

On his way to Tampa Bay: Mill Creek’s Daniel Pierce picked 14th in first round.



Survey says: ESPN poll names ex-Dawg Brock Bowers as top tight end in the NFL.

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## Landmark deal reached in use of deadly force

Atlanta police face a 24-hour deadline to report any incidents.

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A citizen review of cases where police allegedly used deadly force against citizens has in the past lan-

guished for years. A new agreement has the police promptly referring closed cases to the board.

Councilwoman Andrea Boone, chair of the city’s public safety committee, said she is looking for significant improvement in how the Atlanta Citizen Review Board operates. By the end of the year, she expects the board

to start investigating the four dozen deadly force cases that stretch back to 2020.

The agreement between the board and the Atlanta police is a milestone in nearly six months of talks on how to address findings by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that the board had failed to open even one investigation of police shootings and custody

deaths between 2020 and 2024.

While the City Council does not have the power to vote on the agreement, members were alerted to it on Monday and sent copies of the final draft.

Boone, in comments to the AJC following the meeting Monday, said she would give the board a short time to show improvements. She warned that more

changes may come – this time at the direction of the council – if there is not enough change.

“At the end of 2025, one, I want the public to feel better about the board. I want the public to feel like they have a board that cares, that’s fully functioning and that’s operable. Two, I want to see the

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## Fans dig the long ball, and the Home Run Derby’s a big hit



ARVIN TEMKAR/AJC

Fans greet baseball players Monday before the Home Run Derby during MLB All-Star Week at Truist Park in Atlanta. As All-Star activities begin to wind down, all eyes are on tonight’s MLB All-Star Game where outfielder Ronald Acuña Jr. is slated to hit second. This year will mark the 95th edition of the Midsummer Classic, which features talent from 13 teams selected by fans from both the American League and National League in the starting lineups. Fans can catch the All-Star Red Carpet Show at 2 p.m. at The Battery, which will also be shown live on MLB Network. The game starts at 8 p.m. today in Truist Park and fans can watch live on FOX. For tickets, visit [mlb.com/braves/fans/all-star-game](https://mlb.com/braves/fans/all-star-game).

### MLB ALL-STAR WEEK CONCLUDES TODAY

■ **Tonight:** All-Star Game (8 p.m., Fox)

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## Change to disability law raises concerns

A U.S. agency is quietly trying to rescind rule on building accessibility.

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Georgia disability rights advocates are sounding the alarm about a change the U.S. Department of Energy is quietly trying to institute to a decades-old disability rights law.

The DOE is utilizing a rarely used process to try to rescind a building accessibility regulation for new construction funded by the agency. Though the DOE program is relatively small, advocates worry it could be a trial balloon for other federal agencies to roll back civil rights rules.

“We need to go further forward in making sure people are fully included, and ... this would be a step in the wrong direction,” D’Arcy Robb, executive director of the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

There are a few big federal laws that dictate how governments and companies need to accommodate people with dis-

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## Verdict puts ‘entire hotel industry on notice’

DeKalb’s United Inn & Suites must pay \$40M to trafficking victim.

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A DeKalb County hotel must pay \$40 million to a woman who said she was forced to have sex with hundreds of men there as a 16-year-old, an Atlanta jury has determined in a landmark decision.

United Inn & Suites on Memorial Drive is the first hotel in Georgia to be found liable by a jury under a federal law that targets those who knowingly benefit from participation in a venture with sex traffickers. Until now, none of those cases in Georgia, and few nationwide, have made it to a jury.

“This is more than a legal victory, it’s a statement,” said Pat McDonough, an attorney for the plaintiff who also represents other sex trafficking victims suing Georgia hotels. “This verdict puts the entire hotel industry on notice: Businesses that ignore trafficking will be held accountable.”

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In Rhode Island, the state stepped in with funding to keep summer programs running and have joined in the lawsuit to get the Trump administration to release the money it’s holding. SOPHIE PARK/AP

## Withheld education grants could hit Georgia hard

24 states, D.C. suing over funding for after-school care, summer programs.

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EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A coalition of 24 states and the District of Columbia sued President Donald Trump’s administration on Monday over billions of dollars in frozen education funding for after-school care, summer programs and more.

Some of the withheld money

funds after-school and summer programming at Boys & Girls Clubs, the YMCA or public schools, attended by 1.4 million children and teenagers nationwide. Congress set aside money for the programs to provide academic support, enrichment and child care to mostly low-income families. But Trump’s administration recently froze the funding, saying it wants to ensure programs align with the Republican president’s priorities.

Led by California, the lawsuit

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## Expect light turnout in PSC Democratic runoff election

Polls open today for voters to decide who will take on GOP incumbent.

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Polls open today for the Public Service Commission’s Democratic primary runoff, but if last week’s early voting period is any indication, voters should be able to cast their ballots without fear of long waits at the polls.

Fewer than half a percent of Georgia’s approximately 8.4 million registered voters participated in person or via absentee ballot during the five days of early voting, meaning the Democratic nominee for the District 3 seat may be chosen by fewer than 1% of voters statewide.



Keisha Sean Waites and Peter Hubbard are competing in a runoff for the Democratic nomination for the District 3 seat on the Georgia Public Service Commission. Polls open today at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

The few civically engaged Georgians will determine whether Peter Hubbard, a 15-year energy industry expert and founder of the nonprofit Georgia Center for Energy Solutions, or Keisha Sean Waites, a former state representative and former Atlanta

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### GA. CLEAN ENERGY, A11 Trump law ends many Biden-era subsidies

The state could face job losses and other hardships because of passage of “big, beautiful bill.”

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