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## White-collar jobs at risk in Georgia, GSU forecaster says

Fed's determination to cut inflation may lead to recession.

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The Federal Reserve's determination to cut inflation can only end later this year with job losses and an economic slowdown, if not a full-fledged recession, according to the Economic

Forecasting Center at Georgia State University.

But the pain will not be spread evenly, said Rajeev Dhawan, the center's director.

"This is going to be a white-collar job recession," he said Wednesday. "No one will be laying off bartenders and servers or managers of hotels."

Georgia's economy has continued to add jobs thus far. And the state is in posi-

tion to ride out the downturn with less pain than many other states, thanks to a boom in factory expansions and growing trade traffic through the Georgia ports, he said.

The return of leisure travel and in-person dining has so far also bolstered hospitality, Dhawan said. Nobody will get rid of their person-to-person contact workers.

But even while the tide of overall hiring has continued

to rise, an undertow began several months ago with a series of layoffs at a host of high-tech firms — including many with an Atlanta presence, like Facebook, Google, Twitter and Google, he said during the center's quarterly forecasting conference.

Those cuts — coming with continued hikes in the price of food and other staples — foreshadow more selective spending by many consum-

ers, Dhawan said.

The disjointed nature of the economy means it may not look like past recessions, but even so, the state will be hit this year with fewer jobs than it started, Dhawan said. "Almost every sector will be negative in 2023."

Dhawan predicted three more Fed hikes this year.

Higher rates threaten the housing market, partly by keeping current homeowners from selling, said John Hunt,

principal in MarketNight, which tracks housing markets around the Southeast.

The biggest problem is the mismatch between the number of people who want to own a home and the number of homes for sale, he said. "There was a housing shortage before the pandemic and the pandemic only made it worse. You need 63,000 additional units of inventory in metro Atlanta on the ground right now."

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## BALLOUN, James Stanley

May 10, 1938 – February 25, 2023  
Jim Balloun, age 84, died unexpectedly February 25, 2023. Born in Sibley, Iowa, on May 10, 1938, he was the son of Stanley and Edna Balloun.

After his early years in Iowa, Jim lived on a farm in Alaska from age 5 through 10, then returned to Ames, Iowa, where he attended Ames High School. He was proud of his sport, baseball, where he completed his senior year with a 0.95 ERA, one no-hitter, two one-hitters, and a .350 batting average. After high school he attended Iowa State University where he was Student Body President.

Following graduation, Jim moved to Guam where he served three years in the Navy Civil Engineer Corps, completing his tour as liaison with Anderson Air Force Base. He learned about Harvard Business School from his officer mentor, applied, and upon completion of his tour in Guam, attended. Jim thought Harvard was a wonderful experience and he thrived there, graduating as a Baker Scholar in the top five percent of his class. Afterward he joined McKinsin & Company, then a little-known professional consulting firm, and believed it offered him the right combination of pragmatic action and inquiry with the freedom to engage in projects of public service.

He joined McKinsey in San Francisco, moved with the firm to Tokyo in 1975, and then settled in Atlanta in 1979 to join what was at the time a small office. Jim found in Atlanta the perfect environment, with the "altitude and attitude" Mayor Ivan Allen spoke of, and a congenial community of engagement in church, youth sports, education and culture in which he believed his family would thrive.

Once Atlanta became home, Jim quickly became active in the community, serving as chairman of the Commerce Club and the Woodruff Arts Center, and on the boards of Wachovia, National Service Industries (NSI), Radiant Systems, Georgia-Pacific, Georgia Research Alliance, Rotary, The Westminster Schools, and Trinity Presbyterian Church. He was particularly proud of helping to design and create the Georgia Research Alliance, restructuring NSI to focus on lighting and controls, and helping to create a thriving McKinsey practice in the Southeast. Along the way he made good friends who helped him to feel welcome in Atlanta.

His greatest joy was his family. He was delighted to meet Julie Williams Lanier and marry her in 2006. His beloved wife of 17 years, Julie brought Jim great joy and affection, adventure, a lively, engaging mind, and a sense of humor to his life. Their marriage, Jim was very proud of all his children and grandchildren and took great joy and pride in spending time with them and following their activities and accomplishments. Later in life Jim became very involved with the research taking place at both Iowa State's Nanovaccine Institute as well as the Stanley L. Balloun Turkey Teaching and Research Facility, which is dedicated to his father. Beyond these endeavors, Jim loved reading, deep conversations, classical music, and golf, especially the rounds he played with friends at Peachtree.

Jim Balloun loved America, loved Atlanta, loved his family and friends, and loved life, a life that he believed had been good to him beyond all expectation. He tried to live by the counsel of his parents to "Get up and do something!" (his father) and to "Be a good boy." (his mother). His family will be forever grateful to him for having followed this counsel so well.

A funeral service celebrating Jim's life will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023, at 2:30 PM, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3003 Howell Mill Rd., NW, Atlanta, GA 30327, followed by a reception in the church's fellowship hall.

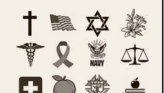
If you would like to do something in Jim's memory, please consider a donation to the Iowa State University Foundation in support of the work of the Vlasta Klima Balloun Chair position at the Nanovaccine Institute, 2505 University Blvd., Ames, Iowa 50010 or via [www.foundation.iastate.edu](http://www.foundation.iastate.edu)



## BROOKS, Dominique

Passed on February 17, 2023. Funeral service will be Friday, March 3, 2023, 1:00 PM at Willie A. Watkins Lithonia Chapel, Lithonia. Willie A. Watkins Funeral Home, Riverdale.

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## BUNCH, Madeleine

Mrs. Madeleine Bunch, age 66, of Marietta, passed away on Friday, February 24, 2023 at her residence.

Madeleine was born on January 23, 1957 in Upminster — Essex, England, to the late Roy Dennis Stiff and Elsie Baldry Stiff. She was a teacher at McEachern Methodist Preschool. Madeleine was the love of her husband David's life. She was sweet to the core and loved children like Jesus. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Powder Springs and a born-again Christian. Madeleine was preceded in death by her father, Roy Dennis Stiff.

Madeleine is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, David Wayne Bunch; mother, Elsie Baldry Stiff; one sister, Deborah Stiff; and nephews, Thomas Simpson and Jon Bunch. A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, March 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM, from the Ball Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

A Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Bunch will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 2:00 PM, from the First Baptist Church of Powder Springs. Arrangements by Bernhardt Funeral Home 706-635-4325.

## CARRUTH, Eunice

Of Atlanta, passed on February 25, 2023. Funeral service Friday, March 3, 2023 at 1 PM at Lincoln Cemetery Chapel. Hines Home of Funerals, Inc., Atlanta.

## FOREMAN, Margaret "Peggy" Reeves

Peggy was born in Atlanta, GA, in 1942 to Dr. Hoyt J. Reeves and Edith McCoy Reeves. She attended The Westminster schools in Atlanta, GA and then was a proud graduate of Finch College in New York City. She married Ransom Foreman and was married for 47 years until his death. She was proud of her work as a chef, trained with Julia Child and Simone Beck, but the highlight of her career was empowering people to be wonderful cooks themselves. She was a member of the Atlanta Junior League, The Cherokee Garden Club, and served on the Board of the High Museum of Art for many years. She was also a proud member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a world traveler and found great joy visiting the four corners of the world.

She has two surviving children: Margaret Langdon Foreman and Mary Rawson Foreman. Mary Rawson and her husband, Kirk Rorrer, have two children, much-loved by Peggy: Alexa Rorrer and Evan Rorrer. She also has nieces: Alexa Foreman, Wendy Clement, and Linda Clement. She died peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones. Peggy was a strong, independent thinker, a book reader, and a community-minded citizen. She leaves behind many wonderful friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, March 3 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Crossroads Atlanta at 420 Courtland St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308, or to Training and Counseling Center at St. Luke's Church in Atlanta, Georgia, at 435 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30308.



## GILLILLAN, John

John Solon Gillillan, 93, of Atlanta, passed on February 27, 2023. Mr. Gillillan is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Sieglinde Katharina Gillillan nee Wirth of Muhldorf am Inn, Germany; by his (Jack's) children, Thomas Allan Gillillan, and Dea A. Gillillan; by his wife's daughters, Angela Sieglinde Stadnick and her husband, David and Pamela Hansen Menefee and her husband, Tom; as well as by his grandchildren, Natalie Sieglinde Stadnick-Uhl and Stephanie Stadnick Hall (husband, Aidan), Nicholas Keffer Menefee (fiancee, Lily Friday), Jacob Thomas Menefee, and great-grandchildren, Joseph Uhl, Mirella Hall and Joy Sholla. Funeral services will be Monday, March 6, 2023 at 2 o'clock at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338. Interment will follow at Arlington Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Atlanta Humane Society or Shepherd Center.



## JONES, Martha

Age 86, of Lithonia, GA, passed away February 21, 2023. Services pending. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Decatur, GA.

## MARECHAL, Elias "Brother Elias"

Brother Elias Marechal, OCSO, a monk of the Cistercian (Trappist) Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA, died in the monastery infirmary on Saturday, February 25, 2023. Brother Elias, a monk of 30 years, was 86 years old when the Lord called him.

Brother Elias was born July 11, 1936, in New Orleans, LA, to Leandre Marechal, originally from Liege, Belgium and Carmen Valenzuela Marechal, from Villahermosa, Mexico. He was preceded by his parents; his older siblings, Alyce O'Brien of Covington, LA, and Rene Marechal of São Paulo, Brazil; two nieces; and a nephew. He is survived by seven nieces and nephews, their descendants, and numerous cousins in the U.S., Mexico, Belgium, and Brazil.

Brother Elias entered Berryville and Gethsemani briefly before he finally entered the Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, Conyers in 1993. He made his solemn profession in 1999. During his 30 years of monastic life, Brother served the community for many years as Vocation Director and Novice Master. He was an enthusiastic member of the monastic schola, possessing a beautiful tenor voice. He was a great retreat presenter and the author of the spiritual books — Dancing Madly Backward: Journey into God and Tears of an Innocent God: Conversations on Silence, Kindness, and Prayer.

The celebration of the Funeral Mass of the Resurrection and the burial will be on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Monastery Abbey Church.

Condolences and memorial offerings may be sent in Brother Elias' memory to:

The Monastery of the Holy Spirit  
2625 Highway 212 SW  
Conyers, GA 30094

Attn: Abbot Augustine Myslinski

## MITCHELL, Claude D.

Claude D. Mitchell, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), 83, of Roswell, passed away Sunday, February 26, in Atlanta. Mr. Mitchell was born August 28, 1939, in Waco, TX, he was in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, serving in Vietnam for one year, then as a missile launch officer and on the Strategic Air Command Planning Staff. He spent 4 years on the faculty of the Air Command and Staff College. Following his Air Force retirement, he worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation.

He was a dedicated disciple of Christ, serving as a Stephen Minister and a Walk To Emmaus retreat volunteer while holding several lay leadership positions in United Methodist churches.

Survivors include Patricia, his wife of 50 years; two daughters, Heather Mitchell of Lopez Island, WA and Claudia Thompson of Roswell, GA; stepdaughter, Lara Jensen of Metairie, LA; two granddaughters, Erika Jensen and Sabrina Thompson; and three grandsons, Lars Jensen, Sven Jensen and A.J. Thompson. Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held Friday, March 3, at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, GA with viewing at 10 AM, followed by service at 11 AM. Burial will be at 2 PM at Georgia National Cemetery, 1080 Scott Huggins Dr., Canton, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Parkinson's Disease Association (apda.org).



## OLIVER, Hubert

Mr. Hubert Oliver, of SW Atlanta, passed away on February 27, 2023. Services entrusted to Murray Brothers Cascade Chapel, 404-349-3000, [www.mbfh.com](http://www.mbfh.com).



## SHELLNUTT, Jr., Franklin Delano

We sadly announce the passing of beloved father, grandfather and U.S. Navy veteran Franklin D. Shellnutt Jr. He returned to his mother's arms on February 7, 2023, leaving behind siblings, Iris and Richard; children Robert, Iris, James, Christal and Diana; and grandchildren, Hazel, Gabriel, Lily and Jonathan.

## SPRADLING, Sr., Michael

Age 73, of Stone Mountain, GA, passed on February 24, 2023. Services pending. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, Decatur.

## SPRADLING, Sr., Michael

Michael Spradling, Sr., 73, of Stone Mountain, GA, passed on Friday, February 24, 2023. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, March 4, 1:00 PM in our chapel. Visitation will be on Friday, March 3, 12-8 PM.

## TILLEY, Alvin

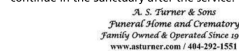
Of Atlanta, passed on February 21, 2023. Funeral service Friday, March 3, 2023 at 11 AM in our Chapel. Hines Home of Funerals, Inc., Atlanta.

## WEBER, Rev. Dr. Theodore

Rev. Dr. "Herr Professor," Theodore "Ted" Weber was born on June 6, 1928 in New Orleans, LA and joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses on February 25, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Louis Weber and Margaret Worthington Weber, and sister, Peggy Weber Bubar. He is survived by his loving and creative wife, Mildred "Mudie" Overstrom Weber, who stood faithfully by his side for 68 beautiful years; and his sons, Theodore Eric Weber and wife Frances, of Round Rock, Texas and Rev. Robert Alan Weber and wife Stacy, of Atlanta, Georgia. Ted was very proud of his grandsons, Matthew Darren Weber, and wife Bridget, Brian Alexander Weber, and wife Lauren, and Jonathan Robert Weber, along with 4 great-grandchildren who knew him fondly as "Opa."

He completed his graduate and doctoral work at Yale Divinity, but his loyalty to his alma mater, LSU, kept him saying "Geaux Tigers" year after year. Ted was Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, where he taught for thirty-nine years. A dery member of the Louisiana United Methodist Conference, Dr. Weber served parishes in Louisiana and Connecticut, as acting chaplain of Emory University (during the time Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated), and as a member of the ministerial staff of St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, UK. He lectured and preached widely in the United States, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan, and South Korea. A former president of the Society of Christian Ethics in the U.S. and Canada, he also authored Politics in Order of Salvation; Transforming Wesleyan Political Ethics (Nashville: Abingdon, c. 2001), War, Peace, and Reconciliation: A Theological Inquiry (Wipf and Stock, c. 2016), and John Wesley's Perfection Questions. When asked where Ted and Mudie would retire, their answer was an easy one; "right here." They cherish the Emory/Candler/Glenn Memorial UMC community that has been family to them for over 65 years. Now the 5 wives of the "Young Turks," who committed with their husbands to stay at Candler and see it into the prestigious institution it is today, stand together as they send the final member of the "Candler Five" to spend eternity with an Eternal and Loving God. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Ted's honor to the Pastor's Discretion Fund at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church.

The Celebration of Ted's life will be held Sunday, March 5, 2023 at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church Sanctuary on the Emory University Campus. A Time of Fellowship will continue in the Sanctuary after the service.



## In Loving Memory of James F. Favors

September 22, 1940 - March 2, 2020

In Life We Loved you dearly  
In Death We Loved you Still  
In our Heart you hold a Place  
No One could Ever Fill

Sarah, Angela and Tony

