



THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

LEGISLATIVE DAY 9 OF 40

Hello Partners! Welcome back to the [Night Owl](#) 🦉, your nightly recap of need-to-know information and intel on what's happening under the Gold Dome.

Today brought a convergence of national and state-level developments that continue to ripple through Georgia politics. In Washington, lawmakers reached a bipartisan agreement to avoid a government shutdown, with Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer announcing a deal that temporarily funds the Department of Homeland Security while separating it from broader spending negotiations and ongoing debates over Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Despite some headlines, this was not a deal struck by Donald Trump and Democrats, but a congressional stopgap designed to keep the government open while deeper disagreements remain unresolved.

Closer to home, state and local officials are scrambling to understand the ramifications of Wednesday's FBI raid at Fulton County's election operations center, an action that has triggered sweeping fallout across the campaign trail, the legislature, and into the halls of Congress. As details emerge and speculation fills the gaps, many voices in our coalition are already doing the critical work of grounding this moment in facts and context.

Friendly reminder: now is the time to like, share, and follow the social media accounts of the trusted messengers in our community to further amplify accurate, values-driven messaging.

We hope you enjoy [The Night Owl](#). Please let us know if you have any suggestions for additional content!

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DAY

[HOUSE FLOOR SESSION LD 09](#) **[SENATE FLOOR SESSION LD 09](#)**

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES

- [Budget Week Schedule](#)
- [Adjournment Resolution](#)
- [Senate Rules](#)
- [House Rules](#)
- Committee Chairs and Office Assignments will be updated once available!
- [PGA Legislative Resources](#)
- Please let us know about any 2026 lobby/advocacy days and events [here](#).

IMPORTANT LINKS, RESOURCES, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need access to one of our resources or want to share an event you're hosting? Get access or share any events using [this link](#). **Our resources include:**
 - The Night Owl Newsletter
 - 2026 Legislative Calendar
 - This calendar includes legislative information and advocacy days
 - The "GA Rapid Response" Signal chat
 - Press Clips (Tuesday & Thursday)
 - Bill Tracking
 - If you want bills to be included in The Night Owl or our coalition-wide tracker, [please submit them by clicking here!](#)
 - Bill Analysis Sign-up: We **need volunteers to help analyze bills** throughout the legislative session. Many of our partners are on the ground at the Capitol lobbying for the issues we all care deeply about, and they need your help! If you love reading legislation, putting together summaries, and highlighting important points about what bills say, this project is for you! Some of you may already be doing this anyway. Please share your knowledge with us so we can assist our partners in being the strongest advocates they can be.
- Join Photo Circle and share any legislative session photos [here](#).
- Open to uplifting rapid-response posts and calls to action on your personal social media accounts? [Share your personal social media handles here](#).


























CTAs

- Stand With Minnesota Press Conference - Join Rep. Romman, Rep. Lim, AAAJ, MESE, Dialogue Collaborative, and GLAHR for a press conference in solidarity on Thursday, January 29th at 10:15 AM at the Capitol.
- [Asian American Advocacy Fund](#) - Please join us in demanding justice and accountability from our federal legislators for the murder of Renee Nicole Good. As the Jan 30th CR deadline looms, Congress must not approve more funding for DHS/ICE.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Georgia Alliance for Progress is hosting the Legislative Priority Breakfast this **Friday, January 30, 10 AM - 12 PM** at the IBEW Building. This event is open to all partners and grantees. Please RSVP [here](#).
- GCV will host its 100% Day advocacy day on **February 3rd**. Here is the [sign-up link](#). For more information, please contact Connie Di Cicco (connie@gcvoters.org).
- Latino Day at the Capitol, hosted by GALEO and LCF Georgia, will be held on **February 5th from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Please contact Darrick Alvarez (dalvarez@galeoimpactfund.org), Jerry Gonzalez (jerry@galeo.org), or Jean-Luc Rivera (jean-luc@lcfgeorgia.org) for more information. [Sign up here](#).
- Georgia Equality will host the AIDS Watch 2026 under the Gold Dome on **February 5th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. Here is the [link](#) to sign up!
- CSRA will be hosting a New American Celebration event at the Capitol on **February 12th**. Here is the sign-up [link](#).
- The Georgia NAACP State Conference will host their day at the Capitol on **February 12th**. More details to come soon!
- The Georgia Muslim Voter Project and American-Islamic Relations Georgia will be co-hosting Muslim Advocacy Day at the Georgia Capitol on **February 12th**. You can sign up using this [link](#)!
- GYJC will have a Youth at the Capitol day **every Thursday** during session. For more information, please contact Melody Oliphant (melody@georgiayouthjustice.org)
- Black Voters Matter will host a Black Voters Matter Day at the Capitol on **February 24th** (new date!). Please contact Dr. Melinee Calhoun (melinee@blackvotersmatterfund.org) for more information.
- Amplify Georgia will be hosting Repro Justice Accountability Day at the Capitol on **February 26th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. A link to sign up will be coming soon, so stay on the lookout!
- The Georgia Water Coalition will be hosting their Capitol Conservation Day on **February 26th, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**, and you can [sign up here](#)!
- Fair Fight Action is hosting its 2026 Lobby Day on **February 26th, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**. For more information, please contact Kelsey Hanna Beck (kelsey@fairfightaction.com).
- Asian American Advocacy Day, hosted by Asian American Advocacy Fund, will be on **March 5th, 2026!** Here is the [link](#) to sign up!
- Black Male Initiative will host Black Men & Boys Day at the Capitol on **March 9th, starting at 8:30 AM**. For more info, please contact D'ante Fair (dfair@bmigeorgia.org).
- Infant Emergency Preparedness Advocacy Day will be held on **March 9th**, by Khari's Calls.
- Pride to the Capitol, hosted by the Human Rights Campaign, will be on **March 10th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. [Sign up here](#) and contact Bentley Hudgins (bentley.hudgins@hrc.org) for more info.
- Reproductive Freedom for All is hosting When Georgia Shows Up: A Statewide Lobby Day for Reproductive Freedom on **March 20th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. [Sign up here](#).

BILL KEY

	ISSUE		STATUS
	Education		Support
	Reproductive Rights		Do not support
	LGBTQIA+		Moving quickly
	COVID-19		Recent Activity
	Healthcare		Not likely to move
	Voting Rights/Elections/Democracy		Time to take action!
	Criminal Justice/Public Safety		Bad bill
	Housing		Wonderful bill
	Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion		Bipartisan Support
	Environment		Zombie Bill
	Religion		
	Marijuana		
	Economy/Labor/Employment		
	First Amendment		
	Immigration		


FAVORABILITY OR DISAPPROVAL ON THE LEGISLATION LISTED BELOW HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY OUR COALITION'S PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FROM THEIR LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES. IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL INSIGHT ON ANY LEGISLATION INCLUDED BELOW OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO [Nicole Henderson](#). IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL BILLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN OUR BILL MONITORING THAT AREN'T LISTED, PLEASE [FILL OUT THIS FORM](#).

BILL TRACKING





Bills highlighted in blue have been updated or recently added.



Bill	Key	What's the deal?	Tracking
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REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS


HB 1069		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill amends Chapter 10 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, which governs vital records, to require the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) to publish and maintain statistical reports on induced terminations of pregnancy (abortions). 	House Hopper
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ENVIRONMENT

HB 1012		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes a temporary moratorium on new data center construction in Georgia. 	House Second Readers
SB 94		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill looks to reestablish a consumer utility counsel to represent consumers in matters before the Public Service Commission or other agencies concerning public utilities; to create the Office of the Consumers' Utility Counsel; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. 	Senate Recommitted
SB 34		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to amend Georgia's Public Service Commission statutes to address how electric utilities can recover costs associated with serving large commercial data centers. 	Senate Recommitted
SB 421		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill prohibits Georgia local governments and authorities from signing nondisclosure agreements that would prevent them from disclosing information about any entity's electricity or water usage.** This transparency measure, titled "The Data Center Transparency Act," 	Senate Read and Referred



		appears designed to ensure public access to utility consumption data, particularly for large consumers like data centers.	
SB 410		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to **repeal the sales and use tax exemption for data center equipment** in Georgia Eliminates Future Tax Exemptions**: The bill repeals the existing tax exemption (paragraph 68.1 of Code Section 48-8-3) that currently allows high-technology data centers and their customers to avoid paying state sales and use taxes on equipment. The bill takes effect upon the Governor's approval (or automatically if it becomes law without approval). 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 408		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to **accelerate the expiration date** of a tax exemption for data center equipment in Georgia. The bill amends Georgia's sales and use tax statute, specifically the provision dealing with data center equipment tax exemptions (Code Section 48-8-3, paragraph 68.1, subparagraph H). Data centers in Georgia would lose their sales and use tax exemption on equipment purchases 5 years sooner than under current law, potentially increasing their tax burden starting in 2027 instead of 2032. 	Senate Finance Committee 1/28


EDUCATION

SB 412		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill amends Part 4 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick, personal, and maternity leave for teachers and other school personnel, to increase from three to five the number of accumulated sick leave days teachers and other school personnel may take each school year for personal or professional reasons; to 	Senate Committee Favorably Reported
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		provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.	
HB 1009		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill expands Georgia's personal electronic device ban from K-8 to include high school students (grades 9-12) 	House Second Readers
HB 1051		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill changes how law enforcement officers are used in Georgia public schools, aiming to limit police involvement in routine student discipline and increase oversight and accountability. 	House First Readers
HB 1107		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1107 requires Georgia's Professional Standards Commission to annually evaluate and report on the performance of all teacher preparation programs in the state. The bill sets minimum standards for what those evaluations must include, creating a more consistent and transparent system for assessing how well future educators are being prepared. 	House Hopper
HB 1094		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1094 updates Georgia law to change how student transportation funds are calculated and distributed to local school districts. The bill gives the State Board of Education clearer authority to set priorities for transportation grants, adds legislative findings and definitions, and repeals conflicting statutes. 	House Hopper

HOUSING



SB 413		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to expand tenant protections in Georgia by allowing early termination of residential leases in cases of firearm violence, in addition to existing protections for family violence and stalking. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 414		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes amending Georgia's "Fair Business Practices Act of 1975" to require transparency in rent pricing for residential properties. 	Senate Read and Referred



HB 1007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows residential tenants with the right to complete repairs required by the landlord and offset rental installments by the reasonable cost of such repairs under certain circumstances 	House Second Readers
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HEALTHCARE





HB 965		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill proposes to amend Georgia's health records statute to grant parents and legal guardians enhanced access to their unemancipated minor children's medical records 	House Second Readers
SB 427		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address physician shortages in rural Georgia by creating a supervised pathway for qualified international physicians to practice and eventually obtain full licensure. The program only becomes effective if **specifically funded** through state appropriations and automatically repeals if funding is not maintained. 	Senate Read and Referred
HB 1104		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1104 strengthens Georgia's informed consent law by prohibiting certain medical examinations on unconscious or anesthetized patients unless explicit consent or authorization has been given in advance. The bill also clarifies that valid informed consent applies to all medical personnel involved in care under specific conditions. 	House Hopper

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 390		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts the deployment of armed military forces from other states into Georgia unless the Governor of Georgia gives explicit permission. The bill reinforces state sovereignty and civilian control, ensuring that Georgia's governor retains authority over when and how armed forces from other states can operate within Georgia's borders. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 398		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates new criminal offenses related to "virtual peeping", specifically targeting the 	Senate Read and Referred







		nonconsensual use of generative artificial intelligence to create realistic images of real people.	
HB 994		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to significantly increase penalties for the offense of riot in Georgia. 	House Second Readers
SB 383		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill modifies the review to be conducted by local child fatality review committees. 	Senate Committee Favorably Reported


IMMIGRATION

SB 389		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires certain immigration enforcement officers operating in Georgia to be clearly identifiable to the public while performing immigration enforcement duties. 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 391		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts immigration enforcement activities in certain locations unless law enforcement has a judicial warrant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> areas include schools, hospitals, places of worship, libraries, and family violence shelters to protect due process, child safety, and community stability 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 397		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a civil cause of action against federal officials who violate constitutional rights 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 116		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill relates to DNA sampling, collection, and analysis, so as to require the collection of DNA samples from any individual in a detention facility charged with a misdemeanor or felony who is subject to an immigration detainer notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bill expands mandatory DNA collection to include individuals who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are charged (not convicted) with misdemeanors or felonies Are subject to immigration detainer notices 	Passed out of Committee





		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are held in detention facilities (including newly-added county jails and municipal facilities) 	
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VOTING RIGHTS/ELECTIONS/ DEMOCRACY

SR 563		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urges the Georgia Secretary of State to immediately and fully comply with a request from the U.S. Department of Justice to securely produce Georgia's voter registration list. 	Senate Read Second Time
SB 392		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes Georgia's budgeting process by requiring the state to use zero-based budgeting when developing the budget. Instead of starting each year's budget by adjusting last year's spending, agencies must justify their funding from scratch May also be known as "Waste Reduction Act of 2026." 	Senate Read and Referred
SB 214		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows voters to cast a physical (paper) absentee ballot on request as an alternative to other authorized methods of in-person voting. 	House Second Readers
HR 1033		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes a constitutional amendment to restrict when Georgia's legislative and congressional district maps can be redrawn. 	House Second Readers
HB 903		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This bill proposes to significantly expand the scope of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act by changing which state agencies must comply with it. 	House Second Readers
HB 1108		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1108 would overhaul Georgia's election system by replacing electronic voting with hand-marked, hand-counted paper ballots, limiting ballot-marking devices to voters who cannot hand-mark, and extending this system to municipal elections. It also shifts authority over voting equipment from the Secretary of State to the State Election Board, raising significant questions about costs, 	House Hopper

		implementation, and statewide election administration.	
HB 1109		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1109 makes changes to Georgia’s election and driver’s license laws to more clearly distinguish non-U.S. citizens from eligible voters. The bill amends both election code and motor vehicle code to ensure that certain state-issued IDs cannot be used for voting and are visibly marked as such. • HB 1109 requires certain licenses, permits, and special identification cards to include the wording: “BEARER NOT A U.S. CITIZEN – NOT VOTER ID.” • By amending both election law (Title 21) and motor vehicle law (Title 40), the bill links voter identification rules directly to how IDs are issued and formatted, rather than relying solely on poll-site discretion. 	House Hopper

ECONOMY

HB 947		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would prohibit the purchase of certain food and beverage items with SNAP benefits 	House Second Readers
HR 1032		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A RESOLUTION creating the House Study Committee on Raising the Minimum Wage in Georgia 	House Second Readers
HB 140		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill prevents municipalities from over-relying on fines and forfeitures as a revenue stream (capping it at 10% of budget), with the stated goal of discouraging "taxation by citation" practices. Any excess revenue goes to the state rather than to the local government. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ GBPI Report 	Governmental Affairs Committee Mtg 1/28
HB 1001		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This bill proposes to **simplify and accelerate Georgia's income tax rate reduction. • Instead of a gradual, conditional reduction over multiple years (potentially 2026-2029 or longer if 	House Second Readers

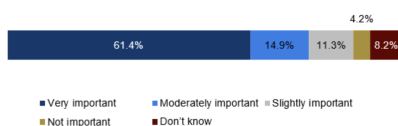
		delayed), this bill jumps directly to the final 4.99% rate in 2026, providing an immediate tax cut and removing economic performance conditions that could postpone the reduction.	
HB 1102		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1102 would protect certain senior citizens from losing their homes by prohibiting the levy or sale of their property for unpaid property taxes. The bill amends Georgia's tax code to limit how local governments can enforce ad valorem tax collection against qualifying seniors. 	House Hopper
HB 1116		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1116 is a technical corrections bill that updates Georgia's tax and education funding laws to ensure accurate calculation of school funding and local government revenues. It allows tax digests to be accepted despite errors in newspaper publication and excludes certain tax-exempt property values from school funding formulas under the Quality Basic Education Act. 	House Hopper

NEWS AND UPDATES

- [Details emerge in FBI raid of Fulton County election office](#)
- [Georgia House Republicans propose eliminating local homestead property tax](#)
- [Judge rejects Brad Raffensperger's bid to loosen spending limits in Georgia governor's race](#)
- [Fulton County Development Authority pre-approves \\$500M Amazon investment](#)
- [Democrats are poised to trigger government shutdown if White House won't meet demands for ICE reform](#)
- [ICE opens satellite field office south of Atlanta](#)
- [Man accused of spray attack on Rep. Ilhan Omar charged with assault](#)

RESEARCH AND POLLING

Question 3: Approximately 1.4 million Georgians currently receive SNAP benefits. Based on your own knowledge, how would you rate the importance of the SNAP program for Georgia? Would you say this program is very important, moderately important, slightly important, or not important?



[New GBPI/UGA SPIA Poll Shows Most Georgians View SNAP Favorably](#)

A new poll commissioned by the Georgia Budget & Policy Institute (GBPI) from the University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs Survey Research Center shows that a strong majority of Georgia registered voters view the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as

important. Overall, 60% of Georgia voters support allocating an estimated \$50 million during the 2026 legislative session to fully fund SNAP program administration in the FY 2027 budget, ensuring continuity for the 1.4 million Georgians who rely on SNAP benefits to put food on the table.

Half of Americans say they've given some thought to the next presidential election...

Q: How much thought have you given so far to the 2028 presidential election?



...But most don't have a specific candidate in mind

Q: Is there any specific person you'd like to see run for president in 2028?

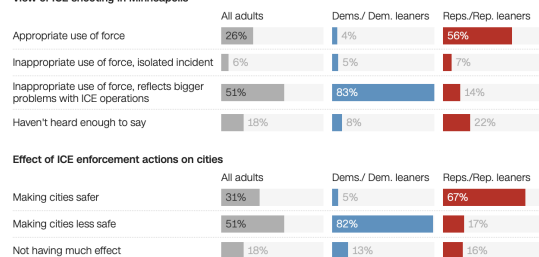


[Already thinking about the 2028 election? You're not alone](#)

With nearly three years to go until that election, about two-thirds of Americans haven't gotten so far as to have any possible candidates in mind yet, while 33% of Americans say they do.

Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force

View of ICE shooting in Minneapolis



Note: The CNN poll was conducted by SSRS from January 9-12 among a random national sample of 1,209 US adults drawn from a probability-based panel. Surveys were either conducted online or by telephone with a live interviewer. Results shown in this chart have a margin of sampling error of up to ±4.9 percentage points. Some results may not add to 100% due to rounding.

[Most Americans call shooting by ICE agent in Minneapolis an inappropriate use of force](#)

Most Americans see an immigration officer's fatal shooting of Minneapolis resident Renee Good as an inappropriate use of force, a new CNN poll conducted by SSRS finds. Roughly half view it as a sign of broader issues with the way US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is operating, with less than one-third saying that ICE operations have made cities safer.

SOCIAL LISTENING & MIS- AND DISINFORMATION TRACKING

- **INSTAGRAM:** [Josh McLaurin shows up to FBI raid.](#)
 - As of 1/29 @ 11:00 AM
 - Views: 64k
 - Likes: 2k
 - Comments: 335
 - Reshares: 919
- **INSTAGRAM:** [Mo Ivory shows up to FBI raid- interviewed by Hood Anchor Ye.](#)
 - As of 1/29 @ 11:00 AM
 - Views: 46k
 - Likes: 4k
 - Comments: 465
 - Reshares: 1,709
- **FACEBOOK:** [Jon Ossoff on the FBI raid.](#)
 - As of 1/29 @ 11:00 AM
 - Views: 18k
 - Likes: 1.1k
 - Comments: 601
 - Reshares: 140

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KEY DATES TO WATCH

JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				01 New Year's Day 🎉	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12 LD 1	13 LD 2	14 LD 3	15 LD 4	16 LD 5	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 BUDGET WEEK	21 BUDGET WEEK	22 BUDGET WEEK	23	24
25	26 LD 6	27 LD 7	28 LD 8	29 LD 9	30	31

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 LD 10	03 LD 11	04 LD 12	05 LD 13	06 LD 14	07
08	09 LD 15	10 LD 16	11 LD 17	12 LD 18	13	14 💖
15	16 Presidents' Day	17 LD 19	18 LD 20	19 LD 21	20 LD 22	21
22	23 Committee Work Day	24 LD 23	25 LD 24	26 LD 25	27	28

MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
01	02 Committee Work Day	03 LD 26	04 LD 27	05 Committee Work Day	06 Crossover Day (LD 28)	07
08	09 LD 29	10 LD 30	11 Committee Work Day	12 LD 31	13	14
15	16 LD 32	17 Committee Work Day	18 LD 33	19 LD 34	20 LD 35	21
22	23 LD 36	24 Committee Work Day	25 LD 37	26 Committee Work Day	27 LD 38	28
29	30	31 LD 39				

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			01	02 Sine Die! (LD 40)	03	04

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