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Authority approves \$40M landfill sorting agreement

By JAMES SWIFT
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Members of the Resource Recovery Development Authority of Bartow County (RRDA) voted April 21 to approve an agreement with Free-point Eco-Systems Georgia, LLC for a proposed landfill sorting facility project.

Bartow County Administrator Peter Olson said the investment from the company is tabbed at about \$40 million.

"We were approached by this project quite a while ago, wanting to invest in a recycling facility at the landfill," he said, "that will

basically sort all the municipal solid waste we get and pull out most everything that's recyclable — all the plastics, the metal, cardboard, paper — and then they will sell that on the market."

The County government, Olson continued, would share in the profits generated by the proposed project.

Some of the recycled material, he said, would be gasified and converted into an oil product.

"Basically, it recycles the plastic so you don't have to dig up fresh fossil fuels," he said. "To me, it's a big win for the County because their guess is that it will be able to take about 20% of

the volume that's going into the ground now."

As part of the agreement, the company will also pay a lease to the County government to access the landfill site near the junction of Highway 293 and Allatoona Dam Road.

Freepoint, Olson said, would also be able to benefit from "eco-credits and green market kind of stuff that we don't take advantage of already."

The proposed project, he continued, could eliminate the need for local governments to operate traditional recycling programs.

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From left, Cartersville Mayor Matt Santini and Cartersville Fire Marshal Mark Hathaway at an April 21 public meeting.

CARTERSVILLE

Council OKs \$1.7M for fire vehicles

By JAMES SWIFT
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Members of the Cartersville City Council voted April 21 to approve roughly \$1.7 million in fire department-related purchases — yet the local government will still have to wait until 2024 to receive the new equipment.

Cartersville Fire Chief Scott Carter requested that his department be authorized to purchase three replacement emergency trucks. Normally, he told the council that replacement vehicles are purchased around July and received by November of the same fiscal year.

However, due to supply chain issues, he said the City would not receive the requested — and purchased — vehicles for at least 22 months.

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Members of the Resource Recovery Development Authority of Bartow County gather for an April 21 meeting.

'Love and motherhood': 'Recommended Reading for Girls' opens April 29 at The Legion Theatre

By MARIE NESMITH
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An avid reader in her youth, Laurel Ann Lowe is thrilled to see the Pumphouse Players' upcoming production finally grace the stage of The Legion Theatre. "Recommended Reading for Girls" will open April 29 at 8 p.m. at 114 W. Main St. in Cartersville.

"Pumphouse originally selected this play for the 2020 season, but rehearsals were halted that March," said Lowe, PHP's president and director for "Recommended Reading for Girls." "Almost all of our original cast was able to return and continue working on this story together.

"I encountered this play before it was published, through a national playwright's group, and I fell in love with the magic of the book characters coming to life, and the beautiful messages about love and motherhood."

Following its opening performance, "Recommended Reading for Girls" will continue April 30, and May 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. and May 1 and 8 at 3 p.m.

"I was a reader growing up, and I think that anyone who enjoyed books, like 'Anne of Green Gables' or 'A Little Princess' or 'Nancy Drew,' will find new ways to connect with those old friends," Lowe said. "[Ellen] Struve's play really takes those familiar characters and stories and shows us new lessons we may not have realized reading the books



SPECIAL

Ashley Elliott, front from left, Bailey King and Kirby Green rehearse a scene from "Recommended Reading for Girls," which opens April 29 at The Legion Theatre in Cartersville.

when we were kids.

"One of our collective favorite lines is about Sara Crewe's doll doing her 'sawdust best,' which we have taken up as our mantra during this production.

We are all doing our 'sawdust best,' and we hope that our audiences see that love and care shine through in every show."

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Bartow BOE approves exceptional education contracts

By MARIE NESMITH
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During its April 18 meeting, the Bartow County Board of Education approved numerous contracts for exceptional education service providers for the 2022-2023 school year.

According to the meeting agenda item, "Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, public school systems are required to provide necessary supports for eligible students with

disabilities as identified on their Individualized Education Plans (IEP). These contracts will allow the Department for Exceptional Education to provide related services and supports utilizing the expertise of these specialized service providers throughout the school year on a consistent basis in order to ensure that students have access to a free appropriate public education as required by both state and federal law and regulations."

The board approved the services of BlazerWorks for speech language therapy, \$65 an hour; Marialyce Lewis, speech language therapy, \$56/hour;

Nadine McMillan, speech language therapy, \$56/hour; Andrea Scheblein, speech language therapy, \$58/hour; and Tiny Steps Physical Therapy LLC, physical therapy, \$62/hour.

Other meeting highlights included the approval of:

- Board members Butch Emerson and Tony Ross to serve as the delegate and alternate, respectively, at the Georgia School Board Association Delegate Assembly in June;

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Tommie Jean Fields

Tommie Jean Fields, born May 31st, 1935 to William King and Bertha King. Husband Benjamin Franklin Fields. Jean Fields retired from Cobb County School System. Jean always enjoyed spending time with her family.

Jean was kind and gracious and will be remembered for her strength, loyalty, and her dedi-

cation to supporting her husband Benjamin at the Rome Shrine Club, where he helped transport children to Scottish Rite hospital as well as assisting with the Shriners Circus that helped raise funds for the children's hospital and her devotion to her family and Christ.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband Benjamin Fields.

Survivors include her daughter, Deborah



Fields

(Warren) Combs; granddaughter, Christy (Bryan) Knox; great-grandchildren, Dalton, Asia, Kirstin, and Khloe; sister, Jeanette Nealey; niece and nephew, Donna and Ray Nealey.

The family would like to thank Brookside Senior Care and all staff, they were a true blessing to her each day and to our family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted on Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, at one o'clock in the afternoon in the chapel of Owen Funeral Home.

Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family for one hour prior to service

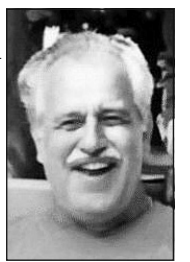
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passed away April 20th, 2022.

Services will be Tuesday, April 26th, 2022, at 10 AM, at Salacoa Baptist Church, 100 Collins Place, Salacoa, Cherokee County Ga. 30183, with Pastor Buford Lipscomb officiating.



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For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Rom 8:6).

God has revealed Himself to us through the Bible (1 Cor 2:10-14; Eph 3:3-5). His word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps 119:105). But we cannot know the things God wants of us with a carnal mind. We must have a spiritual mind to discern them. How does one obtain a spiritual mind? By setting your mind on things above (Col 3:1-2). By desiring the pure milk of the word, that you may grow (1 Pet 2:2). By pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love (1 Tim 6:10). If you abide in the words of Jesus, you are His disciples and you shall know the truth (John 8:31-32). He who rejects Jesus and does not receive His words, will be judged by His words (John 12:48). God has given us all we need to be equipped for every good work (2 Tim 3:16-17).

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- The certified retirement of Eric Willoughby, WHS assistant principal, effective July 1;

- The certified employment and renewals of Lisa Bagnell, WMS teacher, effective July 1; Shannon Brennan, CHS teacher, effective July 1; Kaley Bryant, WHS teacher, effective July 1; Chris Carter, TES special education teacher, effective July 1; Beverly Gatlin, WHS teacher, effective July 1; and Jennifer Hughes, CCES teacher, effective July 1; and effective July 27 — Miller Barnett, CMS teacher; Cameron Bensley, WHS teacher; Boone Benton, WHS counselor-lead; Lauren Bonne, ALES teacher; Claudia Dittmer, WES pre-K teacher; TK Dodd, CHS teacher; Zachary Dyer, WHS teacher; Vannesa Estrada, EES teacher; Christina Felker, HCES teacher; Kasi Fisher, WMS teacher; Lillibeth Garcia, ALES teacher; Molly Gilbert, AHS teacher; Nicole Graves, KES special education teacher; Christina Hagle, HCES teacher; Spencer Jones, AHS teacher; Hensley Laney, TES teacher; Micaela Pardo, CCES teacher; Katie Proctor, special education teacher 51%; Devyn Pyle, CHS teacher; Ann Rickman, BCCCA teacher-CTAE; William Rowe, WHS teacher; Anna Royal, WHS teacher; Matthew Schmidt, EHES teacher; Brett Shedd, WHS teacher; Andrew Smith, AHS teacher; Mache Thigpin, CLES teacher; Amy Tice, WMS teacher; Torriann Willis, CHS counselor; Kourtney Wilson, HCES teacher; Sadie Worth, CMS teacher; and Abbey Yohe, WMS teacher;

- The certified transfers of Kelly Adams, Gregory Arvanitis, Lisa Bagnell, Kelly Barre, Chris Carter, Amy Chavarria, Erin Gough, Randa Hunt, Shannon Hyde, Michelle Madden, Misty Milam, Kathi Shedd, Tracy Stevens, Morgan West and Alison Whitehead — all effective July 1; and Linda Garcia, effective TBD;

- The certified contract services of Joyce Hudson, pre-K specialist, effective July 1;
- The certified resignations of Cheryl Wren, special education teacher, effective July 1; and effective May 26 — Elizabeth Barnes, KES teacher; Charlie Buck, CHS teacher; Everett Canady, AHS teacher; Margaret Carter, CLES teacher; Kimberly Clements, WES teacher; Chris Davidson, AHS teacher; Jose Flores, PLES teacher; Lana Jamieson, ALES teacher; Morgan McDonald, HCES teacher; Patrick

Mulrennan, CHS teacher; Santiago Nava, WHS teacher; Brandy Nicholson, HCES counselor; Gina Scarimbolo, EES special education teacher; Sarah Stephens, CCES pre-K teacher;

Courtney Tenney, WES teacher; Candace Turner, WES learning support specialist; and Tara Workman, AHS teacher;

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All of the replacements are for Station No. 4 vehicles. Two of the trucks are 2011 models, while one was produced in 2000.

"They were due to be replaced last year but we were busy with the tower, trying to get it caught up," Carter said. "When these trucks arrive, they'll actually be 13 years old for the first two and the bottom one there will be 24 years old."

The lengthy delays, Carter said, have been an ongoing issue for at least a year.

He said the department ordered one truck in February 2021, with an anticipated delivery date of April 2022.

"We got notified today of a new delivery date of June the 20th," he said. "We're anticipating now that this truck is going to roll into probably July or August."

The cost of that particular vehicle, he said was \$1.3 million. With inflation in full swing, he said if he purchased that same vehicle now it would cost at least \$200,000 more.

"We can only get a quote now on these trucks that will last us for 30 days," Carter noted.

He told the council the

price of the three requested replacement vehicles was anticipated to increase again on May 1. Another price increase was a lock for January, Carter continued — and he said he would not be surprised if there was yet another price hike hitting this fall.

"We have negotiated the prices down, it's a single source provider," Carter said. "We would ask for three individual [purchase orders], with prices for each individual truck — that's the skinny version."

The vendors chosen for the purchases are Ten 8 Fire and Safety, of Forsyth, and Pierce Fire Apparatus.

"We get a 4% discount when we pre-pay, but the budget costs — obviously, with the Fed increasing interest rates — we'll make up that 4% over time," said Cartersville City Manager Dan Porta. "We can probably anticipate this maybe getting delayed over time."

Carter strongly encouraged the council to forego pre-paying for the vehicles.

"We just do not feel that the discounts are significant enough for us taking our money out of our reserves to pay it back in two years," he said. "We feel it's just not a good wash."

Carter told the council he doesn't expect the lengthy build times to

shorten anytime soon.

"I don't know if it's ever going to go back to the way it was," he said. "But if we don't go ahead and do something

"This is a big move for the City."

Matt Santini
Cartersville Mayor

now, we're going to be in pretty hard shape in two years ... I hate to do it this way, but it's the only answer I've got."

Cartersville Mayor Matt Santini said it's a tough ask, but a necessary one.

"It's not an issue until we have trucks that can't even make it to emergencies," he said. "We'd be making the purchases, anyway, it's just the timing of it because of the lead time."

Elsewhere on the agenda, the council voted to approve a purchase agreement with McWhorter Capital Partners for the former police station property at 178 West Main St.

Per City documents, McWhorter Capital Partners is buying the property for \$650,000.

At a council meeting in March, representatives of the purchaser

announced plans for a proposed "Main at Bar-tow" mixed use development at the site, which would consist of 10,000 square feet of commer-

cial space and more than 30 residential units.

City documents project the closing date for the purchase to be in July, with designs for the project potentially approved as early as October.

Construction on the development is anticipated to begin in January 2023, with May 2024 penciled in as the predicted completion time for the first two units on the roughly 1.6-acre parcel.

Cartersville City Attorney David Archer told the council the purchaser has requested an amended contract that would allow the developer to allow for "professional offices."

The council subsequently approved the agreement with that requested amendment in place.

"This is a big move for the City," Santini said. "We had a com-

mittee of City staff that scored and reviewed and made a recommendation for this project to go forward ... what's being proposed is what's going to happen, we've put those safeguards in place and certainly have no reason to believe otherwise."

The council also approved an agreement to serve "dark fiber" at the new Cartersville Primary School to be constructed along Carter Grove Boulevard.

Per City documents, the cost of the agreement is \$17,500.

Similarly approved with a "quiet zone" preliminary engineering agreement with CSX.

Cartersville City Engineer Wade Wilson said the cost of the agreement is \$60,600, noting that the expense is expected to be financed through 2020 SPLOST funds.

Archer said that financial amount is just an estimate — and that the City could find itself on the hook for additional expenses.

"The contract as drafted provides that if they have cost overruns in doing the engineering work, that they'll send the City a bill," he said. "And the City's got to pay it within a certain amount of days or they'll stop work."

Ultimately, Archer recommended the local government accept the contract as is in lieu of

amending the agreement to include a "not to exceed" monetary figure.

"When you deal with CSX, if you do that, add a year to the work," he said. "I just wanted to point that out to you."

The council also voted to approve annual certification requirements for Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, which are needed to allow the nonprofit to apply for funding via the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Also approved was a \$45,300 contract with Adairsville-based firm Caliber Construction, LLC for history museum roof repairs. The council subsequently approved an additional \$41,500 contract for the same company to perform fascia, soffit and crown removal and replacement services for the same facility.

The public meeting began with Cartersville Downtown Development Authority Director Lillie Read being commended for receiving Main Street American Institute Revitalization Professional certification.

"This is the highest in her field," said Cartersville Assistant City Manager Freddy Morgan. "Lillie is only one of two managers in the state of Georgia to attain this credential, so we're very pleased for that ... we very much appreciate her hard work."

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- The certified retirement of Shane Giardina, RTMS special education teacher, effective May 26;
- The classified employment of Megann Allen, PLES paraprofessional, effective Aug. 3; Emily Armado, CMS custodian, effective April 11; Kristin Constantine, CLES school nutrition assistant, effective April 19; Elizabeth Hitt, CMS custodian, effective April 11; and Ronnie Summerfield, CHS

custodian, effective April 19;

- The classified transfers of Jennifer Collins, Kristi Dilbeck, Vanessa Driver, Elaine Hufstetler, Jennifer Kilpatrick, Tillie McBerry, Candi Mitchum and Billy Pruitt;

- The classified contracted services of Dawn Wood, federal programs assistant, effective July 1;

- The classified retirement of Robert McMillan, school bus driver, effective May 24;

- The classified resignations of Matthew Gardner, CHS custodian, effective March 28; DeEtta Gilliam, CHS paraprofessional, effective March 31; Charlotte Phillips, RTMS school nutrition assis-

tant, effective April 22; Ashley Ussery, school bus driver, effective April 25; Dave Stephens, WHS paraprofessional, effective May 24; and Tesha Watkins, BCCCA receptionist/attendance clerk, effective April 8;

- The leaves of absence of Candace Bruno, AES teacher, effective April 21 to May 26; Amanda Carmel, AES paraprofessional, effective March 9 to April 6; Ariel Martin, AHS teacher, effective March 28 to May 23; and Angie Pinkard, AES teacher, effective March 16 to 30.

Man uses wife's infidelity to forge an online persona

DEAR ABBY: I ended my 24-year marriage after learning my wife, in addition to several one-night stands, had an affair with a married couple for nine years. She also gave me an STI. I was faithful, though I admit to being difficult to live with.

We were unable to agree on parenting, finances, health, fitness, diet, religion, politics and more. I worked hard, but I was a present and active father, attending all games, concerts and activities, as well as coaching and teaching my children in music and the arts.

In the pursuit of helping other men deal with the grief of infidelity, divorce and mental health, I began sharing my experience on a social media platform. My oldest child has now chosen to "write me off" and refuses to speak to me. I'm hurt, but I respect her decision. I will not silence my story, as it is a tool of empowerment for other men. Is there a way to build a relationship with this adult child? -- DISAPPOINTED DAD IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DAD: Your daughter may be embarrassed or angry because you are publicly labeling her mother as an adulteress. Once she matures she is willing to concede that there are often two sides to every story, she may mend fences, but it won't happen until she is ready, and you cannot



Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

force it.

DEAR ABBY: I have noticed so many obituaries omit where the person worked. A lot of people worked at the same places for many years. Coworkers and acquaintances I'm sure would like to pay respects to those who have passed. Too often, by the time they find out, the person has been laid to rest.

My late wife was a nurse for almost 40 years and came in contact with many people. The outpouring of love from family, friends and acquaintances from her social and work lives was overwhelming and heartfelt. They say if we have memories of our loved ones touching

others' lives, they live on in our hearts forever.

People, please don't let their memories fade. Let families know to include the work history of their loved one in the obituary, particularly if they had jobs dealing with the public. -- REMEMBERING WELL IN OHIO

DEAR REMEMBERING: Because the obituaries one reads in the newspaper are costly, it's possible the writers try to keep them brief in order to save money. I am, however, printing your helpful reminder for those who may need it.

DEAR ABBY: I was wondering, even though we call our priests "Father," can I also call him "Dad"? Why or why not? -- PONDERING IN THE WEST

DEAR PONDERING: I posed your question to Father Guy Gurath,

a longtime friend in the Milwaukee archdiocese. He chuckled and told me this is a standing joke among Catholics, who have been known to refer to the rectory as the "Home for Unwed Fathers." (!) He went on to say the formal answer to your question is no. Calling a priest "Dad" is likely to offend some people. He suggests the correct terms "Father," "Reverend" or "Pastor" be used. Thank you, Father Guy.

— Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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French President Macron reelected: What's happening next?

By SYLVIE CORBET
Associated Press

After winning another five years in the French presidential palace, Emmanuel Macron intends to go back to work straightaway on domestic and foreign policy — but he will soon face crucial parliamentary elections where he may struggle to keep his majority.

Here's a look at what comes next for Macron and his leadership of France.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The Constitutional Council is to publish the presidential election's official results on Wednesday. On the same day, Macron will hold a Cabinet meeting.

Macron will then need to set a date for the inauguration ceremony, which must be held by May 13, at the Elysee Palace. He will receive the National Guards' honors and make a speech.

Usually, 21 cannon shots are fired to mark the inaugura-

tion, though Presidents Francois Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac both skipped that tradition for their reelections in 1988 and 2002. Macron is the only other leader of modern France to win a second term at the ballot box.

MACRON'S FIRST MOVES

Like five years ago, Macron plans to quickly head to Berlin, in line with the tradition providing that the newly elected president makes his first trip abroad to neighboring Germany to celebrate the countries' friendship after multiple wars. He will meet with Chancellor Olaf Scholz, with efforts to try to end the war in Ukraine top of the agenda.

At some point, he may also travel to Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, a trip he said he would only do on condition that it would have "a useful impact." Macron spoke to Zelenskyy and Scholz within hours of his victory.

On May 9, Macron is expect-



CHRISTOPHE ENA, FILE/AP

French President Emmanuel Macron celebrates with his supporters in Paris, France, Sunday, April 24, 2022. After winning another five years in the French presidential palace, Emmanuel Macron intends to go back to work straightaway on domestic and foreign policy — but he will soon face crucial parliamentary elections where he may struggle to keep his majority.

ed to make a speech on Europe in Strasbourg, home to the EU parliament.

At home, he said one of his priorities will be to pass by summer a special law to support purchasing power amid the surge in food and energy prices fed by the conflict in Ukraine.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

Prime Minister Jean Castex

is expected to submit his government's resignation in the coming days. Macron will then appoint a new caretaker government, but ministers will only be in place for a few weeks.

Nationwide parliamentary elections, scheduled in two rounds on June 12 and 19, will decide who controls a majority of the 577 seats at the National Assembly. If Macron's party wins, he will name a new gov-

ernment accordingly and will be able to pass laws.

If another party gets a majority of seats, he will be forced to appoint a prime minister belonging to that new majority. In such a situation, called "cohabitation" in France, the government would implement policies that diverge from Macron's project. The French president would have sway, however, over the country's foreign policy.



U.S. promises more Ukraine aid, Biden announces veteran envoy

By MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Monday after a secrecy-shrouded visit to Kyiv that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is committed to winning his country's fight against Russia and that the United States will help him achieve that goal.

"He has the mindset that they want to win, and we have the mindset that we want to help them win," Austin told reporters in Poland, the day after the three-hour face-to-face meeting with Zelenskyy in Ukraine.

Austin said that the nature of the fight in Ukraine had changed now that Russia has pulled away from the wooded northern regions to focus on the eastern industrial heartland of the Donbas. Because the nature of the fight has evolved, so have Ukraine's military needs, and Zelenskyy is now focused on more tanks, artillery and other munitions.

"The first step in winning is believing that you can win," Austin said. "We believe that they can win if they have the right equipment, the right support, and we're going to do everything we can ... to ensure that gets to them."

Asked about what the U.S. sees as success, Austin said that "we want to see Ukraine remain a sovereign country, a democratic country able to protect its sovereign territory. We want to see Russia weakened to the point where it can't do things like invade Ukraine."

The trip by Blinken and Austin was the highest-level American visit

to the capital since Russia invaded in late February.

They told Zelenskyy and his advisers that the U.S. would provide more than \$300 million in foreign military financing and had approved a \$165 million sale of ammunition.

"We had an opportunity to demonstrate directly our strong ongoing support for the Ukrainian government and the Ukrainian people," Blinken said. "This was, in our judgment, an important moment to be there, to have face-to-face conversations in detail."

Blinken said their meeting with the Ukrainians lasted for three hours for wide ranging talks, including what help the country needs in the weeks ahead.

"The strategy that we've put in place, massive support for Ukraine, massive pressure against Russia, solidarity with more than 30 countries engaged in these efforts, is having real results," Blinken said. "When it comes to Russia's war aims, Russia is failing. Ukraine is succeeding. Russia has sought as its principal aim to totally subjugate Ukraine, to take away its sovereignty, to take away its independence. That has failed."

As expected, President Joe Biden announced on Monday his nomination of Bridget Brink to serve as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Brink, a career foreign service officer, has served since 2019 as ambassador to Slovakia. She previously held assignments in Serbia, Cyprus, Georgia and Uzbekistan as well as with the White House National Security Council. The post requires confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Reports: Twitter in talks with Musk over bid to buy platform

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Twitter's board and Tesla CEO Elon Musk negotiated into the early hours Monday over his bid to buy the social media platform, The New York Times reported.

Musk said last week that he had lined up \$46.5 billion in financing to buy Twitter, putting pressure on the company's board to negotiate a deal.

The Times, citing people with knowledge of the situation who it did not identify, said the two sides were discussing details including a timeline and fees if an agreement was signed and then fell apart. The people said the situation was fluid and fast-moving.

Before the opening bell Monday, shares of Twitter Inc. rose 5%.

Twitter had enacted an anti-takeover measure known as a poison

pill that could make a takeover attempt prohibitively expensive. But the board decided to negotiate after Musk updated his proposal to show he had secured financing, according to The Wall Street Journal, which was first to report the negotiations were underway.

On April 14, Musk announced an offer to buy the social media platform for \$54.20 per share, or about \$43 billion, but did not say at the time how he would finance the acquisition.

Last week, he said in documents filed with U.S. securities regulators that the money would come from Morgan Stanley and other banks, some of it secured by his huge stake in the electric car maker.

Twitter has not commented. Musk has said he

wants to buy Twitter because he doesn't feel it's living up to its potential as a platform for free speech.

In recent weeks, he has voiced a number of proposed changes for the company, from relaxing its content restrictions — such as the rules that suspended former President Donald Trump's account — to ridding the platform of its problems with fake and automated accounts.

Musk is the world's wealthiest person, according to Forbes, with a nearly \$279 billion fortune. But much of his money is tied up in Tesla stock — he owns about 17% of the company, according to FactSet, which is valued at more than \$1 trillion — and SpaceX, his privately held space company. It's unclear how much cash Musk has.



HANNIBAL HANSCHKE/POOL PHOTO VIA AP, FILE

Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk arrives on the red carpet for the Axel Springer media award in Berlin on Dec. 1, 2020. Musk says he has lined up \$46.5 billion in financing to buy Twitter, and he's trying to negotiate an agreement with the company. The Tesla CEO says in documents filed Thursday, April 21, 2022 with U.S. securities regulators that he's exploring a tender offer to buy all of the social media platform's common stock for \$54.20 per share in cash.

Recycling

From Page 1A

“Cartersville partners with us, they provide curbside recycling, it’s in a single stream format even though they put out two containers,” he said. “Right now that’s sorted by hand with prisoner crews that pick stuff off the line — it’s extremely inefficient.”

The recycling business, Olson said, hasn’t exactly been a profit generator for the local government.

“We might break even on it,” he said. “We can redeploy those folks to doing other things, and our partners will take over sorting all the recycling and marketing it an so on.”

Two Freepoint representatives — vice president Katherine Doerr and managing director Jeff McMahon —

“We’ll add years to the life of our landfill.”

Steve Taylor Bartow County Commissioner

were present at the public meeting. “The most recent one we installed, which is giant, is in the City of Santa

Barbara,” McMahon noted. “When they sort, they actually take their organics, as well.”

Olson said the proposed project would take up about eight or nine acres at the local landfill site.

“To effectuate this, we’re going to end up transferring some of the landfill from the County to the Authority, and then the Authority will enter into the lease,” he added. “We’re also going to enter into an agreement where the County commits its waste to the Authority, and then the Authority in turn makes that commitment here to Freepoint Eco-Systems.”

Legal counsel for the County government and Freepoint have been working on the agreement for approximately one year.

“And it changed in scope,” Olson said. “Initially, they had looked at putting a pyrolysis facility here, and then it made more sense to put it elsewhere.”

Bartow County Commissioner Steve Taylor said the proposed project could help the local government save a considerable amount of space at the local landfill.

“We’ll add years to the life of our landfill,” he said.

The explicit financial details of the profit-sharing agreement between the County and Freepoint was not discussed at the public meeting.

But Olson indicated the County could make a sizable amount from the partnership.

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BARTOW BLOTTER

The following information — names, photos, addresses, charges and other details — was taken directly from Bartow County Sheriff’s Office jail records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction, and a conviction or acquittal is determined by the court system.

April 21

Paul Byron Howard, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault; criminal trespass-damage to private property; obstructing or hindering persons making emergency phone calls; and cruelty to children-allow to witness felony/battery/family violence.

John Jo Eon Jung, of Duluth, Georgia, was arrested and charged with identity theft fraud when using/possessing identifying information concerning a person.

Austin Reed Sedlaczek, of Acworth, was arrested and charged with willful obstruction of a law enforcement officer and giving a false name, address or birthdate to a law enforcement officer.

Luke Eugene Shaffer, of Kingston, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Dana Renee Waldron, of Douglasville, was listed as boarded.

April 22

Antonio Serafin Banegas-Banegas, of Austin, Texas, was arrested and charged with driving without a valid license; driving with no insurance; and speed less than the minimum/impeding the flow of traffic.

Abel Montrell Branch, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault; burglary-dwelling, house or other structure designed for use as a dwelling;

and first degree cruelty to children-cause excessive physical/mental pain.

Heather Michelle Faine, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice.

Hunter Logan Geiss, of Kennesaw, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Mark Wayne Hanson, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with kidnapping; reckless driving; reckless conduct; hit and run-duty of driver to stop or return to the scene of an accident; theft by taking; battery against a pregnant female; battery on an unborn child; and criminal trespass-damage to private property.

Lance Reid Hensely, of White, was listed as returned to bond.

Robert Luke Mills, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for the person to drive; failure to maintain lane; failure to obey a stop sign or yield after stopping; and reckless driving.

Adrian Ovalle, of Cartersville was arrested and charged with theft by taking; terroristic threats and acts; and possession of a firearm or knife during the commission of or attempt to commit certain felonies.

Clinton Wayne Scrutchins, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with failure to appear; a probation violation; willful obstruction of a law enforcement officer; and giving a false name, address or birthdate to a law enforcement officer.

Ana Clorinda Trevino-Carron, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with driving without a valid license and failure to yield while turning left.

John Allen Walker, of White Plains, Georgia, was arrested and

charged with a probation violation.

Ashley Marie Warren, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana or methamphetamine.

Christopher Kye Williams, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with terroristic threat and acts and simple battery.

Elijah Trey Wilson, of Talking Rock, was arrested and charged with driving while license is suspended or revoked.

Brent Linares Young, of Kingston, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

April 23

Robert Michael Brookshire, of Acworth, was arrested and charged with willful obstruction

of a law enforcement officer and fishing without a license.

Richard Coleman, of Marietta, was arrested on an agency assist.

Michaela Denise Farmer, of Villa Rica, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol to the extent that it is less safe for that person to drive and a noise violation (loud music from vehicle.)

Justin Scott Gravely, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault-strangulation; criminal trespass-damage to private property; and cruelty to children-allow to witness felony/battery/family violence.

Daryle Gene Harper, of Bremen, was arrested on an agency assist.

Judy Lorraine Harrelson, of White, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Cody Lewis House, of Adairsville, was arrested and charged with theft by taking; second degree criminal damage to private property; and a probation violation.

Amber Elizabeth Jones, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Lorenzo Anthony Lemon, of Belle Chase, Louisiana, was listed as boarded.

Christina Page Sharpe, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Stephen Daniel Turner, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

April 24

Dimitrius Matablo Castle, no address listed, was listed as back for court.

Reunufu Garcia-Chavez, of Powder Springs, was arrested and charged with driving without a valid license and failure to maintain lane.

Tony Long, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

John Preston Pilgrim, of Jacksonville, Florida, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass.

David Kenneth Webb, of Cartersville, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Stanley Lamar Young, of Adairsville, was arrested and charged with simple assault-family violence.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NHUCK
NNOOI
ELHOBD
RDOAPN

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Ans:

Previous Puzzle Solved
Jumbles: EVENT HOUSE THRIVE FILLET
Answer: He proposed with a self-made Jumble, and she said yes after seeing all the — LOVE LETTERS

BECKER BRIDGE

Famous Hand

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ A K 8 5 2
♦ 9 8 4
♣ A

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ J 3
♦ K 10 7 2
♣ 10 9 6 4 3

EAST
♠ —
♥ Q 9 6
♦ A Q J 5
♣ K J 8 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 8 4 2
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 6 3
♣ Q

The bidding: North East South West
1♥ 2♣ 2♠ 3♣
3♠ 4♣ 4♠ 4♠

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Today's deal arose in a high-level team contest in 1999. It features a play that would occur to very few players.

At both tables, the contract was four spades. It might seem, in looking at all four hands, that declarer must go down one, losing two diamonds, a heart and a spade — and that is exactly what happened when the deal was first played.

South won the opening club lead with dummy's ace and led a spade. When East showed out, declarer put up the ace and, for lack of anything better to do, led another

spade. West won and shifted to a diamond, whereupon the defenders collected their two diamond tricks and played a third diamond, ruffed by South. East later scored a heart trick to sink the contract.

At the other table, after the same opening lead, the declarer, Margaret Williams, found an elegant way to give herself an extra chance if she had to lose a spade trick. Instead of leading a spade at trick two, she led a diamond!

At first blush, one might wonder what possible difference this could make, but the answer was soon forthcoming. In practice, East won the diamond with the ace and continued with the queen and another diamond, ruffed by South.

Williams now played the ace of spades and, upon learning that she had a trump loser, cashed the A-K of hearts before conceding a spade to West's king. West then had to return a diamond or a club, allowing South to discard her remaining heart as she ruffed in dummy, and the contract was home.

Observe that once declarer led a diamond at trick two, there was nothing the defenders could do to defeat her. If they shifted to a heart after taking the first diamond, Williams would win, play a second diamond, win the heart return and ruff a diamond to achieve the same position.

Tomorrow: Think first, play later.
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Dennis The Menace by Hank Ketcham

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“BOY, IT MUSTA REALLY HURT WHEN YOU FELL OFF THE WAGON.”

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS
1 Receipt stamp
5 British sword
10 “Here to Eternity”; 1953 film
14 Out of kilter
15 Very
16 Tibetan monk
17 Whittle down
18 Cemetery employee
20 Certain vote
21 Ceremony
22 Kitchen appliances
23 Fibbers
25 Miracle-___; plant food
26 19th-century U.S. president
28 Acquires knowledge
31 Foreign diplomat
32 Violent anger
34 “Leaving ___ Jet Plane”
36 CT or MRI
37 Luxury hotel feature
38 Laurel or Musial
39 Color of freckles
40 Summoned by beeper
41 Woman’s garment
42 Go without food for too long
44 Breakfast drinks
45 Reason for overtime
46 Good judgment
47 ___ up; rose
50 Feminine title
51 Part of spring: abbr.
54 Awe
57 Suffix for flex or access
58 Past one’s prime
59 Gate hardware
60 Jumping insect
61 Football maneuver
62 More bizarre
63 Stitched joining

DOWN
1 Father
2 Not at home
3 Beside the point
4 Recolor
5 Knight’s attendant
6 Mom’s sisters
7 ___ one’s time; wait
8 Line of travel: abbr.
9 Ending for racket or auction
10 Chocolate or vanilla
11 Implement with prongs
12 Foreboding sign
13 One of the planets
19 Sacred scroll
21 Risqué
24 Cast-___ skillet
25 ___ rise out of; provoke
26 Pain in the neck
27 South American Indians
28 Hit the runway
29 Not hidden
30 Entrap
32 ___ war; go to battle
33 Actress
34 McClanahan
35 Colony members
37 Build up a nest egg
38 Sporting equipment
40 One of seven deadly sins
41 NBA team
43 Not getting along
44 Court clown
46 Burn the edges of
47 Cashless deal
48 Old Roman robe
49 Small digits
50 Darn
52 Entreaty
53 Enlarge a hole
55 Fraternity letter
56 Prefix for day or way
57 No ___, ands or buts

Previous Puzzle Solved

BRAD DASH ECHO
LACED INCA SHOW
UNCLE ANIMATION
EKE BAN SPENDS
PEACE TAE
ESTATE VERMIN
AWARE CHART MOO
RIBS BOATS SPIN
NFL MINTS LOOSE
TENORS PURSES
EAT DUNES
GROWTH EGG IDO
EAVESDROP EBBED
AGES AUNT SALAD
RENT YEAH REDS

Sudoku

Level: Beginner

	3							6
	8		4	9				
	5				7	4	3	
	8		3	7				
3			2	5	7	8		
2			6					
7	9		4	5				2
	6	7				5		
5	4		8	1		3		

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN by Dana Simpson

I wish I knew what those three were talking about.
I could use a SUPER HEARING SPELL to tell you.
But that spell is fraught, and not to be taken lightly.
You mean because it's bad to invade other people's privacy?
Well, that too.
Mostly I just do not like hearing what worms sound like crawling through dirt.
...okay, now I'm really curious about that.

HI AND LOIS by Brian & Greg Walker

Written By Brian & Greg Walker
Drawn By Chance Browne

I BET DAGWOOD CLEANS UP THE KITCHEN AFTER HE MAKES HIS SANDWICH.

For Better or For Worse® by Lynn Johnston

BAN! BAN! BAM, BAM, WHACK! BAM, BAM!

WA'S THAT? I DUNNO... MUS' BE THE CONSTRUCTION CREW.

THEY SAID THEY'D BE HERE SOMETIME THIS WEEK. WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME.

I FIGURED THAT "SOMETIME THIS WEEK" MEANT FRIDAY!!

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith® by John Rose

BARNEY'S HERE T'GIT HISSLE A L'L PEACE AN' QUIET, LUKEY !!

WELL, THEN YA SHOULD COME OVER TO MY HOUSE, BARNEY !!

ELVINEY'S MAD AT ME AN' AIN'T MADE SO MUCH AS A PEEP FER THREE DAYS !!

Adam@Home by Brian Bassett

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S "WRITIEY," MY NEW WRITING BUDDY.

HE'S A LITTLE ROBOT WHO YELLS OUT WRITING PROMPTS.

LIKE, IDEAS FOR WHAT YOU SHOULD WRITE ABOUT?

YEP, JUST RANDOM IDEAS.

FAILURE! HAIR LOSS!

WHOA! CAN HE SEE YOU?

I THINK THAT WAS JUST A LUCKY GUESS.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

HEALTH VIOLATIONS HEALTH VIOLATIONS! HEALTH VIOLATIONS!

RESTAURANT

THIS PLACE LOOKS GOOD!

DUSTIN by Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

DUSTIN, ABOUT YOUR WORK ETHIC... WE NEED TO TALK.

WE DO?

DOES IT MATTER WHAT I SAY?

UH, NOT REALLY.

SO, TECHNICALLY, YOU NEED TO TALK.

Today's Horoscopes

TUESDAY, April 26, 2022

For Wednesday, April 27, 2022
We can expect a slow and sleepy start to the day, which gives us the chance to catch up to ourselves rather than starting our morning with rushed or scattered energy. Meanwhile, there's still time to jump on the wave of hope that's been building since the beginning of the week. With change in the air, we're encouraged to be optimistic about the future rather than expect the worst. That said, though, we'll need to find a healthy balance between being idealistic and practical.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Expect to be reminded today of just how lucky and blessed you are. Knowing this should leave you feeling good.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
If you had a falling out with a friend, you're ready to forgive them, even if renewing the relationship isn't an option. Don't let bad feelings fester.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
As you find yourself pulled in a new direction with your life, you might find yourself attracting some new people, too. Keep creating community for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You've got knowledge, expertise or a perspective that people need. Perhaps it's time to start working on your podcast or book or offering consultations.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
If you're feeling insecure or troubled about a relationship, it's time to get open and honest about it. The truth will help you find peace of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
If an agreement is on the table, make sure you're fully clear on the terms and 100% on board. Listen to both your head and your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A wish could be granted through a new job or more pay. On another note, when doing things for others, try not to give yourself more work than necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
The big potential for love, but take time to get to know someone you're sweet on. Don't rush or force it. Meanwhile, a creative idea blossoms with some fine-tuning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You're encouraged to focus on your happiness and well-being. Perhaps this means putting the past to rest, improving your home or looking after your mental health.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Expect a nudge toward anything or anyone who leaves you feeling hopeful and happy. Bring some sweetness into your life today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You might be mulling over a financial matter or opportunity. Take time to do your research and ask the right questions before you make any decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Move forward with confidence today. There's a strong chance that you can secure or create an opportunity for yourself.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

VOEMI
NRWIG
CNERHD
RAOHUT

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: "_____"

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Previous Puzzle Solved

Jumbles: CHUNK ONION BEHOLD PARDON
Answer: When the author answered every question asked, she was being — AN OPEN BOOK

BECKER BRIDGE

Think first, play later

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 6 3
♥ A 10 6
♦ A 7 3
♣ K 4

WEST
♠ K 9 5 2
♥ K 8 7
♦ K 10 8 6 5
♣ 10

EAST
♠ Q 8 4
♥ Q 5 4 3
♦ 9 2
♣ J 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ 7
♥ J 9 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ A Q 7 6 3 2

The bidding:
East Pass South Pass West 1♦ North Dble
Pass 3♣ Pass 3♠
Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

To play in haste and repent at leisure is a paraphrase of the ancient proverb on the institution of marriage, but the admonition is worth its weight in aces and kings when applied to bridge.

Consider this deal where West, after opening the bidding light in third seat, led a diamond against three notrump. South took East's nine with the queen, played a club to the king and then led another club to the ace, on which West showed out.

This unexpected development had a profound effect on the outcome. South could establish his clubs by continuing the suit, but since he had no entry back to his hand to cash them, the contract was doomed.

Despite the unlucky club split, the unhappy outcome was actually South's own fault. Instead of assuming a 3-2 club division — the normal expectancy — he should have allowed for the possibility of a 4-1 break. This could have been done by winning the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace, cashing the K-A of clubs and continuing with a low club, discarding a spade from dummy.

East would win the third round of clubs but could not prevent declarer from sooner or later gaining entry to his hand with a diamond to score at least nine tricks.

By keeping his Q-J of diamonds intact on the opening lead, South would have ensured the contract with a normal 3-2 club division and at the same time would have protected himself against an unfriendly 4-1 club division. By taking more time at trick one, South would have eliminated the possibility of later having to repent at leisure.

Tomorrow: Play it again, Sam.
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Dennis The Menace by Hank Ketcham

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- June honoree
- Flower stalks
- Singer ___ James
- Mantle
- Bicker
- Delhi dress
- European range
- Remiss
- Quilting party
- Discontinue
- Loathes
- Count on
- Acquired
- Man of the cloth
- Calm
- Flows out slowly
- Candle topper
- Aged
- Friday shout
- "If" & "The Raven"
- Small musical group
- Source of light
- Car blemishes
- State fundraiser
- Pompous person
- Restrain with a rope
- Tap tenderly
- Part of the face
- Buddy, for one
- Sheets of ice
- Possess
- Brave
- Shade provider
- Day
- multivitamins
- Do penance
- Warmth
- Not as expensive
- Dungarees
- Yakety-___; chatter

DOWN

- Valley
- Yummy-looking
- ___ Moines
- Most clearheaded
- Give medical aid to
- Items sold by the dozen
- Pack animal
- Notice
- Country villa
- President before Wilson
- Correct
- Needs a doctor
- Uber alternative
- Task
- Use foul language
- Hazardous rock chain
- Diamonds & rubies
- Cookware
- Scoundrel
- Waterston & Elliott
- Asian nation
- Cream of the crop
- Type style
- Permit
- Portal
- Nuisance
- Canvas bag
- Singer Ross
- Brandon & Jason
- Musical dramas
- Grad papers
- Aristocratic title
- Environmental sci.
- Scapula or fibula
- Takes to court
- Cheese from Greece
- Diving bird
- Frail
- Holey fabric
- Space
- "... kingdom come..."

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6 Items sold by the dozen

7 Pack animal

8 Notice

9 Country villa

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Sudoku

Level: Beginner

					2	3					
3	6				2						
	2	8	3	5	6	1					
7		6	1	9							
	4		5					9	1		
1				4							
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6	1					7				5	

9	2	7	4	8	6	1	9				
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN by Dana Simpson

DUSTIN by Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker

Today's Horoscopes

WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022

For Thursday, April 28, 2022
If there's an obstacle that currently stands in our way, the day lends us the resourcefulness and ambition we need to tackle it. However, with patience running short today, we'll need to be mindful of expediting our immediate results on our efforts or trying to rush a project or task to the finish line. As is often the case during Taurus season, a slow and steady approach is what helps us win the race. Being pragmatic and thoughtful also helps us reach our goals.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You're on the money with a financial or job-related decision. If you're hoping to increase your cash or secure a new gig, timing is on your side.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your brilliance really shines through today. Sharing your thoughts or ideas with others can lead you to success or a yes on getting something you want.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Some deep sharing with a friend can help one, or both of you, deal with a difficulty or a dilemma. Too, sometimes it's just good to vent.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your connection to a key or influential person could help you get closer to reaching a goal. Tap into your network.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
If you want to push your career further, what are some skills you should be looking to learn or improve? Get started.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Working on a creative or artistic project, especially if it's just for fun, could provide you with some healing vibes. Follow your heart.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You could get approval on a financial application or bid. On a similar note, a discussion about finances leads to a satisfactory outcome.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Talking to the right person helps you get past something you've been stuck on for too long. Pay attention to the message.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Small, doable steps are the keys to successfully implementing a lifestyle change. Taking care of your body should feel good.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You should be feeling some level of pride today about something you've created or are currently working on. No one else does it like you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
A profound conversation with someone you love could pave the path toward forgiveness or a better bond. Open up.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
You're in planning mode today and focused on what you want to accomplish. Expect to find the answers, options or resources to get it done.
FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
You take the initiative in getting things done and don't shy away from handling your responsibilities.

Love

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Under Lowe's direction, the cast of "Recommended Reading for Girls" consists of Ashley Elliott and Christie Lee Fisher as sisters Amy and Jackie Saunders; Malisa Gray as their mother, Marilynn Saunders; Kirby Green as Penny Parker; Bailey King as Anne Shirley; Diana Davidson as Sara Crewe; and Lauren Garner as Heidi. "Being a literary fan, I knew I wanted to be a part of this production," said Fisher, a resident of Cartersville. "The book characters are characters that I read as a girl. It is also a play about family and coming together when times are hard, a valuable mes-

sage for the last few years. "My character is Jackie, and she is the older Saunders sister. She is 36 weeks pregnant with her first child, and she is a little more practical than her younger sister, Amy. It has been a challenge portraying someone 36 weeks pregnant. I have a 4-year-old son myself, so I've been trying to recall the experience of being pregnant and bring it to the character." With the play revolving around the

"Being a literary fan, I knew I wanted to be a part of this production."

Christie Lee Fisher

Saunders women, Fisher noted "Recommended Reading for Girls" is the "perfect Mother's Day" production. "Mother, Marilyn, is experiencing a second bout with cancer," she said. "Daughter Amy comes home to help out while their father is at a conference. Amy discovers book characters come to life hiding out in her childhood bedroom. She shares her experience with her pregnant sister, Jackie. "It turns out that Marilynn knows about the book characters and finds comfort in them. When Marilynn disappears, the sisters work with the book characters to figure out how to get her back, while learning the value of family." For more information about the PHP's season or to purchase tickets for "Recommended Reading for

Girls," visit <http://pumphouseplayers.com> or call 770-387-2610. Tickets for the upcoming play are \$18 for adults, and \$15 for students and individuals 65 and older. "The playwright says that this is not a play about suffering and loss but of understanding and love," Fisher said. "Audiences have experienced loss over the last two years, so I believe audiences will appreciate the shift in focus. I hope audiences experience the comfort in these literary characters that the Saunders women feel. "I just want to encourage audiences to come out and support the arts in the community. Pumhouse Players has shows coming up this summer for all, from young audiences to murder mystery lovers."

5 Day Forecast

Tuesday 4-26



A chance of showers/t-storms before 10am. Mostly cloudy, high near 69. NW wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of rain is 60%. **Tuesday Night:** A 30% chance of showers, mainly before 7pm. Partly cloudy, low around 45. NW wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday 4-27



Sunny, with a high near 74. North wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 15 mph. **Wednesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 46.

Thursday 4-28



Sunny, with a high near 80. **Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Friday 4-29



Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Saturday 4-30



Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. **Saturday Night:** A 20% chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Recycling

From Page 5A

"When they back-applied for the past several years of waste and estimated what would have been if we had this agreement in place," Olson said, "we'd made several hundred thousand more in profit a year." Olson said the Authority agreement provides something that the County government can-

not — a binding contract. "You're building your model on a 20-year life span, so this will protect them for 20 years," he said. Olson noted that there are more steps in the process — i.e., additional documents to be signed by Commissioner Taylor — before the agreement is finalized. Authority legal counsel H. Boyd Pettit, III, said the agreement is for "the development, design, construction and

ownership-operation of a solid waste sorting facility," and additionally authorizes the board chair to sign additional project-related documents. The meeting was the first held by the RRDA since 1994. "Since then, we haven't used the Authority for any projects until this project came along," Olson said. "And we thought that was the perfect fit for using the Authority."

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
-Nelson Mandela-

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Adairsville catches a Rockmart player in a rundown and eventually records the out during a Region 6-3A matchup April 22 in Polk County.

Tigers fall to Jackets in finale

STAFF REPORT

Adairsville took a brief 1-0 lead but Rockmart dominated the rest of the way in a manner unlike anything the Tigers had experienced all year in their regular-season finale.

Facing the Region 6-3A champions April 22 on the road, Adairsville allowed three runs in each of the third and fourth frames before Rockmart tacked on a pair in the sixth. The trio of multi-run innings easily offset the Tigers'

lone third-inning tally in an 8-1 loss.

P.J. Weeks and Jack Whitley posted two hits each to lead Adairsville. Grayson Belcher, Dawson Craig and Landon O'Neal added one hit apiece.

Freshmen Jack Nelson and Peyton Bowen pitched the entirety of the game for the Tigers.

The seven-run setback wound up being, by far, the most lopsided defeat Adairsville suffered all season.

Prior to that, the Tigers

hadn't lost by more than four runs. In the end, according to MaxPreps, Adairsville scored and allowed 110 runs this season — an average of 4.4 per game.

Given those stats, the Tigers were unlucky to finish the year with an 11-14 record and 6-10 mark in region play. Adairsville placed sixth in the region standings — three games behind Coahuilla Creek and Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, who tied for the fourth and final play-

off spot.

A few plays here or there could have seen the Tigers secure a postseason berth. Adairsville dropped four region games by one run, two by two runs, two by three runs and one by four runs (an 8-4 loss in 9 innings).

With Rockmart and third-place finisher Sonorville leaving the region, the Tigers, who graduate just two seniors, could be in position to make a playoff push next spring.

Mock Draft: Walker, 4 other Georgia players expected to go in opening round

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

LAS VEGAS — Our head is still spinning from all the draft movement over the past five weeks. There might very well be more trades involving first-round picks before everyone settles in near Caesars Palace and the Bellagio fountains for what promises to be a wild event.

Maybe as wild as the restructuring of the draft order already.

1. Jacksonville
Not as much of a slam dunk as Trevor Lawrence last year at the top. Close enough, though.

AIDAN HUTCHINSON, EDGE, MICHIGAN
2. Detroit

Some believe the Lions will go quarterback here. Maybe in 2021 that would make sense. Not this time.

TRAVON WALKER, EDGE, GEORGIA
3. Houston

The Texans elevated Lovie Smith to head coach and Lovie loves defensive studs. For the first time in 30 years, the top three are from that side of the ball.

AHMAD "SAUCE" GARDNER, CB, CINCINNATI

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DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Georgia edge rusher Travon Walker runs a drill during the NFL combine March 5 in Indianapolis.

Column: Amid increasing abuse, officials flee youth sports

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Columnist

ATLANTA — When one looks at the ugly bruise encircling Kristi Moore's left eye, it's not surprising so many refs and umps are hanging up their stripes.

Why put up with incessant taunts and threats from out-of-control parents?

Why fret over potential violence — even the chance of losing your life — because someone thinks you blew a call at a 12-year-olds' softball game?

America is facing a crisis in prep and youth sports, where fewer and fewer people are willing to take on the thankless job of officiating games.

"The veterans are quitting by the droves. They're sick of it," said Moore, who oversees fast-pitch softball umpires for the state of Mississippi as well as the city of Laurel. "When we work to recruit new people, get 'em trained, get 'em out there on the field, they're three or four games in when someone gives them a good cussing out or an invitation to get their tail beat. They're like: 'You know what? I'll go cut grass on the weekend.'"

Moore can certainly understand that sentiment.

A couple of weeks ago, she was umpiring a girls' softball game. She rarely works on the field anymore but stepped in to the \$40-a-game gig because another umpire was ill.

On a play at second base, Moore called the runner safe. A parent watching the game thought the runner was out. She began screaming profanities, according to Moore, "accused me of cheating these kids."

Moore ordered the woman to leave, which she only agreed to after the ump threatened to forfeit the game — but not before vowing to



BEN MARGOT/AP

Kristi Moore, left, stands on the field before a game between the Miami Marlins and the Atlanta Braves April 22 in Atlanta. Moore was punched in the face less than two weeks ago by a parent who did not agree with her call on a play at second base at a girls softball game in Mississippi. Major League Baseball umpires Lance Barksdale and Ted Barrett were outraged when they heard of the assault on Moore. They wanted to show their support, so they invited her to the April 22 game, which they were calling.

settle things later.

Moore didn't think any more of it, having endured similar threats during her 10 years as a youth umpire. But as soon as the game ended, the enraged mother was waiting.

"I was maybe three steps off the field and she was there," Moore recalled. "And that's when she punched me."

The woman was arrested and charged with simple assault.

In addition to the black eye, Moore said her injuries include nerve damage and a bruise inside her ear. All of that will heal with time.

The mental wounds will be

more of a challenge. Moore has not been back on the field since the attack. She's not sure if she ever will.

"In the back of my mind I'm like, 'What if she had a knife in her bag and stabbed me? What if she went to her car and got a gun, then came back and shot me?'" Moore said. "It's just scary."

Barry Mano was appalled at what happened to Moore but not surprised.

As president of the National Association of Sports Officials, a group that advocates for referees and umpires in a wide range of sports at all levels, Mano hears similar

stories pretty much every week.

That abuse is a big reason so many states are having trouble finding enough qualified officials to call the games that children play.

"And without us," Mano pointed out, "it's just recess."

There are almost daily reports around the country about how dire the situation has become:

— At Fishers High School in suburban Indianapolis, the junior varsity baseball team already called off a pair of games. "This is second time this spring we have canceled high school level game on sunny, dry day because we did not have umpires available!" the school tweeted.

— A couple of years ago, just before the pandemic started, the state of Michigan had roughly 13,000 registered high school officials, Mano said. That number is 8,900 today.

— Tennessee's high school association has requested all members play at least one football game on Thursday night next season to help alleviate a shortage of referees. That way, a single crew can call games on back-to-back nights.

"All we can do is ask teams if they can play on Thursday night," said Bill Marbet, a longtime high school ref who is now an assigning officer for the Central Tennessee Football Officials Association. "If so, we can cover you. If not, sorry, we may not have enough officials."

The Michigan decrease mirrors a nationwide trend, according to Mano, who puts the reduction of registered officials at somewhere between 25-30% since the start of the pandemic.

COVID-19 accelerated the problem, without question. It was not the root cause, however.

Many officials quit before the pandemic because of the abuse they were enduring from overzealous parents and fans. Then the games stopped, forcing others to consider their options. When play resumed, a significant number of those officials did not come back.

Major League Baseball umpires Lance Barksdale and Ted Barrett were outraged when they heard of the assault on Moore. They wanted to show their support, so through UMPS CARE Charities they invited her to the game they called April 22 in Atlanta between the World Series champion Braves and the Miami Marlins.

Barksdale, a Mississippi native, said the assault on Moore is just another example of why officials in all sports are increasingly in short supply.

"I'm definitely concerned about it," he said. "Until people are held accountable and we stop allowing them to act any way want to, we're going to continue to have shortages. People are getting tired of it."

Barrett theorized that the rise of travel teams in baseball — not to mention AAU teams in basketball and specialized camps for young football players — has caused parents to feel much more invested in their kids' athletic careers, both financially and emotionally.

"Parents have this sense of entitlement," Barrett said. "They're paying so much money, they think they should have better umpires."

Mano's organization is pushing for laws that would make the assault of an official a felony. Already, 23 states have passed those statutes, but Mississippi isn't one of them.

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Column

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Even more importantly, there needs to be a change in attitude. Coaches should make it clear they won't tolerate such behavior from parents or their kids are off the team. And in the stands, fellow parents can't sit by idly when one of their own is hurling insults at the officials.

"We can always take the bad actors into court and hammer the crap out of them," Mano said. "But more than that is the culture here. Parents and fans and administrators and league directors have to understand that we're not going to permit this type of behavior."

"Even if a call is egregiously wrong, that's exactly the point. That shows the world who we are. We can't have a world that turns on the rightness and wrongness of calls."

While Moore hasn't decided if she'll ever call another game, she has been encouraged by the support she's received from referees and umpires all over the world.

If anything, maybe this will be a turning point in the war on officials — a war that will eventually make losers of us all.

"I didn't ask to be the poster child for officials' abuse, but here I am," Moore said. "My prayer is that moving forward, something good will come from this and we begin to change across all sports in how we treat our officials."



BEN MARGOT/AP
Kristi Moore, left, shakes hands with third base umpire Nic Lentz before a game between the Miami Marlins and the Atlanta Braves April 22 in Atlanta.



Quarterback Kenny Pickett goes through passing drills during Pittsburgh's football pro day March 21 in Pittsburgh. Pickett is expected to be taken in the NFL Draft.

KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Draft

From Page 1B

4. New York Jets
This draft is loaded with receivers, so the Jets wait until No. 10 for one. Instead, they also go defense.

KYLE HAMILTON, S, NOTRE DAME

5. New York Giants
New general manager Joe Schoen knows one thing about this roster: the need for blockers. He gets maybe the best in ...

IKEM EKWONU, T, NORTH CAROLINA STATE

6. Carolina
Teams desperate for quarterbacks overreach. We're not saying Kenny Pickett isn't deserving of being the first QB taken, but at sixth overall?

KENNY PICKETT, QB, PITTSBURGH

7. New York Giants (from Chicago)

The Giants could go for yet another O-lineman here, but there's a stud pass rusher available, even though his consistency and ability to stay healthy are questionable.

KAYVON THIBODEAUX, EDGE, OREGON

8. Atlanta
If the Falcons don't go wideout here, then Atlanta isn't in Georgia.

GARRETT WILSON, WR, OHIO STATE

9. Seattle (from Denver)

Part of the payment for

Russell Wilson. Will it be his eventual replacement? Had Pickett been on the board, certainly. Might be another reach ...

MALIK WILLIS, QB, LIBERTY

10. New York Jets (from Seattle)

And now for that receiver, just a decision on going to Ohio State or USC.

DRAKE LONDON, WR, USC

11. Washington

The Jets' pick makes this one much easier for the Commanders, who go Buckeyes.

CHRIS OLAVE, WR, OHIO STATE

12. Minnesota

The Vikings weren't focusing on the line in front of Kirk Cousins. Then this stud blocker was available.

EVAN NEAL, T, ALABAMA

13. Houston (from Cleveland)

Part of the Deshaun Watson deal. Houston addressed the D-line and now goes to the other side.

CHARLES CROSS, T, MISSISSIPPI STATE

14. Baltimore

Baltimore's secondary was a sieve last season, very unlike the Ravens. Here's some help.

DEREK STINGLEY JR., CB, LSU

15. Philadelphia (from Miami)

Edge rusher or massive DT? The Eagles could go either way.

JERMAINE JOHNSON, EDGE, FLORIDA STATE

16. New Orleans (from Indianapolis through Philadelphia)

Another team some folks believe will go quarterback here. We think the Saints are satisfied with Jameis Winston for a while. Not so satisfied with their receiving group or offensive line.

TRAVIS PENNING, T, NORTHERN IOWA

17. Los Angeles Chargers

This is not a huge need, but with him still around, the Chargers can't pass on playmaking ...

DEVIN LLOYD, LB, UTAH

18. Philadelphia (from New Orleans)

Philly used about 10 seconds to get the other DL it considered at No. 15.

JORDAN DAVIS, DT, GEORGIA

19. New Orleans (from Philadelphia)

We still don't see the Saints going quarterback. They will decide between a star receiver coming off an ACL tear and a slightly less terrific wideout who is healthy.

TREYLON BURKS, WR, ARKANSAS

20. Pittsburgh

OK, we'll go the quarterback route here. Steelers can only hope they get another Big Ben career out of ...

MATT CORRAL, QB, MISSISSIPPI

21. New England

Even though the Patriots needs pass catchers, they have been burned by going high in the draft for them. So ...

TRENT MCDUFFIE, CB, WASHINGTON

22. Green Bay (from Las Vegas)

Part of the Davante Adams deal. And just in time to take a receiver who could fit in quickly.

JAHAN DOTSON, WR, PENN STATE

23. Arizona

The Cardinals also want a wideout, and they will have to wait a spell for this guy — who might be the best receiver in this draft when healthy.

JAMESON WILLIAMS, WR, ALABAMA

24. Dallas
Remember how staunch the Dallas offensive lines were for years? No longer, so the Cowboys address that area.

KENYON GREEN, G, TEXAS A&M

25. Buffalo

An early Super Bowl favorite with the wise guys in Vegas, Buffalo looks for a starting cornerback to go with Tre'Davious White once he is healthy.

ANDREW BOOTH JR., CB, CLEMSON

26. Tennessee

The need for playmakers in the passing game remains in Music City. So the Titans sing out the name of ...

GEORGE PICKENS, WR, GEORGIA

27. Tampa Bay

Well, it won't likely be a QB with Tom Brady ending his short retirement without missing a game.

DEVONTE WYATT, DT, GEORGIA

28. Green Bay

Having taken a wideout earlier, the Packers can concentrate on the defense. They could go secondary here, too.

NAKOBE DEAN, LB, GEORGIA

29. Kansas City (from San Francisco through Miami)

Part of the payment for Tyreek Hill. But the Chiefs snap the string of Georgia Bulldogs with this selection.

TRAVIS JONES, DT, UCONN

30. Kansas City

And again for Kansas City's D.

DAXTON HILL, S, MICHIGAN

31. Cincinnati

So close to their first Super Bowl title, the Bengals can go for the best player available.

He's a pass rusher who can stop the run.

GEORGE KARLAF-TIS, EDGE, PURDUE

32. Detroit (from Los Angeles Rams)

The Lions can't wait for anyone. They could take a quarterback here, but Detroit goes again in two spots.

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13-NOTICE FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Cartersville in Bartow County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Applicant: City of Cartersville

Project Title: City of Cartersville Jackson Farm Weather Warning Siren System Expansion

Location of Proposed Work:
Name of Structure: See Table
Address of Structure:
 Proposed Siren Location: 34.165556, -84.825278
 Cartersville, GA 30120

A map showing the location of this property is available by contacting Scott Carter, Fire Chief, Cartersville Fire Department, 770-387-5635 or scarter@cityofcartersville.org.

Name of Structure: Siren#11

Address: Mission Road, Cartersville, GA 30120

Latitude: 34.165556

Longitude: -84.825278

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: for the installation of a total of 1 weather warning siren in the City of Cartersville in Bartow County. The proposed siren installation location listed above is within the SFHA. Siren #11 is located in FEMA Flood Hazard Area AE, shaded on the FEMA Flood Zone Hazard Area map. AE - Areas are subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event determined by detailed methods. BEs are shown within these zones. (Zone AE is used on new and revised maps in place of Zones A1-A30). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 13015C0262H eff. 10/05/2018. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Georgia and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work will have no effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Georgia and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work has no effect on the local floodplain and is not affected by location in an SFHA and, therefore, requires no mitigation.

Proposed Work and Purpose:
 The City of Cartersville seeks to increase the number of weather warning sirens to include residents who reside outside the City's current siren radius. The City will install one additional warning siren. This new siren will cover a large area of the City that, while populated, is entirely unserved

by the current weather siren system. The purpose of this project is to improve City of Cartersville's emergency preparedness by expanding the reach of the City's outdoor warning sirens system.

Project Alternatives:
Alternative #1 (no action alternative): If no action is taken it would not be in the citizens best interest because tornadoes and associated damages have impacted the City of Cartersville substantially before. No action would leave many residents inadequately served by outdoor warning sirens, which may keep them vulnerable and ill-informed of impending severe weather events.

Alternative #2: An alternative program would not solve the issue of emergency warning to areas that do not already receive advanced outdoor warning of changing weather conditions, but would address tornado public safety and educational outreach for all City of Cartersville residents. A paper mailing would be sent out yearly with tornado safety instructions and information for all citizens on how to best remain safe in the case of inclement weather.

Comment Period:
 Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the City of Cartersville. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Cartersville will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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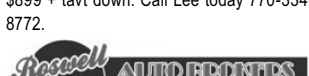
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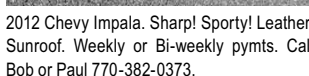
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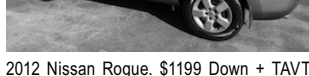
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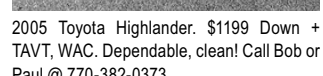
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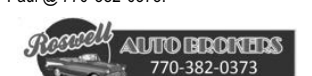


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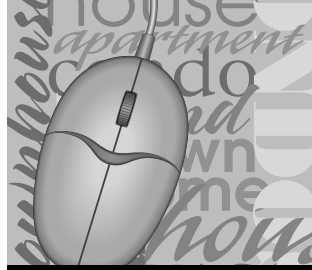
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