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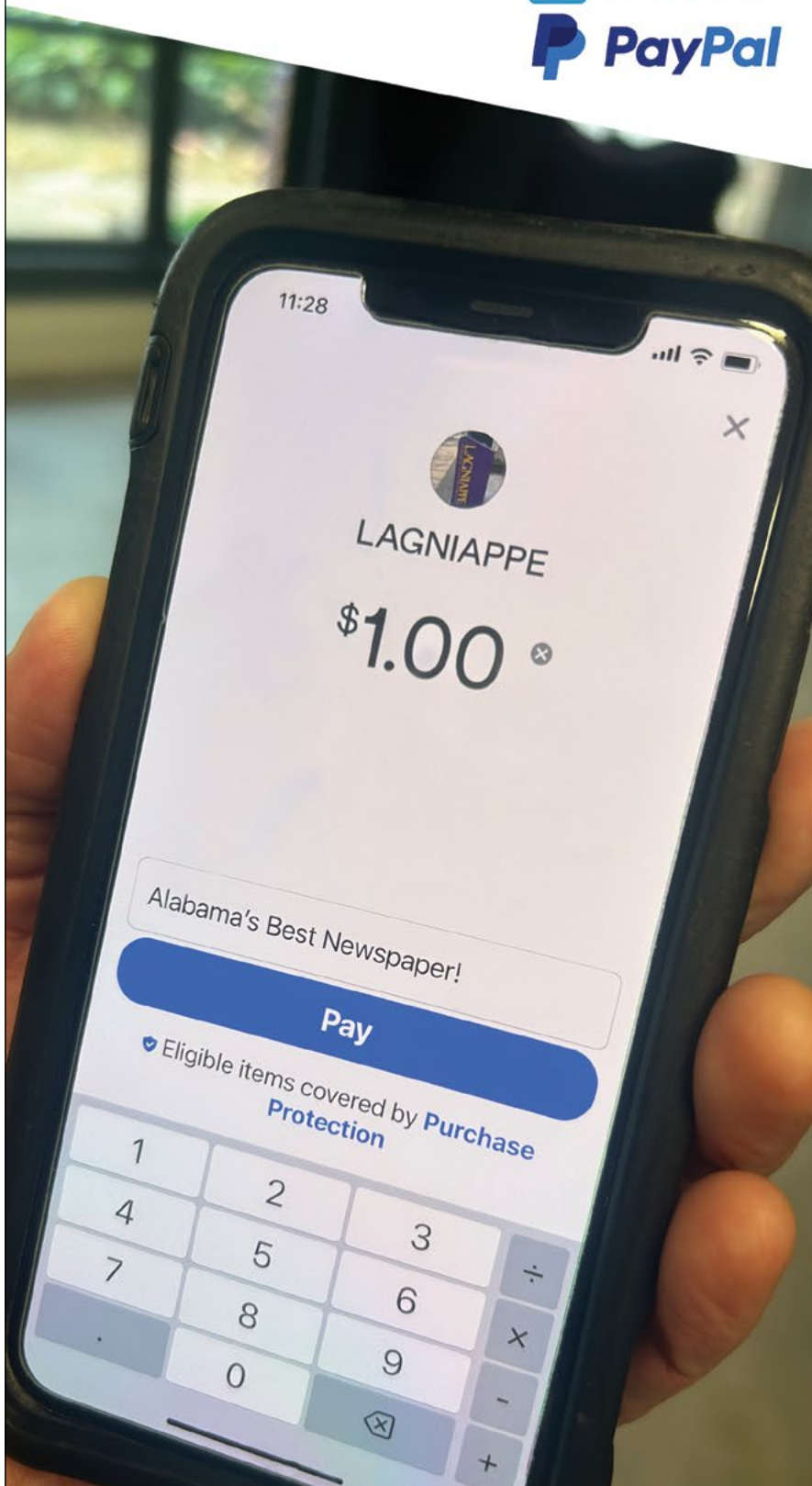
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BY DALE LIESCH

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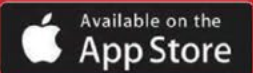


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ST AEROSPACE CONFLICT SHOULD BE ‘WAKE-UP CALL’

The engineers from one of Americans’ best allies in Latin America, Chile, in Pensacola, Florida, and the conflict with ST Aerospace should be a wake-up call on how NOT to deal with immigration and incentives! I do have a great deal of confidence that Mayor DC Reeves and partners Escambia County, Governor DeSantis and State of Florida, colleges and economic development partners can turn lemons into lemonade as grandma would say.

I had the honor of being part of the Airbus, Austal, Alabama Port and ThyssenKrupp (SAAB) team as president of the Mobile County Commission (Alabama), the largest economic development projects in the United States, from 2001-2010. This greatly benefited not only Mobile, Baldwin County and Pensacola but the entire Gulf Coast. Those companies had three key concerns: education, qualified employees and quality of life. Of course, incentives and tax breaks were a large part of “landing the Big One.”

The concerns of those Chilean engineers should be all of ours that depend on economic development across the Gulf Coast and respective states. These engineers had the dream of working for our aerospace industries with the hopes of becoming Americans. This is the way we should ALL want to have a legal immigration policy work, screened, dedicated immigrants want to build a good community.

Pensacola and the Gulf Coast should welcome these 300 Chilean workers and their families and demonstrate this is how to LEGALLY immigrate and support America and their respective communities. These 300 good folks from Chile, our most strategic partner in Latin America, have done just that, buying homes, working to support our ever-growing aerospace corridor along the Gulf Coast.

To recruit local is a MUST, of course. Stronger language should be included in incentive packages as I made attempts with Governor Riley to include “local employment as a prerequisite to incentive and taxpayer dollars.”

Immigration is critically important to reform in America. The visa program desperately needs reform to address this situation so it protects workers and enhances better participation. The worldwide companies the Gulf Coast deals with now have much different immigration policies and we need to adapt.

The reality is locals CANNOT fill all the roles these companies need. The state, county, city, chamber, college and education partners should follow Mayor DC Reeves’ leadership and improve and enhance training programs to help local citizens gain the ability to fulfill these jobs and hopefully we won’t have to rely on H1B1 visa programs. But that is NOT reality.

It is very important for local leaders, the chamber of commerce and the state to monitor and find solutions like that of ST Engineering and the 300 Chilean workers because it can have a devastating effect on trying to recruit other LEGAL, NEEDED, qualified immigrants that support our growing aerospace industry.

ST Engineering should be held accountable and solve this issue with these workers and do the right thing and live up to the word they gave the taxpayers of Pensacola, the State of Florida and more importantly, these Chilean families who moved to live the dream of becoming Americans and part of our community.

The most important issue is how do we support these families who have moved here with the promise of becoming Americans. These promises were made by ST Engineering our local, state and federal government with taxpayers’ monies through the incentives offered under contract.

Stephen Daniel Nodine
Former President of Mobile County Commission (2004-2010)
Mobile City Council 2001-2004
Alabama Port Authority 2005-2006

A HORROR STORY UNFOLDS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

I am an alumnus of the University of South Alabama, and while driving through the campus on Nov. 6, I saw huge banners posted on the front entrances of more than one fraternity/sorority house. The banners read, “Trump Won.” As a child of the ’60s and a son of a WWII father, I was outraged and angry. These ignorant children might think that they have elected “Mr. Rogers” but in reality they elected Satan.

Trump called my father a “sucker and loser” because he served his country. My father was a man who proudly served in the Pacific during the war, killing fascists, who tried desperately to destroy the United States. It is apparent that none of these foolish students ever had a civics or democracy lesson, because if they had, they would regret their ignorance. The current generation of college students, or at least many of them, are waving a red flag at toro and a disaster is looming for them.

I am old, but these young people have elected a man who has promised to be a dictator on day one, a man who promised to take away a woman’s right to her private medical decisions and a man who may also add jail time along with those caregivers who assisted them. Trump is a convicted felon, 34 counts, and possibly a traitor who is thought to have shared American secrets with other dictators and enemies of our nation. Trump is a man convicted of sexual assault as well. If you are an immigrant or a minority in America, your life is in danger because Trump’s election has unleashed racists and MAGA haters of all stripes to terrorize immigrants, minorities, democrats and liberals.

Last but not least, the MAGA crowd now has a legislative roadmap (by way of elected Republican mega majorities) to turn back all civil and human rights gains of the last 60 years. Don’t believe me? Just look at Alabama and Kay Ivey. Millions of Americans will live in fear of this horror and rightly so. Americans are too fat and lazy to fight for their freedom, so they will bend to the dictator’s will. The fascist noose will soon begin to close around the American people.

Once upon a time, the people of the American Colonies fought for their freedom from tyranny, clothed as a king. Now, we have a generation who hands over our nation to a new mad/evil king. Disgusting!

P.S. Lagniappe won’t publish this because you are too frightened by the MAGA mob in your own backyard, a mob who might threaten and intimidate your newspaper and yourselves. Remember what I said that Trump’s election now unleashes the haters on the American public.

To the leadership of the University of South Alabama: The thousands of dollars I have given you in the past just ended. My money will now go to fight the dictator and criminal Trump, and his spineless immoral sycophants. God save the United States!

Richard Tillman,
Mobile

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Sincerely,
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Battle stations
Plans to dismantle ex-warship in Mobile
criticized by Mobile Chamber

BY KYLE HAMRICK

As a team of nuclear ship recyclers competes for a contract to dismantle the world’s first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in Mobile, a group of area business leaders said the work could hamper the city’s economic progress.

NorthStar Maritime Dismantlement Services and Modern American Recycling and Radiological Services (MARRS) announced on Friday their plans to join forces and compete for a U.S. Navy contract to break down the decommissioned Enterprise’s eight nuclear reactors and recycle its non-radioactive parts.

The Navy approved a plan last summer to allow private contractors in either the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, Brownsville, Texas, or Mobile dismantle the ship, saying the commercial sector could dispose of it faster and cheaper than the military could. Previous estimates place the Enterprise’s dismantlement costs at between \$554 million and \$696 million.

NorthStar has experience taking apart nuclear American military vessels without going over budget or lagging behind schedule, according to a statement, and was previously called “the best in the country” by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for its work on a nuclear power station in Vermont.

With workyards around the world and a deepwater facility in Mobile, MARRS’s Mobile facility achieved recognition by the Shipbuilders Council of America for safety and is “an ideal venue” for dismantling the Enterprise, according to a statement.

Scott State, NorthStar’s CEO, said joining forces with MARRS gives Mobile a competitive advantage in the Navy’s bidding process.

“We look forward to applying our well-honed commercial industry practices to this first-of-a-kind project and look forward to a long relationship with MARRS and the Mobile community,” he said in a statement.

MARRS President and CEO Dwight Caton Sr. stated his company and NorthStar “will ensure that the legacy of the ex-Enterprise is honored” by disposing of it in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

The Mobile Chamber Board of Directors took a different position in a Monday statement. The board said the proposed dismantlement “is incompatible with our vision for a dynamic and sustainable downtown” and would undermine ongoing efforts to grow downtown Mobile’s economy and quality of life.

“In just the next 12 months, we’ll see the start of construction of the new Civic Center and the new I-10 River Bridge and Bayway, the completion of Heroes Plaza and the groundbreaking of the new River Walk Hotel,” the statement reads. “Bringing a large-scale nuclear dismantlement operation to our downtown waterfront risks undermining these efforts and creating a public perception issue, which could harm our city’s reputation as a vibrant, growing community.”

NorthStar and Modern American Recycling are not Mobile Chamber members, spokeswoman Denise Curtis wrote in an email.

In a statement replying to the Chamber’s opposing view, State said dismantling the Enterprise in Mobile would merely be a continuation of the city’s long legacy of dismantling ships, if the Navy awards the contract to NorthStar and MARRS. He said the proposed dismantling area is also more than one mile south of downtown

Mobile’s waterfront on a private worksite.

“Because the ex-Enterprise aircraft carrier has been completely defueled [of nuclear material], the surgical work of dismantlement that the ... team proposes to take on is consistent with the shipbreaking projects that Mobile’s maritime workforce have safely completed with distinction for decades,” State said in a statement. “[The team members] look forward to engaging the community in discussions about how the ex-Enterprise dismantlement project can enhance the vibrancy of the Port of Mobile’s working waterfront,”

The Navy previously estimated the vessel contains more than 8,000 tons of hazardous or radioactive waste, along with more than 75,000 tons of scrap metal. Work would begin in 2025 and could end by 2030. At the time of publication, the Navy has not said where the Enterprise will be taken apart.

The effect the Enterprise’s dismantlement could have on Mobile’s health and environmental well-being was an object of repeated concern in public comments made to the Navy in 2022. Navy representatives assured those who attended each virtual public comment meeting that contractors would have to comply with strict local and federal environmental standards.

Robert E. Thompson, the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Navy, wrote in a record of decision last summer that dismantling the Enterprise will not have “significant environmental impacts” wherever its disposal takes place.

“This alternative safely disposes of the ex-Enterprise, including its hazardous materials, in approximately five years as compared to 15 years or more for other analyzed alternatives,” Thompson wrote. “Additionally, this alternative will have the lowest greenhouse gas emissions, will not require in-water construction work to expand the capacity of Port of Benton barge slip in Washington State, and will be executed at approximately half the cost to the taxpayer as compared with other alternatives.”

Jeffrey Avery, who directs the Regulatory and Security Affairs Division of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, told participants at both virtual meetings that 99 percent of the Enterprise’s radioactivity left the vessel when the Navy drained its reactors after decommissioning it.

“The remaining radioactivity is characterized as ‘low-level radioactivity’ in accordance with federal standards and requirements,” he said, “and there [are] decades of experience both within the Navy and the commercial sector involving safe handling and disposal of such ‘low-level radioactivity.’”

Dismantling the ship in Mobile or somewhere else and shipping the reactor parts to a disposal facility would not have a significant impact on the surrounding environment, Avery said, noting “low-level radioactive material” is shipped across the country every day in the medical and commercial energy fields.

The Enterprise participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, the bombing of Libya, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terror after entering service in 1961, according to the National Museum of the U.S. Navy. The ship traveled more than 1 million miles and experienced no problems with its eight nuclear reactors before the Navy deactivated it in 2012 and decommissioned it in 2017.

Headed to the House

Figures, Moore win congressional seats in low-turnout election

BY KYLE HAMRICK

Mobile Democrat Shomari Figures and U.S. Rep. Barry Moore, R-Enterprise, will speak for Mobile and Baldwin counties in separate congressional districts after winning their respective races last week. Turnout, however, could have been better, election returns show.

Figures, who previously worked for the U.S. Department of Justice and as an aide to former president Barack Obama, defeated Montgomery Republican Caroleene Dobson by more than 20,000 votes in the race to represent a reconfigured Congressional District 2 in the U.S. House of Representatives. Figures won 157,092 votes, while Dobson won 130,847. Alongside U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Birmingham, Figures is the state's second Black congressional representative.

A panel of federal judges redrew Alabama's congressional voting district lines after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last summer that the state's 2021 map likely violated a section of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The new map the court created separated Mobile and Baldwin counties into District 2 and District 1, respectively.

District 2, which the court reconfigured to give Black voters a larger share of the voting age population, combined the city of Mobile and northwestern Mobile County with the Black Belt region and Montgomery. District 1 combined northeastern and southern Mobile County with Baldwin County and the Wiregrass region.

Speaking at Mobile's Battle House Hotel, Figures said he was glad to win and is ready to get to work improving District 2's quality of life.

"The role of government is to do good on behalf of the people," he said. "We have to come together."

Figures' campaign focused on addressing what he described as a lack of "life infrastructure" in the district. Figures said he would work to improve housing, reopen closed hospitals and modernize public education in its more than a dozen counties.

State Sen. Vivian Davis Figures, D-Mobile, said she was proud to see her son follow in the family's footsteps of public service. She said she looked forward to working with him at the

federal level, and seeing his goals to improve health care and education in the district come to fruition.

Across Mobile Bay, current District 2 Rep. Barry Moore, R-Enterprise, soundly beat Mobile Democrat Tom Holmes by more than 100,000 votes and will represent a reconfigured Congressional District 1 in Washington, D.C.

Moore previously said many people in District 1 and around the country are concerned about the country's current trajectory and reelecting former president Donald Trump would bode well not only for district-wide projects, but the nation as a whole.

Turnout for Tuesday's general election in Mobile County, District 2 and the entire state could have been better, a voting advocate and a Republican strategist each said. In fact, fewer Alabamians cast ballots in 2024 than during the last election in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, data shows.

Unofficial returns from the Alabama Secretary of State's office and the Associated Press show that 2.25 million out of the state's 3.86 million registered voters (58.4 percent) participated in the 2024 general election. President-elect Donald Trump won 1.45 million votes, while Vice President Kamala Harris won 768,974.

Out of 322,535 registered voters, 174,424 (54 percent) cast ballots in Mobile County, according to the Alabama Secretary of State's office. Approximately 121,694 voters out of Baldwin County's 207,667 registered voters (58.6 percent) cast ballots on Tuesday.

But according to Shalela Dowdy, a Mobile woman who helped start the nonprofit voting rights advocacy group Stand Up Mobile and who is a plaintiff in the lawsuit that saw Alabama's congressional voting districts redrawn, and Jon Gray, a Republican campaign strategist working on both sides of Mobile Bay, turnout in Tuesday's general election should have been higher than it was the last time Alabamians voted for president and congressional representatives in 2020, during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If all you did was turn out what you turned out in 2020, that's not good," Gray said Wednesday. "Outside of president of

the United States there was not another contested race on the ballot bigger than Congressional District 2, and Mobile underperformed the state average and the Baldwin County average."

Dowdy said she wished turnout in Congressional District 2 and around the state was greater than it was, considering there are now more people registered to vote than there were in 2020.

"I definitely wish it would have been higher, just in general, so people can understand the importance of voting," she said.

Trump carried Mobile and Baldwin counties in both elections, though he was down slightly in one and up big in another. Returns show 99,981 Mobile County voters backed Trump, compared to 95,144 voters in Baldwin County. In 2020, approximately 101,243 Mobile County voters supported Trump and more than 83,500 Baldwin County voters cast ballots for him.

Harris performed slightly better than Joe Biden in 2020 in Baldwin County, but could not match Biden's performance in Mobile County, according to returns. In Baldwin County, Harris beat Biden with 24,763 votes to 24,578 votes for her former running mate. Yet, Biden had the support of 79,474 Mobile County voters for his 2020 campaign, while Harris had only 71,279.

Dowdy said skepticism of Harris' ability to lead the country as a female president is to blame for her poor performance at Alabama's ballot boxes.

Gray suspected apathy amongst Democratic voters in Alabama contributed to the decline in turnout and votes for Democratic candidates at the presidential level.

More than 287,000 voters cast ballots in Congressional District 2 on Tuesday out of a population of 550,000 registered voters, meaning around 52 percent turned out to vote, according to returns. In the portion of Mobile County contained in the district, Figures won 55,309 votes while Dobson won 46,782 votes.

Dowdy said she is content with the results of the Congressional District 2 contest, though turnout could've been higher.

"I think the true testament will be voting as a new district during the midterms," she said. "The goal should be to educate voters that their elections matter."

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'The gentleman of the Legislature'

Mobile politician, educator Buskey dies in hospital

BY KYLE HAMRICK

Former Mobile state lawmaker James Buskey, who represented House District 99 from 1976 to 2018 and was “the gentleman of the Legislature,” died Friday morning in a local hospital at age 87, State Rep. Sam Jones, D-Mobile, confirmed.

Jones said he visited Buskey, his neighbor and immediate predecessor in the Alabama House of Representatives, the previous Sunday and learned of his passing on Friday morning. He was not sure if Buskey went to the hospital because of an illness, nor could he definitively say how long Buskey was in the hospital.

The Democrat was “well-liked by everybody in the Legislature” regardless of their political affiliation, Jones said, and considered “a master” of the lower chamber’s rules of procedure. He considered Buskey to be one of the most effective state lawmakers he ever knew.

“Some people called him ‘Mr. Rules,’” Jones said. “He really knew the system. He got along with people; he worked with people to get things done.”

Buskey worked as an assistant principal at LeFlore High School from 1966 to 1976 and Williamson High School from 1976 to 1987, according to his Facebook page. He also served as principal of E.S. Chastang Middle School from 1987 to 2002. Outside of the education field, Buskey worked as an organizer at Commonwealth National Bank and served as Franklin Memorial Clinic's director, according to his entry on Ballotpedia.

Jones said Buskey was one of Mobile's first Black representatives in Montgomery, coming after civil rights activist John LeFlore. LeFlore was elected to the Alabama House in 1974, but died of a heart attack in 1976, according to the Encyclopedia of Alabama.

“He was just a huge, huge personality in Mobile as it relates to people who love people,” Jones said.

Ben Harris, the chairman of the Mobile County Democratic Executive Committee, said Buskey was "the model of a public servant" and will be greatly missed.

“He lived a life of service to our community and we extend our condolences to all who loved him,” Harris said.

State Rep. Barbara Drummond, D-Mobile, said in a Saturday Facebook post that Buskey was “a simple leader who cut to the chase [and] worked with all sides to find a solution for the people.” She said she also visited him in the hospital before his death.

“I stand proudly and toast one of the Alabama Legislature’s finest,” Drummond said.

House Speaker Pro Tempore Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, remembered Buskey as “one of the greatest members of the Legislature” he ever worked with during his tenure in the House.

"Buskey could give you his word and six minutes, six days, six weeks or six months later, his word was still good," Pringle said. "When he spoke, we all listened."

Election results

Historically low turnout, few races

BY SCOTT JOHNSON

Last Tuesday's presidential election ended with mixed results for local races and referendums in what ended as one of the lowest-attended elections in recent history.

According to available records dating back to 1976, Mobile County saw the lowest turnout levels in at least 50 years, at 54 percent. Baldwin County also saw a dip in turnout at 59 percent, which matched the statewide turnout average. Alabama saw the worst turnout since 1988. Overall, turnout nationwide dipped to 65 percent.

Straight-party voting continues to be a preferred practice by nearly 70 percent of Mobile Bay-area voters. In Baldwin County, 83 percent of straight-ticket votes were for the Republican Party and 17 percent for the Democratic Party; Mobile County was 58 percent and 42 percent, respectively.

County election results also have yet to be finalized a week after polls closed. Mobile County Probate Judge-elect Mark Erwin said Tuesday that election workers were only now beginning the process of sifting through thousands of write-in votes for around 55 of the constable races that remain unresolved.

LONG TAKES CIRCUIT CLERK RACE

Republican candidate Ashleigh Long has won the race for Mobile County Circuit Clerk, according to unofficial results.

Long tallied roughly 59 percent of the total over opponent Democrat Marsha Guy.

Long is a longtime employee of the Mobile County District Attorney's office, where she has supervised its financial departments. Her path to Tuesday night's victory included defeating current Circuit Clerk Sharla Knox in the Republican primary earlier this year. Knox was appointed to the office in January 2023 to finish the final two years of JoJo Schwarzsauer's term.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

More than 66 percent of Mobile County voters cast ballots to reauthorize Mobile County's flagship Pay-As-You-Go (PAYG) infrastructure program. The vote means the county will continue to dedicate taxes generated from a century-old 6.5 percent property tax to pay for roads and bridge construction. This year, that amount is \$82 million.

The vote last week is the 20th time PAYG has been approved. Since its formation in 1977, it has provided more than \$1 billion in additional infrastructure funding, which has been used for the construction, maintenance and resurfacing of 1,500 miles of roads and 40 bridges.

BALDWIN COUNTY LANDMARK DISTRICTS

While there were no competitive county-level races in Baldwin County, voters overwhelmingly approved three local referendums.

With more than 84 percent of the vote on each proposal, three new landmark districts will be created for the Bon Secour, White House Fork and Stapleton communities.

Landmark districts are not explicitly defined in state law, and only first appeared in 2012 after a successful statewide referendum amended the State Constitution to create the Stockton Landmark District, which is also in Baldwin County.

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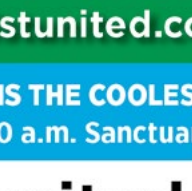
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Time for a change?

Early voting should be discussed in next session, state lawmakers say

BY KYKE HAMRICK

Alabama lawmakers on either side of the aisle last week generally shared the opinion that early voting deserves another look in the 2025 legislative session, even as state-wide leaders said the current system does not need much changing.

Many of the 2.25 million Alabamians who participated in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, waited in long lines for long periods of time before casting their votes at polling places around the state. Though fewer Alabama voters turned out to vote last week than in 2020 — 62.8 percent of voters participated in the general election that took place during the COVID-19 pandemic compared to 58.4 percent of voters who cast ballots in 2024 — the wait they experienced to do so prompted Democratic state representatives and state senators to renew their calls for earlier access to ballot boxes, and some of their Republican counterparts to bend their long-held views on the issue.

Alabama, Mississippi and New Hampshire are the only three states in the country that do not allow residents to vote in-person before Election Day, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. Alabama voters can either cast their ballots in person at their local polling place or submit an absentee ballot in advance with a valid reason why they cannot vote in person.

Shalela Dowdy, a Mobile-based voting rights advocate and plaintiff in the federal lawsuit that saw Alabama’s congressional voting district map reconfigured, said last week that if Alabama gave voters more time to cast their ballots in person and in other ways, it is possible turnout would have been better than it was. It makes no sense why Alabama would not allow it, she said.

“I think if we had early voting our numbers would be better,” Dowdy said. “It would cut down on lines and increase voter turnout.”

State Rep. Sam Jones, D-Mobile, said the state should make it as convenient as possible for Alabamians to vote in every election. Turnout over the last five years has generally trended downward, he said, and more ways to vote could correct that.

“Early voting would really enhance opportunities for people to go

to the polls and I think it is clear we need to do that,” Jones said. “I think you can do that and still have a lot of integrity and honesty in the process at the same time.”

Along with a handful of her Democratic colleagues in the Alabama Legislature’s upper chamber, State Sen. Vivian Davis Figures, D-Mobile, introduced a bill to allow Alabama voters to vote by absentee ballot without an excuse. Last week, she said the bill faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled State Legislature.

Figures said early voting would encourage greater participation, lighten the work poll workers have to do and lead to shorter lines on Election Day. Ballots, she said, could be counted as they are received, thus saving time.

“I think it makes so much sense,” she said. “There are so many positive things that could happen as a result of it.”

State Sen. Chris Elliott, R-Josephine, said he has long been against early voting in various forms, but is more willing to hear its proponents out after last week’s election.

“It’s probably something we need to have the conversation about,” he said. “Republicans have for a long time said vote on Election Day, that’s it. But I think that in order to be competitive in national elections, certainly we really ought to consider what other states are doing.”

Elliott said he voted after 6 p.m. on Election Day because the rest of his day was occupied with meetings. That experience made him realize there are plenty of other Republican voters who may feel similarly constrained by only being allowed to vote in person on one day, he said.

“Folks who are working and have a job are usually Republicans and we want them to vote,” Elliott said. “I’m not entrenched. I’m willing to listen.”

House Speaker Pro Tempore Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, said Alabama previously allowed a form of early voting during the 1998 gubernatorial election and saw “very, very, very low voter turnout” at a great expense. Alabama could have issues affording the number of ballots that would have to be made available for people to vote

early around the state, he said, but he is not opposed to finding a new system that is financially feasible and likely to improve voter participation.

“I’m not opposed to it, but it’s going to be interesting,” Pringle said. “If it’s safe and secure, I want everybody to vote.”

Governor’s office spokeswoman Gina Maiola said Alabama Governor Kay Ivey “remains proud of how Alabama administers elections” and understands conversations are ongoing about changing the state’s current system. Maiola declined to say whether Ivey has an opinion on the matter, noting she has not taken part in “serious discussions” about the issue.

Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen said the state’s current voting system should not be modified, except to allow county election officials to add more polling places and workers if they chose to do so.

“I believe in Election Day, not election month,” Allen said in a statement. “Initiatives like no-excuse absentee voting, unsolicited mass mail-in voting, curbside ballot drop boxes and same-day voter registration can lead to chaos and confusion.”

State Rep. Matt Simpson, R-Daphne, said he is opposed to early voting just like Allen, even repeating the secretary of state’s phrasing in a separate interview. Ballot security is a key issue for Simpson, who also said counties should consider adding more polling places to mitigate long lines to vote.

“I like having Election Day, not election month,” Simpson said. “I kind of like the way we do it now.”

Over the summer, Republican National Committee Co-Chairwoman Lara Trump said in an interview with CNN that President-elect Donald Trump “changed his stance” on early voting and mail-in voting after the 2020 election. She said Trump, who is also her father-in-law, told his supporters on Truth Social that “any way” they can vote in 2024 “is a great way to vote.”

However, at a rally in Pennsylvania in November days before the election, Trump said, “We should have one-day voting and paper ballots.”

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Cutting them off

Elliott vows to hold millions in state contracts until ABC Board complies with law

BY KYLE HAMRICK

Around \$80 million in contracts for infrastructure projects, engineering services and more will not proceed until the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) abides by a 2023 state law, State Sen. Chris Elliott, R-Josephine, said last Friday.

A member of the Alabama Legislature’s joint contract review committee, Elliott announced at the beginning of the body’s Thursday afternoon meeting that he would not allow any contract on the day’s agenda to move forward because the ABC Board has not changed its rules to comply with a bill he passed into law in 2023 allowing liquor-license holders to take part in responsible vendor training online, as well as in-person.

Elliott said during a Friday morning interview he filed the bill to make it easier for bars, restaurants and hotels to train their employees how to responsibly serve alcohol to patrons, but the ABC Board has not amended its rules to comply with the measure.

“The statute really required the ABC Board to promulgate and change their existing rules,” he said. “Currently, the rules say the format of the course of instruction shall be face-to-face, include face-to-face training and question-and-answer opportunities, and that is in conflict with the act.”

Participation in the state’s responsible vendor training program currently sits at around 20 percent, Elliott said, questioning why the ABC Board would not embrace a law he said gives liquor licensees more opportunities to properly train their workers.

While the ABC Board may say it allows online training, he said, no such training exists in the state “because their rules are functionally unworkable.” Elliott said six months’ worth of discussions about the issue have not been fruitful.

“They have just been [entrenched] about it,” he said. “As a matter of fact, they proposed some rules that really undermine the intent of the statute by saying you have to score 100 percent on the online



testing. We don’t require 100 percent for any testing that the state of Alabama does at all, whether that’s doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, nurses, anything. It’s preposterous.”

The contracts on Thursday’s agenda included design work for the West Alabama Corridor project — a new four-lane highway from Tuscaloosa to Thomasville — as well as contracts for legal and engineering services, Elliott said. Stalling those agreements’ progress points the attention toward the ABC Board and he said he would hold them up until the board acts in compliance with the law he passed.

“I have passed a statute the governor signed into law that directed a state agency to do something and they have folded their arms and said we are not doing it,” Elliott said. “There are only so many tools in the toolbox 18 months later to force their hand and say you’re going to do this or there is going to be some pain. That was the goal.”

In a statement released to news media, ABC spokesman Dean Argo said the board does not have to change its rules to comply with Elliott’s law.

“The 2023 law by Sen. Chris Elliot did not require the ABC Board to promulgate rules or change any existing rules,” he said in a statement. The statement said “a private association” asked the ABC Board three months ago to clarify many of its rules for online training and the board agreed to the clarifications because they “did not impact whether or not online training was offered.” The proposed rule modification will be considered at the board’s next meeting, the statement said.

Elliott said Argo’s statement “is just factually inaccurate” and “absurd” because the current rules directly go against the 2023 law. He said he voiced his concerns to Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey’s office, adding that she appoints each of the ABC Board’s members.

“All of these contracts are contracts with the executive branch and if they want them released they are going to have to bring these people to heel,” Elliott said.

Ivey spokeswoman Gina Maiola described Elliott’s move as “highly unusual” and “maybe even unprecedented.” She did not say whether Ivey had an opinion on Elliott’s stance or whether she shared his concerns. However, she noted Ivey’s office received “several select contracts.”

State Sen. Bill Beasley, D-Clayton, also a member of the contract review committee, said Elliott “must have a solid reason for holding up all the contracts,” but considered Elliott’s “blanket objection” unfair.

“If he wants to reject and hold ABC, that’s his prerogative, but I don’t think we need to hold anybody else’s,” Beasley said.

State Rep. Chris Pringle, R-Mobile, said he understood Beasley’s concerns, but reminded him that every member of the committee has the authority to unilaterally block contracts.

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Drink up, brother

Hulk Hogan stops in Baldwin County to promote new beer line
BY BRADY PETREE



Those perusing central Baldwin County last Wednesday had no need to fear man, beast or evil, as wrestling superstar Hulk Hogan made a series of appearances at local businesses to promote his new line of light beer.

Hundreds of wrestling fans — most of whom sported some variation of wigs, fake horseshoe mustaches and Hogan-themed apparel — snaked their way up and down the aisles, hoping to catch a glimpse of the legend. Branded as “Real American Beer,” the Hogan-backed beverage will be sold in supermarkets and bars across Mobile and Baldwin counties and comes in six-pack, 12-pack and 24-pack containers.

A 12-time world champion, Hogan — whose real name is Terry Bollea — became famous both inside and outside of the ring for his larger-than-life personality. After an extensive wrestling and entertainment career, Hogan retired in 2013 and was inducted into the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Kicking off his all-day schedule at the Piggly Wiggly in Fairhope, Hogan signed approximately 100 cases of beer for fans, along with \$50 hats with the beer’s logo on them. Hogan traveled to Rouses Market in Daphne later on Wednesday and capped his Baldwin County trip with a stop at Top of the Bay Bar and Grill.

Prior to Hogan making his appearance at 1 p.m., Jason Miller — who was wearing a Hogan-inspired durag and tanktop, and had similar facial hair to that of the wrestler — said he had been waiting in line since nearly 10 a.m. for a chance to meet his idol.

Meeting the wrestling legend on Wednesday served as the “bookend” to Miller’s fandom, he said. Miller said his favorite wrestling moment of all time is from the main event of the second WrestleMania in 1986, when Hogan famously body slammed King Kong Bundy to capture the World Wrestling Federation championship.

“I saw him when I was 13 in Columbus, Ohio, and I’m 53 now,” Miller said. “This is

unbelievable.”

Most attendees on Wednesday were closer to Miller’s age group. However, best friends Emmitt Houseman and Parks Robinson — who are preteens — said while they are fans of current wrestlers like Randy Orton and John Cena, Hogan takes the billing for the best of all time.

“This is a dream come true,” Houseman said. “It’s awesome.”

Hogan made headlines in July after he ripped his shirt off while speaking at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisc. Hogan has since served as a Donald Trump campaign surrogate in the months leading up to the Nov. 5 general election.

Prior to signing autographs and taking pictures, Hogan addressed his fans, doubling down on Trump’s claims of election fraud in places like Philadelphia. However, district attorneys across the state of Pennsylvania have vehemently disputed the accusations, and claim the election was conducted in a fair manner.

“When he said it was too big to rig, it wasn’t a catchphrase,” Hogan said. “He meant it. Because I saw what was going on with those voting machines and people voting who weren’t registered. But thank God.”

Mike Pelchat — who wore Trump apparel from head to toe — said his fondest memory of Hogan’s career was watching Hogan participate in a cage match in Winston-Salem, N.C. Hogan would team up with Randy Savage and The Booty Man to defeat Kevin Sullivan and The Four Horsemen — which featured Ric Flair — in the Lumberjack Strap Match.

After Trump’s presidential victory on Tuesday, Pelchat said, seeing Hogan less than 24 hours removed from the election results made the event more special.

“He’s a great American and he always has been,” Pelchat said. “He helped a lot. The wrestling world is huge and I’ve always been a fan.”



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Narcan goes over-the-counter and on the streets in new vending machines

BY SCOTT JOHNSON

In an initiative that seeks to significantly lower barriers for people to obtain life-saving resources, health officials this week deployed kiosks across Mobile County that are providing free Narcan, fentanyl testing strips, pistol locks and condoms at the push of a button.

In partnership with LTS Health, the Mobile County Health Department (MCHD) placed “touchandgo” kiosks at four locations — B-Bob’s Bar on Conti Street, Vista Medical on Springhill Avenue, Shell Health on Downtowner Loop North and Semmes Pharmacy on Moffett Road. Plans for a fifth kiosk are in progress and could be located in the Citronelle area.

Danielle Simpson, who oversees the Overdose Prevention Program at MCHD, highlighted the mission behind this initiative: “This initiative aims to reduce infectious disease spread, prevent overdose deaths and provide free access to support services. We’re excited to bring this valuable resource to our community.”

Vending from the machine only requires entering basic demographic information, such as age and ZIP code, without disclosing any identifying details. However, there are non-mandatory options for individuals to request follow-up support.

The initiative comes after Narcan, also known as naloxone, became available over the counter in 2023. The nasal spray has been used for 50 years as a key product for administering first aid to reverse the effects of opioid overdoses.

Dr. Kevin Michaels, health officer for MCHD, said Mobile County is the first community in Alabama to roll out this kind of health care resource.

“A lot of people are looking to see how well it is received and what our success will be,” he said.

Locations of the kiosks were chosen strategically in collaboration with the business owners and using 911 call data to identify hotspots for overdose incidents, Michaels said. While MCHD has



The Mobile County Health Department placed one of five “testandgo” overdose prevention kiosks at B-Bob’s Bar in downtown Mobile last week. The machine is equipped to vend free Narcan, fentanyl test strips, condoms and firearm trigger locks in an initiative to reduce illness and prevent deaths.

partnered with local pharmacies to provide free Narcan in recent years, he said those at risk of overdosing are typically not frequenting those establishments, and kiosks are a way to deliver these resources directly to where they’re needed.

Michaels said the rescue kits are intended to be used as an emergency measure while calling 911. He noted overdoses will often require more than one dose to reverse the effects of the substance.

MCHD plans to assess the program’s impact by analyzing usage data to track demand across various ZIP codes, though the kiosks’ anonymous nature limits detailed outcome monitoring.

Each kiosk features a vibrant design with information about the

Overdose Prevention Program along with MCHD’s smartphone app and website.

While Michaels said the best path for people’s individual health is to not use opioids, when they do, access to test strips and Narcan can be life-saving. He said people may even consider using the kiosks to get Narcan and keep it on hand for others.

“If you have a family member or you have friends or acquaintances that you’re around [who use opioids], it wouldn’t hurt to make sure that you have access to [Narcan],” he said. “Ultimately, you want them to stop using the substance.”

Fentanyl test strips provide the same kind of benefit, Michaels said, explaining it allows users to make educated decisions about whether they’re going to use a substance or not. Cutting illegal drugs with fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid, has become more and more common, and users are often never aware the substances contain it.

Michaels explained gun locks offer a critical time deterrent for children who are around firearms and for people with suicidal tendencies.

“If a person has to unlock the gun it gives them, you know, if they’re thinking about suicide, it creates that time space that somebody can come in and help them or they can go through that thought process of, ‘Do I really want to do this?’ versus picking up a pistol and pulling a trigger,” he said.

Michaels said if more businesses are willing to participate and place the kiosks on their property, he’d like to have them available across the county, a region that has seen significant impacts from the opioid crisis and currently is fighting a high rate of sexually transmitted diseases, including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, which can be prevented with condom use.

“It’s an opportunity to get those things to save a life out in the community to prevent further illness and death,” he said.



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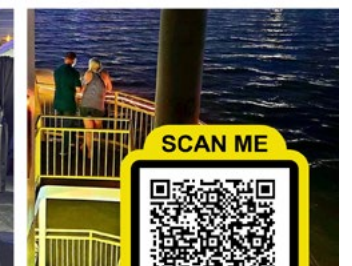
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BY ROB HOLBERT

Passing the digital plate

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But at least once a year, it happened — the sermon was about why we should give money to the church to help support all the good things it did throughout the rest of the year. Sometimes those little speeches came off a bit chiding. Others could border on groveling. But I generally did find out the church was doing some quality things of which I hadn't been aware.

So, maybe consider this column that kind of sermon, and since I already sucked you in with my meanderings about priests, I hope you'll read further and listen to my pitch about why you all should part with a bit of change each week to support your only local newspaper.

If you're an observant reader, you may have noticed we've added Venmo and PayPal addresses to the bottom of every other page. Or you may have seen the giant full-page ad explaining all of this. But if not, that's why I'm here as a backstop.

I'm sure most of you are aware that for the past five years, we've been selling subscriptions to our website — Lagniappe Daily (lagniappe-mobile.com). Many of you have joined. Most of you have not. But those who have are a big part of why those of you who haven't are still enjoying a printed, locally owned newspaper. That's something they don't have the luxury of in Birmingham or Huntsville, as well as in many other places, because either due to decisions made by out-of-state conglomerates or simply owing to the changing finances of the newspaper industry, their newspapers are gone.

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But — there's always a "but" in these appeals for money — the financial pressures that have caused many of the nation's biggest newspaper companies to shutter publications that were part of the fabric of their cities haven't lessened one bit. Lagniappe was recently identified as a "Bright Spot" by the Medill School of Journalism mostly because we've managed to buck the trend and keep publishing when so many others haven't.

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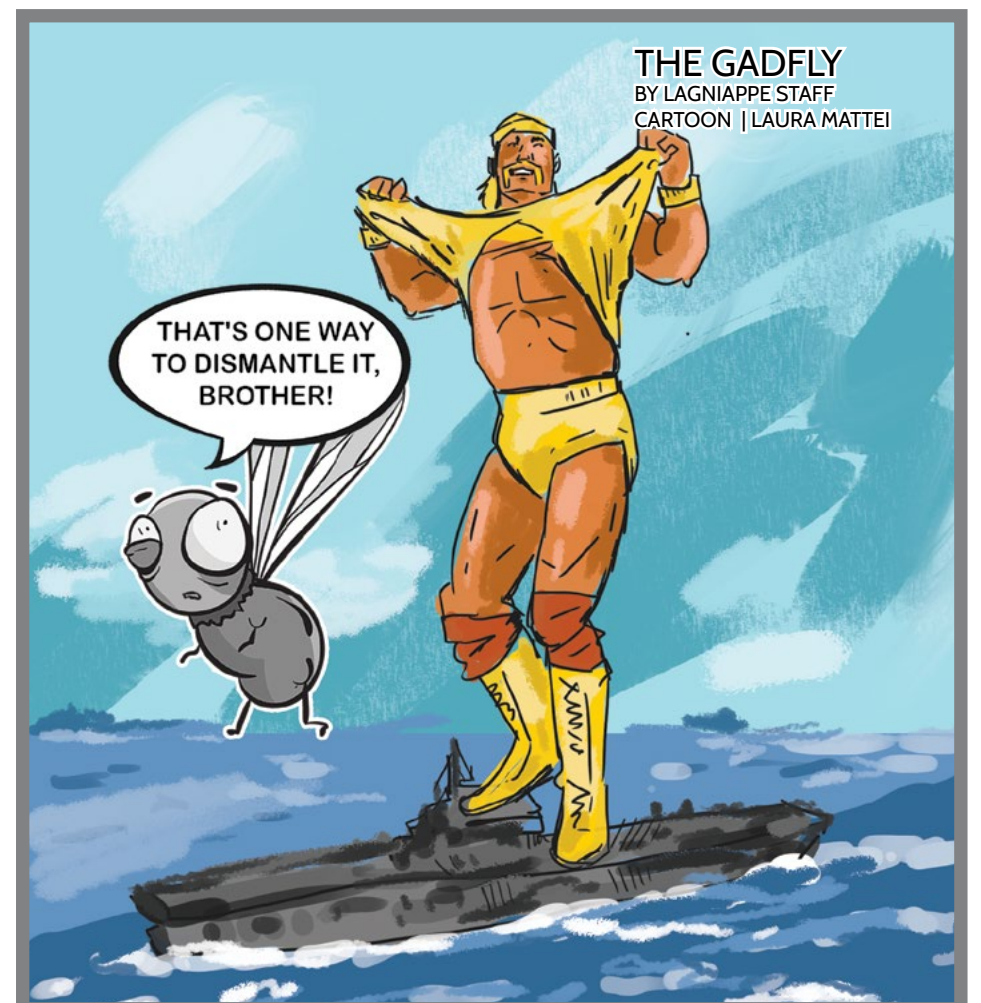
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HIDDEN AGENDA

BY ASHLEY TRICE

And the Campie goes to...

The election is over. Thankfully. There were no riots in the streets and the sky has not fallen. Some would reply back to the previous line with, “It has not fallen yet.”

Only time will tell what will happen in the future, but I am here to dwell on the past. You say, “Ashley, you just said you were glad this national nightmare was finally over, why would you want to look back?”

Well, my friends, the answer is simple. Before we can move on, we simply must acknowledge the winners and losers of the various campaigns with a really dumb, made-up awards program I like to call the Campie Awards. We will just look at the state and local races, as the national races have been discussed ad nauseam, and give credit where credit is due. So without further ado, I present to you the 2024 Campie Award Winners

WEAKEST MUDSLINGING

The Campie for weakest mudslinging goes to the Democratic nominee (and now elect) in AL-2, Shomari Figures, and his Republican rival, Caroleene Dobson. Everyone kind of expected this race to get really dirty because it was considered a toss-up or at least competitive. And those are the races that usually end up in the gutter.

But, for the most part, it stayed pretty clean. And that is a testament to the quality of both candidates. I had sort of made up my mind just before the election that I would be OK with either because they are both very likable and seem like reasonable human beings. How many times can you say that about a race these days?

But the goofiest daggers they threw at each other was who was wealthier. “You’re rich!” “No, you are richer!” they cried. And everyone clutched their pearls. Actually, no one did.

DIRTIEST MUDSLINGING

While they did have a fairly tame race, they held their dirtiest dirt until the week before Election Day. And since many of the races in our area were uncontested, they didn’t have much competition in this category, so they won this one too. Kind of by default.

Perhaps because there just wasn’t much to work with? (Which is a good thing!)

But Figures took another jab at Dobson for being a bajillionaire and also used a page out of the Trump playbook and gave her a nickname — “Caro-lying” Dobson.

Dobson also used a Trump tactic and localized Trump’s anti-trans ad saying, “She is for you. Shomari is for they/them.” It’s obvious why she did that. No matter what your personal thoughts are on this, in the post-mortem of the election, Democratic and Republican operatives alike said Trump’s version of that ad, which was blasted during every college and NFL game that was on, was very effective with persuadable independents, especially male

voters. Hence, the placement and, in turn, the cypoccat version locally.

MOST “FU” WRITE-IN VOTES

Other than the presidential and congressional races, the local and state races were almost all uncontested. I felt compelled to fill in the bubbles next to their names if I liked them, but many people didn’t even bother.

You could also write in someone else’s name if you felt so inclined. But most people only do that if they feel so strongly against a candidate they want to send a middle-finger message. The candidate who received the most of those middle finger votes was Twinkle Cavanaugh, the president of the Public Service Commission.

Twinkle has detractors on both sides of the aisle who believe she is a complete puppet for the various industries she is supposed to be in charge of regulating, especially Alabama Power. And that is why she reportedly got over 41,000 write-in votes against her (more than any other state candidate). You have to be pretty disliked for people to take the time to write in something else that they know is meaningless.

I had people tell me they wrote in Mickey Mouse, Satan Wouldbebetta, our own Rob Holbert and pop icon Taylor Swift, all against Twinkle. Yet, she keeps getting elected over and over again.

And I firmly believe it is because her name is Twinkle and people who don’t keep up with the PSC and its shenanigans, just think it’s cute. Much like I believe having the name Young Boozer helped elect our state treasurer — twice. People love a Boozer. I’m sure he won Mobile by a mile — you know because we are a boozie bunch.

My advice to anyone wanting to dethrone the PSC puppet next time is to give yourself a nickname like “Sparkle” or “Cookie” or “Blinky” or “Dumpling” and make sure that it is on the ballot. The race between Twinkle and Sparkle could get very interesting. I think Dumpling would make the candidate a prohibitive favorite. I know you think I am just being silly here, but I am dead serious about this.

Well, that concludes this election cycle’s Campie Awards. Let’s all get back to planning who is going to bring the dressing to Thanksgiving and who is frying the turkey. And don’t even think about not going to be with your family over election disagreements. Just don’t talk about it. There is much more to discuss like college football playoff chaos, which cousin is back in jail and which one is naming her baby something completely stupid using letters that don’t even make sense. There is more that unites us than divides us. And there is booze. Lots and lots of booze. Plus, no politician is ever going to give you a kidney if you need it. Just keep that in mind.



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BELTWAY BEAT

BY JEFF POOR

Perception was not reality

With Arizona breaking for Donald Trump late last week, the president-elect pulled off an unexpected swing-state sweep.

He carried Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada and Arizona.

This was not supposed to happen. Going into Election Day, he had an edge over his opponent Kamala Harris, but every media outlet in America cautioned against jumping to any conclusion.

However, late on election night, we knew Trump would be the 47th president of the United States.

Was it a “red wave?” Or was it the ever-present populism showing up in a presidential election? Was it identity politics? Was it a revolt against the progressive lurch on long-held cultural norms?

Was it just a lousy candidate in Kamala Harris?

It was likely a combination of all those components, but the ideological shift that occurred on Nov. 5 cannot be ignored.

Has the country made this leftward lurch we have all been led to believe?

After the George Floyd riots in 2020, there seemed to be a dramatic cultural shift. It was the dawning of a new age of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Environmental, social and governance policies would rule the roots of corporate boardrooms and shareholder meetings.

The perception was it was the new reality, and you could do nothing about it.

I thought that was probably the case. The left dominated Hollywood and pop culture, Silicon Valley, Wall Street, Madison Avenue and the inner workings of the federal government bureaucracy inside the Washington, D.C., beltway.

The left was even making inroads into the American church. Mainstream denominations were moving away from centuries of church doctrine to be more inclusive.

The right's lone holdout was a social media platform or two, but that paled in comparison.

On paper, the 2024 election should have been a blowout. Democrats had the power of incumbency, dominated the messaging and their opponent was a twice-impeached convicted felon facing even more charges at the federal level.

On paper, it should not have been close.

However, the June debate exposed Joe Biden's apparent cognitive decline. A few weeks later, Trump survived an assassination attempt, which catapulted him to a level that was way out of Biden's grasp.

After the switch, Kamala Harris breathed new life into the campaign. But it was not sustainable.

Is it possible it was not meant to be, regardless of the candidate?

The 2020 and 2022 election cycles backed up the idea the country was on a leftward trajectory.

The 2020 result may have been an anomaly, given the rules of the game were changed for COVID-19.

The 2022 outcome, which still netted Republicans control of the U.S. House of Representatives, was a well-played, expertly executed reaction to the Dobbs decision that Republicans had no answer for.

The country has always been divided on abortion, but the mainstream view is more accepting of elective, on-demand abortions than it ever has been.

That is where it ends, apparently.

No matter how often they said “Project 2025,” the country would not embrace a blatant disregard of long-held societal norms and Keynesian economic policy.

The country would tolerate it. However, they were not necessarily going to like it.

The presidential election backs this up.

How would we have ever known?

There's conventional wisdom generated by our elite institutions. Anyone who second guesses it faces deplatforming or ridicule.

“You're not a serious person if you don't operate on our set of assumptions” is the ground rule for every mainstream media discussion about politics or policy.

“Trump tried to overthrow our democracy!”

“No, Jan. 6 was a protest that turned into a riot at the U.S. Capitol.”

“You're a fascist! Go back to Madison Square Garden, Nazi!”

None of it mattered on Nov. 5.

The country is more to the right than we were told.

Trumpism is not pure Reagan-era social conservatism, but it does acknowledge and recognize a fidelity to traditional American values, like an appreciation for uttering “Merry Christmas,” pushback against the perpetual effort to make up for sins during the 18th and 19th centuries in America and rejecting transgender females participating in women's sports.

The country went with Trumpism.

The polls got it wrong again. National pollsters operated on the aforementioned conventional wisdom of the day.

What if the actual swing states in America were Virginia, New Hampshire and Minnesota?

The point is that we all got the mood of the country wrong.

That is not to say it is open season on Sodom and Gomorrah and that soon America will achieve “The Handmaid's Tale.”

There is an equilibrium America is always striving for. The pendulum swings back and forth but never quite lands on the sweet spot.

During the 2020 and 2022 elections, the big hands of our elite institutions thought they could define the pendulum's resting place.

The 2024 election was a rejection of those prior efforts.

Mobile recycling program adds glass to collection efforts

BY TAMMY LETHAM

Osprey Initiative launched a curbside recycling program to collect glass in Mobile, enhancing the city's waste management efforts and promoting sustainability.

In partnership with Glass Half Full of New Orleans, the Osprey Initiative aims to make recycling more accessible and effective for residents. Recyclable material will be properly collected and processed, reducing landfill contributions and promoting a circular economy.

With the new glass curbside pickups, residents can add glass bottles and jars to the cardboard and plastics already collected.

Residents interested in participating can sign up at glasshalffullpickups.com or contact Osprey Initiative at info@osprey.world.

BUSINESS NEWS, MOVES & TRANSACTIONS

- The 2,000-square-foot Blue Bird Building at 2724 Old Shell Road in Mobile was leased to Pollman's Bakery, according to Jay O'Brien of Stirling who handled the lease. Pollman's plans to open sometime in the fourth quarter of this year.

- O'Brien also represented the seller in the sale of an out parcel located in front of Walmart on Ala. Highway 59 in Robertsedale. Mavis Tires and Brakes purchased the parcel and is constructing a store there. The property sold for \$500,000, according to court records.

- A local investor purchased a free-standing property at 1428 Hillcrest Road in Mobile for \$545,000. O'Brien represented the buyer. Bellator Real Estate is the tenant.

- A group of local investors purchased a free-standing investment property at 11464 U.S. 49 in Gulfport for \$1,402,500, according to court records. Moe's Southwest Grill is the tenant. O'Brien represented the investors.

- Rural King is holding a hiring event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 14-15 at the Saraland Chamber of Commerce, 939 Saraland Blvd. S. The farm and home retailer is looking for department leads, cashiers, sales associates, small engine mechanics and more, with full-time and part-time jobs available.

- The Frenchmen gallery/studio opened at 120 N. Jackson St. in downtown Mobile. The gallery offers a variety of classes including painting, writing, yoga, bug-pinning and introductory French.

- There's still time for vendors to sign up for the Outdoor Holiday Market, set from noon to 4 p.m. on Small Business Saturday (Nov. 30) in Mardi Gras Park, 109 Government St., in Mobile. Deadline is Nov. 18. Sign up at MPRD.RecDesk.com.

- Speaking of ... vendors are also wanted for the town of Summerdale's Christmas in Pioneer Park on Dec. 14. There is no vendor fee. Call 251-989-6202 for an application.

- Buffalo Wild Wings held an official ribbon-cutting for its location at 6840 U.S. Hwy. 90 in the Jubilee Mall Shopping Center in Daphne.

- Well Head Spa held a ribbon-cutting at its new location, 5925 Sweetwater Circle, in Fairhope, as South Alabama's first head spa offering scalp analysis, scalp exfoliation and scalp massage.

- A grand opening was held at the Bealls/Home Centric store in Pelican Place shopping center, 3800 Gulf Shores Pkwy., in Gulf Shores.

- USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital dedicated the "Bed of Flowers" sculpture by artist and Mobile native Gay Outlaw. Completed in

October, the sculpture was commissioned by Arlene Mitchell, chair pro tem of the USA Board of Trustees and longtime philanthropist and hospital volunteer. The piece features 120 cast aluminum flowers painted bright shades of magenta.

- Congrats to USA Health's Vicki Curtis, MSN/RN, named to the Becker's Hospital Review list of Chief Nursing Officers to Know for 2024. Curtis became chief nursing officer at Children's & Women's Hospital in 2023. She has more than two decades of experience in women's health care.

- Also at USA Health, Liz Kirby has been named executive director for virtual care and rural initiatives. Kirby most recently served as the CEO at Monroe County Hospital, a 46-bed short-term acute care facility in rural Southwest Alabama.

- Shout-out to Rebecca Maisel, Gulf Distributing's senior VP/legal and government affairs, who was chosen as the chair of the board for the National Beer Wholesalers Association. Maisel, who has served on the NBWA board for nine years, was previously chair of its Next Generation Group. She represents a third-generation family business based in Mobile.

- Sarah Bumgarner launched Neat Marketing, a full-service advertising/marketing agency to deliver results-driven solutions for companies of all sizes. Bumgarner has more than 15 years of experience in brand building and innovative campaigns. Based in Mobile, Neat Marketing's services include branding, digital marketing, social media strategy and content creation. Visit neatMKT.com or email sarah@neatmkt.com for more info.

- Enrollment is open for all ages at the Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services Early Learning Center at 28848 N. Main St. in Daphne. The new Early Learning Center Daphne provides child care and early learning services for ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Families can learn more or schedule a tour by calling 251-270-5326 or visiting greco.org.

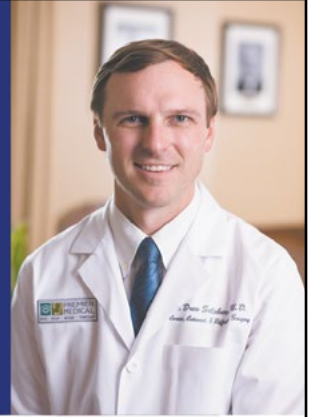
- Kaden Kramer of Wilkins Miller LLC accounting and advisory firm successfully completed and passed the Uniform Certified Public Accountant exam. Kramer joined the firm as an intern in 2022. After graduating with a B.S. in business administration in accounting from Auburn University, he was hired as an associate and then promoted to senior associate in 2024.

- PP Hospitality Group will host a Lowcountry boil at 6 p.m. on Nov. 19 at The Waterfront, 1 Yacht Club Drive, in Daphne. The event features renowned chef and Bravo's "Top Chef" Season 16 winner Kelsey Barnard Clark. A native of Dothan, Clark brings her signature Southern-French cooking style and her new cookbook, "Southern Get-Togethers: Favorite Recipes for Gathering with Family and Friends." Tickets are \$75, \$100 for VIP experience. Call 251-626-9329 to purchase.

- Baldwin County property prices continue to climb, according to Baldwin Realtors MLS's October stats. The resort area reported an average sales price of \$772,927, an 8.6 percent increase over the previous year. Listings spent longer on the market — an average of 128 days compared to 66 days in October 2023. The traditional market saw an average sales price hike of 6.1 percent — \$408,110 in October 2023 to \$433,085 this past month. Properties spent an average of 68 days on market — 19 days longer than the year prior.

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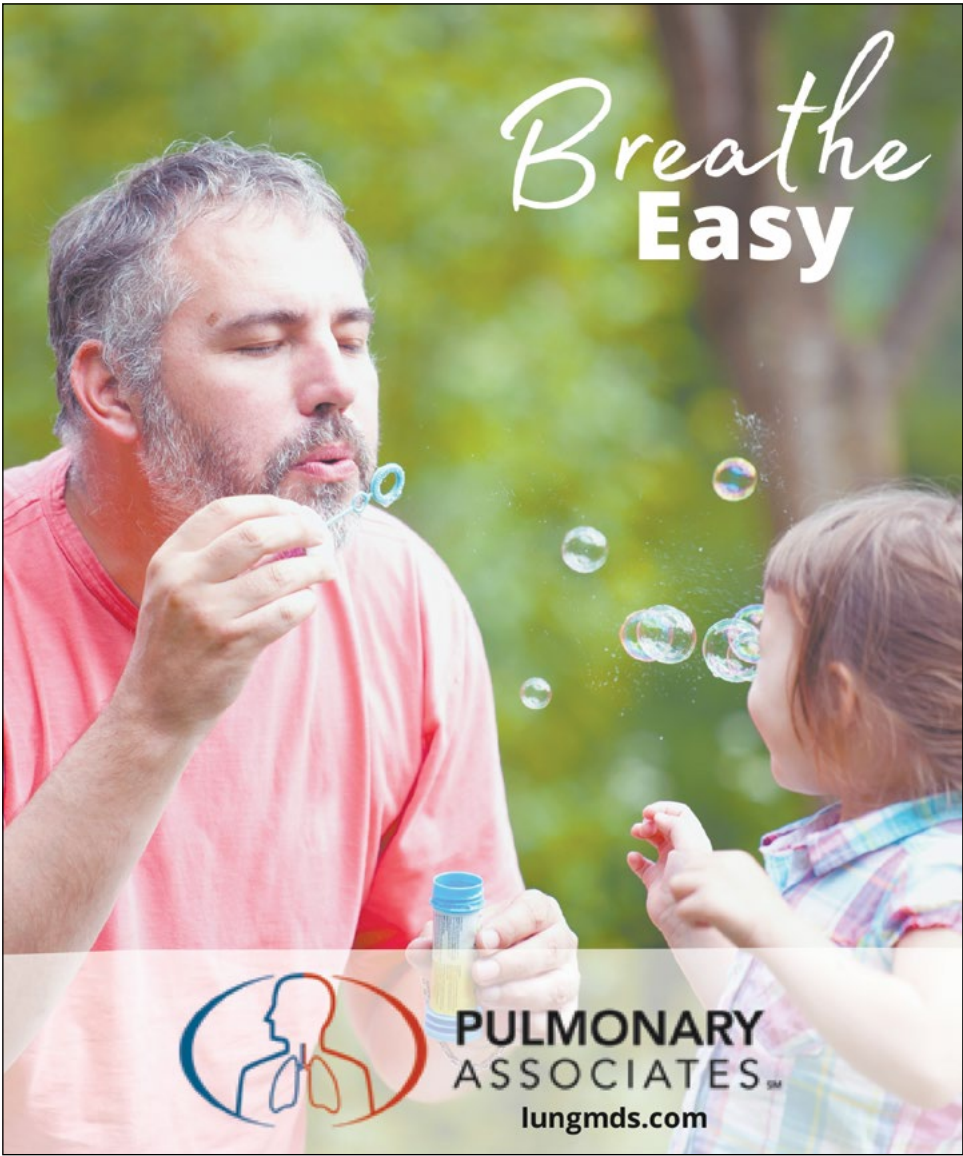


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Not a political column

BY TOMMY FULTON

It's my first day of "retirement." Technically, it's my first day of accumulated vacation until my official retirement on Dec. 9. But you get the idea. I'm at home in my pajama pants typing this column.

For the next few weeks, I'll spend time determining what I want to do with the rest of my life. My shortlist includes getting in shape, training for a triathlon or maybe a marathon, learning to play the piano or the guitar, reading a thousand books, cooking fabulous meals, improving my nutritional knowledge, writing dozens of best-selling books, traveling the world as a professional speaker and more!

That's just this week! (Later today, I'll shower and replace my pajama pants with shorts and a T-shirt. I might even shave in the next few days.)

I guess I'll settle down and get realistic first. I'm still unpacking boxes and throwing away reams of paper and hundreds of pictures I convinced myself I would need someday. I didn't. This, however, is an ongoing battle. So far, I have at least six thick files of pictures and other keepsakes awaiting the new scanner my kids gave me for a retirement gift.

I will reach the age of 69 on Thanksgiving Day. That's a strange time to ponder a new career, but that's where I am. And, yes, some of my time, at least in the near future, will include stints as an Uber driver. A wise sage, familiar with my writing, advised me to use that time for "research." After all, he said, "Your best stories seem to come from your experiences and conversations with your passengers."

I'll admit that I've enjoyed seeing life from every conceivable aspect by listening and conversing with more than 18,000 passengers in my car.

I know this week has been eventful for millions of people worldwide. A lot of folks will be starting over and dealing with anticipation and anxiety. And that's just the LSU Tiger fans. No matter which side of last week's contests you find yourself in, now is a great time to make a new start.

Some of my more memorable Uber conversations were with folks starting over in their lives. Most of them experienced life-changing situations. Divorce, a death in the family, business disasters, family conflict, addictions and more challenges had taken away dreams and expectations. As with most situations, we find a second or third opportunity to change our lives once we pass the devastation.

All of us have faced some level of turn-about and turmoil. And if I am to be truthful, I've learned some powerful lessons from those setbacks. I'll need those lessons as I "start" over for the hundredth time.

While I "exaggerated" some of my new life goals several paragraphs ago, I have some optimism about my future exploits.

I do need and want to get into shape

physically. I have run two marathons, and while I don't have a huge desire to do that again, I remember what it felt like to feel that fit. A friend challenged me to participate in a triathlon several years ago. The race date came quicker than I expected before I actually trained for the event. Nevertheless, I finished in the top 98 percent of competitors. (Yes, that means more than 97 percent finished before me.) He's challenged me to compete again. I'm aiming for the top 80 percent this time.

And yes, I've always wanted to play a musical instrument. It's not that I haven't tried before. I still have flashbacks of playing a guitar duet on stage to the tune of "Beautiful Dreamer" in a recital. Maybe I'll settle for banging on the side of those cajon box drums. Of course, I'm already on the bad side of our homeowner's association for keeping my Alabama flag up longer than the allowable period.

I love reading. Maybe I'll finally read all of the beautifully bound Harvard Classics I started collecting right after my marriage to my wonderful wife. I've kept those books all 43 years of wedded bliss to prove a point. In my defense, I was tricked into getting the entire collection. The fine print I missed stated that after I received a few months of a book or two at a time, they would automatically send the remainder of the two or three dozen books and the total invoice. If I had realized I'd be this old before reading them, I would have ordered them in large print.

Every Thanksgiving, my family gushes about my Brussels sprouts in a sherry-bacon cream sauce recipe. Maybe that's why I have some fantasy about becoming an award-winning chef. Nonetheless, I'm willing to try this adventure. That, and listening to hours of nutritional podcasts about healthy cooking. That should be enough, right?

So, how about that writing thing? Well, I'm writing, and if you've gotten this far, you're reading, so at least it's a start. I have several ideas for books. I'll keep you posted!

Finally, there is the speaking thing. At one point in my life, I began a serious effort as a professional speaker. A friend wrote a testimonial stating that I was "living my bliss!" I'd still like to finish that goal.

So, why did I title this column "Not a political column?" It's because we're living in a time that will allow all of us to start over, regardless of which candidate or group of ideas we support.

I'm just starting a new career. I loved my time at Little Sisters of the Poor. But it's time to begin a new stage of life. You do have more control over your destiny than you might believe. That's not political. That's personal.

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Chicken soup for the ill food critic

BY ANDY MACDONALD



It's the first of the season for our household. Disaster has struck in the form of the crud. We have registered no fever on the COVID-era thermometers we collected. Lord knows it wasn't for a lack of testing. Thankfully, this bug is only affecting (so far) the kindergarten student and me.

I've done my best to not be pitiful, though I will admit to welcoming a bit of sympathy here and there, sometimes in the form of a decent back scratching, a hot toddy or forgiveness for an undone chore.

I won't say this is the worst cold I've ever suffered, but it did force me to leave work early last week. My wife suggested I hit up some Chinese buffet and go heavy on the egg drop, but I was a little late, a little hesitant to spread the germs, and not really crazy about any of them around here. It was time for me to let my food be my medicine and myself be the physician. I needed my own chicken soup.

I believe in the power of it. That hot salty broth, the vitamins in the veggies, the heaviness of the noodles, a sum of the parts that is far greater than what was hanging out in the pantry and fridge an hour before. It's also a vehicle for hot sauce, that magic ingredient that can open up the sinuses and get the endorphins going.

If you are prone to illnesses of this sort, consider this the path to wellness. There is a little bit of scientific evidence to back up the claim. Garlic is good for your cardiovascular health, perhaps even lowering blood pressure by relaxing blood vessels. It also stimulates white blood cell production. Onions, especially raw, have similar effects and are full of antioxidants.

Carrots have vitamin C, so they fight infection, also aiding in digestive health, and cholesterol-lowering capabilities. Celery is good for lowering inflammation, as well as mirroring the benefits of the previously mentioned veggies. Read enough and you will begin to believe a mirepoix can help you live forever.

What is a mirepoix? I almost daily have the Holy Trinity in

some form, a mix of onion, bell pepper and celery. Mirepoix subs carrots for bell pepper, and that's what we are working with today. We are also using spinach, rich in potassium and vitamin C.

I felt bad enough to go the quicker route with this by using a precooked rotisserie chicken and broth from a box. Sometimes I use egg noodles, but my partner in sickness, Henry, wanted fusilli. Because, in his words, he "feels silly." He doesn't know the "Seinfeld" reference.

Eat this and tell me you don't feel better. I certainly did. Two bonus points: It's delicious and even better the next day.

1/2 rotisserie chicken, pulled and shredded
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped
2 medium carrots, coarsely chopped
4 (or more) cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
2 quarts chicken broth
1 handful of fusilli or rotini pasta
2 cups loosely packed spinach
2 tablespoons flour
2 teaspoons dried thyme

In a heavy pot, heat oil and add onions. Cook for 1 minute, add celery and carrots, and cook 2 minutes more. Add garlic and season with salt and pepper. Don't go wild. Your rotisserie chicken may be a bit salty. Cook 2 minutes more. Add the broth and bring it to a boil for 3 minutes.

Add the pasta and cook for 8 minutes, or until almost done. Lower the temp to a simmer. Top with spinach and let it wilt before stirring it in, approximately 2 minutes.

Create a slurry by mixing the flour with a half cup of water.

Add to the simmering pot, stirring constantly to tighten up the broth a bit. Remove from the heat and cover.

We had ours with lots of hot sauce. I bought a box of crackers that day, but never opened them. Instead, I made cornbread, just like White Lily told me to, but added about a cup of mayonnaise, a trick I learned from my student Jessica (a real chef, not a home cook like me), and my family sings her praises for teaching me that secret.

I'll tell you another secret: You don't have to be sick to eat this.

FREEZE YOUR TURKEY BRINE TODAY!

My old pal Mr. Bubble used to say, "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail."

That's what will happen if you make your brine after your turkey has thawed. You'll sit around wasting valuable Thanksgiving preparation hours waiting for the boiling hot brine to cool off. Ice will only dilute it. Don't you dare soak that turkey in even a warm brine. It isn't safe!

This applies to all brines, though mine is simpler than it used to be. I don't use any fruit or fancy seasonings. I used to use brown sugar, but have since dropped it. My turkey brine is an easy mix of kosher salt, Worcestershire and soy sauce, about a cup each for a couple of gallons of water. That is a lot of brine. Once I bring it to a boil, it takes the better part of the day to cool down.

I freeze it in quart containers. You could use one-quart zip-style bags, if needed. Solo cups. Whatever. The idea is when you pull your turkey from the freezer to thaw in the fridge for a couple of days, do the same with the brine.

I place my thawed turkeys in individual UNSCENTED garbage bags. It doesn't take more than a quart or two to submerge the bird once you squeeze the air out and tie up the bag. Suspend it in water in an ice chest and keep it cool. Brining bags don't work for me.

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Vets Recover, other clinics focus on mental health care for former warriors

BY DALE LIESCH

John Henderson arrived in Mobile without shoes.

The alcoholic U.S. Army National Guard veteran got a Greyhound ticket from Huntsville to Mobile in search of a better life, but while he was at the bus station waiting for a ride south all of his belongings were stolen. He boarded the bus anyway in the hopes of things getting better.

Henderson found himself at the Salvation Army's Dauphin Way Lodge, but because of his previous military service, he was guided to Vets Recover on Springhill Avenue and his healing could begin.

"I had four strokes because of vodka," he said. "I needed some recovery. Vets Recover saved my life."

A graduate of the 40-day Vets Recover residency program, Henderson said he hasn't had a drink in five months. Henderson said the issues he had with alcoholism are linked to his six years of military service. He said he "messed up" in the service and turned down officer candidate training because of his dependence on alcohol.

"I wasn't in my right mind," Henderson said. "I was on that vodka and Budweiser. I had two or three incidents. The Lord directed me right down here."

Vets Recover and facilities like it provide mental health care and substance abuse recovery services to a group that can have different needs than civilians, CEO John Kilpatrick said. There is a pronounced lack of understanding of veteran culture within civilian mental health care, which is why places like Vets Recover can be successful, he said.

"There has been tons of research and it's very clear even within the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs] system there's a void of cultural competency," Kilpatrick said. "It's something that can be taught. You don't have to be a veteran to care for other veterans, but it helps to gain trust more quickly."

That sentiment is true for Wanda Cobb, a nurse practitioner at Vets Recover, as well. An Army veteran and current reservist, Cobb believes being a veteran helps her better connect with her patients.

"I think when you can relate to patients, they are more willing to open up to you, to trust you," she said. "When you've been there and done it."

Service in the military and seeing combat can add an additional layer of stress that may not exist in the civilian population, Cobb said.

"Not only do they have military stress, they have everyday stress," she said. "So, you know, when you're in the military, you miss a lot of birthdays, you miss weddings. There's a lot of things you miss. We have compounded stress that the normal citizen doesn't have so I can relate to that."

Mental health issues that many veterans face include post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, anxiety and depression, Kilpatrick said. Many times one of those issues is underlying and can go alongside alcoholism or drug addiction, which Vets Recover handles through its resident program.

These issues are part of the reason veteran suicide is a problem nationwide. Former Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) commissioner W. Kent Davis said while it's a problem nationwide, suicide by veterans in Alabama is at a crisis level, due to a number of factors, including lack of access to care.

"There is a much higher risk — by a factor of two — for suicide by a veteran when compared to the civilian population," he said. "Opioid addiction is also two times more likely in the veteran population than in the general population."

Alabama is one of the worst states in the nation when it



comes to the number of veteran suicides, Davis said. While he mentioned the VA was "doing everything they can," they are undermanned. Even with the Mission Act, which allows VA patients to be referred to civilian clinics, Davis said, the state can't keep up with demand.

"Alabama ranks 50th out of the 50 states in access to mental health care," he said. "The VA can't refer because there aren't enough clinics."

"Veterans who have suicidal ideation get told to wait for an appointment for up to 60 days," Davis said. "There is high demand for services and not enough supply."

W. Chase Cameron, a veteran and president of the non-profit Coast to Coast, a management board for nine mental health clinics nationwide, said when it comes to "crisis stabilization" the needs of veterans might be different than those in the general population. Also, he said, the VA can be rigid. For instance, they aren't friendly to service dogs, he said. That's why having relationships with outside agencies is good for veterans. Those relationships can prevent the long waits at VA clinics, which aren't much help when quick action is needed.

"For most of us, by the time you're ready to seek help, you don't want to wait any longer," he said.

Cameron agreed that access to mental health facilities in Alabama is limited.

"By the Alabama Department of Mental Health's own words there are 214,000 adults in need of mental health care and 207,000 could not access it," he said. "Some 58 of the state's 67 counties are underserved. There's a clear shortfall."

Cameron was a platoon leader in the infantry for the Army and spent four years in service to the country. He's currently helping Coast to Coast open a veterans mental health facility in Valley, Alabama. Like Vets Recover, the forthcoming Spencer Recovery Center will be a 30-to-45-day residential facility focusing on drug and alcohol abuse recovery, Cameron said. The facility, which Cameron will run once it opens, will specialize in dual diagnoses, or substance abuse stemming from other issues, like chronic depression, PTSD and other issues. In addition to the residency, patients will have the opportunity to receive counseling and group

therapy as part of a treatment plan, Cameron said.

Like the plan for Spencer, the resident program at Vets Recover allows the veterans in recovery to stay at the facility, get treatment and take classes. For graduate Mike Godwin, the program was a rousing success.

Godwin, an Army veteran stationed in Germany at one time, said he has previously been homeless, is a recovering alcoholic and has "messed around" with smoking marijuana in the past. He said he was "robbed" at a local homeless shelter, before he found emergency housing at Door to Serenity and later wound up at Vets Recover.

"I haven't taken a drink since I went in," he said. "I don't have the desire anymore. Coming from me, that's crazy, but I don't want to drink. There's so much love in that place when you get there."

A touching first impression Godwin remembers is that on his first morning, Kilpatrick offered to make him breakfast.

"John cooked my eggs," he said. "I know it sounds like something little, but it meant so much to me."

Godwin said he attends Alcoholics Anonymous now, but even before those meetings, he said he appreciated the gatherings at Vets Recover, which really helped him with his particular struggles.

"It was so easy to have a rap session about the changes you were going through and how you wanted to get out of them," he said. "I learned a lot about my alcoholism. I can't say enough about the place."

Vets Recover gives every person in its residential program a peer support specialist to help them on their journey. Travis Connor serves as a peer support specialist at the facility.

Connor, who is seven years sober, served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2001 to 2005 and did two tours in Iraq. He suffered from post-traumatic stress, anxiety and depression and battled drug and alcohol addiction. He helps out with the men in the Vets Recover in-patient facility.

"I can relate to these guys," Connor said. "We might not have the same story, but in some way, we can relate. Just knowing that you're talking to someone who's been in the military, been in recovery, makes you more comfortable. They want to be listened to and heard."

Each patient, or client, Cobb said, is assigned a peer support specialist. They try to match them with their branch of service, she said.

"We tried to pair them with someone from the branch of service they served in because although we are all in the military, each branch has a different function," Cobb said.

Despite the success of these programs, support for them at the state level is lacking. Vets Recover currently relies on grants and is not yet self-sufficient. However, Kilpatrick said, the facility is awaiting some \$1 million in grant funding it has been promised. Without the funding of the promised grants, Kilpatrick said, Vets Recover had to recently lay off 23 workers.

"We had to cut it down to the bare minimum to deliver services," he said. "We're not going away."

Despite the setbacks, Kilpatrick said, the clinic has applied and is on its way to gaining approval to allow it to take insurance. With insurance payouts, Vets Recover could become self-sufficient.

Cameron said his clinic in Valley is on its way to getting the necessary state approvals to be built, but he admitted it has been a slower process than he expected. In the time it has taken Alabama to act on his application for the clinic, he has gotten approvals for four clinics in California.



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Trump likely to threaten arts funding again

BY KEVIN LEE

Since past is prologue, times often ring familiar. That's the case now.

In 2017, the Trump administration released a federal budget that zeroed out the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and then eliminated the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Back then, CPB received \$445 million in federal funding the previous fiscal year; the NEA and NEH got about \$148 million each. That is 0.018 percent of the then-roughly \$4 trillion federal budget.

That 2017 budget was revised by Congress and the agencies saved. The White House repeatedly submitted budgets targeting them and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

According to arts.gov, NEA awarded over \$13 million to Alabama directly or through state and regional partners over the last five years. Frequently, NEA funds arrive in the Mobile Bay area courtesy of the Alabama State Council on the Arts (ASCA). In 2024, NEA's \$974,215 funding was nearly a quarter of the \$3.7 million ASCA awarded across the state. It is matched locally by private and business contributions at roughly a 7-to-1 ratio, sparked by the imprimatur of public funding and its rigorous vetting process.

Conversely, the withdrawal of public funding can plant reluctance in private investors. Foundations and private givers are averse to feeling all alone in support. Drops in private funding often follow the loss of public funds.

Most often, those public funds have the most impact on the most underserved groups; ASCA reaches rural Alabamians who do not live in Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery and Huntsville. There are artist-in-residence programs and the like that are

funded by NEA and regularly utilized by Mobile arts entities.

National Assembly of State Arts Agencies estimated that Alabama spends \$1.28 per capita on arts funding. The Washington Post estimated more than half of NEA block grants go to low-income areas, including rural Alabama.

NEH grants are more than three-quarters of the Alabama Humanities Foundation budget. That group funds films, exhibits and lectures, as well as programs for teachers and students.

Some things are different now. Budget proposals like the ones submitted throughout the previous Trump era are more likely to pass the incoming Congress. Will it matter that if times grow flush later, revival is easier than resurrection?

Other familiarities arise in eye-catching policy ideas around tariffs. Historians and economists have examined previous eras with similar measures and highly inflationary results. In a few cases, active trade wars eventually led to more violent conflict. More commonly, runaway inflation certainly impinges on charitable giving.

"I don't want anyone to think any of the arts organizations in Mobile, that 'they're fine, they'll just go someplace else.' We're already going 'someplace else.' We need that, too," Mobile Opera General Director Scott Wright cautioned.

Inflation-hampered donations coming at the same time as the aforementioned budget cuts could be devastating. The Alabama Contemporary Art Center (ACAC) received \$150,000 in NEA pandemic relief.

"We would have died without that," ACAC Director Elizabeth Elliott said.

Most recently, ACAC received \$30,000 in other NEA funds. The Mobile Arts Council, a local program facilitator and dis-

tributor of funds, just received \$20,000. Mobile Museum of Art Executive Director Jon Carfagno said NEA funding amounted to \$80,000 this past year.

Could similar fever for slashed budgets spread? Just across the county line, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis recently eradicated \$32 million in arts funding.

There are deeper, more persistent reasons to invest in the arts. The 2017 thoughts of then-Mobile Museum of Art Director Deborah Velders remain resonant.

"People don't remember the real estate deals necessarily or the plumbing issues of ancient cultures, but they do know those cultures by their art. It's the part that lives the longest and has our dreams and aspirations embedded in the art itself. It tells others who we are," Velders said.

SOUTHERN GOTHIC CORNERSTONE AT JJP

A pillar of regional fine arts comes to Joe Jefferson Playhouse (11 S. Carlen St.) when Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" runs Nov. 15-24. The play abounds in Southern Gothic archetypes of faded belles, emotionally repressed men with deep secrets, a physical disability and a generally forlorn ambience. Its small cast and superb writing give it an intimacy well suited for the early holiday season.

Though revered, the play has never yielded a well-received film rendition. One 1970s television version was nominated for four Emmy awards.

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Nashville's next big outlaw

Band: Hannah Dasher
Date: Saturday, Nov. 16, with doors at 7 p.m.
Venue: The Merry Widow, 51 S. Conception St., themerrywidow.net
Tickets: \$15-\$20, available thru the venue's website

The Merry Widow is giving Azalea City country fans a chance to witness “one of Nashville’s best-kept secrets” and Music Row’s “next big thing.” All it takes is one listen to realize that the hype is legitimate. Students of country music will quickly learn that Hannah Dasher has done her homework. With echoes of Patty Loveless, Reba McEntire and Bonnie Raitt coursing through her cuts, Dasher has created a double-edged sound that floats between outlaw country and Southern rock with a polished vocal delivery in the key of a country diva from the later 20th century. CMT has recognized her as one of its “Next Women of Country” and Dasher’s impressive guitar work led Fender Guitars to name her one of their “Next” artists.

Last year, Dasher released the full-length “The Other Damn Half,” which is the perfect title for this effort. Over the years, country music has been dominated by the male side of the outlaw country lifestyle. Dasher is telling the other side of the story.

The opening track, “Cryin’ All the Way to the Bank,” is a bittersweet divorce story from a victorious spouse who is a victim of infidelity. “Good Ole Boy” is filled with stomping, honky-tonk rhythms as Dasher lays out the positive traits of a dirt road Romeo. “Ugly Houses” is a sugary, honest country overture focused on the promise of love through acceptance. However, Dasher also wants to remind listeners that she is not scared of dust-ups, which she emphasizes in “Redneck Ass.” With her new single, “Wanted,” proving that she is here for a while, Dasher has the potential to push to the forefront of contemporary country divas and become a role model for up-and-comers.

Bringing the swamp to Eslava Creek

Band: Eslava Creek Sessions
Date: Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m.
Venue: Eslava Creek Resort, 1363 E. Riviera Drive
Tickets: \$25 (kids are free), through paypal.me/Eslavacreeksessions

Nestled off of Interstate 10, the Eslava Creek Sessions have been making some big sounds on its 3-acre plot. These exclusive performances set against the organic beauty of Eslava Creek have been providing the denizens of the Azalea City with one-of-a-kind live music experiences featuring a lineup of talented regional artists. Those lucky enough to attend these events should come armed with their chairs, their beverages and a dish for a legendary potluck dinner to be enjoyed by all. This installment of the Eslava Creek Sessions will once again feature an impressive lineup of artists collaborating onstage while letting the moment take them wherever their creative instincts command.

Dave Jordan will be traveling from South Louisiana to get in on the action. Jordan’s contributions to the Louisiana music scene should not be ignored. Described by many as Louisiana’s answer to Tom Petty, his swampy version of country rock is a stand-out amongst the more traditional sounds of his home and past shows have found Jordan falling into some memorable jams.

Lauren Murphy will also be representing South Louisiana, which is her new base of operations. Before relocating from the Eastern Shore, Murphy had gathered a following with her solo performances as well as the lead for Lauren Murphy & the Psychedelics. Wherever she goes, Murphy brings a little bit of her time on the West Coast to the mix. Her combo of West Coast and Gulf Coast influences made her a fresh addition to the local scene. With vocals falling between



Natale Merchant and Paula Cole, Murphy’s earthy roots rock is a perfect choice for the Eslava Creek Sessions.

Versatility is Mobile-based singer-songwriter Hannan Browning’s game. After making the transition from the 9-to-5 world to the stage, Browning collected many of his songs for his debut, “Empyrean Tides.” Depending on the mood, Browning has no problem floating between folk-rock, swamp-pop and country. His live shows are reputed to be electrifying experiences, which leave the audience coming back for more.

From Slow Moses to Slide Bayou to his solo work, Ryan Balthrop comes to the sessions with a wealth of material. Not only is he a prolific songwriter, but Balthrop is also one of the area’s most eclectic artists who dabbles in everything from country to rock. Balthrop will also be joined by guitarist Michael Miller and drummer Bob Kelly from the Illinois-based blue rock outfit Easy Riders. In recent weeks, the two parties have been performing as the Slide Riders. Considering this, the trio’s time onstage could feature both projects donating songs to the set.

Metal gets back to ‘The Origins’

Band: Queensryche
Date: Friday, Nov. 15, with doors at 7 p.m.
Venue: Soul Kitchen, 219 Dauphin St., soulkitchenmobile.com
Tickets: \$32.50-\$85, available through the venue’s website

Soul Kitchen is bringing one of metal’s most enigmatic bands to its stage. Throughout the ’80s and ’90s, a cavalcade of mainstream heavy metal artists rocking Spandex and sporting hair lacquered with Aqua Net hairspray regaled their audiences with tales of one-night paramours and legendary intoxication. Prog metal legends Queensryche helped bring a little more substance to mainstream heavy metal while still maintaining a cult-like status. After their debut EP, their first full-length, “The Warning,” and sophomore effort, “Rage for Order,” Queensryche released “Operation: Mindcrime.” This story-based album served as a heavy metal opera that Queensryche matched with a complementary live show. “Empire” followed and brought the band full force into the mainstream with hits such as the album’s title track, “Jet City Woman,” and “Silent Lucidity.” While maintaining a dedicated, longtime following, Queensryche’s approach to metal still brings new members into its fold.

Queensryche will be coming to the Azalea City on The Origins Tour, which should be a must for their old-school fans. This tour will feature the band performing its first two efforts in their entirety. The evening will start with the four cuts that comprise Queensryche’s self-titled EP, which sparked the band’s legacy. Afterward, Queensryche will push through “The Warning.” One of the most enticing possibilities for fans is the direction that the band might take these classic tracks in the live setting. Those wanting to sample live performances from other parts of the band’s catalog should not fear. Recent setlists have found Queensryche filling their encore with crowd favorites such as “Empire” and “Operation: Mindcrime.”

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Thriller recounts serial killer who went on 'The Dating Game'



"Woman of the Hour" - AGC Studios

Anna Kendrick stars in her directorial debut in the true-crime drama "Woman of the Hour," an absolutely chilling story about a serial killer who, in the 1970s, had the audacity to appear on "The Dating Game" in the midst of his horrific crime spree. Kendrick plays an aspiring actress named Sheryl, whose agent books her on the show for exposure, and who encounters the murderous Rodney Alcala as a glib, smiling "Bachelor #3."

Daniel Zovatto is terrifying as Alcala, who lures his victims in with various scenarios featuring him as a photographer. He flatters and manipulates the girls and women, who are often in vulnerable situations where they have fled their home lives. The first way you can tell that a woman directed this film is by the depiction of the violence against women. The horror of Alcala's acts is not diminished — in one horrific instance he strangles a victim and resuscitates her only to strangle her again — but the depiction is not lurid.

Plenty of onscreen acts of violence are technically condemned by the plot of the film and treated as evil, but nevertheless, the images themselves are lingered over and glorified. There is something respectful about how Kendrick directs these difficult scenes in "Woman of the Hour"; this is not, for example, "Game of Thrones."

Did you see the recent TV conversation where Saoirse Ronan very casually pointed out how dangerous life is for females? Some nice male costars were riffing on what they considered to be an outlandish facet of self-defense involving a cell phone, and they mused about who would ever be focused enough on their safety that this method would occur to them. Ronan simply stated that women think about that stuff all the time, and that could be the name of this deeply affecting film: "Women Think About That Stuff All The Time."

It is women who connect in this movie, and female intuition that keeps characters safe. An audience member recognizes Alcala from an interaction the year before, one which her friend did not survive. Her attempts to warn producers about her suspicions are ominously ignored. One of the most striking moments of the film for me was when Sheryl signals for a cocktail waitress not to serve her or Alcala any more drinks; the comprehension is instantaneous.

This is an ingeniously conceived film; the setting of a gross, hokey, sexist dating show as a metaphor for overt, horrific sexual violence is brilliant, and it's not even invented! It really happened! Anna Kendrick is an actress who always telegraphs intelligence and savvy, so she is perfect as a young woman with a keen and careful eye for what is really happening around her. But she is also cute and sweet, and the high-wire act of maintaining that balance is written across every minute of this movie, in every interaction.

What makes "Woman of the Hour" so compelling is how strongly and effectively it implies that all the behaviors we witness toward women, no matter how harmless the locker-room talk purports to be, occur on a continuum that has rape and murder at its extreme but logical conclusion. A smarmy male talk show host (Tony Hale) advises Sheryl not to intimi-

date men with her intelligence, and changes her into a sexier dress. One of those unintimidated men is in fact a rapist and murderer who has killed multiple women already and will continue to do so.

Lest you think this is some kind of soapbox story, it is above all a taut thriller. The day-to-day menace of dating is the background for a true-crime procedural drama, and the performances are all terrific. Truly, Daniel Zovatto, who has been in several other horror movies, is brilliantly disturbing in "Woman of the Hour," switching his eyes from sexy to soulless with diabolical ease. He is a villain for the ages in this short and tightly constructed film, and seeing Kendrick match wits with him would be fun if it wasn't also so frightening, convincing and resonant.

"Woman of the Hour" is now streaming on Netflix.



"Small Things Like These" - Screen Ireland

NEW THIS WEEK

"Small Things Like These": In 1985, devoted father Bill Furlong discovers disturbing secrets kept by the local convent and uncovers shocking truths of his own. AMC Mobile 16.

"Anora": Anora, a sex worker from Brooklyn, gets her chance at a Cinderella story when she meets and marries the son of an oligarch. Once the news reaches Russia, her fairytale is threatened as the parents set out for New York to get the marriage annulled. AMC Mobile 16.

"A Real Pain": Mismatched cousins David (Jesse Eisenberg) and Benji (Kieran Culkin) reunite for a tour through Poland to honor their beloved grandmother. The adventure takes a turn when the odd couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history. All multiplex theaters.



"Anora" - Cre Film

The how and the why of dividing bulbs

BY MARY TOWNSLEY, MOBILE COUNTY MASTER GARDENER / MOBILECOUNTYMASTERGARDENERS.ORG



Amaryllis bulb and bulblet to replant.

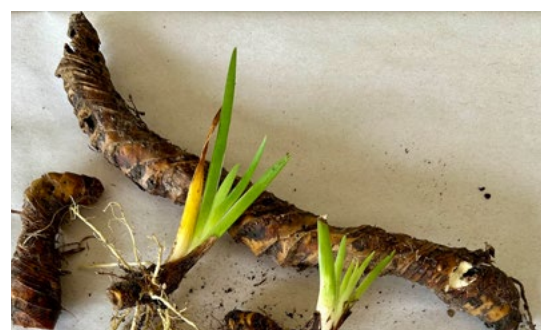


Five daylilies to replant from one clump.

PHOTOS BY MARY TOWNSLEY



Gladiolus corms with cormel and depleted corm.



Gladiolus corms with cormel and depleted corm.

Thankfully, the heat and humidity of the summer are waning and the demands of keeping up with summer garden chores are easing. Nonetheless, there are fall tasks waiting. Notably, there is still time to divide those spring/early summer blooming perennial bulbs.

What's a bulb? We broadly use this term to refer to a diverse group of underground structures in which plants store food for the next growth cycle. Despite their common purpose, these storage structures take different forms.

True bulbs are organized like onions. If you were to cut the bulb from stem to root, you'd see concentric layers of fleshy scales which are modified leaves. At the bulb base — where roots emerge — there is a basal growth plate where new bulblets can form. Each of these perennial bulbs or bulblets are complete plant packages! Amaryllis and narcissus have true bulbs.

Corms look somewhat like true bulbs from the outside but are modified stem tissue and solid inside. The nutrients in corms get used up producing flowers, so new plants come from cormels or cormlets growing at the old corm base. Crocosmia and gladiolus grow from corms.

In contrast, irises and cannas grow from rhizomes, which are horizontal stems that grow at or near the planting surface. Rhizomes branch as they age, with roots and new shoots growing at the end of each branch.

Tuberous roots, clustered at the base of the plant stem, form the storage structures for agapanthus and daylilies. These tuberous roots alone will not make a new plant — you need the stem base along with the storage root.

While tubers, such as begonia tubers, are also considered

in this broad grouping of bulbs, we will leave discussion of tubers for another day.

We divide bulbs from clumps of perennial bulb-forming plants that have outgrown their allotted space in the garden or for which blooming has begun to falter. Division and replanting bulbs can rejuvenate flowering. Some perennial bulbs, such as agapanthus, prefer a crowded environment so they may not flower the first year after division.

How to divide bulbs? Easier than long division ... Spring blooming perennial bulbs are relatively dormant in the fall, though in our climate zone, many may retain green leaves until frost. Divided bulbs should be replanted soon after division. Discard any that appear diseased — the bulb is mushy or there is evidence of borers. Specifics for division depend upon the type of bulb.

Division of true bulbs — amaryllis and narcissus — is easy. Dig the clump, separate the bulbs and break off baby "bulblets" or offsets. If some of your amaryllis bulbs have become quite large, you can cut each into wedges. As long as you retain some of the basal growth plate in each section, these wedges will develop into new plants.

Corms — particularly for crocosmia — are best divided in spring when you can detect the beginnings of new leaf growth from the top of the corm. Remember, old, depleted corms will not make a new plant, so discard these.

For rhizomatous plants — irises and cannas — retain rhizomes with new leaf shoots at the end and roots. Snap or cut off the lengths of old rhizomes to discard. These old rhizomes will not make new plants.

For perennials with tuberous roots — agapanthus and day-

lilies — dig up the old clump. Tease the clumps apart or split the crown with a sharp blade if needed. As the plant growth plate is at the base of the stem itself, make sure new divisions for replanting include a stem and roots.

Replant your divisions and prepare to enjoy new blooms in spring!

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Big closing stretch for South Alabama

BY TOMMY HICKS

Everyone knows the situation the South Alabama football team faces as it gets ready for its final three games of the regular season, two of which will be on the road. There aren't any surprises when it comes to what the Jaguars need to do (win) to reach some of the goals they set at the start of the season.

But head coach Major Applewhite says the focus of his team should be on one thing and one thing only — Saturday's game at Louisiana-Lafayette.

"I expect them to fight and to play hard against the No. 1 team in our league," Applewhite said of his team's approach heading into Saturday's 6 p.m. kickoff against the Ragin' Cajuns, who carry an 8-1 overall record and 5-0 mark in Sun Belt Conference play into the matchup. "We know as fans — and even as coaches and players — we know the ramifications of the next three games and all those things. But you can only have one practice at a time, one game at a time. I know that's cliché but that's the reality of it.

"[Future opponents] Texas State and Southern Miss down the road — that's irrelevant. You're getting ready to play the No. 1 team in your league. You better be focused on them. You better be prepared to play a very disciplined ball game because of the type of team they are. You better be ready to play a physical ball game, because that's the kind of team they are. Our mind better not get past Tuesday, but if it does it damn sure shouldn't get past Saturday and Lafayette in terms of your mindset and your focus as a competitor. One at a time."

The Jags carry a 4-5 overall record and a 3-2 Sun Belt mark into the game. They are coming off a bye week that was needed to allow some players to heal and rest and perhaps to push aside their most recent game, a 34-30 loss at home to Georgia Southern in which they held a 16-point lead heading into the final period, but the Eagles scored 20 points for the win.

And yet despite the record, South Alabama still has a chance to win the West Division, though the Jags would need some help along the way from other teams. If they win two of their final three games the Jags will become bowl eligible. Should they beat Louisiana, they would need either Troy or Southern Miss to defeat the Cajuns, as well as for Arkansas State to lose a game among its final three outings for the door to the West Division invitation to the Sun Belt championship game to be delivered. And of course, the Jags also have to win each of their final three games.

One at a time, Applewhite noted. But he also said recent games across the country prove it can be done.

"We've seen it all over college football," he said. "I remember growing up and watching college football. Georgia Tech never had a shot at Miami. Not a single shot. Ole Miss never had a shot at Georgia, not a single shot. College football has changed, and it's not about the best team on paper, it's the best team that shows



up on Saturday for about three and a half hours. So you've got to prepare that way, mentally prepare that way. Who cares what Vegas or 'SportsCenter' or 'GameDay' thinks? It's about who shows up. It's about who takes care of the ball, who plays physical, doesn't beat themselves, who understands how to stay on the field and score touchdowns in the red area. The recipe won't ever change. It will never change. You just see more of it nowadays because everybody's got scholarships and an NIL [name, image, likeness] collective and you get great players. So you better focus on the process Sunday through Friday and show up ready to play on Saturday."

To beat Louisiana, which is on a six-game win streak, the Jags must play hard and focus on their assignments to have an opportunity to achieve the aforementioned goals. It all starts in Lafayette.

"We're just excited to play Lafayette, the standard-bearer of our league," Applewhite said. "A great ball club — offense, defense, special teams. They do a great job of running the football. They are very efficient on first and second down running the ball with all three of their backs. The quarterback can be involved with the run game as well. They do a good job distributing the ball. ... It's going to be a big challenge for our defense. ... They return seven on offense and seven on defense, so this is a veteran group who knows how to win ball games. ... It's going to be a huge task, and honestly, I think they are playing their best football right now. But honestly, I'm excited about his opportunity and excited to get down to Lafayette and compete."

Lafayette is the third straight No. 1 team the Jags have faced. Louisiana-Monroe was unbeaten in league play and No. 1 in the West Division when South Alabama dominated them at Hancock Whitney Stadium. The Jags then suffered the loss to Georgia

Southern, which is the top team in the East Division. Now comes Lafayette, the current No. 1 team in the West Division and the only team without a loss in Sun Belt play.

As linebacker Aakil Washington explained, he and his teammates need to possess a one-minded mentality when they arrive in Lafayette.

"You're going into somebody else's house and [you have to] kick down the door and bring him outside and go beat him up," Washington said. "That's kind of the mentality you have to have when you're going on the road, especially to the No. 1 team on our side of the conference. ... You have to be very aggressive, very smart, with controlled aggression, not like losing your mind like a chicken with its head cut off, but very smart and just being very aggressive. We have to come punch them in the mouth from the start."

Applewhite said no matter the opponent or the situation, a team has to be ready for the particular game they are playing and not

concentrate on other games to be played. As such, each game provides something new.

"I think every game has its own complexion," he said. "Week 2 is different from Week 7 and Week 7 is different from Week 10. Every game kind of has its own reasonings and understandings and it's important that we pull those things out, whether it's going into halftime at Ohio, how to play our backup, how to get something out of our last two drives offensively ... special teams errors. Every game has its own reasons, it's whether we learn from those reasons and fix those issues and we pay attention to it as coaches and eliminate those from our game."

Penalties have been an issue for the Jags all season, but just as important is the team's ability to close out games. That didn't happen in their most recent game but needs to happen down the stretch, Applewhite said.

"We've had some where we've been successful and we've had some — two or three I can think of right off the top of my head — where we haven't closed out games the way we can," he said. "That's a multitude of things. It's coaching, it's strategy, it's players making plays, it's recruiting; it's all of those things, it's never just one thing. There's a lot of things that go into that. That's a point of emphasis for us. We've had two out of the last three we did close and we had our last one that we didn't.

"We have to look in the mirror and see what we did as coaches that can give our players a better chance. You always start as a parent with yourself. You don't go straight to the kid. We need to see what we can do to help our players be successful and if they can't do it, then we need to find another opportunity, another way or another option, and put the young man in an opportunity to have success."



VOLLEYBALL

BADGERS UNBEATEN IN SIAC

Spring Hill College, 20-7 overall and 18-0 in Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) play, completed its season sweep of Miles last week with a 3-0 win at home at the Arthur R. Outlaw Recreation Center. The Badgers led the match in every major statistical category from start to finish. The Badgers hit .348 while holding the Golden Bears to .000. Brooke Borgmeyer led with 10 kills and a .471 hitting percentage. Camille McDermott, the SIAC leader in assists, had 18 in the match. Ashlyn Whiteside offered eight digs and two aces, while Lillie Casey and Felicity Evans had three blocks each. The Badgers finish the regular season by hosting Tuskegee on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m., looking to finish the SIAC season with an unblemished record.

RAMS TOP SEED IN TOURNEY

The University of Mobile won its ninth straight match 3-0 (25-11, 25-19, 25-10) at Southern-New Orleans last week and in so doing wrapped up the No. 1 seeding in this week's Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) tournament at Montgomery's Cramton Bowl Multiplex. The Rams will begin pool play in the tournament on Thursday, facing Point University at 9 a.m., then Loyola-New Orleans at 4:30 p.m. On Friday at 11 a.m. they take on UT-Southern. The semifinals are slated at 5:30 p.m. with the championship match Saturday at 6 p.m. Against Southern, Dazsha Dean Middleton had eight kills and one block, with Layton Adams adding seven kills, two aces and 11 assists. Tatum Beech had four aces, 21 assists and one block.

JAGS FALL AT ARKANSAS ST.

Junior libero Briana Wilson recorded a career-high 30 digs, but Arkansas State picked up a 3-1 (28-26, 17-25, 25-17, 25-18) win last Saturday to complete the series sweep over South Alabama at First National Bank Arena in Jonesboro. With the win, the Red Wolves (22-4, 12-2 Sun Belt) take sole possession of first place in the Sun Belt Conference West Division, while the Jaguars fall to 14-10 overall and 10-4 in the league. Sarah Gooch and Abryanna Cannon each finished in double figures offensively with 18 and 13 kills, respectively. Cannon added 16 digs for her 12th double-double of the season and her eighth in her past nine matches. Anna Loberg had 42 assists, five digs and three total blocks. Dalayla Blackwell led the Jags with five total blocks — one solo and four assists — while as a team South Alabama held a 15-9 advantage in the category. As was the case in the series opener, which South Alabama lost 3-1 (26-28, 25-20, 25-22, 25-23) on Friday, service errors proved costly as the Jags finished with 11, five of which came in the opening set. South Alabama will return home for its final Sun Belt series versus Coastal Carolina. The Jags will open the series on Friday at 6 p.m., then close things out on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Jag Gym where the program will honor Cannon and Lillie Simons. The Sun Belt Conference tournament will take place in Foley, Nov. 20-24. South Alabama is 7-1 at Jag Gym this season. The losses at Arkansas State ended a 10-match win streak for the Jags, who have posted a record of 5-7 on the road and 2-2 in matches played at a neutral site.

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RAMS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The University of Mobile men's cross country team won the program's first-ever Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) championship last Friday, besting runner-up Tennessee-Southern despite the Firehawks' Bruno Villazon clocking in at 25:32.08 to win the individual championship by 14 seconds. Competing at Oakville Indian Mounds Park in North Alabama, the Rams clinched the victory with a total score of 43 points, outperforming UT-Southern's 54 points in the process. The win earns Mobile an automatic team bid to the 2024 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championship for the first time in program history. Leading the charge for Mobile were Joe Stevens and Jacob Harned, who finished second and third, respectively, with times of 25:46.46 and 25:47.03. Other crucial performances included Joey Jones, who finished fifth with a time of 25:54.40 and Preston Webb in 11th overall at 26:13.26. William Givens rounded out the team's scoring, finishing in 22nd with a time of 27:01.52. Stevens, Harned, Jones and Webb were all named as 2024 All-SSAC selections while head coach Leith Rawson was named the SSAC Coach of the Year in his first full season on the job.

PRITCHETT AWARD NOMINEE

South Alabama senior wide receiver Jamaal Pritchett has been nominated for the 2024 Burlsworth Trophy. The Burlsworth Trophy is presented each year to college football's most outstanding player who began his career as a walk-on. The trophy is presented to a young man who embodies the values of former Arkansas walk-on Brandon Burlsworth.

The award has been presented annually since 2010. Pritchett began his career as a sophomore walk-on at South Alabama after transferring from Division II Tuskegee. His dedication and hard work throughout his sophomore season earned him a scholarship ahead of his junior year. During that junior season, he produced 883 receiving yards and eight touchdowns on 57 catches. Through nine games this season, Pritchett has caught 62 balls for 769 yards and seven touchdowns. He set a career-high with 197 receiving yards in South Alabama's season opener against North Texas and recorded a career-best 12 catches in the team's most recent outing against Georgia Southern. Pritchett has also returned 11 punts for 192 yards and a touchdown. Pritchett's nomination for the Burlsworth Trophy is his second. He is also on the Reese's Senior Bowl watch list. Burlsworth completed his college career as an All-American and the 63rd overall pick in the NFL draft. He was the first Razorback football player in history to complete his master's degree before playing his final college game. He was killed in an auto accident just days after the draft.

BINDING NAMED TO FIRST TEAM

Spring Hill College women's soccer forward Poppy Binding became the first player in program history to be named first-team All-Gulf South Conference (GSC) last week. Binding earned her second-consecutive career All-GSC honor. The Romford, Essex, England, native paced the GSC this season with 10 goals, a career-high 24 points and 57 shots. She averaged a league-leading 0.63 goals, 3.56 shots and 1.50 points per game. Binding continued climbing the SHC record books this season. The redshirt senior ranks fourth in career points, third in career goals and sixth in total shots.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The LPGA Tour's 2024 Q-Series will take place at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Magnolia Grove Golf Course in Mobile. The Q-Series is the third and final stage of the LPGA qualifying tournament and determines the playing status for the 2025 LPGA Tour season. Qualifying will be held Dec. 5-9 on the Crossings Course, with players competing for a \$150,000 purse and status on the LPGA Tour. Approximately 300 volunteers are needed for the tournament, from hospitality to marshaling to scoring. To register as a volunteer or seek further information, Contact Magnolia Grove at 251-645-0075.

JAGS PERRIER TOP NEWCOMER

Junior Sacha Perrier was voted Sun Belt Newcomer of the Year following his success this season in cross country. Perrier placed third in the recent Sun Belt championship to lead the men's team to a third-place finish. Perrier set a personal best time of 24:34.9, besting his previous time set at the Georgia Tech XC Invitational (25:30.3). Perrier was also awarded first-team All-Sun Belt. Joining Perrier in conference awards was Charleen Elizondo with a second-team nod and Amos Pkemoi and Carson Barlow who were named to the third team.

BASKETBALL

MEN

JAGS GET FIRST WIN

South Alabama evened its record at 1-1 with a 70-64 victory at Nicholls. Corey Myles led the way with 18 points, six rebounds and eight assists, while Dylan Fasoyiro added 17 points and four rebounds. Barry Dunning Jr. had eight points and six rebounds with Judah Brown offering 15 points and four rebounds. The Jaguars were slated to play at Ole Miss on Tuesday, returning home to play Mercer at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

MOBILE WINS TOURNEY

The University of Mobile Rams, now 3-0 on the year, won both of their games last weekend in the Southeastern University Shoot-out in Lakeland, Fla. They topped host Southeastern 74-62 and followed with a 91-73 win over NAIA No. 17-ranked Ave Maria. Against Southeastern, Ezra McKenna scored 26 points, pulled down 10 rebounds and blocked two shots. Trent Moye had 15 points, six rebounds and four assists, with Adarius Adams scoring 11 points and collecting eight rebounds. Jarvis Moss added 10 points and Zion Hunter had nine points, eight rebounds and two blocks. Against Ave Maria, Trey Smith had 23 points and seven rebounds, Oliver had 20 points, 11 rebounds and four assists, McKenna had 13 points and 12 rebounds and Moye had 13 points and five assists. Mobile is slated to play its first Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) game Thursday at home against Loyola of New Orleans at 7:30 p.m. at Pharr Gymnasium. It also had a Tuesday game vs. Southeastern Baptist, but the results of the game were not available at press time.

BADGERS START YEAR 1-1

Playing in the South Region Crossover in Winter Park, Fla., last weekend, Spring Hill College lost its opening game 107-98 to Rollins but returned with an 89-86 win over Florida Tech the next day, giving the Badgers a 1-1 record. Against Rollins, Steven Lyles scored 27 points, grabbed eight rebounds and handed out four assists. Walter Peggs Jr. scored 25 points, with Rocco Lamuno scoring 23 points and claiming four steals. Luka Erdtmann had nine points and three rebounds. Against Florida Tech, Lyles had 35 points, seven rebounds and three assists, Timothy Reilly had 19 points, nine rebounds and six blocked shots and Peggs added 18 points. The Badgers were set to play at Flagler on Monday night. Friday they are set to play at home against Montevallo at 7 p.m.

WOMEN

JAGS LOSE AT HOME

South Alabama lost its first game of the year at home last week against Louisiana Tech, falling 78-70 in the Mitchell Center. It evens the Jaguars' season record at 1-1. Michiyah Simmons led the way for the Jags with 16 points and three rebounds. Daniela Gonzalez added 11 points and nine rebounds. Jordan Rosier and Amyria Walker scored 11 points each and Rachel Leggett added nine points and eight rebounds. The Jags were set to play at Rice in Houston on Monday night. On Friday, they are back on the road for a game in Florence against North Alabama.

MOBILE RECORD AT 3-1

The University of Mobile collected a pair of road victories last weekend, improving their record to 3-1 on the season. A visit to Southern University of New Orleans found the Rams taking a 94-54 victory. A trip to Fish University resulted in a much closer 62-59 win. Against Southern, MacKenzie White paced the Rams with 19 points, four rebounds and four assists, with Hannah Benoit providing 16 points and three rebounds. Braylee McMath had 11 points, three assists and three steals, while Alanna Donaldson added 10 points and three rebounds. In the win against Fisk, McMath was the top scorer with 15 points. She also had three rebounds, three assists and six steals. Donaldson chipped in 13 points, with White scoring 11 points, grabbing six rebounds, handing out three assists and making four steals. Miriam Oldacre added nine points and five rebounds. The Rams played an SSAC game Thursday at Pharr Gymnasium at 5 p.m. against Loyola of New Orleans.

BADGERS TO OPEN SEASON

The Spring Hill College basketball team opens its season this week under second-year head coach Dan Presel. The Badgers' opening game is set for Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Arthur Outlaw Recreation Center on campus at 5:30 p.m. against West Florida. The next night they will be in Tampa, Fla., to face off against Eckerd College.





GAMES	GUEST PICKS				
	TOMMY HICKS LAST WEEK: 10-2 OVERALL: 116-27	RANDY KENNEDY LAST WEEK: 8-4 OVERALL: 111-32	DARRON PATTERSON LAST WEEK: 9-3 OVERALL: 106-37	PIGSKIN PETE LAST WEEK: 10-2 OVERALL: 121-22	BRIAN GENARD LAST WEEK: 9-3 OVERALL: 113-30
BAKER AT ENTERPRISE	ENTERPRISE	BAKER	ENTERPRISE	BAKER	BAKER
PIKE ROAD AT ST. PAUL'S	ST. PAUL'S	ST. PAUL'S	PIKE ROAD	ST. PAUL'S	ST. PAUL'S
SPANISH FORT AT HUEYTOWN	SPANISH FORT	SPANISH FORT	SPANISH FORT	HUEYTOWN	SPANISH FORT
MCADORY AT SARALAND	SARALAND	SARALAND	SARALAND	SARALAND	SARALAND
MTG. CATHOLIC AT CITRONELLE	MTG. CATHOLIC	MTG. CATHOLIC	MTG. CATHOLIC	MTG. CATHOLIC	MTG. CATHOLIC
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VIGOR AT EUFAULA	VIGOR	VIGOR	VIGOR	VIGOR	VIGOR
ANDALUSIA AT UMS-WRIGHT	UMS-WRIGHT	UMS-WRIGHT	UMS-WRIGHT	UMS-WRIGHT	ANDALUSIA
ST. MICHAEL AT PLEASANT GROVE	ST. MICHAEL	PLEASANT GROVE	ST. MICHAEL	ST. MICHAEL	ST. MICHAEL
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AHSAA playoffs head to second round

BY TOMMY HICKS

There is no time to relax, of course, not this time of year, but there are 14 teams in the Mobile County-Baldwin County area — 10 in football and four in flag football — that were allowed to celebrate continuing their football seasons last week. Just as quickly, those teams had to begin preparations for second-round games this week.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) football and flag football postseason continues until the week of Dec. 4-6 at Protective Stadium in Birmingham. First-round winners kept their hopes alive for reaching those state championship games.

In football, local teams that claimed first-round victories include Baker in Class 7A; Saraland, Spanish Fort and St. Paul's in Class 6A; Vigor, Williamson, Citronelle and UMS-Wright in Class 4A; and Bayside Academy in Class 3A. In flag football, which competes in two classifications — Class 1A-5A and Class 6A-7A — B.C. Rain is the only local team to advance to second-round play in Class 1A-5A, while Daphne, Alma Bryant and Foley remain alive in Class 6A-7A.

In football, all four area teams in Class 5A picked up first-round wins, with Vigor topping Sipsey Valley 46-9, Williamson blanking Northside 46-0, Citronelle defeating Shelby County 14-9 and UMS-Wright upsetting Demopolis 21-7. In Class 6A, three of the four local teams qualifying for the playoffs are heading to the second round. Saraland, the top-ranked team in the classification, beat Chelsea 42-3, while Spanish Fort knocked off Benjamin Russell 49-35 and St. Paul's beat Helena 26-0.

Baker was the only 7A team from the area to move to the second round and it took a 17-14 double-overtime victory over Hewitt-Trussville to accomplish the feat. In Class 4A, St. Michael beat Handley 63-40, while in Class 3A, Bayside Academy defeated Hale County 36-6.

The Baker-Hewitt-Trussville game was the best among the local teams as the Hornets advanced to the second round for only



ALMA-BRYANT'S MADI-MARIE GRAYSON
Photo by Scott Donaldson

the second time in the program's history and the first time since 1984. It was an emotional game for a number of reasons, not the least of which centered around first-year Baker head coach Juan Johnson picking up a win over Hewitt-Trussville, where he was an assistant coach the eight previous seasons. UMS-Wright advanced to the second round for the 14th consecutive season and did so by knocking off 5A, Region 3 No. 1 seed Demopolis on the road. Citronelle won its first playoff game since 2008 and St. Michael, playing in just the second playoff game in the young program's history, won its first-ever playoff home game in the first year of its new on-campus stadium.

Only four local teams have home games in the second round. Pike Road is at St. Paul's, Montgomery Catholic, the top-ranked team in Class 5A, is at Citronelle, McAdory is at 6A No. 1-ranked Saraland and Andalusia visits UMS-Wright. The other games involving area teams include Baker at Enterprise, Spanish Fort at Hueytown, Williamson at Central-Clay County, Vigor at Eufaula, St. Michael at Pleasant Grove and Bayside Academy at Alabama Christian.

Six area teams had their seasons end with first-round losses. Mary G. Montgomery, ranked No. 3 in 7A, lost 42-21 to Vestavia Hills. Mobile Christian lost to Tallassee 21-14, McGill-Toolen lost to Spain Park 44-35, St. Luke's lost to Highland Home 54-0, Fairhope lost to Hoover 35-10 and Daphne lost to Thompson 50-0.

In flag football, two of the local teams had second-round home games slated Tuesday, with Daphne hosting Auburn and B.C. Rain playing at home against Marbury. The other two local teams were on the road Tuesday — Alma Bryant traveling to Dothan and Foley visiting No. 1-ranked and defending state champion Central-Phenix City, which is also ranked as the top high school flag football team in the country in at least one poll. Results of Tuesday's games were not available at press time.

Both Alma Bryant and Daphne are undefeated heading into their second-round playoff games. Alma Bryant defeated Smiths Station 27-12 in the first round while Daphne topped Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa 25-6. Foley defeated Central-Tuscaloosa 28-6 and B.C. Rain defeated Lee-Scott Academy 24-20.

Six other area teams were defeated in their first-round playoff games last week. Davidson lost to Auburn 26-6, McGill-Toolen lost to Opelika 13-7 and Central-Phenix City beat Theodore 46-0 in 6A-7A games. Tallassee topped Satsuma 68-0, Valley beat Elberta 14-0 and Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee beat LeFlore 30-0 in 1A-5A action.

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Bulldogs upset Demopolis

UMS-WRIGHT ADVANCES IN PLAYOFFS ONCE AGAIN



BY TOMMY HICKS

There weren't a lot of people — perhaps no one outside the UMS-Wright team — who gave the Bulldogs much of a chance to win its Class 5A first-round playoff game at Demopolis last Friday night. After all, the Tigers were the top seed out of Region 3 (6-0 in region play) and UMS entered the playoffs with a 4-6 record as the No. 4 seed from Region 1.

Perhaps tradition should have been considered a factor. UMS was making the school's 31st consecutive playoff appearance and head coach Terry Curtis was leading the team to its 26th straight playoff appearance as the school's head coach. Or maybe it was something else.

Regardless, UMS claimed a 21-7 victory over Demopolis to move on to second-round play this week, even after falling behind 7-0 in the game. Now 5-6 on the year, the Bulldogs will be at home this week to take on Andalusia, looking to extend their playoff stay.

Based on their win over Demopolis, the Bulldogs are the Lagniappe Team of the Week. The Lagniappe Team of the Week award is sponsored by the Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

"We had a good plan offensively and defensively," Curtis said of the win. "We still had a bunch of penalties — a couple of holds and an interference call and things like that — but we just kept on hanging in there. They scored first and we got a big interception for a touchdown and scored right before the half with no timeouts left. It gave us a little confidence.

"In the second half, we moved the ball, but we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. Guys just kind of persevered and stayed the course, played good technique. I thought we played hard. We kind of took that game as a challenge."

Those looking at the Bulldogs' record may not be seeing everything, according to Curtis.



UMS PLAYERS CELEBRATE
Photo by Mike Kittrell

"I really think we're a better team than what our record shows," he said. "I say that, and someone was telling me that the teams that have beaten us are 60-6 [actually 59-7]. And all of them won first-round playoff games, every one of them."

The list includes T.R. Miller, 11-0; St. Michael, 10-1; Williamson, 10-1; Vigor, 10-1; St. Paul's, 9-2; and Citronelle, 9-2.

"You start thinking about that. We are battle-tested. We are young but we've played good competition. And we've been in every game. I'm not saying we should have won every game, but nobody really blew us out," he said. "It's just, we had a young quarterback and young players and we finally put it all together. You've got to do that every week. We played hard and we looked really prepared and looked like we were ready for that kind of game."

Apparently, Demopolis head coach Lance Tucker wasn't thrilled to see a playoff bracket that had his team facing UMS in the first round. Curtis said in the meeting at the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) office of the coaches of all the playoff teams and prior to kickoff Friday, he was told, "Here we are, the No. 1 seed, and of all the people to draw [in the first round], we draw y'all. He knows that we're used to it because we've been there and done that before."

Curtis pointed out that not only is this the 14th straight time the Bulldogs have reached at least the second round of the playoffs, but only once in his previous 25 seasons as the team's head coach have they failed to get at least to the third round.

"[The win] should give the players a lot [of confidence] that they can do it," Curtis said. "The last couple of weeks it's just been getting back to like teams have been in the past. You lose a couple and your confidence gets shaken. I think we need to get back to where we expect to win and playing like that."



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- BEHIND THE MIC -

Wommack making most of chance with Crimson Tide

Kane Wommack won't be Alabama's defensive coordinator for much longer. And that was always going to be the case.

After confounding losses to Vanderbilt and Tennessee, that statement would have been considered a condemnation of Wommack.

But following two completely dominating SEC wins over Missouri and LSU, it's more likely that Alabama won't be able to hang on to Wommack when the college football head coaching carousel begins to spin again.

Wommack's decision to join his close friend Kalen DeBoer in Tuscaloosa was a calculated career risk. There was no question that things were headed in the right direction at South Alabama when Wommack was the head coach of the Jaguars.

Anyone who interacted with Wommack during his time in Mobile knows he has the mentality of a head coach.

All coaches enjoy scheming ball plays and interacting with their players. But many hate the public-facing responsibilities that come with being the CEO of a college football organization. Wommack is not one of those coaches. He enjoys having input on the most important and the most minute details involving his program.

So, his decision to give up some of that big-picture control to return to being a defensive coordinator at the highest level was interesting. Either he was going to fail and likely have to return to a Group of 5 school that would likely be a step down from the job he left at South Alabama or he

would be a viable candidate for any Power 5 school looking for a fresh start with a man with head coaching experience and success as a coordinator at one of the gold standards of the sport.

Through eight games, Wommack is certainly trending toward the latter.

Wommack has been masterful in preparing his players and making the right in-game decisions over the last two games.

Alabama pitched a shutout against Missouri, then followed that up by holding LSU without a touchdown until the final 30 seconds of another blowout.

Through six league games, Wommack's Swarm D defense has taken away 17 turnovers. For the season, Alabama has 20 takeaways in nine games. That's one more than the Tide had in 14 games under Nick Saban last year.

The defense hasn't always been perfect, but the Tide has two shutouts and has held three other opponents to less than 17 points. Even more important, the Alabama defense is getting better.

With games remaining at home against Mercer, at Oklahoma and at home against Auburn, the Tide is now a favorite to finish 10-2 and be included in the first 12-team College Football Playoff.

It's hard to imagine a 10-2 Alabama team with wins over ranked teams Georgia, Missouri and LSU being bypassed by any other two-loss team.

The Tide is even the second favorite behind Texas to

make the SEC Championship Game, though there are too many possible outcomes to predict how the league standings will end.

Regardless, the added publicity is only going to increase the profile of Wommack.

During Alabama's first bye week, Wommack was back in Mobile to address the First and 10 Club. He said he had forgotten how much he enjoyed the actual coaching of the game and calling defenses during the game.

He probably shouldn't get used to the joy of simply coaching the game. Whether it's next month or next year, it's not going to be long before Wommack's name begins popping up in connection to head coaching jobs.

None of that would be possible without his Alabama defensive players buying into what he's teaching and then executing on the field.

In easy wins over Missouri and LSU, that has certainly been the case. That's not only good news for Tide fans, but also for the coach who left a job he loved in Mobile for a gamble in Tuscaloosa that appears to be paying off.

Randy Kennedy, who has been a leading voice on the Gulf Coast sports scene for 22 years, writes a weekly column for Lagniappe. He was awarded the Mel Allen Award by the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame this year and is the Nappie Award winner for Best Sports Radio Host.

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- UPON FURTHER REVIEW -

Mobile Sports Authority says growth of sports tourism forecasted to explode

BY J. MARK BRYANT

(Editor's note: This is the second installment of a two-part series examining sports tourism in Mobile County.)

The Mobile Sports Authority (MSA) is a nonprofit sports commission formed in 2008 by the Mobile County Commission. The main goal is to create a positive economic and public relations impact through supporting sporting events that attract visitors to the area.

To verify that its mission is being accomplished, an economic report is published. The MSA recently announced that it attracted, supported and/or hosted 39 sports events during the recently completed fiscal year that ran from Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2024. This led to an economic impact estimated at \$38.1 million.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Danny Corte is the executive director of the MSA. He took time from his busy schedule to provide an update to Lagniappe about the impact of sports tourism.

Lagniappe: It seems other communities are pursuing sports tourism events, especially in Baldwin County. Is this a challenge for the Mobile Sports Authority, or does this just make the Alabama Gulf Coast a more inviting location to potential clients?

Danny Corte: Yes, it is a challenge to attract more events mainly because we're just now catching up to many of our competitors, such as nearby places like Foley, Gulf Shores/Orange Beach and Daphne, with our sports facilities. And not just those in Baldwin County, but cities and counties all over the Southeast U.S. have discovered the tremendous value of sports tourism and have been building or updating their sports facilities for several years now.

Thanks to our local elected officials, we're finally seeing those sports facilities being built and/or upgraded. Our advantage is that we already have much of the major tourism infrastructure in place, such as about 7,000 differently priced hotel rooms, numerous restaurants, numerous retail outlets, really cool attractions — such as the battleship and Topgolf to name a few — and being at the intersection of two major interstates with a new downtown airport on the way. Many other cities and towns do not have that infrastructure in place despite having sports facilities already built, so that's a big disadvantage for them. So, with our already built-out infrastructure in place, we believe that we're poised to be a major sports events destination once we get more new and/or upgraded sports facilities built.

Lagniappe: Can you discuss the impact of having construction of the new swim facility being started in West Mobile?

Corte: This is a perfect example of what I was referring to

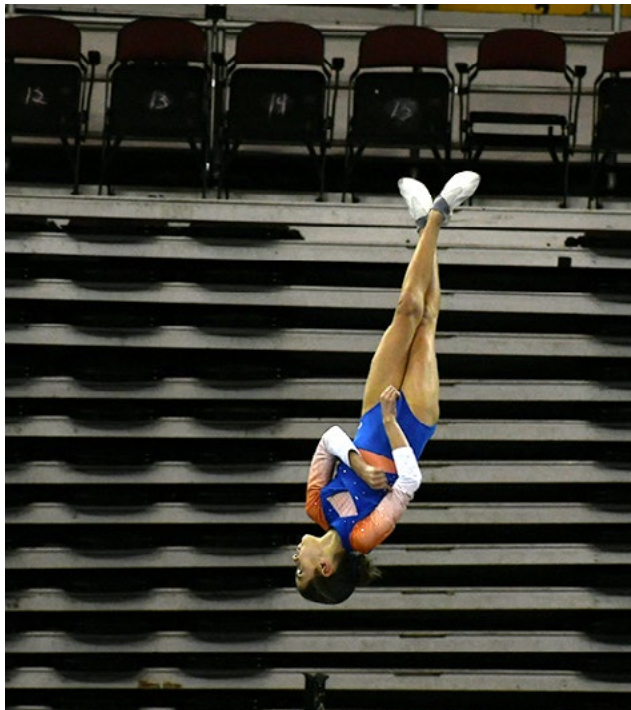


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above. Mobile County is known as a "water community," and to not have a first-rate aquatic center has always seemed odd to me. Well, with Commissioner Connie Hudson's vision and perseverance and the entire County Commission's support — as well as from the city of Mobile and Mobile County Public Schools — we are finally building a beautiful new aquatic center. Once the facility is completely built out, we will be able to attract much bigger swim and dive meets that we could not attract before.

Like many of our sporting events, those large meets will bring hundreds or thousands of visiting young athletes to Mobile, which creates a huge economic impact (not to mention also greatly helping our local swimming and diving community). The Bishop State pool has been a great home pool for our local swimmers over the years, but as the sport of swimming and diving have grown in our area, we have outgrown the Bishop State facility, too. So, the new aquatic center will be an essential piece of our sports facility inventory going forward which will be able to potentially generate substantial economic impact numbers for our area.

Lagniappe: Are there any other facilities you would like to see added in Mobile County?

Corte: If attention Center and seeing the six- and seven-figure economic impact numbers generated by those events. As mentioned above, the sports of basketball and volleyball — and yes, pickleball, too — are growing exponentially. So, a new indoor facility would be a tremendous boost to our local economy through those many additional tournaments which we could host, starting almost immediately.

Lagniappe: Are there any new events or activities the Mobile Sports Authority is pursuing?

Corte: Again, that depends on what new facilities we build. But just to name one, we're now pursuing to be a part of the rotation to host the AHSAA Super 7 Football Game Week. If we are fortunate to be awarded a place in the annual rotation, we believe that the year we would host the Super 7 that the event would be the largest sporting event -- by total number of attendees -- ever held in southwest Alabama. So that's pretty significant!

And we can bid on that event only due to the construction of Hancock Whitney Stadium -- and even the future upgrades expected at Ladd-Peebles Stadium by the Mobile County Public Schools. In order for us to really compete for such events, we must have nice facilities to be able to host state, regional, and even national events, such as what Hancock Whitney Stadium is.

Lagniappe: Do you have anything else you would like to add to this story that we have failed to mention?

Corte: The sports tourism portion of the total tourism industry has continued to grow and is becoming an even more important part of the overall tourism business, especially since the COVID year of 2020. For instance, the year before COVID, in a study done by our sports tourism national association, Sports ETA, the total economic impact of U.S. sports tourism was estimated to be \$103 billion with about 179 million people traveling for a sports event.

In the last full year studied in 2023 by the same group, it's reported that U.S. sports tourism generated an estimated \$128 billion to the U.S. economy with about 205 million people traveling to a sports event. That's up \$25 billion (more than 24 percent) from the 2019 report and 26 million people more traveling (more than 14 percent) — both substantial growth numbers. So, the future of sports tourism has never been brighter. And we believe that will continue for years to come, barring another crazy world event.

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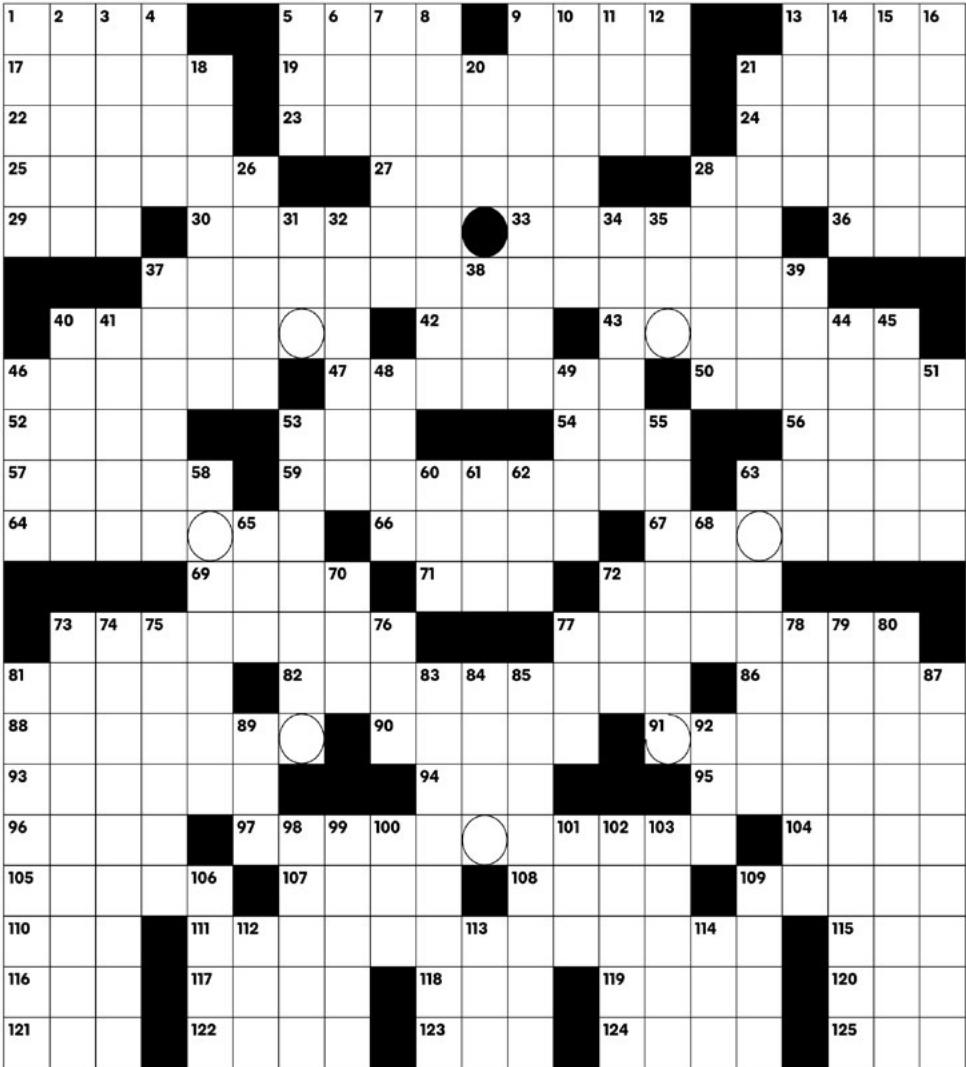
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WORKING THE NIGHT SHIFT

BY JEFFERY MARTINOVIC AND JEFF CHEN / EDITED BY JOEL FAGLIANO

John Kugelman, of Gainesville, Va., is a software engineer and musician. He dedicates this puzzle to his sister Julie Buffington, a.k.a. "Mrs. B.," a second-grade teacher at nearby Haymarket Elementary. For authenticity, she provided all of the red-pen marks in this puzzle's original submission.

ACROSS

- 1 Exams first administered in 1926
5 View from St. Moritz
9 "I thought you were my friend!?"
13 Load of laundry
17 Jeweler's unit
19 Complete journey ... or what 84-Down makes in this puzzle?
21 Woodworker's spinner
22 Like Yeats, but not Keats
23 Aids in car buying
24 Remove from packaging
25 Complete some reps
27 In the red
28 Do-to-do delivery?
29 Joan Cusack and Robert Downey Jr. each spent one season on it, for short
30 Certain court documents
33 In which $1 + 1$ equals 10
36 Former senator Kennedy
37 Completing a cycle, like 84-Down in this puzzle?
40 "Battle Hymn of the Republic," for one
42 Borrower's note
43 Like many verification codes
46 Impressively tough, in slang
47 Crocheting template
50 Re-lease?
52 Nickname for a 2000s Yankee slugger
53 Montreal hockey player, to fans
54 Check scanner, for short
56 A.P.R.-lowering option
57 A.P., Reuters, etc.
59 Hudson Bay or the Caspian
63 Hair-lightening brand
64 Sherlock Holmes, e.g.
66 Apt central entry for this puzzle
67 The Lone Ranger, to Tonto
69 Gender-neutral possessive
71 Possesses
72 Office message
73 Millimeter-wide photo used for conveying secret messages
77 Pants, informally
81 Roofed porch
82 Late-night sub, say
86 Garfield's predecessor
88 Weary cry
90 Company whose name ends in an exclamation point
91 Steak option in northern Canada
93 Celebrity chef Hussain who won "The Great British Bake Off"
94 However

- 95 Fit to serve, in a way
96 Ireland, poetically
97 Newlyweds' booking
104 Behind
105 Gives a lot of attention, with "on"
107 Old _____, Conn.
108 Supermodel with a palindromic name
109 _____ Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first elected female head of state
110 "What have we here!"
111 "They'll grow out of that" ... or a description of eight squares in this puzzle
115 Every member of the C.I.A.'s K-9 unit
116 "_____ Affaire de Femmes" (1988 French classic)
117 It can be quite sappy
118 Half of an exchange
119 "Let's do it!"
120 Texter's "As I see it ..."
121 Co. that introduced Dungeons & Dragons
122 Means of getting unstuck
123 Black _____
124 Margaret Thatcher, e.g.
125 Chiding sound

DOWN

- 1 Hits a rough patch, perhaps
2 Judge seen on a bench
3 Major ordeal
4 Lip
5 Constellation in the southern sky
6 Reed or Rawls
7 Delay
8 Sledder's outfit
9 Color named for a famed prep school
10 Oh-so-regrettable
11 What's mined in a stannary
12 Big name in shipping
13 Wish-list item
14 Time "up"
15 Act rudely in a crowd
16 Did some spelling?
18 Jersey-born rock icon, familiarly
20 Roman numeral that anagrams to part of the eye
21 "Charlie's Angels" actress
26 Charlie's Angels and others
28 Their dorsal fins can reach six feet in height
31 Stopover
32 Vessel for an omelet
34 Diminuendo al _____ ("fade to nothingness," on a score)
35 Slot-machine lever
37 Marked
38 Property unit
39 Europe's highest volcano
40 Nintendo antagonist in purple overalls
41 Decorate
44 First name on the Supreme Court
45 Lifesaving device, for short
46 Cry loudly
48 Skilled
49 Symptom of an allergic reaction
51 Fork part
53 Mob enforcer
55 Add milk to a customer's coffee, in diner lingo
58 Feature of James Earl Jones's voice
60 "That hits the spot!"
61 Gun-lobby org.
62 Some N.F.L. linemen, in brief
63 Gave a big kiss
65 Big name in experimental music
68 CPR expert
70 Insignificant amount
72 "_____ Robinson" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
73 Cookies made with ground almond or coconut
74 Highly agitated
75 Ain't that the tooth!
76 Crime-novelist Josephine
77 Sound from beneath a sheet
78 Skywalker portrayer
79 Guesstimate
80 Elite naval groups
81 Nearly succeeded ... but there's a catch!
83 Green-light
84 This puzzle's subject
85 Places for grilling
87 Horned antelope of southern Africa
89 Cry of frustration
92 "You follow?"
98 Elizabeth of "WandaVision"
99 A.F.C. East player
100 Bird that's incapable of walking backward
101 Ballpark figure
102 Cry in a laser-tag arena
103 Spanish "I love you"
106 Jedi foe
109 Nonsense word in a playground rhyme
112 Prefix with glyceride
113 Gentle attention-getter
114 Polite term of address

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Aries: Don't let 'Retro Bowl' ruin your life

BY DR. ZODIAC

Scorpio (10/23-11/21) — While hammering it down I-10 at 85 mph, you'll see a funeral procession also on the interstate. Naturally, you'll stop your car to honor the deceased, inadvertently causing a seven-car pileup. No one will be seriously injured, until you explain to the other irate drivers why you stopped.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21) — Driving through Mississippi, you'll stop at a promising-looking roadside restaurant advertising chicken on a stick. But while ordering you'll get your head turned by a sandwich called a Flying Pig, featuring fried chicken, bacon and slabs of ham all slathered with mayo. Five days later you'll wake up after your triple bypass to the stern gaze of your new cardiologist.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19) — Your teenaged children will be mortified when you start routinely using the terms "skibidi toilet" and "rizz" around the house in an effort to be the sigma parent. But you'll end up feeling like you're from Ohio when one of your kids' friends says you remind them of Turkish Quandale Dingle. It's a total aura-crusher.

Aquarius (1/20-2/18) — Terrified of West Nile virus, monkeypox and several other exotic diseases, you'll fill your yard with sentinel chickens. Unfortunately, you don't really have the equipment to tell what it means when any of them die, so you get a cookbook with 375 ways to prepare chicken. You'll get monkeypox from a delicious coq au vin.

Pisces (2/19-3/20) — The dog will soon barf on your spouse's favorite carpet, and there's nothing you can do to

stop it from happening. This could be the end of Fido living indoors unless you can manage to clean things up before they notice. Prepare to spend several sleepless nights sneaking around in the dark with sponges and a bucket of hot water.

Aries (3/21-4/19) — Day and night you've done nothing but play "Retro Bowl" on your phone, racking up an impressive coaching resume that has every team in the league trying to hire you. You always knew you had it! Your bubble is slightly deflated though, when your 11-year-old daughter tells you all the boys in her class are into "RB" as well.

Taurus (4/20-5/20) — You're still all for efforts to bring the decommissioned nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise to Mobile to be dismantled. In fact, you have a plan to make a few bucks using local actors to remake the 1980 sci-fi classic "Final Countdown" in which a nuclear carrier is transported back in time to just before the Pearl Harbor attack. And if you can get your hands on any of that nuclear material left onboard, you know a guy who could use it.

Gemini (5/21-6/21) — Thanksgiving is still a couple of weeks away, but it's never too late to practice your turkey frying. Of course, practice-frying a whole bird in a giant cauldron of oil is a bit pricey, so you scale down. Your spouse will be none-too-impressed when you start a fire on the stove trying to cook a Cornish game hen in a small pot. It's probably best you got that one out of your system before T-Day.

Cancer (6/22-7/22) — Your decision to throw hand grenade replicas as souvenirs during the Veterans Day parade

was poorly thought through, to say the least. Sheer training and instinct led one bystander to dive into a puddle atop your fake grenade to save the crowd. Hopefully, the man's \$200 dry-cleaning bill and overwhelming disdain from the crowd taught you a lesson.

Leo (7/23-8/22) — Your brief meeting with Hulk Hogan while he hawked beer in Baldwin County has changed your life. You immediately began working on your own "24-inch pythons" and have leg-dropped the dog from atop the couch several times. Friends and family are even getting used to your burgeoning blonde mustache and penchant for pointing in their faces and calling them "brother."

Virgo (8/23-9/22) — It's time you wake people up via the posting of complex conspiracies. Your series of 75 Facebook posts within 48 minutes explaining "Operation Mockingbird" and how everything we know is wrong is an instant classic. At least until someone suggests the Deep State just wants you to think everything you know is wrong. Mind blown, you go back to posting about neighbors' cats pooping in your flowerbeds.

Libra (9/23-10/22) — You've finally found a way to spend that \$3 million that's been burning a hole in your pocket: a fully functional Batmobile from "The Dark Knight." Sure, it may not be street legal and it'll only get four miles per gallon, but this city needs a hero — and you're the one the people deserve.

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As part of the Impractical Jokers, Joe Gatto became known for his physical comedy as well as his status as the “wild card” of these pranksters. Since leaving the troupe, this comedian has been filling his schedule with numerous projects with more on the way. Gatto has celebrated his first comedy special, “Messing with People,” which premiered on YouTube. He and fellow comedian Steve Byrne pull from an extensive repertoire of matronly advice for the “Two Cool Moms” podcast. Gatto has also spent time penning the recently released children’s book “Where’s Bearry?”

Gatto will be visiting the Azalea City on his Let’s Get Into It Tour. Lagniappe’s Steve Centanni chatted with Gatto about his past, present and future projects as well as what he will be getting into with the crowd at the Saenger Theatre.

Steve Centanni: Since parting ways with The Impractical Jokers, you’ve maintained a busy schedule with just about every project that a comedian can tackle. How do you manage all these projects and decide what your focus will be at the time?

Joe Gatto: If I have an idea to try something, I try to get it into the machine. I wrote a kid’s book that just came out, but that took like two and a half years to do. So, not everything is instant. [Laughs] I really enjoyed moving to stand-up comedy as a format, and that’s why I’m excited for my Let’s Get Into It Tour, which I’m coming there with. It’s always good to be out in front of people and make them laugh. It’s something special, so I’m happy to do that.

Centanni: Since you mentioned, let’s talk about that kid’s book. How did ‘Where’s Bearry’ come about?

Gatto: My son lost a stuffed animal before he went to bed. Any parent will tell you that it can be a catastrophe. We went on a little hunt for it to find it, because I didn’t know where he had left it. So, we had to calm him down, and thank goodness that we were able to, because he was playing hide-and-go-seek with it. He had hid it under a pot in the cabinet under the kitchen sink. So, we never



Photo by Jonathan Thorpe

would have found it. It was one of those back, far spots in a pot that we never use. I thought it would be a fun story to tell to share how he could calm himself down and whatnot. I had a great illustrator named Luke Flowers, and he really brought it to life. You know, when you’re writing, it’s words on paper, but he really made a piece of art. It’s so fun and so vibrant, and I’m really happy with it.

Centanni: You just did your first stand-up special, and you released it on YouTube. I’ve noticed a lot of comedians taking that route. What made YouTube more attractive than other platforms?

Gatto: It’s a good place for people to find stand-up comedy. I released it through the 800 Pound Gorilla [Media] YouTube channel, which has become a destination for people to find stand-up. I wanted to showcase that I do stand-up comedy now as well, so people get a taste of that format with me, which was very funny. I just like YouTube. It’s a creator’s platform, and you don’t have to subscribe to it. If you end up on Netflix, then people might not be subscribed to it and won’t see it. So, there’s that benefit as well. It’s just fun to be part of that community.

Centanni: You and Steve Byrne also have the ‘Two Cool Moms’ podcast, which was inspired by your mothers. How did you

two end up bonding over your mothers?

Gatto: Steve has been a friend of mine for probably 12 years at this point. He’s a great guy, and it was something to do together. When we were testing what we could talk about, we found ourselves talking about our mothers a lot. We are the people our friends go to when they need help or opinions. We like to think that the motherly advice that we got from our very opinionated and strong-willed mothers had formed us. So, we started our podcast, ‘Two Cool Moms.’ The first half is a comedy podcast, where we talk about everything. The second half is where we help with fan-submitted dilemmas, and we try to solve them as best we can with people.

Centanni: What is it about the stand-up context that makes it so appealing to you?

Gatto: For me, it’s an event for people to come out and laugh. That’s my whole thing. I like for my night to be an event for people to come and laugh and forget how terrible that their life is for an hour and bring some joy for people as a community. I love when we get to laugh together, because I need it as much as the audience does.

Centanni: It’s called the Let’s Get Into It Tour. So, what will you be getting into with the crowd?

Gatto: I get into everything! I like to think about how people become the people that they become. The only journey we know is ourselves. I’m at the point in my life where I’m 48 and this loud, bold person in the spotlight, but when I grew up, I was super geeky when I was younger. I was the nerdy kid who used to make tests for my father, while he was at work. I would open up the encyclopedias and make a multiple-choice exam for him. When he would come home from his 10-hour workday selling insurance door-to-door, I’d be like, ‘Pop quiz, Dad!’ I was a very different kid than the grown-up I am. So, I like to take a look at the journey that we have had and see the points of your life that define points of your personality. Now that I’m dad, it’s pretty interesting, because everybody turns into their parents, eventually. It’s weird to see the whole thing.

Centanni: So, where’s your journey taking you next?

Gatto: The tour just started, so we’ll be doing this for a while. I’ve always wanted to be a filmmaker and screenwriter, so I’ve been working on some scripts, which is great. I hope one day to direct a feature film. That’s the next big thing on the bucket list.

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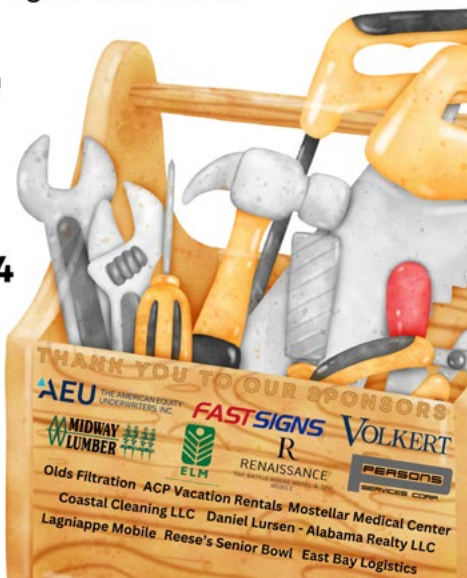
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FORECLOSURES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PURSUANT TO JUDICIAL ORDER

Pursuant to an Order entered in the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama, in the case styled, Cadence Bank v. Charles Ross Gaston, et al., Case No. CV-2024-902203.00, adjudging the default made in the payment of the indebtedness owed to Cadence Bank and authorizing the foreclosure of that certain Mortgage executed by Charles Ross Gaston, a married man as his sole and separate property, to Cadence Bank, dated the 5th day of August, 2022, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama, in Instrument # 2022052499. The undersigned Mortgagee, Cadence Bank, of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the front or main door of the Government Street entrance of the Mobile County Courthouse in the City of Mobile, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 18, 2024, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Mobile County, Alabama, to-wit: Lot 52, Block F, Country Club Village, according to plat thereof recorded in Map Book 4, Pages 87-92 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

CAPELL & HOWARD, P.C.

Jack W. Pitts, Esq.

150 South Perry Street

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Our File No.: 25884-491

ATTORNEYS FOR MORTGAGEE

CADENCE BANK MORTGAGEE

Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PURSUANT TO JUDICIAL ORDER

Pursuant to an Order entered in the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama, in the case styled, Alabama Housing Finance Authority v. Robert R. Camilleri, et al., Case No. CV-2024-901972.00, adjudging the default made in the payment of the indebtedness owed to Alabama Housing Finance Authority and authorizing the foreclosure of that certain Mortgage executed by Robert R. Camilleri and Wendy R. Weaver, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), (solely as nominee for Lender, Home Mortgage of America, Inc., and Lender's successors and assigns), dated the 27th day of December, 2013, which Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama, in Book LR7108, Page 1625; said Mortgage having been transferred and assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (solely as nominee for Lender, Home Mortgage of America, Inc., and Lender's successors and assigns) to Alabama Housing Finance Authority by virtue of that certain Assignment of Mortgage dated September 7, 2017 and recorded in said Probate Office in Book LR7552, Page 1847. The undersigned, Alabama Housing Finance Authority, as Assignee of said Mortgage will, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash before the front or main door of the Government Street entrance of the Mobile County Courthouse in the City of Mobile, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 18, 2024, the real property described in said Mortgage, which said description is hereby referred to and made a part hereof, said property being situated in Mobile County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that real property situated in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, described as follows, to wit: Lot Number 22, according to the Map of Spring Valley Subdivision, Unit Two, as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama in Map Book 19, Page 6. Being the same property as conveyed from Sam Marston, IV to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-R2, as described in Book 6874, Page 312, dated March 21, 2012, recorded March 22, 2012 in Mobile County, Alabama.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of realizing the mortgage debt, together with all expenses of the sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

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Our File No.: 37591-2644

ATTORNEYS FOR ASSIGNEE

ALABAMA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, ASSIGNEE

Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by FRANK JUNIOR ROBINSON, AN UNMARRIED PERSON, to BANCORPSOUTH BANK on FEBRUARY 10, 2017, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of MOBILE County, Alabama, at BOOK LR7477 PAGE 9, the undersigned CADENCE BANK FORMERLY BANCORPSOUTH BANK, as mortgagee (or transferee), under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the entrance of the Courthouse of MOBILE County, Alabama, on DECEMBER 18, 2024, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in MOBILE County, Alabama, to wit: LOT 1, SECOND ADDITION, PART "B", PARK FOREST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 12, PAGE 24 OF THE RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Subject to all zoning, easements, restrictions, restrictive covenants and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens, Ad Valorem Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. The property is being sold "as is, where is". Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use, enjoyment or condition. The mortgagee or transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. All bidders will be required to execute a bidding agreement prior to sale. Copies of the bidding agreement may be obtained prior to the sale. The successful bidder will be required to pay the bid amount at the time of sale in cash or certified funds.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the attorneys fees and expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to cancellation or postponement.

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Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain vendor's lien deed from Susan St. John dated September 15, 2023 and recorded in to Real Property Book as Instrument #2023056560 of the Probate Court records of Mobile County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as holder of said lien, will sell, under power of sale contained in said vendor's lien deed, at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder at 12 o'clock noon on the 2nd day of December, 2024 at the front door of the Mobile County Courthouse, Mobile, Alabama, the following described real and personal property located at 503 Valley Road, Chickasaw, Alabama in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to Vendor's Lien:

A PORTION OF LOT 98, MAUVILLA FOREST ESTATES, UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN MAP BOOK 8, PAGE 13, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 98, SAID POINT BEING ON THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF VALLEY ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 40 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST 130.0 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF SAID LOT 98 TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 49 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST 100.0 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWEST LINE OF SAID LOT 98; THENCE RUN NORTH 40 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 130.0 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 98, SAID POINT BEING ON THE SOUTHWEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF VALLEY ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 49 DEGREES 41 MINUTES EAST 100.0 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHWEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF VALLEY ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

This instrument prepared by:

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Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement

and Fixture Filing (as assumed, amended, and modified from time to time, the "Mortgage") executed by BAR-RINGTON PARK OWNER LLC (the "Mortgagor") in favor of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (the "Original Lender") dated June 19, 2019 and recorded on July 2, 2019, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama (the "Recording Office") as Instrument Number 2019037581, as assigned by Original Lender to WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOLDERS OF J.P. MORGAN CHASE COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2019-MFP, COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2019-MFP (the "Mortgage"), by Assignment dated July 18, 2019 and recorded on February 11, 2020 as Instrument Number 2020008605, which default continues, Mortgagee, as mortgagee and holder of the Mortgage, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and as provided under the laws of the State of Alabama applicable to the foreclosure of defaulted mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Mobile County Courthouse in Mobile, Alabama, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, between the legal hours of sale the following real property situated in Mobile County, Alabama, (collectively, the "Land"), to-wit:

Parcel I :

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 7, Pennington Woods, as per plat recorded in Map Book 18, Page 99, Probate Court Records, Mobile County, Alabama; run North 69°-13'-20" West, along the North line of Pennington Woods, 398.00 feet to the Southeast corner of property of Woodland Swim Club; thence North 04°-12'-20" West, along the East line of the property of Woodland Swim Club, a distance of 276.77 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of ESlava Creek Parkway, thence South 74°-21'-50" East, along said right-of-way, a distance of 163.76 feet to a point; thence South 83°-39'-50" East, along said right-of-way, a distance of 436.96 feet to a point; thence South 76°-35'-50" East, along said right-of-way, a distance of 188.88 feet to the West right-of-way line of Cottage Hill Road; thence South 15°-33'-40" West, along said West right-of-way line, a distance of 92.69 feet to an iron stake at the PC of a 702.46 foot radius curve to the right; thence Southwardly along the arc of said curve, 284.44 feet to the intersection with the North right-of-way line of 100.00 foot Alabama Power Company right-of-way (chord bears South 27°-09'-40" West, 282.50 feet); thence North 82°-27'-20" West, along the North line of said Alabama Power Company right-of-way, a distance of 107.65 feet to a point; thence North 69°-13'-20" West, 130.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel II :

The North 5 feet of Lots 8, 9 and 10, Pennington Woods, as recorded in Map Book 18, Page 99, Probate Court Records, Mobile County, Alabama. And, in conjunction with the sale of the above-described Land, as provided under Ala. Code Section 7-9A-604 and the laws of the State of Alabama, Mortgagee will also sell the following (together with the Land, collectively, the "Mortgaged Property"):

All easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and powers, air rights and development rights, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter belonging, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements and the reversion and reversions and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the center line thereof and all the estates, rights, titles, interests, dower and rights of dower, curtesy and rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of Mortgagor of, in and to the Land and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto; All "goods" and "equipment," as such terms are defined in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (as hereinafter defined), now owned by Mortgagor, which are used at or in connection with the Land or is located thereon or therein (including, but not limited to, all machinery, equipment, furnishings, and electronic data-processing and other office equipment now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgagor and any and all additions, substitutions and replacements of any of the foregoing), together with all attachments, components, parts, equipment and accessories installed thereon or affixed thereto (collectively, the "Equipment"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Equipment shall not include any property belonging to tenants under leases except to the extent that Mortgagor shall have any right or interest therein; All furniture, furnishings, objects of art, machinery, goods, tools, supplies, appliances, general intangibles, contract rights, accounts, accounts receivable, franchises, licenses, certificates and permits, and all other personal property of any kind or character whatsoever as defined in and subject to the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, other than Fixtures, which are owned by Mortgagor and which are located within or about the Land, together with all accessories, replacements and substitutions thereto or therefor and the proceeds thereof (collectively, the "Personal Property"), and the right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted by the state or states where any of the Property is located (the "Uniform Commercial Code"), superior in lien to the lien of the Mortgage and all proceeds and products of the

above; All leases, subleases or subsubleases, lettings, licenses, concessions or other agreements (whether written or oral) pursuant to which any Person is granted a possessory interest in, or right to use or occupy all or any portion of the Land and the Improvements, and every modification, amendment or other agreement relating to such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements entered into in connection with such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements and every guarantee of the performance and observance of the covenants, conditions and agreements to be performed and observed by the other party thereto, heretofore or hereafter entered into (collectively, the "Leases"), whether before or after the filing by or against Mortgagor of any petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code and all right, title and interest of Mortgagor, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obligations thereunder (to the extent such security deposits may be subjected to the lien of the Mortgage under all applicable Legal Requirements) and all rents, additional rents, revenues, issues and profits (including all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses) from the Land and the Improvements whether paid or accruing before or after the filing by or against Debtor of any petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "Rents") and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the Debt; All awards or payments actually received by or payable to Debtor, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including, but not limited to, any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property; All insurance proceeds in respect of the Property under any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property; All refunds, rebates or credits in connection with reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Property as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction All proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the foregoing including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards, into cash or liquidation claims; The right, in the name and on behalf of Mortgagor, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Mortgagee in the Property; All agreements, contracts, certificates, instruments, franchises, permits, licenses, plans, specifications and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and thereto, respecting or pertaining to the use, occupation, construction, management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and any Improvements or respecting or pertaining to any business or activity conducted on the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Mortgagor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, during the continuance of any Event of Default, to receive and collect any sums payable to Mortgagor thereunder to the extent assignable; All tradenames, trademarks, servicemarks, logos, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property (to the extent assignable). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Trademarks shall not include any intangible property belonging to a tenant under the Leases; All reserves, escrows and deposit accounts maintained by Debtor with respect to the Property, including, without limitation, the Lockbox Agreement and the Cash Management Account, together with all deposits or wire transfers made to such accounts, all cash, checks, drafts, certificates, securities, investment property, financial assets, instruments and other property held therein from time to time and all proceeds, products, distributions or dividends or substitutions thereon and thereof; All letter-of-credit rights (whether or not the letter of credit is evidenced by a writing) Debtor now has or hereafter acquires relating to the properties, rights, titles and interests referred to in Schedule I of the Mortgage; and All commercial tort claims Mortgagor now has or hereafter acquires relating to the properties, rights, titles and interests referred to in Schedule I of the Mortgage.

The Mortgaged Property described above will be sold on an "As Is, Where Is, With All Faults" basis and subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes and liens for unpaid future ad valorem taxes, and restrictive covenants, rights of way, easements and reservations recorded prior to the Mortgage that apply to the Mortgaged Property. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close this sale shall, at the option of Mortgagee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, Mortgagee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is able, capable, and willing to comply with the terms thereof.

Attorney for Mortgagee :

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Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (as assumed, amended, and modified from time to time, the "Mortgage") executed by MANCHESTER PARK OWNER LLC (the "Mortgagor") in favor of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (the "Original Lender") dated June 19, 2019 and recorded on July 3, 2019, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Mobile County, Alabama (the "Recording Office") as Instrument Number 2019037684, as assigned by Original Lender to WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF HOLDERS OF J.P. MORGAN CHASE COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2019-MFP, COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2019-MFP (the "Mortgage"), by Assignment dated July 18, 2019 and recorded on February 11, 2020 as Instrument Number 2020008606, which default continues, Mortgagee, as mortgagee and holder of the Mortgage, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and as provided under the laws of the State of Alabama applicable to the foreclosure of defaulted mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Mobile County Courthouse in Mobile, Alabama, on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, between the legal hours of sale the following real property situated in Mobile County, Alabama, (collectively, the "Land"), to-wit:

Being 2 tracts of land located in Mobile County, Alabama and being commonly referred to as Chateau Oaks Apartments (Parcels A and B)

Parcel A:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Springhill Avenue and Kilmarnock Street; thence Westwardly along the South right-of-way of Springhill Avenue, 158.27 feet; thence North 01°-00'-00" West, 9.0 feet; thence South 88°-23'-30" West, 100.0 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence South 00°-59'-30" East, 409.27 feet; thence North 83°-31'-30" West, 261.84 feet; thence North 02°-23'-30" West, 39.0 feet; thence North 18°-08'-30" West, 95.0 feet; thence North 13°-23'-30" West 247.67 feet; thence North 88°-23'-30" East, 341.69 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel B:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Springhill Avenue and Kilmarnock Street; thence Westwardly along the South right-of-way of Springhill Avenue, 158.27 feet; thence North 01°-00'-00" West, 9.0 feet; thence South 88°-23'-30" West, 441.69 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described; thence continue South 88°-23'-30" West, 227.60 feet; thence South 02°-03'-50" West, 334.22 feet; thence South 84°-50'-10" East, 329.38 feet; thence North 02°-23'-30" West, 39.0 feet; thence North 18°-08'-30" West, 95.0 feet; thence North 13°-23'-30" West 247.67 feet to the Point of Beginning.

And, in conjunction with the sale of the above-described Land, as provided under Ala. Code Section 7-9A-604 and the laws of the State of Alabama, Mortgagee will also sell the following (together with the Land, collectively, the "Mortgaged Property"):

All easements, rights-of-way or use, rights, strips and gores of land, streets, ways, alleys, passages, sewer rights, water, water courses, water rights and powers, air rights and development rights, and all estates, rights, titles, interests, privileges, liberties, servitudes, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances of any nature whatsoever, in any way now or hereafter belonging, relating or pertaining to the Land and the Improvements and the reversion and reversions and remainders, and all land lying in the bed of any street, road or avenue, opened or proposed, in front of or adjoining the Land, to the center line thereof and all the estates, rights, titles, interests, dower and rights of dower, curtesy and rights of curtesy, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, both at law and in equity, of Mortgagor of, in and to the Land and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereto; All "goods" and "equipment," as such terms are defined in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (as hereinafter defined), now owned by Mortgagor, which are used at or in connection with the Land or is located thereon or therein (including, but not limited to, all machinery, equipment, furnishings, and electronic data-processing and other office equipment now owned or hereafter acquired by Mortgagor and any and all additions, substitutions and replacements of any of the foregoing), together with all attachments, components, parts, equipment and accessories installed thereon or affixed thereto (collectively, the "Equipment"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Equipment shall not include any property belonging to tenants under leases except to the extent that Mortgagor shall have any right or interest therein; All furniture, furnishings, objects of art, machinery, goods, tools, supplies, appliances, general intangibles, contract rights, accounts, accounts receivable, franchises, licenses, certificates and permits, and all other personal property of any kind or character whatsoever as defined in and subject to the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, other than Fixtures, which are owned by Mortgagor and which are located within or about the Land, together with all accessories, replacements and substitutions thereto or therefor and the proceeds thereof (collectively, the "Personal Property"), and the right, title and interest of Mortgagor in and to any of the Personal Property which may be subject to any security interests, as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted and enacted

by the state or states where any of the Property is located (the “ Uniform Commercial Code”), superior in lien to the lien of the Mortgage and all proceeds and products of the above ; All leases, subleases or subsubleases, lettings, licenses, concessions or other agreements (whether written or oral) pursuant to which any Person is granted a possessory interest in, or right to use or occupy all or any portion of the Land and the Improvements, and every modification, amendment or other agreement relating to such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements entered into in connection with such leases, subleases, subsubleases, or other agreements and every guarantee of the performance and observance of the covenants, conditions and agreements to be performed and observed by the other party thereto, heretofore or hereafter entered into (collectively, the “Leases”), whether before or after the filing by or against Mortgagor of any petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code and all right, title and interest of Mortgagor, its successors and assigns therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, cash or securities deposited thereunder to secure the performance by the lessees of their obligations thereunder (to the extent such security deposits may be subjected to the lien of the Mortgage under all applicable Legal Requirements) and all rents, additional rents, revenues, issues and profits (including all oil and gas or other mineral royalties and bonuses) from the Land and the Improvements whether paid or accruing before or after the filing by or against Debtor of any petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the “Rents”) and all proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Leases and the right to receive and apply the Rents to the payment of the Debt ; All awards or payments actually received by or payable to Debtor, including interest thereon, which may heretofore and hereafter be made with respect to the Property, whether from the exercise of the right of eminent domain (including, but not limited to, any transfer made in lieu of or in anticipation of the exercise of the right), or for a change of grade, or for any other injury to or decrease in the value of the Property ; All insurance proceeds in respect of the Property under any insurance policies covering the Property, including, without limitation, the right to receive and apply the proceeds of any insurance, judgments, or settlements made in lieu thereof, for damage to the Property ; All refunds, rebates or credits in connection with reduction in real estate taxes and assessments charged against the Property as a result of tax certiorari or any applications or proceedings for reduction All proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the foregoing including, without limitation, proceeds of insurance and condemnation awards, into cash or liquidation claims ; The right, in the name and on behalf of Mortgagor, to appear in and defend any action or proceeding brought with respect to the Property and to commence any action or proceeding to protect the interest of Mortgagee in the Property ; All agreements, contracts, certificates, instruments, franchises, permits, licenses, plans, specifications and other documents, now or hereafter entered into, and all rights therein and thereto, respecting or pertaining to the use, occupation, construction, management or operation of the Land and any part thereof and any Improvements or respecting or pertaining to any business or activity conducted on the Land and any part thereof and all right, title and interest of Mortgagor therein and thereunder, including, without limitation, the right, during the continuance of any Event of Default, to receive and collect any sums payable to Mortgagor thereunder to the extent assignable ; All tradenames, trademarks, servicemarks, logos, copyrights, goodwill, books and records and all other general intangibles relating to or used in connection with the operation of the Property (to the extent assignable). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Trademarks shall not include any intang i ble property belonging to a tenant under the Lease s ; All reserves, escrows and deposit accounts maintained by Debtor with respect to the Property, including, without limitation, the Lockbox Agreement and the Cash Management Account, together with all deposits or wire transfers made to such accounts, all cash, checks, drafts, certificates, securities, investment property, financial assets, instruments and other property held therein from time to time and all proceeds, products, distributions or dividends or substitutions thereon and thereof ; All letter-of-credit rights (whether or not the letter of credit is evidenced by a writing) Debtor now has or hereafter acquires relating to the properties, rights, titles and interests referred to in Schedule I of the Mortgage ; and All commercial tort claims Mortgagor now has or hereafter acquires relating to the properties, rights, titles and interests referred to in Schedule I of the Mortgage .

The Mortgaged Property described above will be sold on an “ As Is, Where Is, With All Faults ” basis and subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes and liens for unpaid future ad valorem taxes, and restrictive covenants, rights of way, easements and reservations recorded prior to the Mortgage that apply to the Mortgaged Property. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

The failure of any high bidder to pay the purchase price and close this sale shall, at the option of Mortgagee, be cause for rejection of the bid, and if the bid is rejected, Mortgagee shall have the option of making the sale to the next highest bidder who is able, capable, and willing to comply with the terms thereof.

Attorney for Mortgagee :
Matthew M. Cahill

Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC
1901 6 th Avenue North, Suite 2600
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 244-3839
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain Vendor’s Lien retained in deed from ANTHONY W. KNOX to SHANETTA PAYNE and VANQUEZ LENAIR WOODARD dated September 21, 2020, and Recorded in Instrument #2020058373 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Mobile County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as holder of said Vendor’s Lien will under power of sale contained in said Vendor’s Lien, will sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the November 20, 2024, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse of Mobile County, Alabama, 205 Government St. Mobile, Alabama 36602, the following described real property in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to in said Vendor’s Lien:

LOT 67, SMOKERISE, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 23, PAGE 84, OF THE RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

This property will be sold on an “as is, where is” basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the judge of the probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney’s fee. 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 mortgagee.

ANTHONY W. KNOX
Holder of the Vendor’s Lien
William S. McFadden
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain Vendor’s Lien reserved in unrecorded deed from D & G Rentals, L.L.C., an Alabama Limited Liability Company, to Kristen T. Vaughan, notice is hereby given that the undersigned as the holder of said Vendor’s Lien will under power of sale contained in said Vendor’s Lien, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on November 20, 2024, at the front door of the Courthouse of Mobile County, Alabama, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602, the following described real property in the County of Mobile, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to Vendor’s Lien:

LOT 2 Newberry Subdivision Instrument 2021052124
Mobile, Alabama 36618 As recorded of the records of Office of the Judge of Probate Court, Mobile County, Alabama.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN “AS IS, WHERE IS” BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE WHERE THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney’s fee. 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 and Vendor’s Lien.

D & G RENTALS, L.L.C.
Vendor’s Lien Holder
William S. McFadden
McFadden, Rouse & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36609
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

CIRCUIT COURT

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALDEN E. DAVIS, JR.,
DECEASED
CASE NO. 2022-902122.00
On, to wit, December 12, 2024, at 1:30 P.M., in Courtroom 8600, Eighth Floor, Mobile Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama, the Circuit Court will proceed to consider the Petition for Final Settlement as filed by Frank H. Kruse. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest, who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper.

Ben H. Brooks, Circuit Judge
Attorney:
Duane A. Graham
Post Office Box 290
Mobile, AL 36601
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO: CV-2024-902574
IRON GATE PROPERTIES, LLC, Plaintiff,
v.
PETRINA L. LACEY, a/k/a PETRINA LACEY TUCKER; Her Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Its Successors or Assigns; CITY OF MOBILE; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee; A, B, and C, being any Person Or Entity which has an Interest, Right of Redemption, or has Paid Taxes on the Property in the Last Ten Years; and the LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT. Defendants.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice to Defendants of a Complaint issued out of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama. NOTICE is given that on October 3, 2024, the above-named Plaintiff, IRON GATE PROPERTIES, LLC, filed a cause of action against the above-named Defendants, PETRINA L. LACEY, a/k/a PETRINA LACY TUCKER, heir Heirs and Devises, if Deceased. NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Its Successors and Assigns; CITY OF MOBILE; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee; A, B, and C, being any person, or Entity which has an Interest, Right of Redemption, or has Paid Taxes on the Property in the Last Ten Years; and the LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, being all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, in order to obtain an Order quieting title in and to the following described real property:
The East Half of Lot 2, Barrell Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Map Book 6, pages 273-274, of the records in the Office of the Judge of the Probate, Mobile County, Alabama. This notice is published in conformity with Section 6-6-564, Code of Alabama.

Any persons claiming any future, contingent, reversionary, remainder or other interest therein must respond to the Complaint within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, by serving a copy of your answer, either admitting or denying the allegations in said Complaint; to John T. Bender, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 718 Downtowner Blvd., Mobile, Alabama 36609, and failing to answer within said time, a default may be entered against you as determined by the court for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff. You must also file your Answer with the Clerk of Court by such date. This publication shall be made in the Lagniappe Newspaper, published in Mobile County, Alabama, for four (4) consecutive weeks.

NOW THEREFORE, Defendants are hereby commanded to answer or plead to the summons and complaint by the 4 th day of January, 2025 in the above-entitled cause.

WITNESS my hand this the 4th day of November 2024.

/s/ *Sharla Knox*
SHARLA KNOX, CLERK
Clerk of Circuit Court of
Mobile County, Alabama
John T. Bender, Attorney for Plaintiff
McFadden, Rouse, & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Boulevard
Mobile, AL 36609
(251) 342-9172
john@mrbbattorneys.com
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN PORTER DAVIS,
DECEASED
CASE NO: 2022-902121.00
On, to wit, December 12, 2024, at 1:30 P.M., in Courtroom 8600, Eighth Floor, Mobile Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama, the Circuit Court will proceed to consider the Petition for Final Settlement as filed by Frank H. Kruse. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest, who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper.

Ben H. Brooks, Circuit Judge
Attorney:
Duane A. Graham
Post Office Box 290
Mobile, AL 36601
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
02-CV-2024-902615
SOUTHERN ONE PROPERTIES, LLC, Plaintiff, v.
VERONESA THORNTON, Her Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; RIAL THORNTON; His Heirs and Devises, if Deceased;
ALICIA BROOKS; Her Heirs and Devises if Deceased; JEFFERY H. THORNTON, His Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; GARY W. THORNTON, His Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; DONNA J. TRIPPEL, Her Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; A, B, and C, Being any Person or Entity which has an Interest, Right of Redemption, or has Paid Taxes on the Property in the Last Ten Years; and the LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT. Defendants.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice to Defendants of a pending Complaint issued out of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, Alabama. NOTICE is hereby given that on October 9, 2024, the above-named Plaintiff, Southern One Properties, LLC, filed a cause of action against Defendants, VERONESA THORNTON, her Heirs and Devises, if Deceased ; RIAL THORNTON, his Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; ALICIA BROOKS, her Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; JEFFERY H. THORNTON, his Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; GARY W. THORNTON, his Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; DONNA J. TRIPPEL, her Heirs and Devises, if Deceased; A, B, and C, being any Person, or Entity which has an Interest, Right of Redemption, or has Paid Taxes on the Property in the Last Ten Years; and the LANDS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, being all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, in order to obtain an Order quieting title in and to the following described real property:
A lot of land in the community of Toulminville, Mobile County, Alabama, beginning on Andrews Street, on the South side and 180 feet East of Second Street, and having a front of 60 feet, thence running Southwardly 125 feet to a point, thence Westwardly 40 feet to a point, thence Northwardly and parallel with Second Street 125 feet to the point of beginning, and Lot of land in Toulminville or Jacksonville, beginning 240 feet East of the Southeast corner of Second Street and Andrews Street on the South side of Andrews Street and running thence Eastwardly along Andrews Street 12 feet to a point, thence Southwardly and parallel with Second Street 150 feet to a point, thence Westwardly and parallel with Andrews Street 12 feet to a point, thence Northwardly along the East boundary of a lot previously sold to the Grantee 151 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.
This notice is published in conformity with Section 6-6-564, Code of Alabama .

Any persons claiming any future, contingent, reversionary, remainder or other interest therein must respond to the Complaint within 30 days after the date of the last publication of this notice, by serving a copy of your answer, either admitting or denying the allegations in said Complaint; to John T. Bender, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 718 Downtowner Blvd., Mobile, Alabama 36609, and failing to answer within said time, a default may be entered against you as determined by the court for the relief demanded by the Plaintiff. You must also file your Answer with the Clerk of Court by such date. This publication shall be made in the Lagniappe Newspaper, published in Mobile County, Alabama, for four (4) consecutive weeks.

NOW THEREFORE, Defendants are hereby commanded to answer or plead to the summons and complaint by the 20th day of December, 2024, in the above-entitled cause.

WITNESS my hand this the 24th day of October, 2024.

/s/ *Sharla Knox*
SHARLA KNOX
Clerk of Circuit Court of
Mobile County, Alabama
John T. Bender, Attorney for Plaintiff
McFadden, Rouse, & Bender, LLC
718 Downtowner Boulevard
Mobile, AL 36609
(251) 342-9172
john@mrbbattorneys.com
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024

DISTRICT COURT

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF ALABAMA**
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT
MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Katherine P. Nelson is due to expire on June 3, 2025. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

A full public notice for the Magistrate Judge position is posted in the office of the clerk of the district court at: U.S. District Court
Southern District of Alabama
155 St. Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602

The notice is also available on the Court’s Internet website at www.alsd.uscourts.gov.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court. All comments should be directed to:

Christopher L. Ekman, Clerk
U. S. District Court
Southern District of Alabama
155 St. Joseph Street
Mobile, AL 36602
christopher_ekman@alsd.uscourts.gov
Comments must be received by close of business
December 31, 2024.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF ALABAMA**
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT
MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge P. Bradley Murray is due to expire on March 10, 2025. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

A full public notice for the Magistrate Judge position is posted in the office of the clerk of the district court at: U.S. District Court
Southern District of Alabama
155 St. Joseph Street
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Comments must be received by close of business
December 31, 2024.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION
In the Matter of the Complaint of Harley D. Combs, as the Owner of a 2021 Sea Hunt Ultra 234 Hull, Identification Number XSXY00571021, for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability
CIV. ACT. NO. 1:24-cv-380-TFM-N
NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR
EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY
Notice is given that the Limitation Plaintiff, Harley D. Combs (hereinafter, the “Limitation Plaintiff”), as the owner of a 2021 Sea Hunt Ultra 234 (Hull Identification Number: XSXY00571021, hereinafter, the “Limitation Vessel”), as identified in the Complaint in Admiralty filed herein (hereinafter, the “Limitation Complaint”), claim the right of exoneration from or limitation of liability from any and all claims arising from a fire that occurred on August 20, 2024, at Dauphin Island Marina on Dauphin Island, Alabama (hereinafter, the “Fire”). All persons having claims must file them as provided in Rule F of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions (hereinafter, the “Supplemental Admiralty Rules”), with the Clerk of this Court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, Southern Division, and serve on or mail to the Limitation Plaintiff’s counsel: Kenneth A. Hitson, Jr., Holtstord, Gilliland, Hitson, Howard, Stevens, Tuley, & Savarese, P.C., 6483 Van Buren Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526 or Christopher A. Abel, Esquire, Willcox & Savage, P.C., 440 Monticello Avenue, Suite 2200, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, a copy thereof on or before the 6th day of January, 2025, or be defaulted. Personal attendance is not required.

Any claimant desiring to contest the Limitation Plaintiff’s allegations must file an answer to the Limitation Complaint as required by Supplemental Admiralty Rule F(5) and serve on or mail to counsel for the Limitation Plaintiffs a copy thereof.

SO NOTICED, this the 31st day of October, 2024.

UNITED STATES SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT OF ALABAMA
CHRISTOPHER EKMAN
CLERK, U. S. DISTRICT COURT
By: Mary Ann Boyles
Deputy Clerk
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

ADOPTIONS

PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
R.D.C. & M.A.I.C.*
Case Number 2024-1430
(A.F.J., a Minor).
In Re: • Motion for Implied Consent
NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR
This cause is before the Court on the above styled Motion for Implied Consent (“Motion”). No notice or hearing is necessary. This cause is properly before the Court pursuant to its jurisdiction and authority as conferred by statute and Constitutional provisions. Upon due consideration of the motion, it is ORDERED as follows:
1. The Petitioners are DIRECTED to serve the birth father (D.J.) and the birth mother (L.S.) with a copy of the

Motion and this notice and Order within twenty- one (21) days of the date of this Order.

2. Petitioners SHALL file proof of service on said parties with the Court on or before Nov. 30, 2024.

3. The birth father and the birth mother are ORDERED to file a written response to the Motion if they object to the relief requested in the pleading. A written objection stating the specific ground or grounds on which the objection is based is due to be filed within thirty (30) days of service. If you do not file an objection within thirty (30) days of service, the Court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in the pleading and may grant the relief requested by Petitioners. The written objection should be mailed to the Clerk of the Court at Post Office Box 7, Mobile, Alabama, 36601 [Street Address is Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602] and to all legal counsel of record.

4. Any response filed with the Court shall be taken up and heard at the pretrial. conference set out below.

5. In accordance with Rules 16 and 26(f) of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, it is ORDERED that a pretrial conference shall be held in this cause with regard to the referenced matter on Dec. 31, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. in Courtroom Number 1, Third Floor, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama.

6. The conference/hearing is for legal counsel of record and pro se parties only. Said legal counsel and pro se parties should be familiar with Rules 16 and 26 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure before the conference/hearing. Parties are encouraged to file in writing with the Court any response they may have to the referenced matter(s) prior to the conference/hearing. At this conference/hearing important dates will be discussed and scheduled. Discovery issues may also be considered by the Court. In the appropriate instance the Court may consider a request for instantner relief. All attendees should have their appointment calendars (or access thereto) at the conference/hearing. Failure to attend the conference/hearing could result in the imposition of sanctions, dismissal of a party's pending matter, and/or the granting of the relief requested by the opposing party.

7. Should the birth father and the birth mother fail to file an objection or response, this matter shall be set for a status conference on Dec. 31, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. in Courtroom Number 1, Third Floor, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama.

8. The Clerk of the Court shall forward a copy of this Notice and Order to Appear to counsel of record via electronic service.

Date: October 2024
DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
C.C.O. & M.A.C.,
Case Number 2023-0669
(R.R. A/K/A B.G.R., a Minor).
In Re: •
Motion to Enter Adoption Under Implied Consent
NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR

This cause is before the Court on the above styled Motion to Enter Adoption under Implied Consent for Both ("Motion"). No notice or hearing is necessary. This cause is properly before the Court pursuant to its jurisdiction and authority as conferred by statute and Constitutional provisions. Upon due consideration of the motion, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. The Petitioners are DIRECTED to serve the legal father (R.R.) and the putative father (Q.S.) with a copy of the Motion and this notice and Order within twenty- one (21) days of the date of this Order.

2. Petitioners SHALL file proof of service on said parties with the Court on or before Nov. 30, 2024.

3. The legal father and the putative father are ORDERED to file a written response to the Motion if they object to the relief requested in the pleading. A written objection stating the specific ground or grounds on which the objection is based is due to be filed within thirty (30) days of service. If you do not file an objection within thirty (30) days of service, the Court will consider that you do not oppose the granting of the relief requested in the pleading and may grant the relief requested by Petitioners. The written objection should be mailed to the Clerk of the Court at Post Office Box 7, Mobile, Alabama, 36601 [Street Address is Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602] and to all legal counsel of record.

4. Any response filed with the Court shall be taken up and heard at the pretrial conference set out below.

5. In accordance with Rules 16 and 26(f) of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, it is ORDERED that a pretrial conference shall be held in this cause with regard to the referenced matter on DEC. 31, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. in Courtroom Number 1, Third floor, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama.

6. The conference/hearing is for legal counsel of record and pro se parties only. Said legal counsel and pro se parties should be familiar with Rules 16 and 26 of the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure before the conference/hearing. Parties are encouraged to file in writing with the Court any response they may have to the referenced matter(s) prior to the conference/hearing. At this conference/hearing important dates will be discussed and scheduled. Discovery issues may also

be considered by the Court. In the appropriate instance the Court may consider a request for instantner relief. All attendees should have their appointment calendars (or access thereto) at the conference/hearing. Failure to attend the conference/hearing could result in the imposition of sanctions, dismissal of a party's pending matter, and/or the granting of the relief requested by the opposing party.

7. Should the legal father and the putative father fail to file an objection or response, this matter shall be set for a status conference on DEC. 31, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. in Courtroom Number 1, Third Floor, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama.

8. The Clerk of the Court shall forward a copy of this Notice and Order to Appear to counsel of record via electronic service.

Date: October 2024
DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS OF COMPLAINT ISSUED OUT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. CV-2023-900661.00,
ASFB, INC., Plaintiff, v. Hester Lee, Robert E. Lee, Jr., Julia Lee Brown, Sherman Edward Lee, Raynard Lee, AND FICTICIOUS PARTIES 1-99, REPRESENTING THE HEIRS DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF DEFENDANTS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 825 Felder Ave. Mobile, AL 36612 (Parcel#: R022210440005037, Key#: 263921).

NOTICE is hereby given to Defendants Hester Lee, Robert E. Lee, Jr., Sherman Edward Lee, and Raynard Lee in the above-entitled cause that the above-named Plaintiff filed in said Circuit Court, a cause of action against the above-named Defendants for ejection and to quiet the title to the above-described real property in favor of the Plaintiff, extinguishing any rights of the Defendants in and to the real property.

NOW THEREFORE, Defendants Hester Lee, Robert E. Lee, Jr., Sherman Edward Lee, and Raynard Lee, and any person claiming an interest in and to the above-described real property is hereby commanded to answer or plead by January 5, 2024, to the complaint filed in the above-entitled case or suffer the entry of a default judgement.

Attorney of Record: John M. Lassiter, Jr. Telephone: (251)433-6464
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY ALABAMA DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION
CASE NO. 02-DR-2024-900969.005
CARLETHAIE L. DONLEY
Plaintiff
vs
DAVID D. CUNNINGHAM, Defendant
DAVID D. CUNNINGHAM (Defendant), whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Plaintiff's Petition for Divorce and other relief by January 3, 2025 or, thereafter, a judgment of default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled case. The defendant's written answer must be filed with the court and a copy mailed to the plaintiff's attorney of record at the address provided below.
Done this October 17, 2024.
s/Sharla Knox(vay)
SHARLA KNOX, CIRCUIT CLERK
ATTY: RHONDA KINARD
1110 Montlimar Dr. Ste. 240
Mobile, Alabama 36609
TELEPHONE (251) 439-5515
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF DIVORCE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY ALABAMA DOMESTIC RELATIONS
DIVISION
NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION
Jennifer Hollis Haywood Plaintiff
VS
Terry Lamont Haywood Defendant
CASE NO. 02-DR-2024-900576.005
Terry Lamont Haywood (Defendant), whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Plaintiff's Petition for Divorce and other relief by January 7, 2025 or, thereafter, a judgment of default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled case. The defendant's written answer must be filed with the court and a copy mailed to the plaintiff's attorney of record at the address provided below.
Done this November 6, 2024
s/Sharla Knox (vay)
SHARLA KNOX, CIRCUIT CLERK
ATTY: Jennifer H. Haywood
297 Captain Leon C. Roberts Street Prichard, Alabama 36610
TELEPHONE (251) 307-8722
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received by the Alabama Community College System at the office of:
Bishop State Community College at 351 N. Broad St., Mobile, AL 36603 in the Business Technology Center

Auditorium
UNTIL: 2:00 pm
FOR:
CST
12/03/2024
Interior build-out for two offices a vestibule area and a lab classroom. Approximately 1,420 SF. at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.
A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Alabama Community College System in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.
Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of:
Watermark Design Group, LLC - 2970 Cottage Hill Rd., Suite 200, Mobile, AL 36606 and via request by email to sdragosavljevic@thompsonengineering.com
Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect (Engineer) upon deposit of \$0.00 be refunded in full on the first set issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution. Only general contractors who have been approved to bid pursuant to prequalification procedures and criteria established by the Owner will be eligible to bid for the Project. Written prequalification procedures and criteria are available for review at the office of: .
Watermark Design Group, LLC - 2970 Cottage Hill Rd., Suite 200, Mobile, AL 36606; Pre-Bid Meeting set for November 13th, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Science Health Building.
Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect (Engineer); the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS 24-08 USA Future Building
Applicant firms will be selected based on their professional qualifications and successful experience with similar project types based on the following criteria:
1. (3) Innovation District/Park centric Buildings completed within the last 10 years including the following programming elements: minimum of 100 thousand square feet, multiple levels, private offices, open office layouts, collaborative space, with indoor and outdoor community focused design.
2. The Architect and/or necessary consultants must have the ability to make weekly site visits during construction administration.
3. Project Team Process
4. Interview evaluation of short listed firms to demonstrate the ability to cooperatively work with USA Engineering Design and Construction to deliver a successful project.

About Our Project
The project site is located in Mobile, AL and includes a 4 story building with contemplated floor plates of 30,000 sf totaling 120,000 sf. The building's program will include multiple levels, private offices, open office layouts, potential laboratory use, collaborative space, with indoor and outdoor community focused design. The exterior of the building may include a combination of curtain wall glazing, insulated metal panels and precast stone. The site will include a new parking lot to the north with lighting. The design team will be working with USA ED&C and the Master Planner to coordinate the design for future growth of the area.
Minimum Code of Alabama Requirements (current Code of Alabama available at <https://www.legislature.state.al.us/legacy/CodeOfAlabama/1975/Caatoc.htm>
§41-4-133 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, Competitive Sealed Proposals
§41-16-82 of the Code of Alabama requires a disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all qualifications, proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals submitted to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.00.
§31-13-1, et seq. of the Code of Alabama (Alabama Immigration Law) imposes conditions on the award of state contracts. Firms must agree to fully comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Architects and engineers should review and adhere to these guidelines as appropriate to their project type.
§41-16-5 of the Code of Alabama imposes conditions on the award of state contracts. The firm must certify that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

RFQ Submission
Interested firms should submit the questionnaire to: Trent Davis, Associate Director of Engineering Design and Construction at trentdavis@southalabama.edu
• The questionnaire shall be emailed no later than 2:00 PM, December 6, 2024.
• Shortlisted firms will be notified on December 10, 2024.
• Interviews will be held during the week of December 16, 2024
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by JESCO, Inc. Construction, 2211 Michigan Ave., Mobile, AL 36615, until 2:00PM (local time), December 5, 2024, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and performing all work for constructing the following contract:
RFP No. 2024-019
Project No. FSB2021-531-01
BP#8A/8B
BP# 8A Terminal and BP#8B CUP (AMEPFT) at Mobile International Airport
Mobile, Alabama
Bid Item #1 General Works Prime
DBE Goal - 16.38%
Pre-bid 11/21 @ 10:00 am
Bid Item #2 Mechanical Prime
DBE Goal - 2.11%
Pre-bid 11/21 @ 2:00 pm
Bid Item #3 Electrical Prime
DBE Goal - 6.5%
Pre-bid 11/21 @ 2:00 pm
Bid Item #4 Fire Protection Prime
DBE Goal - 1.79%
Pre-bid 11/21 @ 2:00 pm
At the specified time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and then evaluated in a private setting. Upon selection, the CMAR will notify each bidder with the results of the selection.
A pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM local time for General Works Primes and Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024 @ 2:00 PM local time for Mechanical, Electrical, and Fire Protection Primes at JESCO, Inc. Field Office, 2211 Michigan Ave., Mobile, AL 36615 for the purpose of briefing prospective bidders, DBE's about this project. All prospective bidders are urged to attend.
Major items of work included in BP #8A/8B – Terminal and CUP General Works, Mechanical, Electrical, Fire Protection (AMEPFT at the Mobile International Airport. Liquidated Damages for this project shall be 6% annum of original contract per Calendar Day.
A Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) goal - See Bid Items above for % established for this project. The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR §26.53. As a condition of bid responsiveness, the Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information with their proposal on the forms provided herein:
(1) The names and addresses of A Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) firm that will participate in the contract.
(2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform.
(3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1)
(4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under item (1) to meet the Owner's project goal.
(5) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goals; evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR Part 26. Per 49 CFR Part 26.53(b)
(3), the Bidder may submit evidence of a good faith effort within five (5) days after the bid opening .
(6) Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment. All prospective bidders MUST register and obtain Plans and Specifications online at <https://www.maabids.com/> . Any updates and addenda will be placed on this site. Bidders are urged to check the site periodically for updates. Bids must be submitted on the forms included within the contract documents and specifications. Bids shall include all pages included in Division I – Bid Documents. All bid packages should include two (2) complete sets of the bid documents. Submission of the entire contract book is not required.
Guarantee of Bid IS NOT required.
No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified with the State of Alabama. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in Alabama.
No contract will be awarded unless the contractor holds a current and appropriate license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama.
No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.
MAA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted; to select one or more responding parties; to void this RFP and the review process and/or terminate negotiations at any time; to select separate responding

parties for various components of the scope of services; and to select a final party/parties from among the proposals received in response to this RFP. Additionally, any and all RFP project elements, requirements and schedules are subject to change and modification. MAA also reserves the unqualified right to modify, suspend, or terminate at its sole discretion any and all aspects of this RFP process, to obtain further information from any and all responding parties, and to waive any defects as to form or content of the RFP or any responses by any party.
This RFP does not commit MAA to award a contract, defray any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or contract for any services. All submitted responses to this RFP become the property of MAA as public records. All proposals may be subject to public review, on request, unless exempted as discussed elsewhere in this RFP.
By accepting this RFP and/or submitting a proposal in response thereto, each responding party agrees for itself, its successors and assigns, to hold MAA and its agents, directors, consultants, attorneys, officers, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims and demands of whatever nature or type, with any such responding company, its representatives, agents, contractors, successors or assigns may have against any of them as a result of issuing this RFP, revising this RFP, conducting the selection process and making a final recommendation, selecting a responding party/parties or negotiating or executing an agreement incorporating the commitments of the selected responding party.
By submitting responses, each responding party acknowledges having read this RFP in its entirety and agrees to all terms and conditions set out in this RFP.
Brian Slaughter, Project Director
JESCO, Inc. Construction
Mobile, Alabama
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
Sealed proposals will be received from pre-qualified bidders by The University of South Alabama at the office of Robert Brown in the Purchasing Department located at 650 Clinic Drive, Suite 1400 Mobile, AL 36688 until 2:00 PM Central Time, November 26, 2024 for:
MCI - Fairhope Pharmacy USP 800 Upgrades University of South Alabama Mobile, Alabama
USA Job No. 21-51
USA Bid No. 4100401
The general scope of the work includes but is not limited to: Additions and renovations to upgrade an existing pharmacy to meet the USP 800 minimum requirements for a cancer rehabilitation facility in Fairhope, AL. The project includes site preparations for a temporary portable pharmacy that must be utilized during construction. Operations of the facility must not be impacted by construction. Some after hours and weekend work may be required. Work includes the following activities; demolition of interior walls, ceilings, and mechanical systems. New work will include; a small addition to the building, interior finishes, and a new mechanical system with controls.
This project will require companies and subcontractors with the following experience;
Compounding USP 797, or 800 Compliant
Mechanical subcontractor with USP 797 or 800 experience
Healthcare
PRE-BID CONFERENCE:
The Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:30 PM CST time on November 12, 2024, at the University of South Alabama Fairhope Campus in USA-BC room 7 at 111 St. James Avenue, Fairhope, AL 36532.
In accordance with Code of Alabama, 39-2-2(a), prequalification is required for this project.
CONTACT INFO:
Chris West, cwest@southalabama.edu; 251-422-0548
DOCUMENTS:
Bid Documents shall be available on USA's purchasing website:
<https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/financialaffairs/purchasingdepartment/bidlist.html>
BONDS:
A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the University of South Alabama in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000 must accompany the bidder's proposal.
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received from qualified General Contractors in the 8th Floor RSA Real Estate Office Conference Room, 11 N. Water Street, Suite 8245, Mobile, AL 36602 until 2:00 PM (local time) on December 5, 2024 and thereafter opened publicly for the: **RSA BATTLE HOUSE TOWER**
GSA SUITE 14250
MOBILE, ALABAMA
Bid documents may be examined at the Office of the Architect.
Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect by digital access/file sharing access for a one time administrative fee of \$75.00 (non-refundable; separate check), and/or deposit of \$150.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first two (2) sets issued to each bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition and reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be

refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, which is estimated to be the same as the deposit amount. Partial sets will not be available . To expedite distribution of bid documents, deposit check(s) should be emailed and mailed to JMR+H Architecture, PC, Attn: Renae Williams; 445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 5050, Montgomery, Alabama 36104; specs@jmrha.com . Bidders and their sub-contractors will be required to submit non-disclosure agreements prior to obtaining the bid documents.

Award will be made only to competent and responsible bidders as mandated by Title 39 of the Code of Alabama. All bidders must be licensed under Title 34 of the Code of Alabama and evidence thereof must appear on the proposal envelope or it will not be opened. The State of Alabama Certified Fire Alarm Act requires that every business who installs fire alarm systems in commercial occupancies must be licensed as a Certified Fire Alarm Contractor. The contractor must have a NICET Level III Technician in a position of responsibility, and the license will be issued in the name of the certificate holder and the contractor. The Certified Fire Alarm Act also requires that technicians working for the Certified Contractor must hold a current NICET Level II, or equivalent, certification. The fire alarm specifications shall require contractors wishing to bid on fire alarm work to show evidence at the pre-bid conference that he/ she meets the certification requirements of the Act and holds a permit issued by the State Fire Marshal. Verify these requirements are included in the contract. A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held in the 8th Floor RSA Real Estate Office Conference Room, 11 N. Water Street, Suite 8245, Mobile, AL 36602 on November 14, 2024 , at 10:00 AM (local time prevailing) for the purpose of reviewing the project and answering Bidder’s questions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory for all General Contract Bidders intending to submit a Proposal.

A cashier’s check or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder’s proposal and must secure the bid for at least 60 days. Conditional bids will be rejected. List of major subcontractors must accompany the bid. Performance and Payment Bonds (if award exceeds \$50,000) and evidence of insurance are prerequisites of contract award. Right is reserved by the Awarding Authority to reject all bids and to waive irregularities.

THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA
JMR+H Architecture, PC
445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 5050, Montgomery, AL 36104
Telephone: (334) 420-5672
Fax: (334) 420-5692
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County at the Facilities Conference Room, 1 Magnum Pass, Building F, Mobile, AL 36618 until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday December 05, 2024 for MCPSS Orchard Elementary School, Miscellaneous Upgrades, Mobile, AL 36618. DCM #20240340; FPN 23-47; at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A cashier’s check or bid bond payable to the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder’s proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the Bid Documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of The Architects Group, Inc. 710 Downtowner Blvd. Mobile, AL 36609; The Facilities Department of MCPSS at 1 Magnum Pass, Mobile, AL 36618; and FW Dodge Plan Rooms in Montgomery and Birmingham, CMD Group, Document Processing Center, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 500, Norcross, GA 30092-2912 and through SCAN.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday November 21, 2024, at the Facilities Conference Room, 1 Magnum Pass, Building F, Mobile, AL 36618.

Bid Documents may be obtained from The Architects Group, Inc. (251) 343.1811 upon deposit of \$200.00 (check payable to “The Architects Group, Inc.”) per set which will be refunded in full on the first set issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors and sets for subcontractors and dealers may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner’s judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF MOBILE COUNTY
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

CALL FOR BIDS

City of Mobile, Alabama Cruise Terminal – Bard Unit Replacement
201 South Water Street
Mobile, Alabama 36602

CT-060-24

Notice is hereby given that the City of Mobile will receive sealed bids for the above stated project on December 4, 2024, no later than 2:15 PM. Bidders shall insert sealed Bids into a receptacle, marked “City of Mobile Bids”, located in the elevator lobby outside the office of the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor South Tower, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602. The same will be publicly opened and read at 2:30 PM in the Atrium Lobby of Government Plaza. Additional bidding instructions are detailed in the Project Manual.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid conference shall be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM CST at the site. Meet at the North Dock Gate. This project is Tax Exempt.

Bid Documents will be on file November 13, 2024 and may be examined and obtained from the following location:

www.cityofmobile.org/bids/
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation may be required. A Directory of DBE Vendors can be found at the following location:

<https://workwith.cityofmobile.org/>
Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

CALL FOR BIDS

Tricentennial Park - Site Improvements
2121 Bragg Avenue
Mobile, Alabama 36617

PR-004-23

Notice is hereby given that the City of Mobile will receive sealed bids for the above stated project on Wednesday December 11, 2024, no later than 2:15 PM. Bidders shall insert sealed Bids into a receptacle, marked “City of Mobile Bids”, located in the elevator lobby outside the office of the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor South Tower, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602. The same will be publicly opened and read at 2:30 PM in the Atrium Lobby of Government Plaza. Additional bidding instructions are detailed in the Project Manual.

A recommended pre-bid conference shall be held on Wednesday November 20, 2024 9:00 a.m. at the site. This project is Tax Exempt.

Bid Documents will be on file Wednesday November 13, 2024 and may be examined and obtained from the following location:

www.cityofmobile.org/bids/
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation may be required. A Directory of DBE Vendors can be found at the following location:

<https://workwith.cityofmobile.org/>
Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES,

MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the Commissioner of ADCNR, c/o Alabama Marine Resources Division, at their Administrative Office Conference Room located at 2 Iberville Drive, Dauphin Island, Alabama 36542 until 4:00 p.m. Central Time (CDT), Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud publicly in their conference room on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. CDT for: BOAT RAMP RENOVATIONS AND DOCK IMPROVEMENTS AT BILLY GOAT HOLE BOAT RAMP ALABAMA MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION IN MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA PROJECT NO. 2-MR-215

“Bidders and interested parties shall consult the DCNR website for any updates, delays, or changes at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/>”
Scope of Work: Project shall generally consist of marine construction, the installation of five stationary piers, four concrete boat ramps, approx. 200 feet +/- of steel sheet piles, dolphins, grade work, and general site construction.

The Contractor shall observe and comply with all federal, state, and municipal laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to this project.

Bid Package: An electronic version of the Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications in .PDF format is free upon request. Contact Jock Hollings at Jacques.hollings@dcnr.alabama.gov or (334) 430-3246 .

Paper copies of Contract Documents and Plans may only be obtained from the office of the Chief of Engineering Services, Folsom Administrative Building, Room 483, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104 for a nonrefundable fee of twenty-five (\$25) per hard copy set. *The Contractor shall include with his check for the Contract Documents and Plans: his/her mailing address, street address, telephone number, General Contractors License No., Federal ID No. and whom to contact.* Bid proposal forms will be issued only to responsible bidders or their representatives submitting requests before 11:00 a.m. CDT on the day before the bids are due.

Pre-bid Conference: A pre -bid conference will be held onsite at the Billy Goat Hole Boat Ramp located at 112

Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, AL 36528 , on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. CDT. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is strongly recommended for all General Contractor Bidders and Subcontractors intending to submit a proposal. Interested parties can contact Terry Boyd 334-242-3836 or Jock Hollings in the Montgomery office.

Submission of Bids : Sealed bids must be submitted on proposal forms obtained from the office of the Chief of Engineering Services and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the contract bid price, but not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

Notice to Contractors

An executed copy of the Disclosure Statement required by Act 2001-955 (Article 3B of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975) must be included with the bid proposal at bid opening. A copy is available here: <https://examiners.alabama.gov/PDF/publications/Vendor-Disclosure-Statement.pdf> . No bids shall be accepted after 4:00 p.m. CDT, Tuesday , December 10, 2024 .

A performance bond in the penalty amount of 100% of the contract price, a payment bond not less than 50% of the contract price, proof of general liability insurance, E-Verify MOU, and other documents will be required of the successful bidder.

For bids in excess of \$100,000, Contractor must be licensed as a General Contractor, Classification Marine Construction or other classification that covers the work being performed and must submit a copy of their license. Prequalification is not required.

Evaluation/Award: A contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. ADCNR reserves the right to compare specific items, at its discretion, to determine the most cost-efficient and responsible bidder. It is anticipated the award will be made within thirty (30) days of the bid opening. Non-Discrimination: ADCNR does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

General Information: The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. All responses received will be subject to the Alabama Open Records Act, Ala. Code § 36-12-40, (1975), as amended, and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.

If accommodations pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act are needed to attend the bid opening or other required meetings or site visits, please contact Jock Hollings at (334) 353-5647 or (334) 430-3246. Requests should be made as soon as possible, but at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meetings or site visit. This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
CHRISTOPHER M. BLANKENSHIP
COMMISSIONER

Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FUEL/FUEL MANAGEMENT
SERVICES

The Town of Dauphin Island is requesting proposals from licensed contractors for Fuel/Fuel Management Services.

Please contact Wanda Sandagger at wsandagger@townofdauphinisland.org for a copy of the Specifications and Proposal.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE
Interested companies must submit proposal by 1:00 pm (CST) on Friday, December 13, 2024 in a sealed envelope and marked:

Town of Dauphin Island
ATTN: TOWN CLERK
“ FUEL/FUEL MANAGEMENT SERVICES ”
1011 Bienville Boulevard
Dauphin Island, Alabama 36528
The Town reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.
The Town of Dauphin Island is an equal opportunity employer.

Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

REQUESTS FOR BIDS
Montgomery Regional Airport
Montgomery, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received until Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 2:00 P. M. CST at the Montgomery Regional Airport Terminal Rotunda Room located at 4445 Selma Highway Montgomery , Alabama 36108 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Airfield Electrical Replacement - Phase II at the Montgomery Regional Airport . Major items of work include: Replacement of New Airfield Electrical System including new runway and taxiway lights, new series circuit routing/wiring, new airfield guidance signs and isolated NAVAID components. Existing in-place airfield equipment and Vault equipment will be removed/replaced or deactivated as per plans. All new airfield electrical systems/circuits will be routed back to a new relocated Pre-Fabricated Electrical Vault Building (with associated regulators and equipment) provided under a separate and previously contracted project (Phase I – By others, NITC). A MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for

Friday, November 15, 2024 at 9:00 A. M. CST at the Montgomery Regional Airport Terminal Rotunda Room located at 4445 Selma Highway, Montgomery, Alabama 36108. Attendance is mandatory. Virtual attendance will be offered via Teams.

Information for the Project can be found on the following website: <https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/> . The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 1906 E. Three Notch Street, Andalusia, Alabama 36421, Attn: Patsy Stinson or email: patsy.stinson@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of \$20.00 for digital access/file sharing access and/ or payment of \$100 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to “Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC.” Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed \$50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the Montgomery Airport Authority .

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. “A contractor must have a Heavy and Railroad major license or a Heavy and Railroad specialty license to bid as prime for this project.” Bids may be held by the Montgomery Airport Authority for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Award of contract is subject to requirements in the contract documents including, but not limited to, the following Federal provisions:

- 1) Buy American Preference
- 2) Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances
- 3) Equal Employment Opportunity
- 4) Davis Bacon
- 5) Debarment and Suspension
- 6) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise
- 7) Foreign Trade Restriction
- 8) Lobbying Federal Employees
- 9) Recovered Materials

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of 9.79 % has been established for this project. The Montgomery Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, [select businesses, or disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises] will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The Montgomery Airport Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Wade Davis, Executive Director
Montgomery Airport Authority
4445 Selma Highway
Montgomery, AL 36108
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County at the Facilities Conference Room, Building F, 1 Magnum Pass, Mobile, Alabama 36618 until 2:00pm, local time on November 26, 2024 for the Clark Shaw Magnet School Elevator Modernization B.C.#2021669 FPN#21-36 PSQA#9347 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A cashier’s check or bid bond payable to the Board of School Commissioners of Mobile County in the amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000 must accompany the bidder’s proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract. Drawings and specifications may be examined online at ASApplans.com, Dodge Data and Analytics and ConstructConnect.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:30pm on November 19, 2024, at MCPSS Facilities Conference Room, 1 Magnum Pass, Building F, Mobile, Alabama

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect’s online planroom (www.ASApplans.com) upon a cost of \$50.00 for a digital download.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect (Engineer); the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner’s judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF MOBILE COUNTY
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Dauphin Island Water, Sewer & Fire Protection Authority
(DIWSA)
INVITATION REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

The DIWSA is soliciting statements of interest from qualified firms to provide professional design, engineering, surveying, permitting and Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I) for a Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2010 (“RESTORE Act”) Council Selected Restoration Component project. The purpose of this project is planning to rehabilitate over 17,000 LF of existing sanitary sewer lines, 3 lift stations, and 146 existing manholes (Phase I) to better serve the service area in Dauphin Island, Alabama; further described in the Federal Award GT3CP24AL0010-01-00. This request is in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 (b) (2), as issued by the Office of Management and Budget. Any contract awarded under this solicitation may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council and Alabama Department of Natural Resources (ADCNR) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast Sates Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

Sealed proposals will be received by Dauphin Island Water, Sewer & Fire Protection Authority (DIWSA), in the Dauphin Island offices located at 908 Alabama Ave. Dauphin Island, Alabama, 36528 until 10 am on December 3, 2024 and then publicly opened thereafter, for furnishing all labor and materials, and performing all work for the DIWSA as required by DIWSA and described as follows:

RFQ for DIWSA Sewer Collection Improvements – Phase I ADCNR Grant # B2WQ-DISC

The period of performance will be within 15 months of a fully executed contract with DIWSA. CE&I will follow if the construction contract is awarded for Phase II. Request for Qualifications documents will be posted on the DIWSA Website : or a copy may be obtained by e-mailing: diwsa@aol.com . Specifications are on file and may be seen in the office on Dauphin Island. Questions or comments pertaining to this proposal must be sent via e-mail only to the attention of Vaile Feemster, General Manager, DIWSA, diwsa@aol.com no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the proposal opening or may be forever waived.

Envelopes containing proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside as follows: “ Proposal for RFQ B2WQ-DISC DIWSA Sewer Collection System Improvements ” and may be mailed to, Vaile Feemster, General Manager, 908 Alabama Ave., Dauphin Island, AL 36528. All proposals shall contain original signatures. Proposals (6 hard copies plus one electronic flash drive) must be received no later than 10 am on December 3, 2024. Firms submitting proposals are solely responsible for meeting submittal deadlines. Proposals received after the stated deadline will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation. Proposals deemed responsive will be evaluated and an award decision will be made by the DIWSA Board of Directors. DIWSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. A contract will be awarded to the qualified applicant whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to DIWSA. DIWSA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposal process. DIWSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all contractors comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and the provisions of the Contract Documents in this regard.

Minority/Women Businesses . Minority and women’s business enterprises are solicited to submit a statement of qualifications and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. Mobile County Commission takes all necessary affirmative steps, as set forth in 2 C.F.R. 200.321(b) to assure that minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. When subcontracting, all potential contractors must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises. See 2. C. F. R. §200.321 .

All procurement actions will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Federal Award, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, and all applicable federal, state, and local requirements including, but not limited to, all provisions and appendices of 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Furthermore, applicable clauses set forth pursuant to 2

C.F.R. Part 200 will be included in all purchase orders, contracts, and agreements. "Applicants or bidders for a lower tier covered transaction (except procurement contracts for goods and services under \$25,000 not requiring the consent of a Treasury official) are subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement)." In addition, applicants or bidders for a lower tier covered transaction for a subaward, contract, or subcontract greater than \$100,000 of Federal funds at any tier are subject to relevant statutes, including among others, the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, as well as the common rule, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," published at 55 FR 6736 (February 26, 1990), including definitions, and the Office of Management and Budget "Governmentwide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying," and notices published at 54 FR 52306 (December 20, 1989), 55 FR 24540 (June 15, 1990), 57 FR 1772 (January 15, 1992), and 61 FR 1412 (January 19, 1996).

The bidder must include the Company's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in the proposal as evidence of the Company's active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM). SAM registration is required for businesses to contract with the federal government, and for confirmation of debarment/suspension status. Registration is free and can be obtained through www.sam.gov. A contract award will not be made to parties listed on the government-wide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. part 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension."

The company that is awarded the bid must have Workman's Compensation Insurance on all of its employees if work is done on DIWSA premises. General Liability Insurance must be maintained to hold DIWSA harmless in the event of an accident. Awarded vendor must submit to DIWSA, Proof of Workman's Compensation Insurance if work is done on DIWSA premises and General Liability Insurance specifying coverage. See bid packet for details.

No proposals will be considered unless the Professional Services firm, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this type of work in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama, including, where applicable, possessing a Certificate of Authorization issued by the State Board of Licensure for the State of Alabama under the CODE OF ALABAMA, Section 34, and further, certifies that it has the professional, technical, and administrative personnel with the specific experience and training necessary to provide the services as may be required by DIWSA. Furthermore, the Professional Services firm will meet all current licensing and certifications necessary to perform the scope of work. In addition, the awarded vendor, if non-resident of the State, and if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama, <http://www.sos.alabama.gov/BusinessServices/ForeignCorps.aspx>

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by JESCO, Inc. Construction, 2211 Michigan Ave., Mobile, AL 36615, until 2:00PM (local time), December 19, 2024, for the furnishing of all labor and materials and performing all work for constructing the following contract:
RFP No. 2024-025
Project No. FSB2021-531-01 BP#2E
BP #2E – Landscaping at Mobile International Airport
Mobile, Alabama
At the specified time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud and then evaluated in a private setting. Upon selection, the CMAR will notify each bidder with the results of the selection.
A pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM local time at JESCO, Inc. Field Office, 2211 Michigan Ave., Mobile, AL 36615 for the purpose of briefing prospective bidders, MBE's about this project. All prospective bidders are urged to attend. Major items of work included in BP #2E – Landscaping at the Mobile International Airport.
Liquidated Damages for this project shall be 6% annum of original contract per Calendar Day.
A Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) goal of 12.21% has been established for this project. The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR §26.53. As a condition of bid responsiveness, the Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information with their proposal on the forms provided herein:
(1) The names and addresses of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) firms that will participate in the contract.
(2) A description of the work that each MBE firm will perform.
(3) The dollar amount of the participation of each MBE firm listed under (1)
(4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the MBE firm(s) listed under item (1) to meet the Owner's project goal.
(5) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project MBE goals; evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR Part 26. Per 49 CFR Part 26.53(b)(3), the Bidder may submit evidence of a good faith effort within five (5) days after the bid opening.
(6) Written confirmation from each listed MBE firm that is participating in the contract in the kind and amount

of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment. All prospective bidders MUST register and obtain Plans and Specifications online at <https://www.maabids.com/>. Any updates and addenda will be placed on this site. Bidders are urged to check the site periodically for updates. Bids must be submitted on the forms included within the contract documents and specifications. Bids shall include all pages included in *Division I – Bid Documents*. All bid packages should include two (2) complete sets of the bid documents. Submission of the entire contract book is not required. Guarantee of Bid IS NOT required.

No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified with the State of Alabama. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in Alabama.

No contract will be awarded unless the contractor holds a current and appropriate license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

MAA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted; to select one or more responding parties; to void this RFP and the review process and/or terminate negotiations at any time; to select separate responding parties for various components of the scope of services; and to select a final party/parties from among the proposals received in response to this RFP. Additionally, any and all RFP project elements, requirements and schedules are subject to change and modification. MAA also reserves the unqualified right to modify, suspend, or terminate at its sole discretion any and all aspects of this RFP process, to obtain further information from any and all responding parties, and to waive any defects as to form or content of the RFP or any responses by any party.

This RFP does not commit MAA to award a contract, defray any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or contract for any services. All submitted responses to this RFP become the property of MAA as public records. All proposals may be subject to public review, on request, unless exempted as discussed elsewhere in this RFP.

By accepting this RFP and/or submitting a proposal in response thereto, each responding party agrees for itself, its successors and assigns, to hold MAA and its agents, directors, consultants, attorneys, officers, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims and demands of whatever nature or type, with any such responding company, its representatives, agents, contractors, successors or assigns may have against any of them as a result of issuing this RFP, revising this RFP, conducting the selection process and making a final recommendation, selecting a responding party/parties or negotiating or executing an agreement incorporating the commitments of the selected responding party.

By submitting responses, each responding party acknowledges having read this RFP in its entirety and agrees to all terms and conditions set out in this RFP. Brian Slaughter, Project Director
JESCO, Inc. Construction
Mobile, Alabama
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2024

USA Form C-15
February 2006
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the USA Health (Owner) will accept sealed Bids for the following Work:
HVAC WORK HOURLY RATE ANNUAL CONTRACT
USA Health
Mobile, Alabama
USA Job #2024-15
Bids will be received from licensed general contractors and clocked in at 2:00PM local time on Thursday, November 21st, 2024, in the Purchasing Office. Bids will not be accepted after the time indicated herein and will be returned unopened.
A cashier's check or bid bond payable to USA Health in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000 must accompany the bidder's proposal.
Bid Documents shall be available only through the USA Purchasing Office. Contact as follows: USA Health Purchasing
ATTN: Tyler Craig
210 Cox Street
Mobile, AL 36604 matthewwcraig@southalabama.edu
Bids must be submitted on Proposal Forms furnished in the Bid Documents or copies thereof. The preceding is an abbreviated advertisement. The complete advertisement may be obtained from the location listed above.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Marine Resources Division, at Claude Peteet Mariculture Center Conference Room, 999 Commerce Loop, Gulf Shores Alabama 36542 until 4:00 pm, November 20, 2024 and then opened on November 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Shed Renovation and Rebuild for Claude Peteet Mariculture Center for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Marine Resources Division Gulf Shores, Alabama

The Work of the project includes, but is not limited to: shed renovation and rebuild for the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center as indicated in the Bid and Contract Documents.
A cashier's check or bid bond payable to THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory Labor and material Payment Bonds, insurance in compliance with requirements, and verification of E-Verify enrollment will be required at the signing of the Contract. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, 11 North Water Street, Suite 19290, Mobile, Alabama 36602, Attn: Doris Furr (251) 338-6840 doris.furr@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.
General Contractors may procure plans and specifications from the Architect upon payment of a deposit of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for a one time administrative fee for digital/file sharing access or Fifty dollars (\$50.00) (printed) per set. Contractors are encouraged to use the digital plans. Refunds will be issued for printed sets only issued by the Architect to each general contract bidder on the first two (2) sets issued submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good and reusable condition within ten (10) days of bid date. Additional sets for General Contractors, and sets for subs and vendors, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling and distribution, which is estimated to be the same as the deposit amount. Checks shall be made payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC". Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. No bid documents will be distributed later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.
For the list of plan holders on this project visit <http://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/>.
All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the Provision of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, and must show such evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by Architect or Owner. The bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered; Bidder must also include his or her current license number on the Proposal Form. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.
A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center Conference Room, 999 Commerce Loop Gulf Shores, AL 36542 at 10:00 a.m., November 12, 2024 for the purpose of reviewing the project and answering Bidder's questions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is strongly recommended, for all General Contractor Bidders and Subcontractors intending to submit a Proposal.
This project is being bid under the provisions of Alabama Act 2000-684, which require the General Contractor, in part, to take advantage of the Owner's tax exempt status; obtain necessary certificates and other documentation required from the Alabama Department of Revenue, make payment for all materials, and to administer the sales and use tax savings portion of the project, as a part of their Bid.
Additional qualifications and requirements for General Contractor Bidders and separate Subcontractors are indicated in the Bid and Contract Documents.
The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.
GOODWYN MILLS CAWOOD, LLC
MEMBERS, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS
11 North Water Street, Suite 19290
Mobile, AL 36602
Phone: (251) 460-4006
Fax: (251) 460-4423
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until 12:00 p.m., Local Time, on December 2, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at 1:00 p.m., for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: Contract No.: AMOB240029 Mobile Area Water and Sewer System – MAWSS Kiosks. Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's office at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at the office of Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC) 11 N. Water St. Suite 19290 Mobile, Alabama 36602
Attn: Doris.furr@gmcnetwork.com (251) 460-4006. For the list of plan holders on this project visit <http://www.gmcnetwork.com>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Project Bids.

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be obtained from GMC, upon a non-refundable payment of \$20.00 for digital plans or \$250.00 for each printed set. Checks should be made payable to "GMC." Bid documents will be mailed upon receipt of deposit. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.
A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. The meeting will be held in the Board Room, at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249. Prospective bidders and subcontractors are encouraged to attend.
Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents. The following contract bid documents, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Subcontracting Plan, SSO and Unpermitted Discharge Prevention Notification, and any addendum attachments shall be printed on yellow color paper and tabbed. The Contractor shall be responsible for preparing its bid package in accordance with this guideline.
Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, at 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, Suite A, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing Contract No.: AMOB240029 Mobile Area Water and Sewer System – MAWSS Kiosks, to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, December 2, 2024." The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope. Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, not to exceed \$10,000*.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.
THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Mobile County Commission, in the Mobile Government Plaza, Eighth Floor South Tower, Mobile, AL, until **10:00 AM Wednesday, December 11, 2024**, and then publicly opened for furnishing all labor, materials, and insurance to perform all work required by Mobile County and described as follows:
Project Name: Semmes Senior Center Walking Trail – Phase Two
Project Number.: MCD2-PF-23-001
Project Summary: Development of a walking trail, pickleball courts, exercise stations, picnic shelters, and other amenities. ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) calendar days are allowed for the construction of the project.
All bids must be on blank forms provided in the Specifications and submitted in its entirety. A cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or a Bidder's Bond, payable to Mobile County, Alabama, for an amount not less than Five Percent (5%) of the amount bid, shall be filed with the proposal, the Bidder's Bond being prepared on the form specified and signed by a bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Alabama.
A Performance Bond in the form and terms approved by the County in an amount not less than the contract price will be required at the signing of the contract. A labor and materials bond in form and terms approved by the County in an amount not less than the contract price insuring payment for all labor and materials, shall also be required at the signing of the contract. In addition, the Contractor must furnish to the County at the time of the signing of the contract a certificate of insurance coverage as provided in the specifications. The right is reserved to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities and to furnish any item of material or work to change the amount of said Contract.
Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. **Any bidders with a history of non-compliance with state and federal grant requirements will be ineligible for the award of this bid.**
Funding for this project has been provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant program, and all applicable Federal requirements must be met.
Liquidated damages for non-completion of the work within the time limit agreed upon will be assessed in accordance with the terms of the Contract.
Specifications are on file and may be seen at the office of Facilities Design and Construction, on the 7th Floor, South Tower West of Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama and at the offices of **Duplantis Design Group (DDG), 3703 Old Shell Road, Mobile, AL 36608**. Specifications may be obtained at the office of **Duplantis Design Group (DDG)** by depositing **Ninety-Five (\$95)**

Dollars for each set. This deposit shall be refunded in full to each prime Contractor Bidder upon return of the documents in reusable condition within Ten (10) days after Bid Opening for up to Two (2) sets. The cost of and return of additional sets of Specifications shall be in accordance with Section 39-2-3 in the Code of Alabama 1975. No specifications will be issued to contractors later than Twenty-Four (24) hours prior to the time indicated above for receiving bids.
All prospective bidders shall have a representative present at a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** that will be held **11:00 AM, Tuesday, November 26, 2024**, on-site at 9635 Moffett Rd. Semmes, AL 36575. All contractors not having a representative at this meeting **will be disqualified** from bidding on this project.
No bids will be considered unless the bidder, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly licensed and qualified to submit a proposal for this construction in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. This shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State, if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama.
Prior to the award of a competitively bid contract to a contractor having one or more employees in the State of Alabama, Alabama law requires that the contractor provide the county proof of enrollment in E-Verify (see www.uscis.gov/everify and to execute a certificate of compliance with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer And Citizen Protection Act (Act 2011-535), as amended by Act 2012-491.
If applicable to a contract resulting from this bid invitation, the successful bidder must comply with the Mobile County Contractor Felony Investigation, available in the Engineering Department, or online at <https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/uploads/investigationpolicy1107.pdf>.
No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of Thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the County Commission of Mobile County, Contractors and suppliers wishing to do business with Mobile County may now review Bids and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Mobile County Bid Alerts.
<https://www.instagram.com/mobilecountybidaalerts/>
<https://twitter.com/MCCBidAlerts>
<https://www.facebook.com/MCCbidalerts/>
www.mobilecountyal.gov/bids/
COUNTY COMMISSION OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
BY: RANDALL DUEITT, PRESIDENT
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Business Entrance Lobby at Park Forest, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until 12:00 p.m., Local Time, on December 2, 2024, and then publicly opened and read at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: CC Williams S1 Digester Repairs (Proj. No. 1201846.002). Plans and specifications may be inspected at the Board's office at 4725 Moffett Rd., Suite A, Mobile, AL or at Volkert, Inc., 1110 Montlimar Drive, Suite 1050, Mobile, AL. Electronic plans and specifications may be obtained via email for review only. from Volkert, Inc. (Email: keturah.doherty@volkert.com). All bids must be submitted on a numbered set of specifications obtained from Volkert, Inc. as described in the Instructions to Bidders.
Copies of the Plans and Specifications for bidding purposes may be obtained from Volkert, Inc. upon a non-refundable payment of \$40.00 per set. No Specifications will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.
A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, on November 14, 2024, in the Dewatering Facility Classroom at the CC Williams WWTF, 1600 Yeend St., Mobile, AL 36603, to discuss bidding and project requirements.
Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents.
Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, at 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for CC Williams S1 Digester Repairs (Proj. No. 1201846.002), to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, December 2, 2024." The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope. Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, not to exceed \$10,000.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.
THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.
THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE, ALABAMA
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

Request for Bids

Hope Community Center - Mechanical Improvements
850 Edwards Street
Mobile, Alabama 36610
PR-072-23
Harmon Community Center - Mechanical Improvements
1611 Belfast Street
Mobile, Alabama 36605
PR-069-23

Notice is hereby given that the City of Mobile will receive sealed bids for the above stated project on 10th day of December 2024, no later than 2:15 PM. Bidders shall insert sealed Bids into a receptacle, marked "City of Mobile Bids", located in the elevator lobby outside the office of the City Clerk's Office, 9th Floor South Tower, Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602. The same will be publicly opened and read at 2:30 PM in the Atrium Lobby of Government Plaza. Additional bidding instructions are detailed in the Request for Bids. Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM., meeting at the entrance to Hope Community Center, then commuting to Harmon Community Center. This project is Tax Exempt. Bid Documents will be on file November 12, 2024 and may be examined and obtained from the following location:
www.cityofmobile.org/bids/
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation may be required. A Directory of DBE Vendors can be found at the following location:
<https://workwith.cityofmobile.org/>
Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given BAGBY & RUSSELL ELECTRIC CO., INC. has completed the Contract for The Pathway 6-8 School-Fire Alarm Upgrade 2161 Butler Street, Mobile, AL 36617 for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of Mobile Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Lathan Associates Architects 300 Chase Park South, Suite 200, Hoover, AL 35244 Bagby & Russell Electric Co., Inc. 5500 Plantation Road Theodore, AL 36582 Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MOBILE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Tindle Construction, LLC has completed the contract for AU Shellfish Lab (Dauphin Island)-Convert Porch into Office #23-344. All persons having any claims for labor, material or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately The Architect Group, 710 Downtowner Blvd Mobile AL 36609. Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

MOBILE ASPHALT COMPANY, L.L.C. hereby gives notice of completion of Contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. IM-1010(349) in MOBILE County. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning on 11/13 /24 & ending on 11/27/24. All claims should be filed at P.O. Box 190279; Mobile, AL 36619 during this period. MOBILE ASPHALT COMPANY, L.L.C. Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given BAGBY & RUSSELL ELECTRIC CO., INC. Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction, Theodore High School-Fire Alarm Upgrade 6201 Swedetown Road N., Theodore, AL 36582 at for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of Mobile Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Architects Group, Inc. 710 Downtowner Boulevard, Mobile, AL 36609 Bagby & Russell Electric Co., Inc. 5500 Plantation Road Theodore, AL 36582 Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

HCL CONTRACTING, LLC has completed its work on Project No. 23041, Satsuma Streets Resurfacing (Baldwin St. Oak Ave. Baker Rd. Orange Ave. Bayou Ave. and Plateau Ave. E) in Mobile County for the City of Satsuma. ANY PERSONS HAVING A CLAIM AGAINST THE PROJECT SHOULD NOTIFY HCL Contracting LLC at P.O. Box 1245, Semmes, AL 36575. All Claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice. Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Walters Controls, Inc. has completed the contract for Gilliard Elementary School Controls Upgrade for Mobile County Public School System (MCPS) and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify PH&J Architects, Inc. 807 S. McDonough St., Montgomery, AL 36104. Walters Controls, Inc. 4916 Oak Circle Dr. N., Mobile, AL 36609 Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Walters Controls, Inc. has completed the contract for Booth Elementary School Controls Upgrade for Mobile County Public School System (MCPS) and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify PH&J Architects, Inc., 807 S. McDonough St., Montgomery, AL 36104. Walters Controls, Inc. 4916 Oak Circle Dr. N., Mobile, AL 36609 Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that PL Russell LLC P.O. Box 1623 Mobile, AL 36633 has completed the contract for 320 Conde Ave Drainage Repairs. All persons having any claim for labor, material or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify GMC at 11 North Water St, Suite 15250. Lagniappe HD October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

John G. Walton Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Mobile on Project No. 2022-3005-09, Cypress Shores Drainage Improvements in Mobile County, Alabama. This notice will run three consecutive weeks beginning on October 30, 2024 and ending on November 13, 2024. All claims should be filled at P.O. Box 81222, Mobile, AL 36689 during this period. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MOBILE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Tindle Construction, LLC has completed the contract for Coastal Alabama Community College Bay Minette Gym Renovation, ACCS#2021058COASTL, Project#21031. All persons having any claims for labor, material or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify AHO Architects, LLC, 265 Riverchase Parkway East, Suite 204, Hoover, AL 35244 Lagniappe HD October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

John G. Walton Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Mobile on Project No. 2019-3005-19, North McGregor Ave Reconstruction in Mobile County, Alabama. This notice will run three consecutive weeks beginning on October 30, 2024 and ending on November 13, 2024. All claims should be filled at P.O. Box 81222, Mobile, AL 36689 during this period. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance chapter1 Title 39 code of Alabama notice is given J&W Marine Enterprises Inc. has completed project No. 2/5-MR-55R in Mobile County. Any claims for material, Labor or otherwise in connection with this project should notify J&W Marine Enterprises Inc. Immediately at Po Box 130 Bayou La Batre 36509 Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF MOBILE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Tindle Construction, LLC has completed the contract for Strickland Youth Center Intake Renovations for Mobile County Commission Project No: CCP-001-2024. All persons having any claims for labor, material or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Baker LPA Group, LLP, 11 N Water Street, Ste 14290, Mobile AL 36602. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

John G. Walton Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the City of Mobile on Project No. 2018-3005-18, Texas Street Infrastructure Rehabilitation in Mobile County, Alabama. This notice will run three consecutive weeks beginning on October 30, 2024 and ending on November 13, 2024. All claims should be filled at P.O. Box 81222, Mobile, AL 36689 during this period. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

October 21, 2024
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Mike Hoffman's

Equipment Service Inc. has completed the contract for the MAWSS Project No. 10315599 Underground Fuel & Storage Tank Replacement at Various Locations in Mobile, AL. All persons having any claim for labor, material, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify MAWSS at 4725 Moffett Rd Mobile, AL 36618. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that Construction Labor Services has completed the contract with the Mobile County Commission office for Project No. MCPI-CP (001) Chickasabogue Park Utility Infrastructure Upgrade Project. Any claims held against same shall be itemized, notarized and presented to the Mobile County Commission at its offices or same will be barred. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that Construction Labor Services has completed the contract with the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile for Project No. 1025613 Magnolia Grove Lift Station and Force Main. Any claims held against same shall be itemized, notarized and presented to the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile at its offices or same will be barred. Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that JLS International, Inc. has completed the Contract for Construction of Fairhope West Elem School Boiler Replacement for the State of Alabama and the Baldwin County Public Schools, Owners, and have made request for the final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify: H. M. Yonge & Assoc. JLS International, Inc. P.O. Box 928 Robertsdale, AL 36567 Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given DCM Form C-14 August 2021 that Eagle Golf & Athletics, Inc. Contractor, has completed the Contract for Renovation of FPN#23-11 Citronelle Turf Replacement at Citronelle High School 8200 E Lebaron Ave Citronelle, AL 36522 for the State of Alabama and the County of Mobile Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Allred Stolarski Architects 711 Church Street Ocean Springs, MS 39564 Eagle Golf & Athletics, Inc. 2143 Arlington Blvd Ste #4 Florence, AL 35630 Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Eagle Golf & Athletics, Inc. DCM Form C-14 August 2021 Contractor, has completed the Contract for Renovation of FPN #23-12 Mary G Montgomery Turf Replacement at Mary G Montgomery High School 4275 Snow Rd N Semmes, AL 36575 for the State of Alabama and the County of Mobile Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Allred Stolarski Architects 711 Church Street Ocean Springs, MS 39564 Eagle Golf & Athletics, Inc. 2143 Arlington Blvd Ste #4 Florence, AL 35630 Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

PROJECT NAME:
WEST MOBILE COUNTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS
2275 LEROY STEVENS RD.
MOBILE, ALABAMA
MOBILE COUNTY
PROJECT CIP-2021-008
MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION
Lagniappe HD October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Ala-

bama, 1975, notice is hereby given that M. W. Rogers Construction Co., L.L.C., Contractor, has completed the contract for Construction of the Marine Science Boat Shed at University of South Alabama, Mobile County, for the State of Alabama and the University of South Alabama, Owner, and has made a request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify, Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers, 3100 N State Street, Suite 200 Jackson, MS 39216. M.W. Rogers Construction Co., L.L.C. 25 Midtown Park West Mobile, AL 36606 Lagniappe HD October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that PL Russell LLC P.O. Box 1623 Mobile, AL 36633 has completed the contract for Africatown Heritage House Drainage Improvement. All persons having any claim for labor, material or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Barter & Associates, Inc. at 1614 Government St Mobile, AL 36604. Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

Legal Notice
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Eagle Golf & Athletics, Inc. DCM Form C-14 August 2021 Contractor, has completed the Contract for Renovation of FPN #23-08 Baker Turf Replacement at Baker High School 8901 Airport Blvd Mobile, AL 36608 for the State of Alabama and the County of Mobile Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Allred Stolarski Architects 711 Church Street Ocean Springs, MS 39564 Eagle Golf & Athletics, Inc. 2143 Arlington Blvd Ste #4 Florence, AL 35630 Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024

NUISANCE ABATEMENTS

Legal Notice
City of Mobile, Mobile, County, AL

Notice of Nuisance Abatement
Action is pending before the City Council of Mobile to declare the named properties a nuisance. This action may result in its repair or demolition with costs secured by liens. Anyone with an interest in the property should contact the City of Mobile at 311 immediately.
1. 1705 E DOG RIVER DRIVE – Legal Description : LOT 205 GULF MANOR 1ST ADDN MBK 8 PG 159 #SEC 34 T5S R1W #MP32 04 34 0 003
2. 303 S DEARBORN STREET – Legal Description : COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF PALMETTO STREET AND DEARBORN STREET THEN RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID DEARBORN STREET A DISTANCE OF 75 FT(S) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. RUN EASTERLY 88 FT THEN SOUTHERLY 56 FT(S)THEN WESTERLY 88 FT THEN NORTHERLY ALONG DEARBORN STREET 56 FT(S) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
3. 805 S DR THOMAS AVENUE – Legal Description : LOTS 57 & 58 BLK 1 HAPPY HILLS SUB MBK 4 P 431 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 017
4. 1824 HARRINGTON WAY – Legal Description : LOT 18 OAK FOREST PHASE FIVE MBK 95/45 #SEC 35 T4S R3W #MP27 07 35 0 000
5. 7991 F/K/A 7981 YORKHAVEN ROAD – Legal Description : LOT 13 YORKWOOD ESTS MBK 18 P 49 #SEC 36 T4S R3W #MP27 07 36 4 000
6. 2514 GREENLAWN DRIVE – Legal Description : LOT 103 1ST UNIT MORNINGSIDE MANOR MBK 6 PGS 431-32 #SEC 06 T5S R1W #MP32 02 06 0 001
7. 966 KENTUCKY STREET – Legal Description : THAT CERTAIN LOT OF LAND BDED BY A LINE DESC AS FOLL COMING AT PT ON S/S OF TENNESSEE ST 58 FT ELY OF SE COR OF TENNESSEE ST & GAYLE ST AS NOW LOC RUN TH SLY 192 FT TH RUN ELY 120 TH TH RUN SLY 50 FT TO PT TH RUN ELY 72 FT-S- TH S 97 FT TO N R/W KENTUCKY ST TH E ALG N R/W 40 FT TH N 200 FT TH RUN W 22 FT TH RUN N 150 FT TO S R/W TENNESSEE ST TH W ALG S R/W 218 FT -S- TO PT OF BEG #SEC 37 T4S R2W #MP29 10 37 0 007
8. 916 SHADY BROOK DRIVE – Legal Description : LOT 5 YOST PLACE MKB 5 P 687 #SEC 51 T4S R1W #MP29 09 51 0 005
Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

STORAGE SALES

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Alabama statue that the following contents of Unit(s) listed below will be sold at a Public Lien Sale to satisfy lien claims by Grand Slam Storage LLC, located at 6420 Grelot Road Mobile, AL 36695 on December 3rd , 2024 @ 1:00 p.m. Dandre Johnson Unit 719 10X20

15588 Perdido Dr
Gulfport, MS 39503
Furniture
Niyomutabazi Esperance Unit 180
10X10
2109 Cookes Lane
Suitcase
Boxes & Bags
Kysteah Rand Unit 208 5x10
180 Sapphire Lane
Waxahachie, TX 75165
Boxes & Totes
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

A-Cool Self Storage
3310 Demetropolis Rd
Mobile, AL 36693
Re: Published Notices
In accordance with Alabama Law, notice is hereby given that A-Cool Self Storage Located at 3310 Demetropolis Rd. Mobile, AL 36693 will conduct a public lien sale or dispose of the contents of the following units to pay rent and or other charges due. The sale will be held on December 3,2024 @ 2:00pm.
#1001 Megale Abrams
1260 Reeves Ct
Mobile, AL 36695
Household goods, Furniture, boxes/totes
#1011 Victor Phiri
608 N 3rd Ave #5
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
Clothes/shoes, totes
#1022 Ann Walker
2651 Woodcliff Dr W
Mobile, AL 36693
Household goods, toys, boxes/totes
#1108 Martha George
4401 Noroco Circle
Freemont, CA 94555
Household goods, boxes/totes
#1215 Charles Mills
1154 Ginger Dr
Mobile, AL 36693
Household goods, boxes/totes
#1281 Renita Tonder
5400 Timberline Ridge Rd
Mobile, AL 36693
Household goods, furniture, boxes/totes
#1296 / #1354 Adam McKay
6425A Rester Rd
Theodore, AL 36582
TV, Furniture, boxes/totes, household goods
#1438 Lakeshia Luckett
9780 Cascade dr
Mobile, AL 36695
Household goods, furniture, boxes/totes
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, under the Alabama Self Storage Facility Act statutes, Available Self Storage at 59 Sidney Phillips Dr. Mobile, AL 36607, will sell at public auction via www.storageauctions.com ending November 21 & 29, 2024, at 10am or disposal of personal belongings. Payment must be made in CASH. All sales are subject to cancellation. Buyers must secure the unit with their own lock at time of sale. Locks are available for purchase at property. Units must be emptied, including trash, and swept within 48 hours of purchase with a \$100 CASH cleaning deposit held until inspection. All items sold AS IS. NO DUMPSTER USE on property. Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Alabama Statutes, that the goods stored in units rented by occupants listed below will be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction online at www.storageauctions.com on November 21, 2024 at 10:00 am to satisfy liens claimed by STORAGEEMAX MDTOWN, together with all costs of sale. Cedric Bennett
Any of the above goods may be withdrawn from sale by STORAGEEMAX MDTOWN at any time without prior notice. Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 2024

Notice of Sale

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Alabama Law, that goods stored in units rented by occupants listed herein will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction online at www.StorageAuctions.com on November 17th, 2024 at 9:00AM to satisfy liens claimed by Anytime Storage Broad St, along with all costs of sale. Names: Henry Jones, Jeffery Morrisette, Keith Dillard, Angel Hill, Consuella Anderson, Justin Osborne Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 2024

ABANDONED VEHICLE
NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be available for public auction on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 am located at 7401 Half Mile Rd Irvington AL 36544.
2005 Toyota Corolla 1NXBR32E05Z543983
2024 Kia Sportage 5XYK6CDF9RG209073
2016 Dodge Durango 1C4SDHCT9GC415957
2014 Chevrolet Silverado 3GCPCRECE5G529783

2007 Ford Focus 1FAFP34NX7W327810 2025 Kia Sorrento 5XYRG4JC6G5331441 Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024
The following vehicles will be available for public auc- tion on December 13, 2024 at 9:30 am located at 7401 Half Mile Rd Irvington AL 36544. 2007 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46KX7U575991 2023 Kia Rio 3KPA24AD7PE621244 2010 Toyota Prius JTDKN3DU9A5091640 2013 GMC Terrain 26KALWEKD6142771 2010 Chrysler 300 2C3CA5CVOAH195596 2005 Dodge Durango 1D4HD48NX5F518168 Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
January 06, 2025 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 7909
Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36608.
2013 Kia Optima
KNAGM4A7XD5392559
2015 Kia K900
KNALW4D47F6017221

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
January 06, 2025 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 3025
Government Blvd., Mobile, AL 36606.
2006 BMW 325
WBAVB13536PT0939

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
January 06, 2025 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 267
Ingate St., Mobile, AL 36607.
2017 GMC Sierra
36TU2NEC8HG116677
2012 Chevrolet Silverado
1GCPKSE76CF110448

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
January 06, 2025 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 11211
Wulff Rd S., Semmes, AL 36575.
1991 GMC Sierra 1500
1GTDK14K1M2517161

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
January 06, 2025 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 3751
Moffett Rd., Mobile, AL 36618.
2018 Honda Clarity
JHMC5F34JC010333

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
January 06, 2025 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 7740
Highland Ave., Mobile, AL 36608.
2011 GMC Acadia
1GKKRRED8BJ219725
2003 Honda Civic
1HGEM22963L032084
2012 Dodge Journey
3C4PDCAB1CT207234
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 2024

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
December 20, 2024 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 8430
Hwy 188, Coden, AL 36523.
2009 BMW 335i
WBALW73539P180738

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
December 20, 2024 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 3607
Dawson Dr., Saraland, AL 36571.
2000 Lincoln Navigator
5LMEU27A7YL23821

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
December 20, 2024 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 18380
S 3rd St., Citronelle, AL 36522.
2016 Nissan Altima
1N4AL3AP0GC247977

Notice of Sale

The following abandoned vehicle(s) will be sold on
December 20, 2024 - Time - 9am, if not claimed - 1525
E I-65 Service Rd S., Mobile, AL 36606.
2014 VW Beetle
3VWF17AT2EM650927
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICES

November 7, 2024

Legal Notice

City of Mobile, Mobile County, AL
Notice of Weed Lien Group 1661 Abatement
Action is pending before the City Council of Mobile to
declare the named properties a nuisance. This action
may result in its cleaning with cost secured by liens.
Anyone with an interest in the property should contact
the City of Mobile at 208-1528 before, November 22,
2024.

1. 2953 Edgewood St—Legal Description: LOT 11 BLK N
NEESE’S ADDN TO CRICHTON MBK 4 NS PG 168 #SEC 18
T4S R1W #MP29 08 18 1 002
2. 1325 Mobile St—Legal Description: LOT 27, 28 & 29
BLK 4 MECHEM & SAGES 2ND SUBDIV OF LAFARGUE TRT
DBK 121 P 511 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 013
3. 1204 Satchell St—Legal Description: LOTS 18 & 19
BLK 10 MECHEM & SAGE SEC SUB LAFARGUE TRT DBK
121 P 511 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 013
4. 2009 Jones Ave—Legal Description : LOT 18 BLK F
SUNNYMEADE SUB MBK 156 P 488 #SEC 44 T4S R1W
#MP29 02 44 0 024
5. 1511 Diamond Dr—Legal Description: LOT 45
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DR TH NWLY ALG DIAMOND DR 50 FT-S TO GREENBACK
DR TH SWLY ALG N/S OF LOT 45 100 FT TO BEG #SEC 44
T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 012
6. 2325 St Stephens Rd—Legal Description: LOTS 5 &
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DBK 156 N S P 94 TH WITH AN INT ANG OF 274 DEG 52
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TO SE COR OF LOT 6 TH WITH AN INT ANG OF 84 DEG 10
MIN 30 SEC RUN SWLY ALG SLY BDY OF LOT 6 DIS OF
50 FT TO SW COR OF LOT 6 TH WITH AN INT ANG OF 95
DEG 49 MIN 30 SEC RUN NWLY ALG WLY BDY OF LOT
6 DIS OF 120.61 FT TO A PT ON S RWL OF LUCKIE ST TH
WITH AN INT ANG OF 84 DEG 10 MIN 30 SEC RUN NELY
ALG SD S/L OF LUCKIE ST 216.99 FT TO POB #SEC 44
T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 023
7. 6760 Moffett Rd—Legal Description: LOTS 24 & 25
MEADOW LANE ESTATES MBK 18 PG 24 #SEC 29 T3S
R2W #MP23 09 29 3 000
8. 3010 Warsaw Ave—Legal Description: LOT 19 BLOCK C
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON GARDENS MBK 4 PAGE 208
9. 0 Warsaw Ave—Legal Description: LOT 20 BLK C
BOOKER T WASHINGTON MBK 4/208 #SEC 44 T4S R1W
#MP29 02 44 0 010
10. 2717 Warsaw Ave—Legal Description: LOT 151 BLK F
TRINITY GARDENS 2ND ADD MBK 3 P 331 #SEC 44 T4S
R1W #MP29 02 44 0 009
11. 1072 Summerville St—Legal Description: COM-
MENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1
JEWEL DOWNS SUBDIVISION MBK 8 PAGE 1 THEN RUN
NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SUMMERVILLE
STREET 69 FT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTINUE
NORTHERLY 97.35 FT THEN EASTERLY 169.2 FT THEN
SOUTHERLY 122.2 FT THEN WESTERLY 171 FT TO THE
POINT OF BEGINNING
12. 562 Leamore Ct—Legal Description: LOT 5 LEAMORE
COURT MBK 12 P 33 #SEC 42 T4S R1W #MP29 07 42
0 002
13. 565 Marcus Dr—Legal Description: LOT 18 MONT-
CLIFF UNIT 4 MBK 15 PG 60 #SEC 36 T4S R2W #MP28
07 36 2 000
14. 611 Stimrad Rd/611 Dr. Thomas Dr N—Legal
Description: LOT A BLK 4 HAPPY HILL S/D MBK 4 P 431-
432 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 017
15. 805 Edwards St—Legal Description : LOT 2 BLK 4
HERMANN & BURNEY SUBDIV DBK 156/92 LESS & EXC
FOR RD ROW #SEC 44 T3S R1W #MP22 08 44 0 019
16. 474 Chin St—Legal Description: LOT 15 BLK 1 EAST
HIGHLANDS SUB DBK 156 P 594 #SEC 44 T4S R1W
#MP29 02 44 0 003
17. 517 Yukers St—Legal Description: LOT 9 DOSS S/D
MBK 76/85 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 022
18. 515 Yukers St—Legal Description : LOT 8 DOSS S/D
MBK 76/85 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 022
19. 513 Yukers—Legal Description: LOT 7 DOSS S/D MBK
76/85 #SEC 44 T4S R1W #MP29 02 44 0 022
20. 1404 Chinquapin St – Legal Description: LOT 23 BLK
38 STRAUSS ADD TO WOLFF HGTS DBK 153 P 30 #SEC
13 T4S R1W #MP29 06 13 0 003
21. 1774 Princeton Woods Dr E— Legal Description:
LOT 13 PRINCETON WOODS UNIT 1 MBK 27 P 25 #SEC
05 T4S R2W #MP28 03 05 1 000

Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 2024

**Notice of Public Hearing for the
Proposed Rezoning of Property
Located at 674 Western Drive**
Pursuant to Resolution of the Mobile, Alabama City
Council adopted November 5, 2024 , a public hearing
will be held on the 10th day of December , 2024, at

10:30 a.m., to consider adoption of an ordinance for
the rezoning of property located at 674 Western Drive
from B-1, Buffer Business Suburban District, to B-3,
Business Suburban District.
The public hearing will be held in the Auditorium of
Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Ala-
bama. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity
to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed
amendment at such time and place. Further, the City
Council may consider zoning classifications other than
the ones sought by the applicant, and may take other
actions allowed by law.

Lisa C. Lambert

City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOBILE ON THE
12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022, SAID ORDINANCE BEING COM-
MONLY KNOWN AS THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Cory Penn
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MOBILE AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That the Ordinance commonly known as
the Unified Development Code and adopted on July
12, 2022, together with the Zoning Map of the City of
Mobile, be, and the same hereby is amended in respect
to that certain property in the City of Mobile, State of
Alabama, described as follows to-wit:
LOT 250, REVISION AND EXTENSION TO LIBERTY PARK,
AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 4, PAGES 66-67 IN THE
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, MOBILE COUNTY,
ALABAMA.

The classification of said property is hereby changed
from B-1, Buffer Business Suburban District to B-3,
Community Business Suburban District and it shall
hereafter be lawful to construct on such property any
structures permitted by the Ordinance of July 12,
2022, commonly known as the Unified Development
Code and to use said premises for any use permitted
by the terms of said Ordinance in a B-3, Community
Business Suburban District provided, however, that
the plans for any structure or building sought to be
erected on said property shall be in compliance with
the building laws of the City of Mobile, and that any
structure shall be approved by the Building Inspector
of the City of Mobile, and that any such structure be
erected only in compliance with such laws, including
the requirements of said Unified Development Code
of July 12, 2022, and further provided, however, that
no lot or parcel of land herein above described shall
be used for any use allowed in a B-3, Community Busi-
ness Suburban District until all of the conditions set
forth below have been complied with: 1. Provision of a
Protection Buffer to the greatest extent possible where
the site abuts residential uses, in compliance with
Article 3, Section 64-3-8 of the Unified Development
Code ; and 2. Full compliance with all municipal codes
and ordinances.

Section Two : This Ordinance shall be in force and effect
from and after its adoption and publication.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

**Notice of Public Hearing for the
Proposed Rezoning of Property
Located at 2660 Old Shell Road**
Pursuant to Resolution of the Mobile, Alabama City
Council adopted November 5, 2024 , a public hearing
will be held on the 10th day of December, 2024, at
10:30 a.m., to consider adoption of an ordinance for
the rezoning of property located at 2660 Old Shell
Road from R-1, Single-Family Residential Urban District,
and B-2, Neighborhood Business Urban District, to B-2,
Neighborhood Business Urban District.

The public hearing will be held in the Auditorium of
Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Ala-
bama. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity
to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed
amendment at such time and place. Further, the City
Council may consider zoning classifications other than
the ones sought by the applicant, and may take other
actions allowed by law.

Lisa C. Lambert

City Clerk

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12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022, SAID ORDINANCE BEING COM-
MONLY KNOWN AS THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Cory Penn
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MOBILE AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That the Ordinance commonly known as
the Unified Development Code and adopted on July
12, 2022, together with the Zoning Map of the City of
Mobile, be, and the same hereby is amended in respect
to that certain property in the City of Mobile, State of
Alabama, described as follows to-wit:
LOT 1, WINSTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED
IN MAP BOOK 136 PAGE 91, PROBATE COURT RECORDS,
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

The classification of said property is hereby changed
from R-1, Single-Family Residential Urban District and
B-2, Neighborhood Business Urban District, to B-2,
Neighborhood Business Urban District and it shall
hereafter be lawful to construct on such property any
structures permitted by the Ordinance of July 12, 2022,
commonly known as the Unified Development Code
and to use said premises for any use permitted by the

terms of said Ordinance in a B-2, Neighborhood Busi-
ness Urban District provided, however, that the plans
for any structure or building sought to be erected on
said property shall be in compliance with the building
laws of the City of Mobile, and that any structure shall
be approved by the Building Inspector of the City of
Mobile, and that any such structure be erected only in
compliance with such laws, including the requirements
of said Unified Development Code of July 12, 2022,
and further provided, however, that no lot or parcel of
land herein above described shall be used for any use
allowed in a B-2, Neighborhood Business Urban District
until all of the conditions set forth below have been
complied with: 1. Full compliance with all municipal
codes and ordinances.

Section Two: This Ordinance shall be in force and effect
from and after its adoption and publication.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
November 13, 2024
Mobile County Commission
205 Government Street
Mobile, AL 36602
251-574-8099

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related
procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken
by the Mobile County Commission.
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about December 2, 2024 the Mobile County
Commission will submit a request to the HUD for the
release of Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and
Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to
undertake a project known as Semmes Senior Center
Walking Trail Phase II for the purpose of providing
funding to construct a walking trail adjacent to the
existing Semmes Senior Center at 9635 Moffett Road,
Semmes, AL 36575. The estimated funding for this
project is \$860,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Mobile County Commission has determined that the
project will have no significant impact on the human
environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact
Statement under the National Environmental Policy
Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project
information is contained in the Environmental Review
Record (ERR) on file at Mobile County Government
Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama and
may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 2024

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION
Civil Action 1:24-cv-00350
In Admiralty; In Rem
SAUNDERS ENGINE AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.
d/b/a
SAUNDERS YACHTWORKS,
Plaintiff,
v.
M/V PROWLER, HIN HATAS4720379, and her hull,
engines, tackle,
gear, appurtenances, etc., *in rem*,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION AGAINST
AND ARREST OF VESSEL

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, Plaintiff Saunders
Engine and Equipment Company, Inc. d/b/a Saunders
Yachtworks (“Saunders”) filed a Verified Complaint in
the United States District Court for the Southern District
of Alabama against the vessel M/V PROWLER, HIN
HATAS4720379, her engines, tackle, furniture, apparel,
equipment, appurtenances, etc., in a Civil Action -
Admiralty and Maritime Claim; and
WHEREAS, by virtue of process and due form of law, to me
directed, I arrested the said vessel M/V PROWLER on
October 3, 2024, while located at 27075 Marina Road,
Orange Beach, Alabama 36561, and left said vessel in
the custody of appointed substitute custodian Saunders,
whose address is 605 Waterway E. Blvd., Gulf Shores,
Alabama 36542; and
WHEREAS, attorney for Plaintiff is Norman M. Stock-
man, HAND ARENDALL HARRISON SALE LLC, Post Office
Box 123, Mobile, Alabama 36601, (251) 432-5511.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that (1) the claim of a person
who is entitled to possession
or who claims an interest pursuant to Supplemental
Admiralty Rule C(6)(a) must be filed with the Clerk of
the United States District Court for the Southern District
of Alabama, Southern Division, Mobile, Alabama, and
served on the attorney for Plaintiff within fourteen (14)
days after final publication of this Notice, (2) an answer
to the Verified Complaint must be filed and served
within twenty-one (21) days after filing the statement
of interest or right and that, otherwise, default may
be entered and condemnation ordered, and (3)
applications for intervention under Rule 24 by persons
claiming maritime liens or other interests shall be filed
within the time fixed by the Court.
MARC HOWARD
CHIEF DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

PROBATE COURT

Notice of Estate Administration
Probate Court of
Mobile County, Alabama
Estate of Rufus Junior Jones
Case No. 2024-1880
Take notice that Letters of Administration have been
granted to the below named party on the 6th day of
November, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge
of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama
and that all parties having claims against said estate
should file the same with the Probate Court of said
county within the time allowed by law, or they will be
barred. VERNON JONES as Administrator of the estate of
RUFUS JUNIOR JONES, deceased.
Attorney of Record:
SEAN F. HAMPTON, Esq.
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION
Probate Court of
Mobile County, Alabama
ESTATE OF KAYE WALL HOFFMAN DECEASED
Case No. 2024-1927
Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been
granted to the below named party on the 16th day of
October, 2024 by the Honorable Don Davis, Judge of
Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and
that all parties having claims against said estate should
file the same with the Probate Court of said county
within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred.
BERT RITCHIE HOFFMAN, as Executor under the Last Will
and Testament of KAYE WALL HOFFMAN, Deceased.
Attorney of Record:
Timothy A. Clarke, Esq.
Maynard Nexsen PC
11 North Water Street, Suite 24290
Mobile, AL 36602
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING

November 6, 2024
Case No. 2022-1538-4
N THE PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of MAMIE LEE WESTBROOK, Deceased
On to-wit the 30th day of December, 2024 at 2:00 PM
in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Govern-
ment Center Annex, 151 Government Street the court
will proceed to consider the Petition for Final Settlement
as filed by SAMANTHA WESTBROOK.
NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest who
may appear and contest same or file a proper respon-
sive pleading thereto if they then think proper.
DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate
Attorney Name and Address:
VANESSA ARNOLD SHOOTS,
61 ST JOSEPH STREET, SUITE 901 MOBILE, AL 36602
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING November 06, 2024
Case No. 2023-1981-3
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Estate of DONALD WAYNE GRIFFITH, Deceased
On to-wit the 16th day of December, 2024 at 2:30PM
in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County
Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street the
court will proceed to consider the Petition to Sell Real
Property as filed by LINDA MARIE GRIFFITH. NOTICE is
hereby given to all parties in interest who may appear
and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading
thereto if they think proper.
DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate
Attorney Name and Address:
SEAN F. HAMPTON
PO BOX 850338
MOBILE, AL 36685
Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

Notice of Estate Administration
Probate Court of
Mobile County, Alabama
Estate of GEORGE LEROY LANGHAM, Deceased
Case No. 2024-1532
Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been
granted to the below named party on the 23rd day of
October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of
Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and
that all parties having claims against said estate should
file the same with the Probate Court of said county
within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred.
JOHNNIE LANGHAM as Executrix under the last will and
testament of GEORGE LEROY LANGHAM, Deceased.
Attorney of Record:
Sean F. Hampton, Esq
P.O. Box 850338
Mobile, AL 36685
Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

Take notice that Letters of Administration have been
granted to the below named party on the 23rd day
of September, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS,
Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court,
Alabama and that all parties having claims against said
estate should file the same with Probate Court of said

county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. COREY ORLANDO COOPER as Administrator of the estate of JOYCE MARIE COOPER, deceased.

Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 2024

Notice of Court Proceeding

November 01, 2024

Case No. 2024-1615

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of JIMMIE HOWARD WYRICK, Deceased

On to-wit the 30th day of December, 2024 at 9:30AM in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street the court will proceed to consider the PROBATE OF WILL as filed by TAYLOR BAIRD. NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest, specifically MICHELLE URETSKY, who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper. DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate.

Attorney Name and Address:

SEAN F. HAMPTON

PO BOX 850338

MOBILE, AL 36685

Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

Notice of Estate Administration

Probate Court of

Mobile County, Alabama

Estate of WINSTON GULLEY, Deceased

Case No. 2024-1575

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 10th day of October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. WINSTON ROBERT GULLEY AKA ROBERT GULLEY as Executor under the last will and testament of WINSTON GULLEY, Deceased

Attorney of Record:

Sean F. Hampton, Esq.

P.O. Box 850338

Mobile, AL 36685

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NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of HOYT EUGENE PEARSON, Deceased

Case No. 2024-1984

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 18th day of October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred.

FRANCES JEAN PEARSON as Executrix under the last will and testament of HOYT EUGENE PEARSON, Deceased.

Attorney of Record:

Banks Christian Ladd, Esq.

Mary Carol Ladd, Esq.

41 W I-65 Service Rd N, Suite 180

Mobile, AL 36608

Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of ROBERT GERALD BEGEMAN, Deceased

Case No. 2024-1574

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 18th day of October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred.

JOY M BEGEMAN as Executrix under the last will and testament of ROBERT GERALD BEGEMAN, Deceased

Attorney of Record:

Raley L. Wiggins, Esq.

150 South Perry Street

Montgomery, AL 36104

Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of ANN BROCK HEWES, Deceased

Case No. 2024-1202

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named parties on the 9th day of October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. BARBARA BROCK IVEY and WILLIAM EDWARD BROCK as Co-Executors under the last will and testament of ANN BROCK HEWES, Deceased

Attorney of Record:

Jene W. Owens, Jr., Esq.

3755 Professional Parkway, Suite B

Mobile, AL 36609

Lagniappe HD November 13, 20, 27, 2024

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of JOSEPH BISHOP JR., Deceased

Case No. 2024-1947

Take notice that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the below named party on the 16 th day of October, 2024, by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama, and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. EUGENE PORTER LEFTWICH, as Executor under the Last Will and Testament of the Estate of JOSEPH BISHOP JR., Deceased.

Attorney of Record:

WILLIAM S. MCFADDEN

718 Downtowner Blvd

Mobile, AL 36609

Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of

HARLIS MICHAEL FARRELL

Case No. 2024-1247

Take notice that Letters of Administration have been granted to the below named party on the 18th day of October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. LINDZEY M FARRELL as Administrator of the estate of HARLIS MICHAEL FARRELL, deceased.

Attorney of Record:

THOMAS M. LOPER, Esq.

Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING

September 24, 2024

Case No. 2022-0053-1

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of ERIC DANIEL PASSARELLI A/K/A ERIC DANIEL D PASSARELLI, Deceased

On to-wit the 25th day of November, 2024 at 2:00 PM in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street the court will proceed to consider the FINAL SETTLEMENT as filed by JINNY PASSARELLI. NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper. DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate.

Attorney Name and Address:

BANKS CHRISTIAN LADD

41 W. I - 65 SERVICE RD. N., SUITE 180, MOBILE, AL 36608

MARY CAROL LADD

41 W I-65 SERVICE RD., SUITE 180, MOBILE, AL 36608

Lagniappe HD October 30, November 6, 13, 2024

NOTICE OF ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of: SUMNER HAN HOWARD

Case No. 2024-1556

Take notice that Letters of Administration have been granted to the below named party on the 30th day of October, 2024 by the HONORABLE DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate of Mobile County Probate Court, Alabama and that all parties having claims against said estate should file the same with the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law, or they will be barred. REBECCA HAN HOWARD as Administratrix of the estate of SUMNER HAN HOWARD, deceased.

Attorney of Record:

DEENA R TYLER, Esq.

Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING

IN THE PROBATE COURT

OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of WILLIAM SIMMONS JR, Deceased

Case No: 2022-2189-3

On to-wit the 9th day of December 2024 at 2:00 PM in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, the court will proceed to consider the FINAL SETTLEMENT as filed by JESSIE M SIMMONS. NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper. DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate.

Attorney Name and Address:

VANESSA ARNOLD SHOOTS

61 ST JOSEPH STREET, SUITE 901 MOBILE, AL 36602

Lagniappe HD November 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDING

October 08, 2024

Case No. 2023-1132-4

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF

MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Estate of JOSEPH MELVIN GUTHAS JR, Deceased

On to-wit the 16th day of December, 2024 at 2:00 PM in COURTROOM 1, THIRD FLOOR, Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street the court will proceed to consider the FINAL SETTLEMENT as filed by LILLIAN COLLEEN BUNTYN. NOTICE is hereby given to all parties in interest who may appear and contest same or file a proper responsive pleading thereto if they then think proper. DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate.

Attorney Name and Address:

JAMES M SMITH

50 Greeno Rd South, Suite C FAIRHOPE, AL 36532

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ANSWERS FOR PAGE 31

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**BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 3 P.M. local time, at MAWSS Park Forest Plaza, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL, for the purpose of hearing input, if any, to the adoption of the [2025 Operation and Maintenance Budget](#) and [proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual](#) of MAWSS. The 2025 Budget includes a rate and fee adjustment. The increase is needed to repair and replace aging infrastructure, and to protect public health and the environment. Any recommended adjustments to the Budget will be discussed at that time.

All interested parties may submit questions or any comments to the adoption of the 2025 budget during the meeting. A copy of the proposed Budget may be viewed at www.mawss.com.

**THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF MOBILE
ONE PAGE BUDGET - CASH BASIS**

	2024 APPROVED BUDGET	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET
REVENUE		
Revenue Derived from Levy and Collection of Water Charges	\$ 47,533,664	\$ 49,018,757
Water Connection (Service Line) Fees	323,966	406,241
Water Connection (Capacity) Fees	137,900	184,240
Miscellaneous Water Revenue	3,075,711	2,799,079
Water Supply System (Industrial)	1,502,855	1,469,966
Total Water Revenue	52,574,096	53,878,283
Revenue Derived from Levy and Collection of Sewer Charges	78,739,504	80,807,303
Sewer Connection (Service Line) Fees	206,506	223,863
Sewer Connection (Capacity) Fees	382,694	478,900
Pre-treatment Fees	637,761	695,000
Miscellaneous Sewer Revenue	1,893,919	1,947,882
Total Sewer Revenue	81,860,384	84,152,948
Investment Revenue	500,000	1,000,000
Miscellaneous Rentals and Other	330,000	265,000
Gross Revenue	135,264,480	139,296,231
EXPENSES - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
Total Operation and Maintenance		
<i>Less Capitalized Labor and Materials and Depreciation</i>	71,052,000	75,465,000
Net Revenue Before Transfers and Debt Service	64,212,480	63,831,231
TRANSFERS AND DEBT SERVICE		
Bond Principal and Interest Requirements	4,424,400	7,657,600
State Revolving Loans P & I Requirements	21,400,916	22,956,058
Transfers to CIP Fund		
Cash Transfers	36,562,164	31,392,573
Capitalized Labor and Materials	1,825,000	1,825,000
	38,387,164	33,217,573
Total Transfers and Debt Service	64,212,480	63,831,231
Net Revenue After Transfers and Debt Service	-	-
Net Position - Beginning of the year (based on audit)	488,965,055	521,876,064
Net Position - Ending Balance	\$ 488,965,055	\$ 521,876,064
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	2.49	2.09

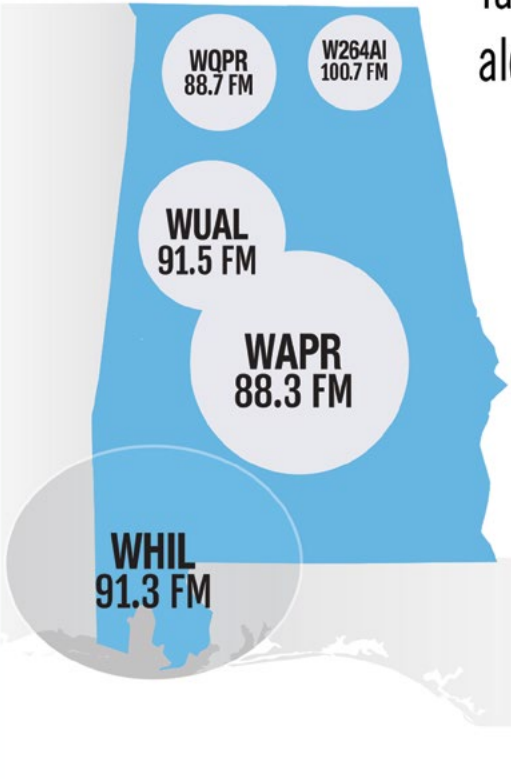
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