyth County Sheriff Ron Freeman, president of the Georgia Sheriffs' Association, told senators on the committee that his colleagues across the state complain about bulk requests for mugshots and videos that are then exploited for profit.

Ashley Henson, the sheriff in Paulding County, said the accused who have their cases dismissed go on to get "destroyed" on social media. He said that when he tried to intervene to ask for removal of material, the publishing organization did not respond.

"Monetization of someone else's misery is not right," Henson said. "We are not here to give these YouTubers content."

Strickland said in an interview that he was moved to action against mugshot mills by a teacher who noticed her students passing around her booking picture of her. The charges against her had been dropped, so she had contacted the publisher and paid to take it down, he said. But then the photo popped up on another site.

Strickland described it as a "whack-a-mole" problem.

Publishers were not honoring

the takedown requests they had submitted in writing per the 2014 law. And even when they did, out-of-state or even international actors beyond the reach of Georgia law enforcement were republishing them.

"Once the image is there, it's there forever," he said.

So, now he is proposing to restrict supply by forcing those who want mugshots — and police videos — to request them in person. Requiring requesters to identify the subjects in those images would cut down on the number of bulk requests, which tend to be by profiteers, he said.

At that February committee hearing, he agreed with another senator who said the public could still obtain pictures and videos, they just had to "go through the legwork" to get them.

The committee passed SB 482 unanimously, sending it to the Senate floor, where it also passed unanimously on March 6, and now awaits hearings in the House.

The Senate floor vote occurred on "crossover" day, the deadline to move bills from the Senate to the House and vice versa. It is an exceptionally rushed time during any legislative session, when mountains of legislation are getting votes, giving lawmakers little time to read the language.

Democrats backed the measure without question, except for one raised about an unrelated part of the bill. That might have been due to the backing by Democrats. They had voted it out of committee, and two had co-signed it back when Strickland had introduced it —

before he added those four words about videos.

Reached by phone, one of those two co-sponsors, Sen. Kenya Wicks, D-Fayette, said she was unaware of the new language.

"I don't think I can comment because there are a lot of amendments to this bill," said Wicks, who voted for SB 482 with the other Democrats when it reached the full Senate.

Strickland said he is willing to work with advocates to address their concerns, perhaps by changing his bill to require that those seeking a video must identify only the officer who took it or the time and location where it was shot.

But it is unclear whether a compromise can be reached, at least on the video language.

Brewerton-Palmer said she sympathized with Strickland's concerns. The internet and, now artificial intelligence, have stripped away privacy, she said.

But the public's right to know outweighs that harm, she said. "There needs to be a thumb on the scales in favor of access."

Feldman said his organization supports the new restrictions that Strickland wants to impose for access to mugshots, but he said applying those same obstacles to the release of law enforcement videos would be an indirect way to erode the state open records law, something his organization opposes because of the erosion of transparency around police encounters with the public.

ELIZABETH A. PERRY, DECEASED ESTATE NO. P-26-012 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Ethel Wyche has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth A. Perry 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 **March 23, 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.

Honorable Gary Nobles, Jr.
Judge of Probate Court
By: Diane H. Robinson
Clerk of the Probate Court
Twiggs County Probate Court
425 Railroad St. N. P. O. Box 186
Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044
478-945-3390

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

T26-018 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF TWIGGS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
NOAH SISENEG LOS'NHOJ WILLIAMS,
MINOR
ESTATE NO. P-26-019
NOTICE

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

You are hereby notified that Leslie Williams has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian(s) of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia 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. NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without hearing.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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March 19, 26, 2026

T26-014 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOYCE YOUNG MITCHUM.

All creditors of the estate of Joyce Young Mitchum, late of Twiggs County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 17th day of February 2026 to Jessica M. Blizzard, c/o Attorney:

Tim J. Thompson
1900B Northside Crossing
Macon, GA 31210
478-471-9900.

February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2026

Wilkinson Co. Legals

W26-023 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In the interest of Jasey Brinson Roberts, a child.

Civil Action No.: 202619-0001
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Petitioner has requested to serve any and all interested parties in the adoption of the above-named minor child by publication.

Having considered the same, Petitioners are ordered to serve any and all interested parties by publication by publishing a copy of the Notice of Filing Adoption in the county organ for Bleckley County.

Dated MARCH 4, 2026.
Sarah F. Wall
Judge, Bleckley County Superior Court

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

W26-032 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Converse Mallory, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.333
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Converse Mallory Jr and to whom it may concern:

Converse Mallory Jr has petitioned for Converse Mallory Jr to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Converse Mallory 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 **April 6, 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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Judge of the Probate Court
By: Bradasia Mims
Clerk of the Probate Court
Wilkinson County Probate Court
100 Bacon St
Irwin, GA 31042
478-946-2222

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

W26-030 WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS

Glenda F. Jackson
P.O. Box 1133
Danville, GA 31017
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA UNDER THE NAME OF:

A&A Restaurant
and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such address is Restaurant.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

W26-024 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Donna Ford Schneider, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 330
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Derek S Grimes and to whom it may concern:

Derek S Grimes has petitioned for Derek S Grimes to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Donna Ford Schneider 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 **March 30, 2026**.

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Glenda F. Jackson
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 3 day of March, 2026.
Karen Prescott
Deputy Clerk

March 12, 19, 2026

W26-028 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
Donna Ford Schneider, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 330
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March 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

W26-031 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF WILKINSON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF James Ricky Flury, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.332
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: James Ricky Flury II and to whom it may concern:

Erin Lee Flury has petitioned for Erin Lee Flury to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of James Ricky Flury 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 **April 6, 2026**.

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March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2026

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA WILKINSON COUNTY WHEREAS, Michael A. Screws, SR, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED TO THE Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an Officer of the United States of America, Lender which was dated 4/28/1999, and recorded on 4/29/1999, as Instrument No. 221373, in Book 463, Page 479, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$44,000.00 in Wilkinson County, Georgia Register of Deeds. 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 5/5/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Wilkinson County Courthouse, 100 Bacon Street, Irwinton, Georgia 31042 of Wilkinson, the following described property situated in Wilkinson County, Georgia, to wit: ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OF PARCEL OR LAND, TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND CONNECTED THERewith, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE 322ND MILITIA DISTRICT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING ONE (1) ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SAME MADE FROM A SURVEY BY WALKER MCKNIGHT, REGISTERED SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY, 1972 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN DEED BOOK 92, AT PAGE 551. Tax Parcel ID: 025 021 Being real property commonly known as 277 FOREST VALLEY DRIVE GORDON, GA 31031 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 Mortgagee 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 confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 1300 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Deutsche Bank National Trust Company formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee of Vendee Mortgage Trust 1999-3 to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company formerly known as Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as Trustee of Vendee Mortgage Trust 1999-3 as Attorney in Fact for Michael A. Screws, SR Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone:

404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS# 26-38714 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

W26-025 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF WILKINSON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by LARRY SHAW TO MORTGAGEE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR CASTLE POINT MORTGAGE, INC. in the original principal amount of \$59,500.00 dated May 24, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 308, Page 60, Wilkinson County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to CITIMORTGAGE, INC. in Deed Book 378, Page 948, Wilkinson 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 4/7/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN CITY OF GORDON IN THE COUNTY OF WILKINSON, AND STATE OF GA AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 03/16/1990 AND RECORDED 03/27/1990 IN BOOK 193 PAGE 596 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING, SITUATE, AND BEING IN THE 331ST G.M. DISTRICT, AND BEING IN THE 27TH LAND DISTRICT, AND BEING IN LAND LOT 210, OF WILKINSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND ALSO BEING IN THE CITY OF GORDON, AND CONTAINING 0.67 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF THE CHARLES E. FRAUSER PROPERTY BEING PREPARED BY CHARLES E. YAUN, AND BEING DATED JANUARY 23, 1969, AND BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE WILKINSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH PLAT, BY REFERENCE THERETO, IS MADE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN.

PARCEL NO. G12-128

Said property being known as: 110 JONES ST, GORDON, GA 31031

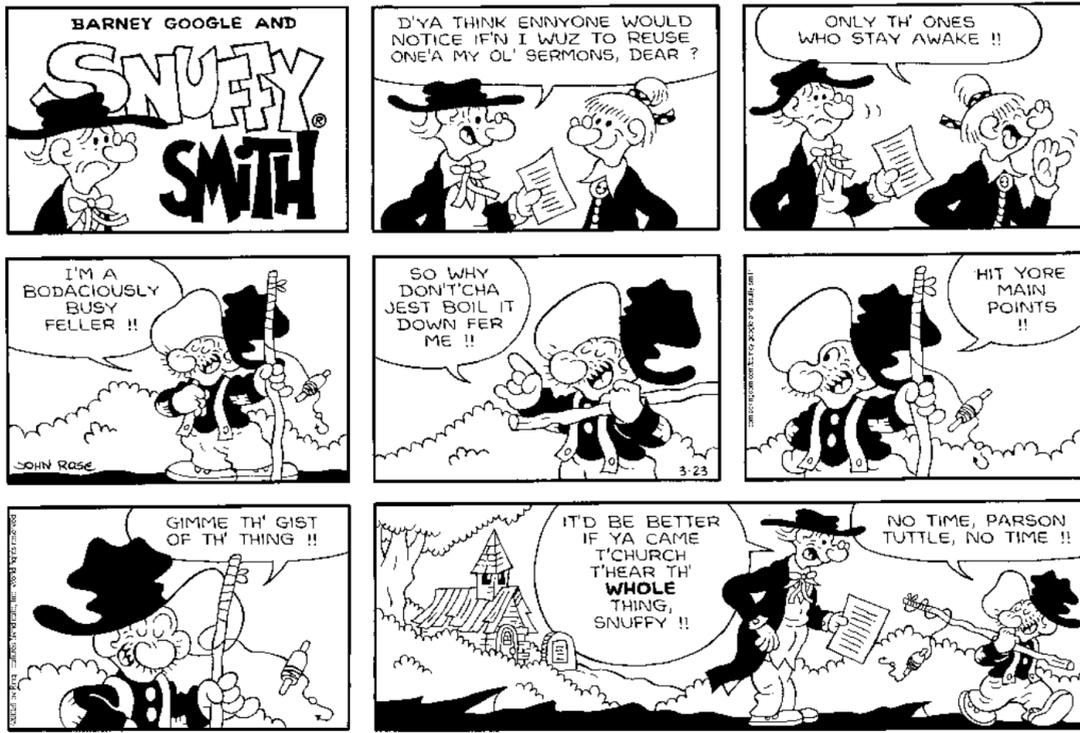
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are LARRY SHAW or tenant(s).

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:



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 M K I H F Z L D E S R U P J O
 B S Z Y E A W S G B V T R E T
 Q O D E W N K N A B Y G G I P
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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: PRECIOUS —

- Art
- Bonds
- Checking
- Cookie jar
- Crypto
- Freezer
- Matress
- Money belt
- Piggy bank
- Purse
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- Stocks
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

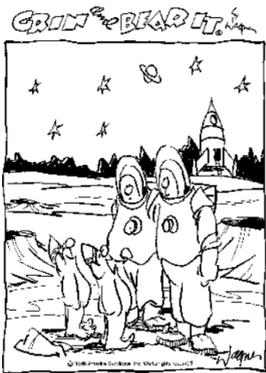


Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



King Crossword
 Solution time: 24 mins.
 Answers

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

MAGIC MAZE ANSWERS

King Crossword

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- 1 Banner
- 5 Invoice fig.
- 8 Experts
- 12 Earring site
- 13 Brit's restroom
- 14 Carry on
- 15 Capital of Paraguay
- 17 Slender weapon
- 18 Rationed (out)
- 19 Urges forward
- 21 "La Dolce —"
- 24 Granola morsel
- 25 Luke's teacher
- 28 Folklore monster
- 30 Mel of Cooperstown
- 33 "Caught ya!"
- 34 Welcome
- 35 Bankroll
- 36 "Tasty!"
- 37 Give temporarily
- 38 Burden
- 39 Navarro on "The View"
- 41 Mausoleum
- 43 Continue
- 46 Skiers' mecca
- 50 Bank statement no.
- 51 Capital of India

DOWN

- 1 Two-stroke drumbeat
- 2 Misplace
- 3 Border on
- 4 Swiss metropolis
- 5 Foreman foe
- 6 Cattle call
- 7 Author
- 8 Venezuelan corn patty
- 9 Capital of South Africa
- 10 Daring Knieval
- 11 Beholds
- 16 Roman 401
- 20 Champagne brand
- 22 Ripped
- 23 Rep
- 25 Candied veggie
- 26 Resistance unit
- 27 Capital of Syria
- 29 Make over
- 31 Sigma follower
- 32 QBs' goals
- 34 Glitzy rock genre
- 38 Fixate
- 40 Peculiar
- 42 Irrate
- 43 Grate
- 44 Canyon comeback
- 45 Concludes
- 47 Conspiracy
- 48 Barak of Israel
- 49 Guitarist Lofgren
- 52 Rock producer Brian
- 53 Method

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Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Briefcase is different. 3. Vest is missing. 4. Elbow patch is added. 5. Newspaper is larger. 6. Bush is moved.

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Week 9: Under the Gold Dome

With Crossover Day behind us, the Senate is now turning its attention to House legislation and one of our most important responsibilities: crafting a sound Fiscal Year 2027 state budget. This week, Senate leaders met with agency heads and stakeholders from across Georgia's industries to review funding needs and ensure our state remains on a strong path economically.

This process may take time, but it's one of the reasons Georgia is consistently recognized for responsible financial management. Every dollar we approve is taxpayer money, and we take that responsibility seriously. That means asking tough questions, carefully reviewing requests and investing in programs that truly benefit Georgia families.

We are also working to make sure state policies do not place unnecessary burdens on our local communities. This week, I voted to pass House Bill 244, which will allow smaller local governments with annual expenditures under \$2.5 million to complete a streamlined audit process. Right now, many small towns are required to conduct full audits every year, which can be expensive and difficult for communities with limited staff and resources. This legislation maintains accountability while giving smaller governments more flexibility so they can spend more time focusing on the services their residents rely on.

Protecting your finances is another priority we addressed this week. The Senate passed House Bill 945, which strengthens protections against financial exploitation. Unfortunately, scams targeting seniors and vulnerable individuals have become more common and increasingly sophisticated. This bill allows banks to place a temporary 15-day hold on transactions if they

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By **STATE SEN. LARRY WALKER**

suspect someone is being financially exploited. Financial institutions are often the first to notice suspicious activity, and this legislation gives them the ability to step in and help prevent someone from losing their hard-earned savings.

We also took an important step toward helping more children find permanent homes. The Senate adopted Senate Resolution 771, creating the Senate Study Committee on Adoption and Permanency Affordability. For many loving families, the cost of adoption can be a major barrier. This committee will study ways to make adoption more affordable and accessible so that more children in Georgia have the opportunity to grow up in safe, stable homes.

Lastly, it was a great pleasure to welcome several members of the current federal administration under the Gold Dome this week. Brooke Rollins, United States Secretary of Agriculture, announced that more than \$500 million in federal block grants will soon be made available for Georgia farmers. These funds are critical for many producers who are still recovering from the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene, and I am grateful for the federal support directed toward the hardworking men and

women who power Georgia's number one industry and help keep food on our tables.

We also welcomed Kelly Loeffler, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and Doug Collins, Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Administrator Loeffler commended Georgia for the way we support our small businesses and highlighted the billions of dollars in disaster recovery assistance and small business lending that have helped communities across our state rebuild and grow. We appreciate her continued support and the investments that have helped many Georgia businesses recover and expand. I also appreciate Secretary Collins for addressing the real challenges facing veterans across the country, and we will continue working to ensure Georgia remains a place where those who served our nation receive the care, support and opportunities they have earned.

As always, hearing directly from you is one of the most important parts of my job. If you have questions, concerns or ideas about issues affecting our community, please do not hesitate to contact my office. It is an honor to serve you under the Gold Dome.

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