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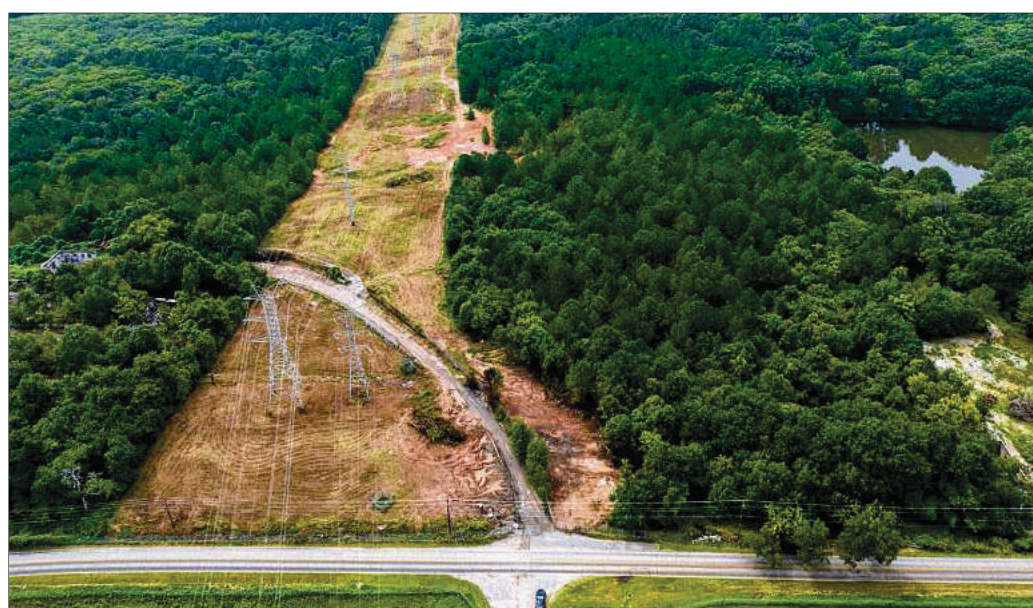
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TOP LOCAL STORY POLICE TRAINING CENTER

'Forest defenders' use extreme tactics



An aerial photograph of the proposed Atlanta public safety training center at the site of the old Atlanta prison farm Aug. 9. Many southeast Atlanta neighborhoods are against developing on the forested land in DeKalb County. HYOSUB SHIN/HYOSUB.SHIN@AJC.COM

Activists say vandalism, violence justified to halt construction of Atlanta police training center.

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The tow truck ultimately was abandoned in what used to be DeKalb County parkland, its operator scared off with flying rocks and cans of sparkling water. Its tires slashed, windows smashed.

Pointed messages – “stop cop city” and an acronym calling “all cops” an expletive – were scrawled along the truck’s shiny white exterior in green spray paint. It was stripped for parts

and other useful gear, its doors removed and added to a makeshift barricade set up nearby.

The rest was burned.

“The tow truck is no more,” those claiming responsibility later wrote in an anonymous online missive. “& we hope this serves as a warning to other tow trucks & various machines thinking about entering the forest to evict or destroy the woods, that you will inevitably suffer the same fate.”

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Officers took alleged trespassers into custody May 17 at the site of the old Atlanta prison farm, where the new training academy facility is set to be built. JOHN SPINK/JOHN.SPINK@AJC.COM

CONTINUING COVERAGE 2020 ELECTION

Fulton DA's Trump case gets more combative

Fani Willis fights moves to kill subpoenas, push to recall her from post.

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Over the last 18 months, a team of prosecutors and investigators from the Fulton County district attorney's office has been sifting through mountains of evidence.

They've pored over telephone logs, emails and text messages. Recordings of phone conversa-



Donald Trump



Fani Willis

tions, hearing transcripts and interview notes. A dense forensic analysis of Georgia's new voting machines and documents detailing the audit and hand count of the state's 2020 presidential election.

Dozens of witnesses, some from as far away as New York and New Mexico, have been subpoenaed by the 23-person special purpose grand jury appointed to aid in the criminal investigation, which is examining whether former President Donald Trump and his allies broke any state laws in their crusade to overturn Georgia's last presidential election.

The hard part, however, may have only begun.

Recent legal filings and court-

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DIGGING DEEPER MANUFACTURING

In a town called Normal, Rivian drives economy

Automaker's first plant sparks big changes to Illinois community.

By Zachary Hansen
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NORMAL, ILL. — Sarah McManus has heard every joke that plays off her hometown's name.

For 46 years, her family has run a gift shop in the center of the Illinois town, selling knickknacks, cooking supplies and gourmet popcorn. Lots of her merchandise pokes fun at Normal in a loving way – from “almost Normal” baseball caps to pun-filled postcards.

But Normal hasn't lived up to its name over the past few years. Instead, it's been thrust into the national spotlight after Rivian built its first electric vehicle manufacturing plant here.

“Rivian is all the buzz,” said McManus, whose store, The Garlic Press, sells a new coffee-flavored popcorn called “Rivian Buzz.”

The automaker plans to break ground in Georgia next month and build a \$5 billion factory roughly four times the size of the Normal plant. That will make the Peach State a linchpin in the startup

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INSIDE
Voices from Rivian's Illinois operation. A10



Manufacturing workers assemble electric vehicles at Rivian's plant in Normal, Illinois. Next on Rivian's schedule is an even bigger EV plant in Georgia. RON JOHNSON FOR THE AJC

LOCAL IN-DEPTH BRUNSWICK

City looking to heal, move on after trials

Lifelong resident says she's worried 'not much has changed.'

By Shaddi Abusaid
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BRUNSWICK — After two high-profile trials and the convictions of the three men responsible for Ahmaud Arbery's murder, this coastal Georgia community is hoping to move forward.

The unarmed Black man's Feb. 23, 2020, shooting in a Glynn County subdivision thrust the area into the national spotlight, highlighting racial tensions that many residents say lurked just beneath the surface.

In the majority-Black city of Brunswick, where some streets still bear the names of Confederate generals and the occasional rebel flag bumper sticker can be spot-



Ahmaud Arbery

ted on the backs of old pickups, residents of all races came together to condemn the shooting and to call for justice.

With the media scrum finally gone, residents and community leaders are now hoping for meaningful change.

“This incident showed that there wasn't true unity in Glynn County,” said the Rev. DeWayne Cope, a Savannah native who moved to Brunswick from Washington, D.C., months after Arbery's murder. Cope, who is Black, said he has a 17-year-old son he often worries about.

After Arbery's shooting death, Georgia largely repealed its Civil

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POLITICAL INSIDER: 'COME BACK AND SEE US, RUDY'

Patricia Murphy asks: Why can't Giuliani find time to testify? B1

NEDRA RHONE: RACIAL DIVIDE LINGERS IN TOWN

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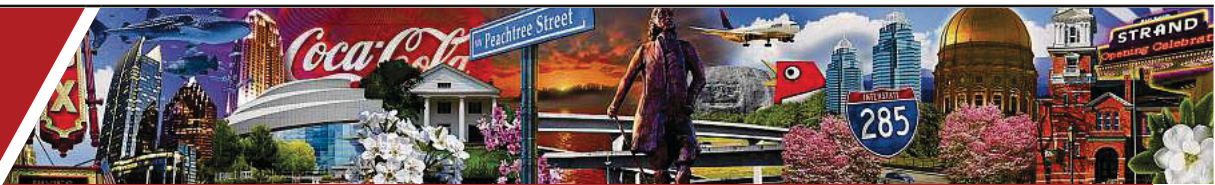
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SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: METRO ATLANTA'S HISTORY

Marietta shines light on historic Black-owned homes

Built in 1956, The Hunter House is first to receive marker.

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Charlie Hunter Sr. was 12 years old in 1912 when his family heeded the warnings for all Black residents to leave Forsyth County or face the white mob that was already burning down their homes and businesses.

"The family loaded up the wagon, put everything they owned and possessed on the wagon, got the horses hitched up and left the county," said Charlie Hunter Sr.'s son, Curt, recalling the story his late father told him.

Nearly 1,100 Black residents were driven from their homes in Forsyth County after the murder of a white woman resulted in a racial cleansing that lasted decades.

As an adult, Charlie Hunter Sr. dreamed of replacing the family's lost homestead. So he and his wife, Katie, bought a plot of land and built a home on Pine Street in then-segregated Marietta. He started a restaurant in the Black business district just up the street from his home.

"He became a fixture in the community, an anchor, and was probably the epicenter

The historic home marker sits in front of the house built by Charlie Hunter Sr., a prominent Black businessman, last month. The house is the first in a historic Black neighborhood to receive a home marker. PHOTOS BY NATRICE MILLER/NATRICE.MILLER@AJC.COM

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'I look at it as a reminder to future generations. Our forefathers, they strived in this area, and they left a legacy.'

Shelia Hunter, daughter of Charlie Hunter Sr.



The descendants of Charlie Hunter Sr. pose around the historic home marker. Hunter built the home to replace the family's homestead, lost when Black residents were driven from Forsyth County.

A family photo of Charlie Hunter Sr. shows him in front of his store in Marietta. He later would own a strip mall, where the restaurant occupied the center spot.



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OPINION

Travelin' man Giuliani can't find time to return?



Patricia Murphy
Political Insider

There was a very, very long period of time when it seemed Rudy Giuliani had never met a microphone he didn't like.

His love affair with public speaking started, ironically, as a prosecutor in New York City and seemed to reach an apex in the winter of 2020, when he was everywhere, all the time, insisting that the 2020 election had been stolen from former

President Donald Trump. Giuliani famously, and unexpectedly, became the star of the show at a seven-hour Georgia Senate hearing in December of that year, where he falsely spoke for hours about the many ways the election had been rigged and stolen, culminating with a spliced and diced video of ballot counting at State Farm Arena that Giuliani called "a powerful smoking gun."

Never mind that he later had his law license suspended, in part because of the "demonstrably false and misleading statements" in Atlanta. On the day he came to Georgia, he brought an entourage, posed for pictures and was generally

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BY THE NUMBERS

COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN GEORGIA



GETTY IMAGES/TNS

1,427: COVID-19 patients hospitalized in Georgia on Aug. 10, showing the first weekly drop this summer. Calculated as a daily seven-day average.

1,459: Hospitalizations one week earlier, on Aug. 3

1,378: Hospitalizations the previous week, on July 27

SOURCE: GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY DATA COMPILED BY THE AJC

OPINION

Small Ga. town grapples with 76-year racial divide



Nedra Rhone
Real Life

For 76 years, residents of Monroe in Walton County have straddled a deep racial divide.

The town of 14,900 about 50 miles east of Atlanta has suffered the lingering impacts of the 1946 Moore's Ford lynching, when a white mob killed two Black couples just outside the city.

Silence among white residents who could have identified the killers has made justice

unlikely, but one local hopes telling the story will encourage more residents to talk about how the crime has affected their community.

"I believe people in this community want to get along and they want to like each other ... but it is just easier not to talk about it," said Stephanie Calabrese, 53, who moved to Monroe in 1996. Her documentary, "Unspoken," which highlights the 1946 lynching, premieres at the Macon Film Festival on Aug. 20.

As a resident of Monroe, Calabrese felt she had a responsibility to understand the town's history and share it. "It is very easy to whitewash history or make historical stories seem

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more palatable to us as white people," she said.

When she began research for the documentary, Calabrese could not find much information about the Moore's Ford lynching in the Monroe Library or Monroe Museum. Although some residents had been memorializing the tragedy for more than 20 years — and the Georgia Historical Society installed a marker off U.S. 78 in 1999 in remembrance of the victims — not everyone in town is interested in remembering.

"It is not something that we talk about here. If you bring it up, people raise their eyebrows, talk in whispers or step away," Calabrese said.

In July 1946, two couples, George and Mae Murray Dorsey and Roger and Dorothy Malcom, were killed by a white mob as they were traveling back to Monroe from the Walton County Jail. That's where Roger Malcom, a sharecropper, had been incarcerated for allegedly stabbing a white overseer.

As the party crossed near the Moore's Ford bridge, the crowd pulled the men and women from the car, bound and beat them, and shot them dead. Dorothy Malcom was believed to have been seven months' pregnant. Dozens of white men participated in the mob, and though none were masked, no suspects were ever charged with the crime.

Over subsequent decades, investigations by federal and state bureaus have been closed, reopened and closed again, with agencies indi-



A scrapbook contains news clippings from 1946 documenting the Moore's Ford lynching, when a white mob killed two Black couples just outside Monroe. Local resident Stephanie Calabrese hopes her documentary "Unspoken" will help the town heal from the trauma. It will premiere Saturday at the Macon Film Festival. COURTESY OF STEPHANIE CALABRESE



Stephanie Calabrese

ating that most witnesses or suspects have died.

This is a recurring theme in civil rights era cases.

Last week, a grand jury in Mississippi declined to indict Bryant Donham on charges of manslaughter and kidnapping. Donham, 88, is the white woman whose accusations led to the death of 14-year-old Emmett Till in 1955. Donham would later recant portions of her original account, only to then recant her recant.

We have seen how fear and shame surrounding racial injustices lead to decades of silence and drive a wedge between people and communities. The time to speak out about any injustice is when there is still time to make things right.

"As a white person, you see it and you think, How can I help combat this? What is my responsibility?" Calabrese said. She

realized she had never asked Black people what their lives were like or how they felt about racism in Monroe. "It is an uncomfortable conversation to have," she said.

Years ago, she began documenting Monroe in photographs, but she knew the stories would have more impact on film. She conducted about 40 interviews weaving personal stories into the wider history of the Jim Crow era South.

She wants to impact individual hearts and minds and help viewers understand that events like Moore's Ford have created the legacy of trauma that still lingers today.

"You can't assess where we are today and assume we don't have problems if we as white people don't see them," Calabrese said. Making the film has changed her, she said. "I have more of a level of sensitivity for our Black community and for what Black people across the country have experienced."

As with the case of Emmett Till, Moore's Ford

is reaching the point where avenues for justice have grown increasingly narrow.

In 2020, the federal appeals court in Atlanta denied release of the 1946 grand jury transcripts.

There is some hope that the 2018 Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act will offer another pathway to making the documents public. In February, a review board was established to determine if records that were withheld in the past should be released.

Calabrese doesn't think releasing the transcripts will bring change to the community, but she says there are a lot of white residents in Monroe who want to see their community come together.

"I have a deeper love for this community, and I want it to do better," she said.

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SHOOTING

1 dead in triple shooting outside NW Atlanta lounge

Police: Two injured from incident at parking lot.

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One person is dead and two others were injured after a shooting outside a northwest Atlanta lounge, police said.

Atlanta police Maj. Carlo Peek told reporters from the scene that the shooting happened outside Odyssey Lounge along West Marietta Street after a fight over a vehicle being blocked in the parking lot. When officers arrived at the scene about 3:20 a.m. Saturday, one man was found shot dead in the parking lot, Peek said.

Another man was found grazed by a bullet to the leg, according to Peek.

Just a few minutes later, officers were dispatched to the 1600 block of Howell Mill Road regarding a person shot.

"We believe the one on Howell Mill may be connected. That's our other victim that's at Grady with a gunshot wound to the leg," Peek said. "But again, we are still trying to determine that for sure."

Officers said they believe

the victim went to Howell Mill Road from Odyssey Lounge after the shooting, where he then called for help.

Nearly five hours later, the parking lot remains enclosed with crime scene tape. Police have not identified a suspect, but Peek said officers will review camera footage from the lounge in hopes of identifying the shooter. Authorities did not say if those involved in the shooting knew each other.

During what Peek said has "been a busy night," officers also responded to The Peaks at MLK apartments on the 2400 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive regarding a person shot about 8 p.m. Friday. A man was found at the scene with a gunshot to the leg and stomach, police said. The victim was taken to a hospital.

While investigating the crime scene, police said they found a second victim who took himself to the hospital after he was shot in both his legs.

Police did not release the condition of either victim and did not provide information on a suspect or motive.

Freelance photojournalist Ben Hendren contributed to this article.

ATLANTA

Police arrest man suspected in shooting at MARTA station

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MARTA police arrested a man Thursday who is accused of firing a rifle at a northeast Atlanta train station earlier this week, officials said.

Alim Chino Bridges, 21, is facing two counts of reckless conduct and two counts of discharging a firearm or pistol near a public highway or street, the department said in a news release. Authorities said they identified Bridges as the man seen in surveillance video firing shots in the parking lot of the Inman Park station Monday.

Police said it did not appear anyone was injured.

Concerned Reynoldstown residents had reported seeing a man with a rifle walking

through the neighborhood for more than a week, and they heard gunshots over several days, Channel 2 Action News reported.

MARTA officers apprehended Bridges at the H.E. Holmes station in northwest Atlanta on Thursday. He remained jailed Thursday night on \$4,000 bond.

"I want to commend our Criminal Investigations Unit for their outstanding work in identifying and locating this suspect," MARTA police Chief Scott Kreher said in a statement. "MARTA has an extensive network of cameras throughout the system and a near perfect record of apprehending suspects by our officers. We will always work to hold violators accountable for their actions."

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in full "America's Mayor" celebrity mode for the GOP state senators who listened closely as he did Trump's bidding.

But last week, with a Fulton County grand jury investigation into Trump in full swing, a lawyer for Giuliani was in an Atlanta courtroom describing him as "a 78-year-old man who has health conditions" who couldn't possibly return to Georgia again to comply with a subpoena for at least the next five weeks.

He'd just had two stents implanted in his heart, the lawyer explained, and he hadn't been cleared for travel. "We just want reasonable accommodations," he said. A doctor's note laid it all out.

But the doctor who wrote the note about Giuliani's heart is an infectious disease specialist in New York, the Fulton County DA's office pointed out. And the supposedly convalescing patient went to New Hampshire days after his procedure and, smiling widely and sporting aviator sunglasses, tweeted a selfie with a beautiful blond woman.

"Having fun in the #603," he wrote. Along with his travels, Giuliani has been a very busy man this summer. He's continued to host his daily radio show on New York's WNYC. In fact, he said he felt so well on the day after his July 5 procedure that he decided



Rudy Giuliani heads to a Senate hearing on the election process at the Georgia state Capitol in Atlanta on Dec. 3, 2020. REBECCA WRIGHT FOR THE AJC 2020

to do the full hour from the hospital.

"I feel perfect. I feel like nothin' happened to me," he said. "I have to be a little quiet for three or four days, but not like, in bed or anything, and then I should be ready to play golf."

Why stop at golf? By July 8, he hosted the show from his New Hampshire trip, where he explained he'd also managed to see the Manchester Fisher Cats baseball team take on the Hartford Yard Goats.

On that particular show, like most of his shows and the podcast he's also continued to host since his procedure, he continued to push the same election conspiracies that he brought to Georgia nearly two years ago.

"I say, 'Stolen election,' people say I'm crazy and should be disbarred," he said, even though he has "thousands and thousands of facts" to prove otherwise.

When he wasn't hosting his own show or podcast lately, he's been showing up on other people's.

Recently he called into Steve Bannon's live edition of his "War Room" podcast from CPAC to lament Mike Pence's refusal to reject the electors from states they said Trump won, including Georgia.

"(Trump) was ahead by 3 1/2 percent, with 90% of the vote cast in Atlanta," Giuliani said. "Enough to be declared the winner."

"There is zero chance that (Biden) won!" Bannon yelled.

Giuliani is far from the only actor in the Trump drama who has had plenty to say about what happened in Georgia during and since the 2020 elections but has suddenly gone quiet now — at least when it comes to giving sworn legal statements to the Fulton County grand jury.

Eleven of the 16 "alternate" GOP electors who cast false electoral votes for Trump — and held a news conference after they did it — also fought their grand jury subpoenas, only to be told by Judge Robert McBurney they'd need to show up to court anyway.

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, who railed against the 2020 elections on rally stages with Trump and even mounted a run for secretary of state at his behest, also fought his grand jury summons. A federal judge said recently he'd need to show up in court, too, even with specific conditions.

U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham's lawyers were in court Wednesday, claiming that his role as chair-

man of the Judiciary Committee means he shouldn't have to answer questions about his call to Brad Raffensperger as Georgia's votes were counted and recounted.

The judge in Graham's case seemed skeptical of his "legislative immunity" argument but will rule shortly on his case.

And of course, there are fellow Trump attorneys John Eastman and Jenna Ellis — both of whom fought Georgia's November results in multiple courts of law but are fighting their subpoenas as well.

In the end, Judge McBurney ruled that Giuliani does need to show up in Atlanta on Wednesday or have his infectious disease doctor give a more complete explanation of why that's not possible.

Since flying is apparently out of the question, perhaps he can ride a bus like John Madden famously did, the judge suggested. And maybe catch up with friends in D.C. on his way down. The DA's office can even help pay for it. Make it a "gradual journey South."

"It's like driving to New Hampshire, times three," he said.

So come back and see us, Rudy. It's been too long. Even if you tell the court a fraction of what you've been telling your radio audience every day, it will be worth everyone's time.

You can even catch a ballgame while you're here.

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