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# Keeping the crisis in check

## Sumter first-responder agencies determined to reduce opioid use

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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It is no secret that Sumter is included in the national wave of increased heroin and opioid use. However, representatives of local first-responder agencies are determined to keep the problem from growing any larger.

Along the way, law enforcement and medical professionals are finding that tackling

the issue takes more than making arrests and treating people experiencing an overdose.

Sumter Emergency Medical Services Director Bobby Hingst said his department has seen a 40 percent increase in the amount of opioid related calls since 2015. He said EMS responds to about three calls per week, at a minimum, regarding opioid use. The majority of those calls involve

heroin, he said.

Hingst said many of the people who overdose on heroin or opioid medications are teenagers and people in their late 20s.

Heroin that is mixed with Fentanyl is commonly used in Sumter and is very deadly, he said.

Responding to an overdose is very time sensitive, he said. In most cases, it takes between 5 and 10 minutes to re-

verse the effects of the overdose, using Narcan and other methods, he said.

Narcan is a medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid or heroin overdose. The medication is not effective for other drugs.

Hingst said the EMS department has carried Narcan for years but law enforcement agencies are now being trained to administer the medication because of the in-

crease of overdoses. Sumter police officers began training to administer Narcan in 2016, and Sumter County deputies will begin training in August.

Sometimes law enforcement officers are the first ones on the scene so it is helpful to EMS that they start the treatment process before EMS can get there, he said.

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## Sumter Soul Fest



PHOTOS BY CAITLAN WALZER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Artist Nacole opened the show for the first Sumter Soul Fest at the Sumter County Civic Center on Saturday night. Nacole was one of seven artists to take the stage. Organizers for the event were Jesse Redmond, Shavonka Redmond, Brandie Harrell and Stearles Moye II.



Nacole and her band entertain the crowd at Saturday night's event.



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Wreckage is shown from the mid-air collision between a Shaw Air Force Base F-16 fighter jet and a private Cessna passenger plane over Berkeley County on July 7, 2015. The Cessna was completely destroyed in the crash, killing both people on board. The pilot of the F-16, Maj. Aaron Johnson of the 55th Fighter Squadron, ejected to safety.

## Government admits liability in 2015 F-16 collision with plane

BY JIM HILLEY  
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The federal government has admitted the "actions and omissions of its employees" were the cause of the collision of a Cessna and an Air Force F-16 near Moncks Corner on July 7, 2015. Father and son Michael Johnson, 68, and Joe Johnson, 30, were killed in the collision, while the pilot of the F-16, Maj. Aaron Johnson of the 55th Fighter Squadron, ejected from his aircraft and landed safely with only minor injuries. He was quickly transported to Shaw Air Force Base, where his squadron is stationed.

The admission comes in response to a wrongful death and damage claim lawsuit filed in April by families of the victims. The government's admission is limited and does not address specifics of who is to blame for the tragedy.

James Brauchle, an attorney for the families, said it is the first time the government has accepted responsibility for the incident.

"For the family, this is the first time that they heard that the government is accepting

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## New Sumter business brings oil change to you

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Don Vargas was a stay-at-home dad for the last eight years. But with all of his three children in school now, he and his wife, Wendy, decided it was time for him to seek employment. With an extensive background as a vehicle mechanic and a personal love for tinkering with cars, his wife came across the idea earlier this year of starting a mobilized, full-service oil-change business.

A self-described “do-it-yourselfer,” Vargas knew it was something he could do and would still have the time flexibility to take care of his kids after their school day.

That was January. By April, he had obtained his fully equipped service van with multiple tanks installed for performing full-service oil changes and his 18-point inspection list on vehicles.

Last month, he officially began serving customers after getting all the necessary licenses he needed to run the business.

Now, Oil Changes Delivered LLC is on the go — you could say — servicing individual customers and business fleets at their home or office.

His list of services provided on vehicles includes changing oil, checking and topping off fluids, checking belts, replacing filters and windshield wiper blades, among other items.

He also will make recommendations if any repairs are needed on your car, truck or van. Due to environmental zoning issues, he can't personally perform repairs though on others' property.

Vargas says his target market is busy people, looking to save time, and also businesses that don't want to suffer down time while their fleets are being serviced during regular business hours.

“For businesses, that is down time,” Vargas said. “They need their trucks out servicing customers. So, if I can come in on a Saturday or after-hours during the week and ser-



Don Vargas, owner of Oil Changes Delivered, refills the oil in a truck on Friday.

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vice their trucks, then they are ready to roll in the morning and they don't lose any time.”

His business slogan is “saving you time and money by bringing the oil change to you.”

Prices vary based on vehicle type, he said. For lube and conventional oil change, the charge is \$49. For lube and synthetic blend oil change service, Vargas charges \$59. For full

synthetic, it's \$79. For diesel pickup trucks, the service charge is \$120.

All his various tanks run off an air compressor in his service van, and he also has an e-vac system to drain oil from vehicles without drain plugs.

Vargas said he uses Chevron and Mystik oil, but will also accommodate a customer if he or she has a particular preference.

He said he's excited about the opportunity to serve Sumter and surrounding communities.

“I love working on vehicles,” Vargas said. “If you find something that you really like, and can make some money at it, then it makes it all the better.”

## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Part of East Brewington Road to close for 2 months

South Carolina Department of Transportation will close a portion of East Brewington Road while the bridge over Mulberry Branch is being replaced between July 24 and Sept. 29.

According to a letter from SCDOT, it is necessary to replace the bridge because it is structurally deficient. The bridge will be replaced with a 70-foot prestressed concrete bridge.

Traffic along East Brewington Road will be detoured to Oswego Highway, Bell Road and North Main Street. The detour length will be approximately .96 miles, according to the letter.

The letter states that Sumter County schools may be affected by the road closure and will notified the schools in order to reroute bus traffic.

### Sumter City Council to consider CDBG budget

Sumter City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the fourth-floor City Council Chambers in the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

During the regular meeting, Council will consider approval of minutes for the June 6 and June 20 council meetings.

Council will consider appointments to boards and commissions.

- Consider final reading of an ordinance to annex a 4.3-acre parcel of land located at 2600 Broad Street;

- Hear first reading of an ordinance to amend the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget for 2017-2018;

- Consider a resolution authorizing a contract award for the purchase of E-911 console stations for police department telecommunications center; and

- Hear reports from council members, the city manager will be heard and the public.

Council may enter executive session, if necessary.

For more information, call (803) 436-2578.

### Manning City Council set to meet Monday

Manning City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St., in the City Council Chambers.

Council will take public input and hear committee reports.

Mayor Julia Nelson will make a service award presentation to Charlie McDonald, who is retiring after 16 years.

In other action, council will:

- Hear presentations from Terrance Whitfield, an intervention specialist with the Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, and from Rachel John of the Dennis Corporation on wayfinding signage;

- Hear a report from the finance director, mayor and city administrator;

- Consider awarding a bid of \$463,053 to CBG Inc. for the Highway 261 water improvements pending South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority approval; and

- Hear members' comments.

An executive session will be held to discuss an employee issue and contractual arrangements.

For more information, call (803) 435-8477.

## New downtown parking garage nearly complete

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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City of Sumter Construction Manager Michael Geddings said wall and floor structures of the Downtown Parking Garage are complete and crews are currently doing underground draining work.

Concrete slabs will be poured on the second floor of the garage by the end of July and slabs for the first floor will be poured by the end of August, he said.

Geddings said construction is expected to be complete by Thanksgiving. He said it's a pretty simple project.

The parking garage will have 205 parking spaces — some spaces will be designated for guests of the Hyatt Place hotel on Main Street.

Once the garage is complete, Geddings said an additional floor could be added as the downtown area continues to grow.



The Downtown Parking Garage as seen from the top of the Palmetto Health Tuompey parking garage.

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# Lee County Animal Shelter holds grand opening

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The doors have opened, the kennels are ready and the animals will soon settle in at the new Lee County Animal Shelter.

City officials, county council members and residents of Lee County all showed up for the grand opening of the new Lee County Animal Shelter, 222 Airport Road, Bishopville, on Friday.

Alan Watkins, county administrator, said that the facility was paid for by the Penny for Progress Capital Project Tax.

"The Capital Penny Project," Watkins said, "came about in 2012 and allowed us to have the money to invest in a facility like this. Just like Sumter has done, we put a referendum in front of the voters in 2012 and we appointed a penny tax commission of five members, and they developed a list of projects and we advocated for this shelter to be a priority."

The penny tax commission's project for the shelter was passed by voters in November of 2012 and Watkins said once passed, the planning for the facility and raising of funds all fell into place.

Now, a little more than four and a half years later, the shelter is open and ready to serve Lee County animals.

The new shelter, which has 18 kennels and a cat room, is three times larger than the former shelter.

In addition, Lee County Animal Shelter director Bridget Holloman said the new shelter also features a meet-and-great room where interested parties can take their own personal animals to spend some private time with potential adoptees.

"It's just a really nice room to have because before, we didn't have that," Holloman said. "At the old shelter, the room that we had that could have possibly been used for meet-and-greats was occupied by animals, like puppies, because we needed to keep them out of the kennels where they could possibly get sick due to how young and small they were."

The step forward in development has been more efficient in allowing the shelter to separate the animals, Watkins said.

"Our old building was just a very small building," Watkins said. "We had the cats and the dogs in close proximity and from time to time, that would lead to health concerns because we could not isolate the animals that



Council and community members in Lee County officially opened the doors Friday for the first time to the new Lee County Animal Shelter at 222 Airport Road, Bishopville.

PHOTOS BY CAITLAN WALZER / THE SUMTER ITEM



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were sick from the healthy ones."

At the new facility, Holloman said the shelter has a medical center to quarantine sick animals, with six kennels, and will also be where the veterinarian can come to do all of the mandatory shots and vetting before releasing an animal for adoption.

The Lee County Animal Shelter averages about 40 animals that are brought in by animal control each month, according to Holloman. She did not include in that number the

amount of animals brought in through owner surrender.

"The real sad part about a lot of animal shelters is that we can't move or help as many animals as we'd like," Watkins said. "However, 10 years ago, we had to euthanize the majority of animals that came in the shelter. However, through social media, we now have a platform for people from all over to adopt."

Since October of 2015, Holloman mentioned that the shelter has eutha-

nized 27 animals, which makes the shelter a low-kill center.

Through efforts in the community, the need for sheltering animals can become less of a problem, Watkins said.

"The way people can help is by spaying and neutering their own animals and take care of their animals," Watkins said.

He continued to say that the problem comes from individuals letting their dogs or cats run around, having not been spayed or neutered, which can lead to more animals that are a lot of times unwanted.

Travis Windham, chairman of the county council, said he feels the location of the new shelter makes it more accessible, quick to access from the town and will make it easier for the townsfolk to visit the animals and volunteer.

Those who wish to volunteer or are interested in adopting can call the Lee County Animal Shelter at (803) 483-7387 (PETS).

Holloman also said families who cannot adopt because of restrictions can visit and play with the animals in the shelter, as well as foster the animals.

## Sumter police raid nets 4 suspects

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter Police Department officers and detectives with the department's organized crime and vice control unit raided a South Main Street home Wednesday that led to the arrest of four suspects.

After several months of investigating, the officers entered the home to find a suspect of a shooting incident, along with 16 other individuals, a large quantity of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, \$1,500 in cash and four firearms.

According to a Sumter Police Department news release, detectives linked the home, 557 S. Main St., to Freddie McCullough, 64, and charged him with attempted murder for a shooting incident outside of the South Sumter Street residence where a 32-year-old man was shot on June 30.

Ruth Wells, 51, also of the residence, was charged with two counts of distribution of crack cocaine and two counts of distribution of crack cocaine within proximity of a school or park. Wells was on bond at the time of her arrest for a previous drug offense.

Jermaine Smith, 36, who was at the residence, has been charged with trafficking cocaine, trafficking cocaine on a second offense and possession of a Schedule II substance and felon in possession of a firearm.

Antonio Wilson, 28, who was in the residence, was charged with trafficking cocaine on a second offense and

for trafficking crack cocaine second offense.

In addition, Wilson was wanted for pointing and presenting a firearm in connection to a previous unrelated incident.

The report states that another individual was also arrested on contempt of the magistrate's court charge.

All four suspects were booked at the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

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# A terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday

**W**ith apologies to Judith Viorst: I woke this morning with an empty feeling in my stomach and my head hurting. I tripped over my shoes in the middle of the floor and couldn't find my toothpaste, so I had to brush my teeth with baking soda. I got in the shower, and just when I got shampoo in my hair, the hot water cut off. I hate cold showers. I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

I went by Starbucks on my way to church. The drive-through line was long, but I waited anyway. I ordered a caramel latte with whipped cream. I got an iced mocha frappuccino. I hate iced mocha frappuccino. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

I pulled into the church parking lot and looked for a space. All the good spaces by the door were gone. There were guest parking spaces, but there were also people there hanging out like vultures. I hate vultures. So I pulled around back and found an empty piece of grass. I hate parking on grass. It was going to be a terrible,

horrible, no good, very bad Sunday. I went to the nearest door. It was locked. I went to another door. It was locked, too. I hate locked doors. The third door was open. When I went in, I didn't know where I was. I looked for a sign. All I saw was a poster encouraging me to "Win a Million More in '54." It was old. Something smelled bad. I hate things that smell bad. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

A man walked by in a hurry. I hurried after him, asking, "Where is the worship service?" He gave me a dirty look. I hate dirty looks. He said, "It's that way." I wasn't sure which way he pointed, so I just followed him. He went through a door marked "Men." I found what smelled bad. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

I heard music. I followed the sound. I found a door with light shining under it. The music was on the other side of the door. I opened the door and walked in — right in front of the congregation. Everyone stared at me. I hate being stared at. I tried to duck into the first pew I saw. Someone tapped me on the shoulder and pointed. I turned and saw the sign "Reserved." I hate reserved seats. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no

good, very bad Sunday. I moved to another pew. The music leader talked on and on and on about the next song we were going to sing. I hate music leaders who talk instead of sing. Finally, we started to sing. Then he paused and said, "If you love Jesus, raise your hands high." I hate raising my hands. I'll bet they don't make you raise your hands if you love Jesus in Australia. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

We were told to greet our neighbors. I turned around only to find everyone behind me had turned around and were laughing and talking with the people sitting behind them. I stood there like a dummy. I hate standing like a dummy. Then a man told us to sit down. He told us about a trip, a meeting, and something called "Women's Auxiliary." It sounded like a place you keep spare women. I was bored. I hate being bored. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

The preacher got up. He told us about his burden. He told us how he had asked God to not make him deliver this message. Then he started to yell. He yelled for 45 minutes. I hate being yelled at. He kept telling us to "repent," but he never told us what it meant to repent. I hate it when I don't

know what things mean. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

Then came the offering. The usher came and stood by me with a plate. I didn't have any cash so I shrugged my shoulders. He gave me a dirty look. I hate dirty looks. I'll bet they don't take up offerings in Australia. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

The service ended. I waited for someone to say something to me. No one did. I waited a little longer. I saw my neighbors from across the street. I thought they would come over and say they were glad to see me. They ignored me. I hate being ignored. It was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

I found my way back to the smelly bathroom and out the back door. I drove off. It had been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sunday.

I thought church was supposed to be about "Good News"?

I sure could use some. I don't want any more terrible, horrible, no good, very bad days. I especially don't want any more terrible, horrible, no good, very bad Sundays.

*Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church, 1305 Loring Mill Road, www.adbc.org.*

## Churches adjust to summer

BY MIKE ELLIS  
Anderson Independent-Mail

ANDERSON — The 1860 building located across from a golf course has pews that are as old as the building, each board cut by hand with handmade nails still holding them together.

All the windows and doors stay open during the service, and the only modern amenities are the ceiling fans and box fans propped up in the windows.

The services are 45 minutes long.

The congregation makes sure of that; not only are there no offices or telephones, but there are also no bathrooms.

It's a summer-only church, open from May to September.

Drawing from 25 to 70 members, the building now caters to a membership of people who have second homes or live on the lake, and it occasionally draws vacationers from campsites in the Hartwell Lake area.

It's one of a handful of churches in the state that are truly tied to the season, including a 'boat church' on Lake Marion that draws more than 100 worshippers each Sunday.

To everything there is a season and, as church leaders know, summers are the lean season for the pews.

Summers traditionally have the lowest attendance of the year, said the Rev. Frank Page, chief executive officer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee.

People go on vacations. Routines get busted.

It's hot and muggy. There's yard work, and the lake and beach are calling.

Churches across the state and nation see notably fewer people in the summer months, said the Rev. Al Phillips, director of missions for the Greenville Baptist Association.

### MINISTRY ON LAKE MARION

**WHAT:** Edwin Boyle Santee Summer Ministry is an outdoor interdenominational worship service for those who spend summer weekends at Lake Marion.

**WHEN:** 9:30 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 3

**WHERE:** 1098 Lemon Ave., Manning (across from Camp Bob Cooper)

Despite all the tourism that is flooding into Greenville in recent years, churches in the area have seen very little extra tourist traffic at churches in the Upstate, Phillips said.

He said live-streaming of people's home churches may be a factor, but he misses the days when he would travel with his family and stop at the nearest local church on Sundays.

He said other communities, especially the coastal parts of South Carolina, report seeing far more summer tourist traffic in the pews than in the Upstate.

Page, a former pastor of First Baptist in Taylors, said when he is on vacation in South Carolina he goes to Ocean View Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, and he's never the only visitor on vacation.

NewSpring Church, the state's largest congregation with 14 campuses across the state, sees the same trends as other churches, said Suzanne Swift, a spokeswoman for the church.

She said Upstate campuses see fewer attendees during the summer, but there are correlating increases in attendance at their coastal campuses, often from members of the Upstate campuses during vacations.

Summers are one of the consistent challenges for churches, said the Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray, who is district superintendent for 74 United Methodist churches in the Anderson district.

Churches use the time to work on outreach programs

such as vacation Bible schools and summer camps. They turn attention to foreign and local ministries and missions. There are summer barbecues and hot dog festivals.

It's a help, but even with all the outreach, it's hard to get bodies into the building when the bodies are on vacation, Leonard-Ray said.

The Rev. Bob Stillwell, a former district superintendent, took a turn leading the congregation at Providence church, the summer-only church in Anderson.

He said he's noticed a trend in his decades as a church leader; the summer slump has shifted from June to September to being May to August, which he suspects has been tied to changing college school calendars.

The breeze from the lake occasionally sends a blast inside the old walls of the church, sped up by the box fans, but otherwise what generations of worshippers would have felt.

The summer-only Providence church is located across the road from Stone Creek Cove Golf Course, and during his Sunday sermon Stillwell played around with the lessons of when he taught his son to golf.

A little church like Providence, he said, located on the lake and with a breeze and view of the links, is a great place to come during the summer.

## Court: Prayer practice violated constitution

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Elected officials in North Carolina violated the Constitution by opening meetings with Christian prayers and inviting audience members to join, a federal appeals court ruled Friday in a closely watched case likely headed for the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that found Rowan County commissioners' prayer practice to be "unconstitutionally coercive."

The Supreme Court already has ruled that it's appropriate for local clergy to deliver predominantly Christian prayers and town meetings in New York. The question in the Rowan County case was whether it makes a difference that the prayers were given by the commissioners themselves and whether their invitation for the audience to join them in prayer is coercive.

The 4th Circuit, located in Richmond, Virginia, stressed that lawmaker-led prayer isn't "inherently unconstitutional." But the judges said that the fact that the commissioners were the exclusive prayer givers combined with the fact that they consistently invoked one faith and invited the audience members to participate sent the message that they preferred one religion over all others.

"The prayer practice served to identify the gov-

ernment with Christianity and risked conveying to citizens of minority faiths a message of exclusion," Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson wrote in the majority opinion that was joined by nine other judges.

The commissioners can appeal to the Supreme Court.

Judge Paul Niemeyer wrote in a dissent that the majority opinion "actively undermines the appropriate role of prayer in American civil life."

"In finding Rowan County's prayer practice unconstitutional, essentially because the prayers were sectarian, the majority's opinion strikes at the very trunk of religion, seeking to outlaw most prayer given in government assemblies, even though such prayer has been an important part of the fabric of our democracy and civic life," he wrote. Four other judges also dissented.

The full 4th Circuit heard the case in March after a divided three-judge panel said Rowan County commissioners had a constitutional right to open meetings with prayers as long as they don't pressure observers to participate.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit on behalf of non-Christians who say the prayers made them feel excluded and sent the message that the board favored a particular religion.

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# What 'Thrones' fans already know: Ravens can see ahead

NEW YORK (AP) — More than 170 years after Edgar Allan Poe's fictional raven croaked, "Nevermore," scientists are reporting that real-life ravens think about the future.

In a series of tests, ravens showed signs of a general planning ability that previously had been documented only in people and great apes. Even monkeys have failed to show it.

It's not like you could ask a raven to arrange your wedding: Ravens showed they could plan by setting aside a tool that they suspected would get them a tasty treat later. And they prepared for future bartering, too.

Still, it's impressive. Ravens, along with crows, jays and others, belong to a bird group called corvids. Some corvids have shown that in hoarding food, they do some planning for the future instead of just acting on natural urges. But does such foresight appear only for that behavior, as has been proposed? Or can corvids, similar to people and great apes, apply it to other activities?

This more general planning ability results from the combination of several skills, and if it appears in both corvids and great apes, it must have evolved more than once, the Swedish researchers said.

So the researchers, Can Kabadayi and Mathias Osvald of Lund University, tested five captive ravens in two tasks they don't do in the wild: using tools and bartering with humans. They reported the results in a paper released Thursday by the journal *Science*.

The birds were shown a box that had a tube sticking out of the top, plus three stones. They learned that they could use a stone as a tool. If they dropped it down the tube, the box would release a coveted doggie treat. They also



AP FILE PHOTO

This and four other handraised ravens showed a flexible planning ability that previously had been documented only in people and great apes.

learned that some other familiar objects, such as a small wooden wheel and a ball, would not work.

Now the fun began.

In one experiment, the ravens were shown the box, but without any stones available. Then the box was taken away. An hour later, in another location, they were presented with a tray containing a stone plus three objects the birds knew would be useless for releasing the treat.

They were allowed to choose one thing from the tray. Fifteen minutes later, the box would show up again. Sure enough, in 14 cases of encountering the tray and later seeing the box reappear, they usually chose the stone and proceeded to use it correctly.

The same thing happened in another experiment, when the box didn't show up again until the next day, a delay of 17 hours.

Further work showed the ravens would pass up an immediate reward if they could

get a better one by waiting a while.

The ravens also showed they could barter for what they needed. The birds learned that they could exchange a blue plastic bottle cap with one of the experimenters for the favored doggie treat. When the experiments were repeated with the bottle cap replacing the stone, and an experimenter instead of the box, the results were basically the same.

The work presents "compelling evidence" of planning ability that goes beyond stashing food away, Markus Boeckle and Nicola Clayton of Cambridge University wrote in an accompanying commentary.

Although the evidence is new, the ability of ravens to see ahead has long been suspected: In Greek mythology, they are associated with the god of prophecy, an old term for a group of ravens is "conspiracy" and in "Game of Thrones" a three-eyed raven appears in a prince's prophetic visions.



AP FILE PHOTO

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees local union has filed a grievance in response to Western Michigan University's hiring of goats to clear 15 woodland acres on campus.

## Union files grievance over mowing goats

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A union has filed a grievance in response to Western Michigan University's hiring of goats to clear 15 acres of woodland on campus.

Kathi Babbit is the chief steward of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees local union. Babbit wrote in a July newsletter that the grievance had been filed in relation to subcontracting and the unreported use of goats, the *Kalamazoo Gazette* reported.

The university hired the team of goats after a half-acre trial run last year. Officials of goat rental company Munchers on Hooves said the animal consumes 3 to 5 pounds of vegetation per day.

University spokeswoman

Cheryl Roland said she can't make a detailed comment about the union's decision because the university has a process underway for addressing the grievance. But she said that no school workers have been laid off by the goat project.

Roland said that the goats are a chemical-free option to clear areas that are problems for humans to remove. She also said the goats are a cost-effective way to get rid of poison ivy and invasive species.

University Horticulturist Nicholas Gooch said that the school hasn't received any complaints about the goats, other than the union.

According to Roland, the goats are expected to be on campus until about a week before fall classes begin.

## Trooper takes bovine call but animal escapes

BOILING SPRINGS (AP) — A young bull remains on the loose despite a South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper's best efforts to corral him.

Media outlets report the trooper responded Tuesday to a call of the animal roaming through a neighborhood in Boiling Springs, just north of Spartanburg. Photographs show the trooper staring down the bull.

The bull ran into the yard of Cindi Knox and Phillip Ledesma. He tells WSPA-TV most officers aren't trained to be cowboys but that he gives the trooper credit for trying.

The trooper called for backup from other agencies, but the bull ran into the woods.

Highway Patrol spokesman Joe Hovis says loose animal calls aren't uncommon, but that the trooper's attempt to wrangle the bull was a step above an ordinary response.

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## Coffee House features Detroit gospel giants

### Local favorites join Clarks, Winans in revue

BY IVY MOORE  
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The third annual Coffee House Music Revue will feature two groups from Detroit who continue the legacies of their families, considered by many to be the city's First Families of Gospel Music. The Winans and the Clark Sisters are sibling gospel groups who grew up hearing their families' music and eventually immersed themselves in the genre.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22, the groups will share the stage in a concert that is free to the public at Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St. Elijah Bradford, owner of Coffee House Productions and lead singer with the Valentinos, will serve as host for the evening.

He said the Clark Sisters and the Winans are among his favorite gospel groups.

"We can't wait for the public to hear this music," Bradford said. "There was something about gospel music of the eighties that has that stickability factor."

Bradford will also perform with the Valentinos, as will Purpose Driven, Salem Mass Choir, Shonda English, Kristen Williams, Maestro Mike and others.

The Clark Sisters are an American gospel vocal group, Bradford said, who continue the legacy of their mother, the late Mattie Moss Clark, who was an accomplished musician, singer, arranger, choir director and educator. Among



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her many accomplishments was originating the three-part harmony still preferred by gospel choirs today. Clark separated the soprano, alto and tenor voices to find the harmony. Clark also founded Detroit's Clark Conservatory of Music, where her daughters still teach.

In 1983, the Clark Sisters' recording of the crossover hit, "You Bring the Sunshine," introduced them to a wider audience, and they have had a string of hits ever since.

Among them are "Is My Living in Vain?" "I'm Looking for a Miracle" and "Hallelujah." They continue to record and tour separately and together.

Also from Detroit and discovered by the legendary Andrae Crouch, The Winans' debut album, released in 1981, was "Introducing the Winans." They've won numerous Dove awards and Grammys and are credited with updating traditional black gospel to today's



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ABOVE: The Winans, a contemporary gospel quartet from Detroit, are known for their biggest hits, "Tomorrow," "Restoration" and "Uphold Me," among many others. They'll be on the bill of the third annual Coffee House, which will be hosted by Elijah Bradford Saturday, July 22.

LEFT: Elijah Bradford, at piano, and The Valentinos will offer their signature Motown-sound gospel during the Coffee House Revue at Salem Missionary Baptist Church.

BELOW: The Clark Sisters will perform their popular style of gospel music at the third annual Coffee House Revue on July 22 at Salem Missionary Baptist Church. They are the daughters of Mattie Moss Clark, who was the first gospel artist to earn a gold record.

urban contemporary style and sound.

The Winans have also scored with R&B fans and have worked with Quincy Jones, R. Kelly, Kenny G, Stevie Wonder, Ricky van Shelton, Kenny Loggins and others. The sons of gospel royalty, Mom and Pop (Delores and David) Winans, they've performed and recorded extensively with family members. Their most famous hits include "Tomorrow," "Restoration" and "Uphold Me."

Bradford said he's very excited about doing the revue for the third year.

"I think the community is really enjoying these tribute concerts we do," he said. "My goal is for people to leave high off of this glorious music. Anyone who attended our Tribute to Gospel's Golden Age back in February knows exactly what I'm talking about."

Bradford said that considering how popular the Coffee House Music Revues have become and given the prestigious talents who will be performing, "We expect large numbers, so I would advise the community to get there early for good seating."

The Coffee House Music Revue 2017 will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St. Admission is free. For more information visit the website [www.elijahbradford.com](http://www.elijahbradford.com) or call (803) 216-1776.



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## Plant is related to corn, or as Britons would say, 'maize'



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This week's mystery plant is a grass that is related to corn. It can be spotted alongside highways in the eastern U.S. and down into South America. Note the flowers.

BY JOHN NELSON  
Curator, USC Herbarium

"I'm as corny as Kansas in August ..."  
... *Nellie Forbush in South Pacific*, lyrics by O. Hammerstein

Well, it's not August yet, and this plant is not exactly corn. But it's close.

This is a grass that you can see basically anywhere in the eastern U.S., from Florida and Texas well into the upper Midwest, southern New England and way down into South America. It's rather distinctive, I think, even as you are driving along the highway (pay attention to the speed limit, please, and use your blinker).

The plants come up in big clumps from rhizomes. The stems this time of year are tall and arching, often leaning over, sometimes up to nearly 9 feet tall. The leaves are dark green and like many grass species, a bit scratchy. At this time of year, the plants are blooming, in their grass-like way. All of the flowers produced by this plant are either male or staminate flowers (producing pollen), or female or pistillate flowers (producing ovules, from whence come the seeds, eventually). The flowers are always separated, but both can be found on the same individual stem

(we botanists say that such plants are "monoecious.").

In the case of our mystery plant, the stems will develop one to three terminal, stout spikes. Each spike will have pistillate flowers down below, and then a series of staminate flowers above them. If you look closely, you will notice that all the flowers, whether pistillate or staminate, are deeply embedded within the tissue of the spike itself. The female flowers exhibit purplish or whitish, feathery stigmas to receive the pollen. Staminate flowers have their prominent orange anthers hanging out, connected by delicate, threadlike filaments. After shedding their pollen, the staminate flowers dry up and get sort of scrunchy and eventually fall away.

The pistillate flowers down below end up in a strung-out, bead-like arrangement, and they, too, during the autumn, will eventually all fall away from each other. Each pistillate flower is capable of producing a single grain. The fruiting grain, once falling away from the spike, is a bit odd, looking like a hard little kernel of corn, and a bit trash-can shaped.

This plant is in fact related to what Americans generally know as "corn," that stuff that grows in the fields, which produces thick

"ears" (specialized spikes of female flowers) as well as tassels above (where the pollen comes from). Genetically, it is similar to cultivated corn, and there is considerable evidence that it hybridized with a different Mexican species, long ago, to form the plant that we now call corn, or *Zea mays*.

Of course, our friends in Britain like to use the word "maize" for what we call "corn." Indeed, the English word "corn" has been used for a very long time and in Britain often refers to just about any kind of grass crop that produces grains.

This really is a handsome grass, its turkey-foot spikes sticking way up in the air. It's fun to grow in your garden, too, although it can be a bit weedy, even though it's a native.

Answer: "Gama-grass," "Turkey-foot grass," *Tripsacum dactyloides*

John Nelson is the curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University of South Carolina, in the Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia SC 29208. As a public service, the Herbarium offers free plant identifications. For more information, visit [www.herbarium.org](http://www.herbarium.org), call (803) 777-8196, or email [nelson@sc.edu](mailto:nelson@sc.edu).

# New partnership makes it easier to prove Pilgrim ancestry

BOSTON (AP) — The number of people trying to determine whether they are descended from a Mayflower passenger is surging as the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival in the New World approaches in 2020.

Now, a partnership announced Thursday between the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is making it easier to figure out.

The Boston-based genealogical society is digitizing and indexing authenticated Mayflower Pilgrim genealogies and 50 years worth of the "Mayflower Quarterly" magazine, and making them available at its research site, [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org).

There were 102 people on the Mayflower when it landed in Massachusetts in 1620. Half died in the first year.

Today, there are an estimated 10 million living Americans, and as many as 35 million people worldwide descended from that resilient little group, said Lea Filson, governor general of the Plymouth-based General Society of Mayflower Descendants. They include presidents, poets and celebrities.

Yet her organization has only about 30,000 members. She'd like to see that grow.

"With the 400th anniversary coming up, we've seen a huge uptick in membership applications," Filson said. "But at the same time, people say they have a hard time getting a hold of our records."

The genealogies, called "Silver Books," because of their distinctive covers, have previously only been available for purchase from the Mayflower society or from libraries, said Ryan Woods, the vice president and chief operating officer of the genealogical society. They include about 150,000 birth, marriage, death and deed records.

The Mayflower society's records are so accurate and unimpeachable that tracing your roots to them automatically qualifies you for membership.

The information is valuable to people who think — but don't have proof — that they are Mayflower descendants, as well as those who already know they



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The Mayflower II, a replica of the original ship that brought Pilgrims to Massachusetts in 1620, passes through a jetty as it is towed out of Plymouth Harbor in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The number of people trying to determine whether they are descended from a Mayflower passenger is surging as the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival in the New World approaches in 2020.

are but want to learn more.

"The idea is that family history is a very personal way to engage with topics of the past, influences on our culture and the creation of our country," Woods said.

Thanks to several TV shows, genealogical research is now America's second-most popular hobby after gardening, Filson said.

And discovering you're the progeny of a Pilgrim is the gold standard in fam-

ily research.

"It's a real emotional thing when you discover you're a Mayflower descendant," she said. "I've seen people break down in tears."

When Filson's organization decided to digitize its records, it immediately thought of teaming up with the genealogical society. Established in 1845, it is the premier national resource for genealogists and family historians.

The digitization process is already un-

derway. Seven of the 31 "Silver Books" are online and the plan is to finish the process by the end of the year. Then they'll start working on the "Mayflower Quarterly" editions dating to 1935.

Like all records posted at [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org), browsers will be allowed temporary free access before a paid membership is required.

"There are many, many people who could be related, literally, to this story," Woods said.

## CAMPUS CORNER

### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON — The following local students were named to the President's List at Clemson University for the spring 2017 semester:

- Dalzell — Madison V. Beasley and Madison V. Beasley;
- Lynchburg — Courtney D. Griffith;
- Manning — William Capers Wannamaker IV;
- Summerton — David Bradley Turcotte Jr.; and
- Sumter — Elizabeth K. Cunningham, Jayne Mayes Dingle, Carter C. Dwight, Curtis-Lynne Edens, Brayden D. Fidler, Cody Allen Floyd, Bailey J. Hunt, Sara A. Jackson, Catherine G. Kelley, Kwang Y. Kim, Cody M. King, Joshua T. Pannell, Chelsea Marie Pastore, Anne-Davis Shaw, John D. Sorrells, Cori J. Stroebel, Angela M. Vatrano, Timothy M. Wilson and Drake T. Morfe.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

Local students have been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the spring 2017 semester. They are:

- Bishopville — Miriam E. Anderson, Teirra Keina Holloman, Megan K. Schwendinger, Katey L. Schwendinger and Kayla E. Wallace of Bishopville;
- Dalzell — Randi J. Sims;
- Lynchburg — Ann C. Josey;
- Summerton — Shiayra N. Ragin; and
- Sumter — Mclean M. Achziger, Jacob P. Aufschlager, Stephen M. Brunson, Joseph B. Cahill, Tanner M. Carraway, Ashleigh Watson Collins, Patrick Bryant Collins,

Jacob N. Crotts, Kyle O. Duffy, Nicolette K. Fisher, Emma M. Frank, James A. Goodson IV, Hazel G. Hudson, Robert W. James, Harris E. Jordan, Hannah L. Jordan, Allison Elizabeth Kay, Phillip J. Latham, Eileen O'Dell Mahoney, Thomas Sandberg McGinnis, Ramon G. Schwartz, Bailey K. Stokes, Hannah E. Voisin, Katie S. Weathersbee and Lindsey B. Weathersbee.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student achieved a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Amanda Redfoot, a native of Sumter, has been named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List for the 2017 spring semester.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and the Tippie College of Business who achieve a grade-point average of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded course work during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of I (incomplete) or O (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the Dean's List for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the Dean's List with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit if deemed appropriate by the college.

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses must have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a grade-

point average of 3.50 or higher.

### LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania — Gabriele Pate of Sumter graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in Molecular Biology and English with Highest Honors from Lehigh University in spring 2017.

### MARYVILLE COLLEGE

MARYVILLE, Tennessee — Horace Lee Scott of Sumter has completed requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree and graduated from Maryville College.

Scott majored in Management at the college.

### FURMAN UNIVERSITY

GREENVILLE — The following area students graduated from Furman University on May 6.

- Pinewood — Aubrey Connors, Bachelor of Arts
- Sumter — Andrew Clinkscals, Bachelor of Science; Ashley Cooke-Gam, Bachelor of Science; and Makayla Swygert, Bachelor of Science.

### CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

CHARLESTON — Charleston Southern University conferred degrees May 6 at North Charleston Coliseum. The following students were among

those receiving degrees at commencement:

- Lynchburg — Kristen Godwin; and
  - Sumter — Brittany Brantley, Tayliah Carter, Cameron Gaddy, Olivia Grant and Michael White.
- Charleston Southern University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester:
- Sumter — Baylee Brienne McLeod, Thomas Zackery Cook, David Christopher

White, Deja Alease Richardson; Olivia Chante Grant, Michael Daniel White, Lindsey Cheyenne Barwick, Lauren Ashleigh Cain, Jeffrey Luke Reed, Dustin Tyler Way; and

• Turbeville — Cassandra Rebecca Hickman and Jesse Renee Beasley.

Charleston Southern names students to the Dean's List who have earned a 3.5-GPA or better and 12 or more credit hours for the semester.



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Beautiful Inground pool w/this lovely 3BR/2.5BA home. FDR, FLR and family room. All appliances including washer and dryer convey. Privacy fenced. \$149,995. Call Gwen at 803-460-9154



**216 WILLOW STREET**  
4BR/1BA Fixer upper for sale! Make an offer! Needs TLC and sold as is! Investors welcome! \$6,500. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062



**521 WEST OAKLAND AVENUE**  
Charming home in need of lots of TLC. Bring all offers - \$45,000 Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062



**2605 FOXCROFT CIRCLE**  
NEW construction in Foxcroft! \$167,500. Very open, split floor plan, 4BR/2BA, Cathedral, granite, SS appliances, Breakfast bar, 2 car garage. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**17 FRANK CLARKE**  
4BR/3BA, elegant & custom home! Circular drive, screen porches, fountain, updates galore, FP, built ins, Outbuilding is potential MAN CAVE!!! \$265,000 Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**1343 DAVIS ST.**  
Nice 3BR/2BA Doublewide underpinned in Isaac Levy Subdivision. All furniture and appliances stay. Hot tub. Nice long pier overlooking Eagle Point Subvn. \$199,900. Call Mary Alice at 803-491-4969



**123,125,129 LAVERNE ST.**  
3BR/1BA bungalow. LR/kit/DR, Laundry rm, dark room carpet, kitchen appliances stay. Needs updating. Price includes 2 addtl lots. \$59,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969



**1787 GLENMORANGIE**  
1.5 story 3BR/2BA 2 split FR. HW floors, kitchen w/ granite, SS appliances, & corner pantry. Master BR, master bath, walk in closets. \$179,900. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628



**3701 KATWALLACE**  
Fabulous NEW 5BR/3BA, 2 story brick home on the pond! Granite, covered back porch, 3 car garage, 9ft smooth ceilings, fireplace! \$269,900. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900



**1781 RUGER DR.**  
NEW! Two story, Craftsman style, 4BR/2.5BA home located in Hunters Crossing. SS appliances, lg Kitchen, granite, landscaped. \$179,789. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628.



**1786 RUGER DR.**  
The Remington B by Mungo. 2 story Charleston style home in Hunters Crossing. 4BR/2.5BA. Granite, SS, lg MBR w/his and hers closets. \$190,275. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628



**2745 FOXCROFT CIRCLE**  
4BR/2BA. NEW construction! Split plan, very open with Cathedral ceilings, all smooth, 2 car garage, granite, SS appliances, Breakfast bar. \$165,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**1775 GLENMORANGIE**  
2 Story 4BR/2.5BA, MBR on main, vaulted ceilings, dbl sink, garden tub shower combo. Lofted area would make great upstairs LR. Granite. \$149,369. Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628



**109 BROWN STREET**  
Charming 2BR/1.5BA house ready to be your HOME!! Sold as is at a great price!! \$57,000. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062



**2145 INDIANGRASS CV.**  
Two story home w/5BR/3.5BA Open FP w/FR, DR, eat in kitchen, Office. Lg bonus rm, HW floors, FP comm, pool & clubhouse. \$263,796. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628



**1763 GLENMORANGIE**  
2 story 3 bed 2.5 bath features master on main with vaulted ceilings, WIC, garden tub shower combo. Kitchen w/granite, open to family room. \$155,917. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628



**423 LORING DR.**  
Investors special. Priced to sell 3 bed 1.5 bath 1138 Sqft on .20 acres. Makes for an great investment. Home is currently being rented by contractual tenants. \$34,900 Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961



**115 NAUTICAL**  
The Bellamy built by Mungo! 5BR/4.5BA split floor plan, FDR, Master suite downstairs, Coffered ceilings, 3 Car garage. Must see! \$347,275. Call Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628



**855 TORREY PINES**  
Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA, waterfront home in Lakewood Golf Community. Kitchen has all new cabinets, granite, MBA updated, Nice & Clean! \$289,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969



**5555 SCHELLIN DRIVE**  
Looks BRAND NEW! Immaculate condition. Granite, Bamboo HW, downstairs, 12x12 patio w/hot tub, SS appl., smooth 9' ceilings, \$242,500. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925



**273 MASTERS DRIVE**  
2 story 4BR/2.5BA home features DR, Large FR, Laundry rm upstairs. Lg MBR w/his & hers closets. Kitchen w/granite, island & SS appl. \$186,491 Call Jessica 803-468-6324



**2165 INDIANGRASS**  
\$234,900. 4BR/2.5BA beautiful brick home in the newest phase of Beach Forest! Comm. Pool & Clubhouse! Hwd floors throughout, SS appl., granite, oak stairway! Call Tina 803-609-8628



**53 FORD LANE**  
Amazing Kitchen w/Granite, custom cabinets, SS appliances, 2 tiled BA, 4 spacious BR. Lg front porch, screened bk porch. Perfect country living! \$75,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961



**1150 ROCKDALE**  
4BR/2BA, 2265 sqft on .68 acres, hardwood, shiplap, granite, formal dining, fireplace, lrg covered back porch, 3 car garage! One level! \$245,000 Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**39 S. PURDY ST.**  
Cute colorful home has 2 bed 1 bath, 1300 sqft, close to historic downtown. A must see!! \$38,000. Call Jessica Pomichalek @ 803-468-6324



**610 BREEZYBAY**  
Beautiful! 4BR/2.5BA. Custom built by John Harden. Kitchen appliances & blinds convey. Lagoon style pool, fenced bk yd. Granite, HW & carpet. \$329,500. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969



**1106 SHORELAND DRIVE**  
\$119,700. 3BR/2BA beautiful home. This is a short sale & sold "AS IS". All appliances convey. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062



**2125 INDIANGRASS**  
Worthing F by Mungo. Two story brick home 6 BR/4BA, FLR, FDR, lgr opens to the kitchen & breakfast area, WIC, Master suite, butlers pantry. \$306,377 Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628



**2304 AUTUMN TERRACE**  
3BR/2BA all new flooring, eat in, formal dining, large fenced in backyard with storage shed, .83 acres! Move In Ready! Brand new HVAC \$150,000 Call Susan 803-464-5900



**840 WEEKS STREET**  
Priced to sell AS IS! Investors welcome! Bring all Offers! Needs TLC. Tenant rights apply. \$19,500 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062.



**1685 N. KINGS HWY.**  
New construction, open split plan with smooth ceilings, granite counter tops, SS appliances, patio, backs to trees, all on 1.28 acres! \$145,000 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



**11 CREED STREET**  
2BR/1BA DEAL!! Sold AS IS. Make me an offer. Investors Welcome! Needs TLC! \$19,500. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062



**25 FREDERICK COURT**  
Beautiful 4BR/2.5BA, near Shaw AFB on a cul-de-sac in Heathlywood SD. New Paint, landscaping & kitchen flooring. 2 car garage, stand up freezer. Home warranty & new Termite Bond. \$149,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961



**7 GERALD STREET**  
2BR/1BA home priced to sell. Needs TLC and being sold AS IS. \$36,200. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062



**3321 RED HILL RD.**  
Priced to sell! Remodeled in 1990. 2BR/1BA only \$45,500 and being sold AS IS. Needs TLC. Investors Welcome. Make an offer! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062



**578 NATIONAL STREET**  
3BR/1BA all brick home on a huge lot. Garage shed with electricity. House is in Move In condition. All appliances convey. Washer & dryer too! Sold AS IS. \$73,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961



**6145 ARTHUR GAYLE**  
3BR/2BA beautiful home in private, rural setting, HDW & tile floors throughout, great open floor plan, Hunters dream home \$99,500 Call Gwen 803-460-9154



**17994 HIGHWAY 301**  
5BR/5BA/2 half BA Plantation home with over 6,000sqft, 22 acres with a POND! Upper scale Appointments, 3,000sqft building with 3 car garage & full kitchen & BA. \$785,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**116 THELMA DR**  
Charming 3BR/2BA Brick home on .36 acres. Fenced, Eat in, FDR, Pass through fireplace, HUGE covered patio and carport. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



**8A-8B WOODBINE**  
Unique duplex. Great investment with tenants! Sold AS IS! Make an offer! \$62,500. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062

**LAND SECTION**

- Rabbit Den Road** - 33 Acres for Sale! Great for hunting and Timber. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 ..... \$98,000
- 900 Androm Drive** - 1.34ac beautiful wooded lot, priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409 ..... \$64,900
- 957 Club Lane** - .83 acre lot located in Club Forest Subdivision. Beautiful view of Sunset Country Club Golf Course. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409 \$49,500
- 409 E. Calhoun Street** - .88 acre available for commercial use. Great location. .... Call Reggie Sumter @ 312-5961
- 915 Club Lane** - Great buildable lot close to Sunset Country Club. Call Renee Baird @ 491-8023. .... \$38,000
- Wedgfield Road** - 11.6 acres. Beautiful wooded tract. Great home site. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409 ..... \$79,000
- 1718 Hubb Kelly Road, Cassatt SC** - 25.5 Acres. All necessary utilities on property. .... Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 6230 Fish Road** - 15.22 Acres, zoned res. Ideal for home. 485 feet on Fish Rd. Call Retta @ 968-3925 ..... \$54,000
- 1105 Summit Drive**. .89 acres located in a Prestigious Gated Community! The Summit offers private executive housing, large lots all on a gated cul-de-sac! \$64,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 1135/1145 Tiger Lane**. 2 Lots available across from Shaw AFB! Good business location near heavy traffic area. Dwelling on property is not livable. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 ..... \$56,000
- 6045 Brookland**. Wooded 2.44 acre lot in Brookland Subdivision. Front of lot is effectively level, back slopes down to stream. Great area to build 1500 SqFt home. No Mobile Homes. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324
- 355 Albemarle** Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000
- Waterfront lot with permission for a pier**. Lot 14 is owned and deeded outright. Lot 14 is 1.7 acre and is leased from Santee Cooper for less than \$400 per year. \$34,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 6340 Sylvia Rd.** \$6,950. 1 acre lot perfect for a mobile home! Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 0 Hwy 521 N.** Beautiful corner wooded lot waiting for you to build your dream home! \$17,500. Call Gwen 803-460-9154

- 505 Torrey Pines**. Beautiful lot in Lakewood Links at the end of a cul-de-sac. \$29,900. Call Gwen 803-460-9154
- 1221 Haynesworth Mill Circle**. Beautiful 1 acre Waterfront lot on Fabulous Lake Marion. Ready for your dream home!! Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154
- 6760 Camden Hwy**. Large lot available. 1.32 Acres. \$7,950. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961
- 3650 Broad St.** 7.2 acres west of Loring Mill Rd. Priced to sell. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409
- 2020 Loring Mill Rd.** 10.9 acres. Lots of road frontage. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
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- 956 Meadowbrook Rd.** 9 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay Rd. Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 3995 Preserve Ct.** 16.49 best tract in Lee's Preserve. Great home site, very private. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 360 E. Red Bay Rd.** 30 Acres zoned light industrial/wholesale. City water and sewer to site. Good location for small industrial use. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 1035 Summit Drive**. 2.06 acre lot in Prestigious Gated community, The Summit. \$155,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023.
- Forest Lakes Area**. 8.47 Acres. Homesites. \$139,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969
- 3625 Furman Road**. 5.29 Acres. Build your dream home or plant your favorite crop. Land is behind 3625 Furman Rd. \$29,995. Call Reggie 803-312-5961.
- 3520 W. Brewington Rd.** Beautiful 3.09 acre wooded lot would make a great spot to start your dream home. \$20,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324
- 0 Damascus Rd.** Build your dream home! Only six, 1 Acre lots remain in beautiful Tiffany Gardens. See listing agent for Covenants and restrictions. \$30,000. Call Reggie Sumter 803-312-5961
- 3920 First Ave. and 3960 First Ave.** \$3,000 each. Two lots for sale! Make an offer today!! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 0 Floodtown Rd & 8945 Hwy 261 S.** Two lots for sale! Excellent deal! \$11,000 for both Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062

- 13 Marshall St.** Vacant lot available in Historic District. \$12,500. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 790 E. Gloucester.** Great cleared lot to build a home in a wonderful neighborhood. Located on a cul-de-sac. \$32,000. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925
- 650 Lakewood Drive**. 3.35 Acres. The front lot is .61 acres. Balance of the property is on wetlands. \$34,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969
- 3200 Homestead Rd.** 1.90 acres available. Mobile home friendly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 4095 Fourth Ave Mayesville.** 1 Acre lot. \$6,000 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 523 W. Oakland.** Beautiful. 20 acre corner lot. Sold as is. \$4,850 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062
- 3525 Preserve Ct.** Lot 22 Lee's Preserve. 5.14 acres backs up to the conservation easement tract. Home site cleared. \$134,900. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 36 Robinson St.** Land for sale! .18 acres. Sold AS IS! Make an offer today! \$4,500. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 708 Maney St.** 1.90,000! 22 acres with city water and sewer. Don't miss out! Make an offer today! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 6 Wan Le Ct.** 37 Acre lot for sale. 22 acres with city water and sewer. Two storage sheds and located on a cul de sac. Make an offer today. \$25,000. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder 803-757-8062
- 202 N Wise Drive.** Make an offer!! 34 Acre \$18,000. Location! Location! Location! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
- 1 William Brunson Rd.** 4.68 acres in Summerton suitable for farming! \$29,900. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 130 Maney St.** Lot available. 24 acres. Mobile homes welcome. \$5,500. .... Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 1350 N Main St.** 40 acre lot for sale! \$14,000 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900

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<p><b>2870 W. BREWINGTON RD</b> 3BR/2BA Brick home on lg lot, landscaped yard w/ shed, storage, close to Shaw AFB, shopping &amp; schools. Motivated Seller. Bring all offers! \$309,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p><b>823 ANTLEYS DR.</b> One of a kind Ranch w/2954 sqft. 4BR/3.5BA, granite, wood, wet bar, fireplace, formal &amp; 2 family rooms. \$233,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900.</p>	<p><b>3245 DEBIDUE</b> \$199,900. Completely renovated brick home in Carolina Palms! Beautifully landscaped 3BR/2.5BA, HW, Granite, skylights, eat in, enclosed bk porch, fenced yard. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p><b>5485 LONGBRANCH</b> 3BR/2BA Brick home on over 2.25 acres, 1800+ sqft. Home has walk in basement on back of house. \$99,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p><b>856 GORDONIA DRIVE</b> spacious 4BR/2BA home in beautiful Sunway Knolls Subdivision. Large lot, convenient to schools, shopping, Shaw AFB. \$154,900 Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p><b>3290 HOME PLACE RD</b> \$475,000. Fantastic Custom built 4br/2.5BA home! Hardwoods, Crown, Granite, Kitchen Island, brick fenced bk yd, smooth ceilings, Surround Sound. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925</p>
<p><b>2760 RACCOON RD.</b> All brick with front &amp; back covered porch. Smooth ceilings, granite, SS appliances, ceiling fans, Rinnai Hot water heater, 2 car garage on 1 acre. \$149,500. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023</p>	<p><b>41 HALLMARK LANE</b> 4BR/2BA, spacious home on a quiet cul-de-sac 3 mins to SHAW AFB! FR, FDR, Eat in, Cathedrals, FP, appliances convey, landscaped, fenced back yd! \$149,500 Call Gwen @ 803-460-9154</p>	<p><b>2440 HWY 521 S.</b> Nice big home! 3BR/2BA. Lots of recent painting, new flooring, nice deck on back, extra storage buildings on back. \$124,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969.</p>	<p><b>1307 CYPRESS POINTE</b> 1BR/1BA. Perfect getaway!! Nothing like a home at the lake! Inground pool/Tennis courts/Common areas/ Pier/ Boat dock. Overlooking Lake Marion!! \$59,000 Call Gwen Lee 803-460-9154</p>	<p><b>3100 PAWLEYS LN</b> \$200,000. Corner lot with 3 car garage, 9ft smooth ceilings, open split plan, covered back porch, ceramic tile &amp; HW throughout. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p><b>2265 CANADIANGEESE</b> The Williamson D by Mungo. Two story, 5BR/3.5BA home. Huge bonus room, FDR, HW floors, granite SS, Community Pool. \$288,896 Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628</p>
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<p><b>1764 GLENMORANGIE</b> 2 Story 4BR/2.5BA open floor plan, Guest BR on main W/ full BA. Open kitchen w/granite, looks into FR w/ gas FP. Upstairs open lofted area. \$168,378. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>965 CORMIER</b> Convenient to Shaw, 2 story, 2300 sqft, 5BR/2.5BA house. Master on main. Vaulted ceilings, Open fr plan, granite, WIC &amp; shower/garden tub combo. \$185,434 Call Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>2190 WATSONG RUN</b> 5BR/4BA new 2 story brick home in The Cove. FR, FDR, gourmet kitchen with island, granite, surround sound, sunroom, HW floors. Must see! \$366,791 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>14 E. WILLIAMS ST.</b> 4BR/2BA all brick home on corner lot available. Lots of space and priced to sell quickly! \$55,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p><b>59 CARROL DRIVE</b> \$45,000. Cute 2 story bungalow, 4BR/2.5BA. HW Floors, lg fenced in bkyd, storage shed. All appliances including washer and dryer convey. Lg den w/fireplace. Call Gwen @ 803-460-9154</p>	<p><b>1905 ADIRONDACK COURT</b> Gorgeous home on cul-de-sac in popular Beach Forest. Screen porch, private bkyd, open floor plan, tall smooth ceilings, granite, HWDS, cathedrals, Garage w/AC &amp; BA. \$225,000. Call Retta 803-968-3925</p>
<p><b>1758 GLENMORANGIE</b> 2 Story 5BR/2.5BA open floor plan, MBR on main, vaulted ceiling, dbl sink vanity, garden tub shower combo, WIC, granite, large family room. \$167,924. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>3865 MOSELEY</b> Convenient to Shaw is this 2 story, 2600 sqft, 6BR/3.5BA bath home. MBR on main, vaulted ceilings, WIC, shower/garden tub combo. Granite. \$ 193,639. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>985 DOVER</b> 3BR/2BA , NEW roof, flooring and HVAC in 2015. Home has been extremely well maintained. Move in ready, priced to sell, a must see! \$19,900. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p><b>145 NAUTICAL</b> Built by Mungo! The Patterson B, Elite Collection , Huge Master suite downstairs W/sitting room, 2 lg WIC, 6BR/3.5 Baths plus bonus room. Granite, island, ss. \$384,261 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>2895 CAITLYNN DRIVE</b> \$270,000. 4BR/3BA, 2230 sqft, Updates galore, all wood &amp; tile floors, granite, deck, stone patio, workshop fenced, custom features abound! Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p><b>5539 BORDEN ROAD</b> Move in ready mobile home located on an acre lot on Borden Road. 3BR/2BA with the option of having the home furnished. \$ 58,000. Call Pamela @ 702-266-7450</p>
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- 0 Mills St. .31 acre Vacant lot in Mayesville.** Great deal. \$5,000. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062
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- 228 W. Liberty St.** Formerly Nu Idea school supply. 30,000sqft office / warehouse. Good site for commercial redevelopment. \$1,000,000. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409
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- 9 E Moore St.** Former Family Wash Laundromat. Ideal for retail site. Next to Family Dollar. \$159,000. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409

# OPIOIDS FROM PAGE A1

EMS is able to save the majority of people experiencing an overdose, Hingst said. "We will do everything we can if time is on our side," he said.

Hingst said the next step after reversing an overdose is to introduce that person to programs that can help them stay clean.

Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark III expressed the same concern for making sure people addicted to opioids receive treatment to overcome their addiction.

The opioid problem is a health issue as well as a crime issue, he said.

Roark said treatment combined with confinement could be effective in keeping a person drug free. And the fact that someone is a habitual user should be factored into the sentencing, he said.

Money will be spent to keep that person incarcerated and provide health care, so it would be efficient to use part of that money to provide addiction treatment, he said.

The first time a person goes through a rehabilitation program may not be effective, but mandatory confinement and treatment could be a better approach, Roark said.

He also said a mandatory minimum sentence for people convicted of selling or distributing opioids could be effective on the enforcement side of things.

Locally, Roark said the police department is evaluating the situation and taking steps to get the drugs off of city streets as well as educating the public about the dangers of the drug.

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said heroin used to be common among middle-aged people about 20 years ago but usage of the drug increased during the past three years.

He said heroin usage, which decreased decades ago, has come back and is now as common as crack cocaine and marijuana. It's like the use of heroin increased overnight, he said.

Investigators are finding that most of the heroin brought into Sumter County comes from northern states, Dennis said.

He said the heroin that is being sold today is much stronger than the drugs that were sold decades ago because other drugs, such as Fentanyl, are being mixed in. There's no way to know what is mixed in with the heroin or how strong it is, Dennis said.

Dennis said he plans to meet with Hingst to discuss how to educate the public. The best education would come from the people who see the effects of opioids on a daily basis, he said.

Education is more effective than incarceration, he said.

# White House pitches revised health care bill to skeptical U.S. governors

BY MATT O'BRIEN  
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Trump administration is struggling to get support from skeptical U.S. governors for a revised health care bill before the U.S. Senate.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Seema Verma made their pitch Saturday morning during a closed-door meeting of the bipartisan National Governors Association. Vice President Mike Pence also met several of the governors privately after his public address at the Rhode Island conference on Friday.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, one of the bill's most prominent Republican skeptics, said Saturday it's unlikely they changed anyone's mind.

"I am struggling to validate the numbers that are being presented to me by the administration, versus what I'm hearing from independent (experts), what I'll likely hear from the (Congressional Budget Office), what I'm hearing from back home," Sandoval said after the governors-only meeting.

Sandoval has expressed concerns about the legislation's cuts to the Medicaid program for the poor and disabled. His position is important because of the pressure he could place on Nevada's Republican Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada, a possible swing vote.

With two GOP senators already opposed to the legislation, one more "no" vote would kill the bill outright in a Senate divided 52-48 between Republicans and Democrats. Sandoval said "Sen. Heller's his own man" but he's trying to give him the best information about how the legislation would affect their state.

"He's the United States senator. At the end

of the day, he's the one who pushes the button," Sandoval said. "I'm going to inform him about how I feel about the bill."

Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association, said the mood at the Saturday breakfast meeting was "tense" and "there are a lot of Republican governors who apparently have a neck problem, because they were all looking down."

Malloy added that a few Republican governors did ask questions. Others said they raised their concerns to the White House in one-on-one meetings.

Wisconsin Republican Gov. Scott Walker said he had an "extensive meeting" Friday with Pence and Price and "we're hopeful they're going to get to a point where they're going to have a repeal-and-replace that works." Walker declined to say if he supports the current version.

"I haven't read through it all yet so I've still got to look at it," Walker said. "It just came out yesterday."

Participants said the meeting with governors included an appeal from Democratic Delaware U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, who is a former governor, asking the Trump administration to put the debate on hold and look for a bipartisan solution.

The conference's host, Rhode Island Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo, said she didn't think anyone's mind was changed.

"If the federal government is trying to save hundreds of billions of dollars, the money's got to come from somewhere, and it either means it's coming from taking health insurance away from people who are now insured under the Medicaid expansion, or it means shifting the financial burden to the states," she said. "Either way, that's bad for Rhode Island and bad for many of the states whose governors were represented at that meeting."

# COLLISION FROM PAGE A1

responsibility, and it has been a couple of years now," he said. "It has been trying on them."

Brauchle said the family was pleased the government did not try to pin blame on Joe Johnson, who was piloting the Cessna at the time of the collision.

"They shouldn't have, but the fact that they didn't was good for the family," he said.

The collision occurred only 4 minutes after the Cessna lifted off from Berkeley County Airport at 10:57 a.m., July 7, 2015. The complaint states that the Cessna became visible to air traffic control 41 seconds later at an altitude of 200 feet. The details in the complaint were not challenged in the government's response.

For the next 3 minutes, the Cessna began climbing and tracking in an easterly direction, passing 1,000 feet at 8 seconds later, the complaint said.

A few minutes earlier, at 10:52 a.m., the F-16, with the handle "Death41," contacted air traffic control for permission to practice a tactical air navigation system instrument approach to runway 15 at Charleston International Airport. Three minutes later, the air traffic controller instruct-

ed the F-16 pilot to descend to 1,600 feet.

According to the complaint, the ATC radar system issued a visual and aural conflict alert between the two aircraft at 11:00:13 a.m. Then seconds later, the controller transmitted, "Death41, traffic twelve o'clock two-mile opposite direction one thousand two hundred, indicated type unknown."

Twelve seconds later (11:00:24), the F-16 pilot responded: "Death41 looking."

At 11:00:26 the controller transmitted, "41 turn left heading 180 if you don't have that traffic in sight."

The pilot responded: "confirm two miles?"

At 11:00:34 the controller transmitted: "Death41, if you do not have traffic in sight turn left heading one eight zero immediately."

The F-16 began a gradual turn to the south. Radar reported the F-16 at 1,500 feet, 100 feet below its assigned altitude, the complaint said. The Cessna was not in contact with the ATC and was not required to be, according to an Air Traffic Safety Commission report.

At 11:00, the F-16 struck the Cessna, slicing it in half, the complaint states.

The Cessna crashed near the Cooper River, the com-

plaint said, and the two occupants were killed.

The complaint alleges the controller never issued any conflict or safety alert to the pilot and failed to render proper "appropriate radar services" to the aircraft.

Brauchle said that with the government's admission of liability, the details of the incident are now moot as far as the lawsuit is concerned, and the only remaining issue is the amount of damages.

Since the time of the collision, the National Traffic

Safety Board has issued a report that uses the incident as an example of the limits of the "see-and-avoid" strategy and suggested air traffic control and air traffic be equipped with better cockpit technology to avoid collisions.

"We want to highlight the limitations of the see-and-avoid concept and call attention to the alternatives,"

NTSB spokesman Peter Knudsen said after the release of the report. "There are affordable options for pilots to install equipment that can help

avoid such incidents."

In the report, board investigator Dennis Diaz said the controller told investigators she had thought the Cessna would stay within its Moncks Corner local traffic pattern but realized it was climbing and a crash was possible.

The report said the F-16 and the Cessna "were not equipped with any traffic display or alert technologies" that would have avoided the crash. The tactical radar system aboard the F-16 did not detect the Cessna, the report said.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Owner: Clarendon County

Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. Project No.: 11159-0014

Separate sealed bids for construction of the **Phase IIA - Water System Improvements** for the Clarendon County will be received at the Clarendon County Administration Building located at 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, South Carolina 29102 in the Council Chambers until **2:00PM (Local Time) on August 17, 2017**, and then publicly opened and read aloud at said location. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective. The deadline for submitting questions is **August 10, 2017**. All questions should be submitted in writing (e-mail preferred) to Clarendon County's consultant engineer, Robert "Bob" M. Freeman, PE, of Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. at [BFreeman@alliancece.com](mailto:BFreeman@alliancece.com).

Sealed BIDS may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Tamika Malone, Procurement Director  
Clarendon County Administration Building  
411 Sunset Drive, Procurement Department, Room 603  
Manning, South Carolina 29102

This project consists of providing all required materials, equipment and labor necessary to complete the construction of **Phase IIA - Water System Improvements for Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department**. Generally, the installation of approximately 3,620 linear feet of 12-inch water main including horizontal directional drill (HDD), three (3) fire hydrants, an altitude control valve assembly and concrete manhole, a pressure reducing valve assembly and concrete manhole and all necessary appurtenances to tie in to the existing ground storage tank and distribution system within the Wyboo Water System. Specific details are included within the Construction Plans and Technical Specifications.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be lump sum.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Contract, Plans, Specifications, Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Payment Bond and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Clarendon County Administration Building: 411 Sunset Drive, Procurement Department, Room 603, Manning, South Carolina 29102

iSqFt Planroom Partnership Offices: Columbia, SC, Greenville, SC, Charleston, SC, Charlotte, NC, and Raleigh, NC (via scanned Images to FTP Site).

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Engineers: Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc., 115 Central Island Street, One Central Island Plaza, Suite 150, Charleston, SC 29492-7319

Bidders must deposit security with all bids. Security shall be in the form of a certified check or bid bond made payable to the Owner, and shall be for an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. Provisions of the security shall be as described in the Information for Bidders.

No bid will be considered unless the bidder is legally qualified under the provisions of the South Carolina Contractor's Licensing Law (SC Code of Laws as amended in 1999, Chapter 11, Sections 40-11-10 through 40-11-428). Contractors shall have a South Carolina Contractor License Classification of **PL, WL, or WP**. The Group Limitation shall be **Group 3 or above**. The only exception allowed will be Group Limitation shall be **Group 2** if the potential bidders bid amount does not exceed the limitation of **\$200,000**.

**BIDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FROM ANY VENDOR THAT OWES DELINQUENT BUSINESS PROPERTY TAXES TO THE COUNTY OF CLARENDON.**

This project is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) and is subject to its' requirements.

Total project shall be monitored and performed in compliance with all local, state and federal mandates, including, but not limited to: SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, US Department of Labor, US Environmental Protection Agency and their delegated counterparts.

Specifications are not intended to be restrictive, but shall ensure compliance with industry standards. The purpose of specifications will set a standard by which all bids received will be studied and compared; where "brand names" or proprietary names, manufacturer or trade names are used, the term "or equal" shall apply. Such reference is made for the purpose of defining the minimum performance and quality desired, the contractor may offer product deemed equal, bids failing to meet all of the specifications will not necessarily be rejected, but any deviations must be clearly noted to be considered.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** Each bidder shall fully acquaint themselves with the conditions relating to the scope and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the conditions of this Bid. The failure or omission of a bidder to acquaint themselves with existing conditions shall in no way relieve them of any obligation with respect to this Bid or to the contract. All amendments to and interpretations of this solicitation shall be in writing and issued by Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. Neither Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department nor Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. shall be legally bound by any amendment or interpretation that is not in writing.

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The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any, all or any part of bids received as a result of this request, to waive any informalities or to cancel in part or in its entirety this request, if it is in its best interest to do so. The Owner will be sole judge as to whether bids submitted meet all requirements. All bids submitted shall become the property of the Owner. This solicitation does not commit the Owner to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of bids or to procure or contract for goods or services. The Owner is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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COMMENTARY

## District's embarrassing mess affects us all

The current turmoil in Sumter School District threatens the remarkable progress we have made recently in Sumter. Our schools have highly motivated educators who prepare children for the future and young people who are eager to learn. Prospects for a technology high school — our next “big step” in continuing to improve the lives of our citizens — were looking very good; but then came the audit for the 2015-16 fiscal year. And now the South Carolina Department of Education has placed our district on “fiscal watch” due to financial irregularities, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is investigating the district.

How did the district get into this mess? How did it spend \$6,226,760 more than it had in revenues during the last fiscal year? When did the superintendent and board know about the deficit? What we are told is that the board and/or superintendent were blindsided by this budget deficit. It is hard to believe that the district was suddenly hit with millions in unanticipated expenses in the last month of a fiscal year or that the administration and the board did not know of it until the audit some three to six months later.

The board has not addressed the issue of culpability for the district's financial failures. Any administrator in the public or private sector would have lost his job under similar circumstances. Yet the district superintendent, who is ultimately responsible, has not been held accountable. The Department of Education and SLED inquiries will likely answer the questions we have, but Sumter cannot wait for these investigations to be completed. We need positive action now.

The district hired a financial expert to advise it but rejected his advice to close four very small schools. The continued operation of these four schools, with a combined enrollment of less than 800 students, takes resources away from 17,000 other district students. Closing four inefficient schools this year or two such schools this year and two more



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next year could have had the district back on the right path quickly.

The current situation is an embarrassment, but the real consequences are that it is damaging economic development, affecting decisions about living in Sumter when one is assigned to Shaw Air Force Base and impeding our growth and prosperity generally.

We have signed this because we recognize how critical great public schools are to Sumter, and we know how the current problems are hurting us. Each of us serves on an entity charged with making Sumter the best that it can be, but the statements in this column are our own. None of our agencies has taken a vote on the matter of our public schools, but we are confident that almost every civic leader agrees with what we write above.

It is time to change the course of Sumter School District and to work together for great schools in Sumter. Before this can happen, the board of the district must show courage and leadership. Every citizen has many reasons to want great public schools, whether he or she has children in the public schools or not. For instance, the school district's budget is greater than the city and county budgets combined, and over half of the property taxes you pay goes to our public schools. But the biggest reason is the future of Sumter — our young people.

*Editor's note: Steve Creech is the former mayor of Sumter and chairman of the military affairs committee of Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce for the past 15 years. Sumter native Jim McCain was elected to Sumter County Council District 6 in 2014 and is now the council chairman. He has also worked on the County Planning Commission. Joe McElveen is mayor of Sumter and was recently elected to serve his fifth four-year term. Greg Thompson is a Sumter School District Finance Committee member and is president and CEO of Thompson Construction Group Inc. and chairman of Thompson Industrial Services LLC.*

COMMENTARY

## Leftist loons are weakening the country we love

In his usually trenchant commentary, *Wall Street Journal* columnist Daniel Henninger on Thursday began with this observation: “If Donald Trump recited the ‘Star-Spangled Banner’ before a baseball game, it would be criticized as an alt-right dog whistle. So naturally spring-loaded opinions rained down in Poland after he delivered a defense of Western values. Only this particular president could say, ‘Let us all fight like the Poles — for family, for freedom, for country, and for



**Hubert D. Osteen Jr.**

God,’ and elicit attacks from the left as sending subliminal messages to his isolated rural supporters and from the anti-Trump right as a fake speech because he gave it. We live in a cynical age.”

“The Trump ‘base,’ it's still out there, isn't it? It was conventional during the presidential campaign to think of the Trump candidacy as a beat-up bus caravan of marginalized citizens, who someone called the deplorables. In the event, about half the total U.S. electorate somehow voted for the man who in Warsaw gave a speech that his opponent, Hillary Clinton — or any current Democrat — would never give.”

Henninger goes on to state that Trump's Warsaw speech last week on Western civilization “was really about the current edition of the Democratic Party and its two-term leader, Barack Obama. Mr. Trump momentarily suppressed the urge to call out his opposition, so allow me.”

“The Trump ‘base’ knew the 2016 presidential election — the contest between Mr. Obama's successor or whoever would run against her — wasn't just another election. It was a crucial event, deciding whether America would go on in the Western tradition as it had developed in the U.S. or continue its steady drift away from those ideas.”

Dan concludes with this thought: “If there is one controlling Western idea developed across centuries in Europe, including by resort to war, it is that the individual person deserves formalized protection from the weight of arbitrary political authority, whether kings, clergy or dictators.”

And I might add, from the loons on the radical left who are contaminating America's political system and weakening the country that we live in and cherish.



COMMENTARY

## We can do better for S.C.'s health care

For the past several months, I've listened as Congress debated the future of America's health care system, from the American Health Care Act passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in May to the Better Care Reconciliation Act that now stands before the U.S. Senate. And I must say that from the perspective of a health care provider, this proposal is not good for South Carolina.

The most recent analysis from the Congressional Budget Office projects that the BCRA would cause 22 million Americans to lose access to health coverage and dramatically increase out-of-pocket spending, particularly for older citizens. This is not only because the BCRA would increase the amount of cost sharing for health insurance for many Americans, but also because it would allow insurers to charge older adults aged 50-64 more money for their health insurance. This would make health insurance too expensive for this population and force many of the state's vulnerable elderly to drop their health coverage.

The BCRA would also drastically reduce the amount of Medicaid funding relied on by South Carolina's poor, elderly and disabled citizens. Because South Carolina has a large number of low-income citizens and an overall poor status of

health, our state has been identified as one of the states that would suffer the most under the Medicaid cuts proposed by the BCRA. And by cutting Medicaid funding, South Carolina would virtually lock in these health disparities for years to come. Even if dire economic times forced more South Carolinians onto the Medicaid rolls, we would have less support from the federal government to help those vulnerable citizens. If a public health outbreak like Zika were to hit South Carolina, we would not have the federal resources to address a major increase in utilization within the Medicaid population.

South Carolina is home to roughly 4.9 million people, and 1.2 million of those citizens rely on Medicaid as their safety net for access to care. That's one quarter of the state's population, and many of them are children. Based on their income and circumstances, there simply isn't another viable option for them to access affordable health coverage. And of the approximately 115,000 people who call Sumter County home, almost 35,000 of our neighbors, family and colleagues depend on Medicaid for health care access. That's roughly one third of the county. South Carolina, and especially Sumter County, simply can't afford to see Medicaid reduced for our friends and loved ones.

Meanwhile, states like Massachusetts and New Jersey would continue to spend significantly more on their Medicaid beneficiaries and lock in enhanced funding subsidized

by the taxpayers here in South Carolina. In fact, a recent analysis commissioned by the Texas and Missouri hospital associations found that the 19 conservative states like South Carolina that stood up to Obamacare's Medicaid expansion will have foregone an additional \$737 billion in federal Medicaid expenditures compared to states that opted to expand the program. It just doesn't make sense to me that the states that were steadfast in their opposition to Obamacare will now be disadvantaged by a proposal that ultimately hurts our hospitals and the patients and communities we serve.

As someone with decades of experience in health care, who has served in various roles from nursing supervisor to the board room, I recognize that Obamacare has its flaws, and I stand ready to work with Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott to make it better. However, the BCRA currently proposed in the Senate will not make things better for South Carolina. It will make things worse for my state, my community and my hospital.

*Terrie Carlton is the nurse executive for Palmetto Health Tuomey. She is a board-certified registered nurse with a master's in nursing. She's also a licensed nursing home administrator for the state of South Carolina. Terrie has been at Tuomey for 26 years, starting as a bedside nurse on the medical-surgical unit. She was recently named a Woman of Impact for the Palmetto Health system.*



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Here are just some of the souvenirs available at the South of the Border's gift shop in Dillon County.

## Palmetto State attraction

### South of the Border survives during modern times

BY LIBBY WIERSEMA

The Post and Courier of Charleston

HAMER — For hours, whimsical billboards count down the miles to exit 1A on South Carolina's stretch of Interstate 95 where a giant sombrero hovers in the sky similar to a neon UFO.

Pedro, the mustachioed 97-foot-tall patron saint of travelers in need of a pit stop, beckons. Visitors can drive through his legs and find a parking place. It's time to stretch, hit the bathroom, grab a hot dog, see some alligators and snag a few fireworks to detonate on the beach.

South of the Border is a roadside mash-up of novelty architecture, tacky souvenir shops and wacky attractions. If Las Vegas hooked up with Route 66 and had a baby, this would be it.

Whether you think it's cute is a matter of opinion. Granted, there are plenty of haters out there, people who dismiss the place as a run-down tourist trap. Some sniff at the idea of setting foot in Pedro's wonderland for reasons that run the gamut, from sheer snobbery to objections over racial stereotyping.

But the South Carolina tourist staple is the product of a Jewish man who hired African-Americans at a time when that was unpopular in the region.

"The history of South of the Border reflects the complexity of race relations in the U.S. South in many ways," said Nicole King, author of "Sombrosos and Motorcycles in a Newer South: The Politics of Aesthetics in South Carolina's Tourism."

Based on recent visits to the Dillon County attraction, South of the Border shows signs of its age but remains a very popular highway respite, especially for those headed to the Grand Strand.

"Our business is up so far this season," said Rosa Dunson, South of the Border's personnel director.

#### AN ATTRACTION IS BORN

In 1949, the people of Robeson County, North Carolina, were facing the unpleasant realities of the county's prohibition on booze sales.

So Alan Schafer, owner of Schafer Distributing and a beer wholesaler just over the state line, erected a pink, cinder-block stand in Hamer and named it South of the Border Beer Depot. Within a few years, a small motel was added and the name was shortened to South of the Border.

The theme ramped up quickly after Schafer returned from a business trip to Mexico with two new employees in tow. In a time largely devoid of political correctness and cultural sensitivity, people felt fine referring to the men who worked as bellboys at the site's motel as Pedro and Pancho, according to the attraction's website. Soon, everyone called them both "Pedro" and the idea for the smiling bandito-like mascot was born.

More attractions were added to the flourishing tourist complex, and South of the Border's motif was applied with a heavy hand: sombrosos, tacos, tamales, cacti, ponchos and, of course, Pedro, a character intended to elicit laughs and add a lighthearted touch to Schafer's pet project.

By the 1960s, South of the Border stretched 300 acres and, like its own little town, had a drugstore, post office, barber shop, variety store, eateries, gas station, campground and saloon.

The attraction has ebbed a bit from that high-water mark, but under the direction of Schafer's family, South of the Border has maintained its special campy niche since its creator died in 2001.

#### A DAY AT THE BORDER

It's a typical June day in South Carolina, the kind where you break into a sweat standing still. Cars pull off the interstate and swarm into the complex, which is split in half by U.S. 301.

The pulse of the action is felt at Rocket City, a massive fireworks warehouse.

"Where we're from in Northern Virginia, fireworks are illegal," Dan Marciano said holding his massive haul of explosives. He, his wife and two children are on their way to North Myrtle Beach. "We always stop to grab enough for the week. One of the best things about the beach here is setting off fireworks at night."

Inside Mexico West — said to be the largest gift shop on the premises, souvenir hunters search through thousands of items. There are Pedro figurines in all sizes, a huge inventory



Pedro, the mustachioed 97-foot-tall mascot of South of the Border, welcomes travelers in need of a pit stop.

of ceramics, hundreds of hats, and tables of colorful blankets called serapes.

People line the entry to the Sombrero Tower, Pedro's version of the Space Needle. For \$2, tourists can get a bird's-eye view on a 200-foot observation deck situated in the brim of the giant hat.

The employment pool — which once included former Federal Reserve Chairman, Ben Bernanke, a Dillon native who worked summers there as a teen — is a mix of more than 300 North and South Carolina locals. That number falls short of the 700 or so that once made South of the Border the largest employer in Dillon County. Still, the impact is significant to this area, which is home to more than 32,000 people.

"South of the Border contributes a lot in terms of tourism and employment," said Tony McNeil, director of Dillon County Economic Development. "They are a large contributor to our tax base, too, so, it's far more than a tourist attraction to us."

#### COMPLICATED BACKSTORY

The construction of South of the Border might have started as a business experiment, but it became a cultural one, too.

In the predominately Southern Baptist farming community of Hamer, Schafer's Jewish heritage distinguished him as a minority, a position he used not only to stretch the conservative mores where alcohol was concerned but to obscure racial boundaries.

Schafer not only routinely employed African-Americans and other minorities, he helped register them to vote, as noted in King's book and a Schafer family memoir archived by the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina. Schafer stood up to angry Klansmen over South of the Border's diverse workforce, according to the memoir. The confrontation ended with a rifle-carrying Schafer demanding that the mob depart.

Coming from a man whose roadside attraction was built on cultural stereotypes and what many consider blatant racial insensitivity, it's a contradiction that has not gone unnoticed.

"In the context of today's political climate of racism, anti-immigrant and anti-Semitic prejudice, South of the Border is a place that can push us to both reflect on the South's fraught history of slavery and inequality, and to see beyond the simplistic white-black binary of Southern race relations," said King, the tourism book author.

Despite the cultural shifts over the decades, South of the Border and Pedro remains popular kitsch with tourists.

## High Plains drought worst some longtime farmers have seen

BEULAH, N.D. (AP) — Drought in North Dakota is laying waste to fields of normally bountiful food and hay crops and searing pastures that typically would be home to multitudes of grazing cattle.

Some longtime farmers and ranchers say it's the worst conditions they've seen in decades — and simple survival has become their goal as a dry summer drags on without a raincloud in sight.

"We've never been in this sort of boat, honestly," said Dawn Martin, who raises beef cattle with her parents and husband in the southwestern part of the state, an area the U.S. Drought Monitor says is in "extreme" drought.

"We're just trying to make it through and work it out," she said. "There are a lot of people in the same boat. I don't know what the answer is."

The drought's impact likely will be felt not just by farmers but also consumers, state Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said. Agriculture in North Dakota is an \$11 billion a year industry, and the state leads the nation in the production of nearly a dozen crops.

"It's going to affect bread at the grocery store counter," Goehring said, though he didn't put a figure on how much costs might go up for shoppers. "Dry beans — navies, pintos — are going to be affected to a degree. Canola, that production is going to be cut, and that's going to have an effect on vegetable oil."

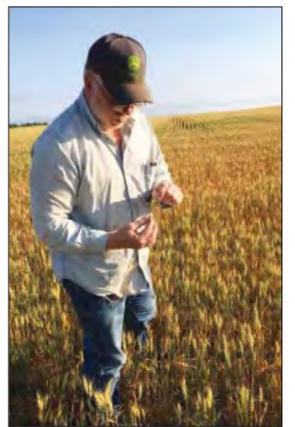
The latest Drought Monitor map shows nearly all of western North Dakota in severe or extreme drought, conditions that extend into northern South Dakota and northeastern Montana.

Most of the rest of North Dakota is in moderate drought or abnormally dry. John Weinand has had less than 2.5 inches of rain on his farm near Beulah, which is northwest of Bismarck, since the beginning of May. He's used to getting more than 3 inches in June alone.

Weinand figures his wheat crop will be half what it usually is. As for his field peas, he expects to harvest fewer than 100 pounds per acre, compared with a typical 3,000 pounds per acre. He won't even try to sell his barley; he's already rolled it up into hay to feed his cows.

"If we get some rain we'll have some corn and soybeans, but at this point it doesn't look very promising," he said.

The Martins have sold off about one-third of their cattle because the grass in their pastures is brown and brittle and they've already started dipping into winter hay reserves. They'll likely send their remaining animals to a feedlot for the winter, but they might need



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Farmer John Weinand surveys a wheat field last week near Beulah, North Dakota, that should be twice as tall as it is.

to find second jobs to cover the expense.

"What we're trying to do is hold onto our main cow herd, get through the year, and hopefully next year is better," Martin said.

The situation is much the same across ranching country, with the best hay production about a fourth of normal. In pastures where grass might typically be 2 feet tall, "now we're talking grass that if you laid a pop can on its side, it would be taller," Goehring said.

More than one-third of North Dakota's staple spring wheat crop and nearly three-fourths of the state's pasture and rangelands are rated in poor or very poor condition, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. USDA estimates spring wheat production will be down 27 percent from last year; oats, barley, durum wheat and winter wheat also will be down dramatically. The production reports released last week for South Dakota and Montana are much the same.

USDA has designated numerous counties in the three states as natural disasters, paving the way for emergency loans for producers. The Agriculture Department has authorized other aid, including forage disaster payments and emergency haying and grazing of land enrolled in conservation and wetland programs.

Hay is in great demand — a North Dakota State University website that helps match hay buyers with sellers lists nearly 60 ranchers seeking hay. The demand has pushed prices to as much as double the normal cost.

"Everything good is pretty far away," Martin said. "The hay is going to be expensive, and the trucking is going to be expensive to get it here. That's where we're at — weighing the cost."

If the drought persists into next year, it could start pushing producers out of business, officials and farmers say. But one year of extreme conditions, though a hardship, will be manageable for most.

"We'll make it through," Martin said. "We're a resilient bunch."

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# Scholar traces origins of Midwest 'flyover country' derision

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The name of President Trump appears only once in professor Jon Lauck's new book about perceptions of the Midwest as "flyover country," and then only in a footnote involving polling in Missouri.

Yet the book's exploration of decades-old historical trends helps explain the attraction Trump held in the election for people who felt alienated by the political and cultural mainstream.

"When the twentieth century dawned, the American Midwest stood tall as the republic's ascendant and triumphant region economically prosperous, politically formidable, culturally proud, and consciously regional," Lauck writes in "From Warm Center to Ragged Edge: the Erosion of Midwestern Literary and Historical Regionalism, 1920-1965."

Yet just a few decades later, in an era of growing globalism, "vocal intellectuals recast the Midwest as a repressive and sterile backwater filled with small-town snoops, redneck farmers, and zealous theocrats," wrote Lauck, a history and political science professor at the University of South Dakota.

The book takes its title from an observation by Nick Carraway in F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Great Gatsby": "Instead of being the warm center of the world, the Middle West now seemed like the ragged edge of the universe — so I decided to go East and learn the bond business."

The region's isolationist tendencies after World War II were out of sync with the rest of the U.S., Lauck said, and these tendencies clashed with the country's growing cosmopolitanism and desire to be part of the larger world.

Intellectuals' increasing hostility to-

ward the Midwest also discouraged some writers from telling the region's stories, including accounts of everyday life in the Midwest, Lauck wrote. Others who tried were pushed aside, such as Ohio's own Louis Bromfield, a Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist who is now little known outside the state.

"It is a major cultural problem in this nation, the extent to which the coasts kind of dominate the culture — Manhattan and Hollywood in particular," Lauck said in an interview.

History professor Nicole Etcheson dates coastal disdain for the Midwest farther back into the 19th century, when the area was still considered the "West," a region inhabited by uneducated people including an ungainly looking fellow named Abraham Lincoln whose accent and demeanor took the country some getting used to.

"Flyover country has deep historical roots in old regional prejudices and attitudes of the East toward the uncivil-

ized frontier," said Etcheson, who teaches at Ball State University.

Among some additional observations in Lauck's book, published last month by University of Iowa Press.

• "Geography and history and place and regional attachments still matter in the world. Fargo is not San Diego. The revolts of the Quebecois and Catalanian secession and Grexit and Brexits continue to lead the news and Scottish rebels still fight the 1707 Act of Union."

• "Victorian ideals were especially strong in the rural areas and small towns of the Midwest, leaving the region vulnerable to the criticisms of the literary modernists."

• "The early Midwest was the place that the first genuinely American tradition of democracy took root, after all, and where the democratic tradition expanded to include more of the republic's citizens and a functional ethnic pluralism took root."

## OBITUARIES

### SUSAN EVE MCKNIGHT

Funeral services for Susan Eve McKnight will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church, 50 Cal-len Drive, Sumter, SC 29150, with the Rev. M.G. Walters officiating. Interment will follow in Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church cemetery.

Ms. McKnight will be placed in the church at noon for viewing until the hour of service.

The public may view from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

Susan Eve McKnight transitioned on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of James R. McKnight and the late Betty E. James.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by a brother, Frankie McKnight.

Survivors are her beloved father, James R. McKnight of the home; two sisters, Frances McKnight and Caroline McKnight, both of Sumter; a brother, Ray (Kim) McKnight of Spartanburg; a foster sister, Theresa Washington; a special nephew like a brother, Eugene (Kenyetta) McKnight; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family.

Condolences may be made on her tribute page found at [www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com](http://www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com).

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

### ROBERT B. HACKETT

Mr. Robert Burton Hackett, 79, died Friday, July 14, 2017, in Rock Hill.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. with a funeral mass starting at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 292 Munn Road, Fort Mill.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Hackett was the son of the late Raymond J. Hackett and Mary Virginia McDonough Hackett.

He graduated from Duquesne University and was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Berlin Wall crisis. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, Rolling Hills Country Club in Monroe, North Carolina, Sunset Country Club in Sumter, the Panera Coffee Club and retired from Cooper Industries after 28 years.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Kathleen Lavery Hackett; son, Kirk Hackett (Lorrie) of Charlotte; daughter, Deneen McSwain (Eric) of Charlotte; brothers, Raymond Hackett (Helen) of Aurora, Colorado, and Patrick Hackett (Dorothea) of DuBois, Pennsylvania; sisters, Terry Byrne (Pat) of Pittsburgh, Mary Pat Mariani (Michael) of Pittsburgh and Peggy Venning of Beaufort; and four granddaughters.

In lieu of flowers, memori-

als may be made to the Building Fund at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church.

### REBECCA M. KIRVEN

Rebecca Moore Kirven, 99, widow of John Ira Kirven, died Thursday, July 13, 2017, at the National Healthcare Center.

Born in Bull-ock County, Georgia, she was a daughter of the late Ira and Daisy Kernodle Moore.

She graduated from Register High School, Register, Georgia.

She was an active member of the Pinewood Baptist Church for more than 70 years, where she was also a member of the Fidelis Sunday class and Young at Heart.

She was a wonderful wife, parent, grandparent and great-grandparent.

Surviving are one daughter, Iris Painter (Bill) of Sumter; one son, John Kirven (Sallie) of Edisto; five grandchildren, Sheri Corbett Wall (Ron) of Manning, Mitchell Corbett of Columbia, John Kirven III (Carol) of Atlanta, Georgia, Michael Kirven (Emily) of New York, New York and Stephen Kirven (Tina) of Roswell, Georgia; nine great-grandchildren, Rebecca Wimsatt (Chris), Alison Corbett, Ryan Corbett, Wesley Corbett, Emily Kirven, Sallie Kirven, Johnny Kirven, Eve Kirven and James Kirven; two step-great-grandchildren, Parker Wall Johnson (Michael) and Jay Wall (Amanda); and four step-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Pinewood Baptist Church, with the Rev. Kirk Carlisle officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church and other times at the home of Iris Painter, 132 Tucson Drive.

Burial will be in the Pinewood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pinewood Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Pinewood.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com).

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.



### ETHEL LEE M. WILLIAMS

Ethel Lee McKnight Williams, widow of John Williams Sr., entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in the privacy of her home.

Ethel Lee was born on Feb. 19, 1928, in Clarendon County, to the late Joe and Inez Butler. "Momma Lee," as she was affectionately called by her family and many friends, had a kind and loving spirit and an illuminating smile. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, cooking, gardening and family gatherings. Ethel Lee was

educated in the public schools of Sumter County. She worked as a head cook for Cole's Restaurant for 39 years. Ethel Lee's religious experience began during her childhood. She was reared in a Christian environment. She was a lifelong member of Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church. She served on the senior citizens and senior missionary ministries.

The light of this beloved person will shine through her three loving daughters, Betty (Herbert) Gardner Sr. of Bossier City, Louisiana, and Bessie Williams and Mary Ann (Jerry) Hunt, both of Sumter; two wonderful sons, John Williams Jr. and Velt "Lionel" (Pamela) Williams, both of Sumter; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-grandson; three sisters, Sarah Haygood, Ella Chestnut and Mary Irving, all of Baltimore; one sister-in-law, Rosa Stokes of Baltimore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her a son, Roy "Tony" Anthony Williams; and a brother, Willie Stokes.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. Nate Brock officiating, assisting will be Minister Gerald Richardson, the Rev. Eugene Winn, the Rev. William Dukes and the Rev. Marvis Stewart. Burial will follow in Mulberry Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Public viewing will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 41 Webb Ave.

The staff of Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

### STEPHANIE WILLIS

Stephanie Willis, 53, died on Friday, July 14, 2017, at her home.

Born on May 11, 1964, in Manhattan, New York, she was a daughter of Susan Jackson Willis and the late Steven Willis.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 913 Clay St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

### JOHN H. LOWERY

John H. Lowery departed this earthly life on Sunday, July 9, 2017, at Sumter Health and Rehabilitation Facility.

Born on Aug. 1, 1935, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Ruth Jenkins Speech. He was reared by his adoptive parents, the late Ben and Mary Lizzie Jenkins Lowery. He attended the public schools of Sumter County and migrated to Brooklyn, New York, as a young adult. He was employed with Blue Ridge Farms in Brooklyn for many years prior to retiring and relocating back to Sumter. Upon returning to Sumter, he joined Mt. Olive AME Church, where he was a faithful member.

John leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Joy Spruill-Lowery; one daughter,

Tammy Lowery; three sons, Carnell Spruill (Tracey), Shawn Spruill and Jonathan Lowery; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Louise Moses of Brooklyn and Mary Davis of Paterson, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mt. Olive AME Church, 2738 Woodrow Road, Woodrow, with the Rev. Dr. Friendly J. Gadson, pastor, eulogist, assisted by the Rev. J. Elbert Williams and the Rev. Frank Williams Jr.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at his home, 60 Hillard Drive, apartment 7, Sumter, and from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Garden, Pear Street, Woodrow.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com).

Visit us on the web at [www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com).

### DAVID PORTER

David Porter, 79, husband of Audrey Porter, died on Friday, July 14, 2017, at his residence in Sumter.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Thomas and Hattie Swinton Porter.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1385 Salt-erstown Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

### JAMES E. DUBOSE

James Edward "Jimmy" DuBose entered this world on May 12, 1948, the first-born son of the late James Henry and Ida Mae DuBose of Sumter.

Jimmy, as he was known to nearly everyone, transitioned on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

Jimmy was raised in the Presbyterian Church and received his foundational spiritual teachings as a youth while attending Bethlehem Second United Presbyterian Church.

As an adult, Jimmy was a freethinker when it came to his spirituality, but he never strayed far from his Christian roots and took a great deal of pride in being able to think for himself.

After graduating from Lincoln High School in 1966, Jimmy enlisted in the United States Army and served as a radio technician and fireman while on active duty.

After completing basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, Jimmy was sent to Korea for 18 months before returning to the U.S., where he was sent to Fort Hood, Texas.

A little-known fact about Jimmy happened during the 1968 riots in Detroit when he made a "Muhammad Ali" like decision when he refused to go to Detroit to help quell the riots.

While controversial at the time, as was Muhammad Ali's decision not to go to Vietnam, many later respected his decision not to participate in "oppressing" his people.

In January 1996, Jimmy fell in love with and married Sally B. Dow.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife Sally B. DuBose of Sumter; stepson, Eric (Felicia) Dow and step-grandchildren, Christopher Dow, Juancarlos Hechavarria and Ny' Stacia Hechavarria; his brothers, Harry A. DuBose of Sumter and Ted (Stephanie) DuBose of Charlotte; his sister, Sharon DuBose of Columbia; nieces, Shaunda (Greg) Lamar of Houston, Texas, Stacey DuBose of Chicago, Illinois, Courtney DuBose of Charlotte and Selena Williams of Sumter; nephews, Carl "Carlos" DuBose of Atlanta, Georgia, Lt. Cmdr. U.S. Coast Guard Quinton DuBose of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and David Lamont Greene of Sumter; and sister-in-law, Ida B. Greene of Sumter.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Monday at Job's Mortuary.

Mr. DuBose will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Reatha Nelson, officiating and the Rev. Joann Murrell, eulogist.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 224 Clement Road, Sumter.

Job's Mortuary is in charge of arrangements, 312 S. Main St., Sumter.

### HESTER R. PEARSON

MANNING — Hester Ragin Pearson, 84, widow of Robert Pearson, died Friday, July 14, 2017, at her residence, 1915 MW Rickenbaker Road, Manning.

She was born Nov. 1, 1932, in Manning, a daughter of the late John Ragin and Elizabeth Moorer Ragin.

The family is receiving friends at her residence.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

### DAISY B. DAVIS

BLYTHEWOOD — Daisy Bell Davis, 75, died Thursday, July 13, 2017, at her residence, 472 Holly Berry Circle, Blythewood.

She was born April 18, 1942, in Manning, a daughter of the late Evans Davis Sr. and Katie Malette Davis.

The family is receiving friends at her residence.

These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC, Manning.

### PEARSON YORK SR.

Pearson York Sr., 70, husband of Betty Kennedy York and son of the late Jerome York and Maple Scott, was born on Dec. 4, 1946, in Lee County.

He departed this life on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at his residence.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 2045 Ave. B, Mayesville.

Job's Mortuary Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

AROUND TOWN

The VFW and VFW 10813 Auxiliary announce the following to be held at the post home, 610 Manning Ave.: 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, meeting; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 22, a fish and chips and pulled pork / barbecue sandwich sale; and 5-9 p.m. Sunday, July 23, a wine and cheese sip, requested donation of \$7 at the door. The community is invited.

visitors are always welcome. Call (803) 775-8840. Summer Movies at the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St., will offer the following movies at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the following Thursdays: July 20 - "The Jungle Book," July 27 - "Nine Lives" and Aug. 3 - "The Lego Batman Movie;" and the following movies at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the following Fridays: July 21 - "Ghostbusters" and Aug. 18 - "Sixteen Candles." Admission is \$1, and popcorn and water are available for \$1 each. Call (803) 436-2616 for information.

PUBLIC AGENDA

MANNING CITY COUNCIL Monday, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will be difficult to control.

dismiss a plan that should never have begun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay focused on what's possible and refuse to get into an argument with someone who doesn't see things the way you do.

Channel your energy into an endeavor that will encourage positive personal changes. Getting together with someone from your past will be enlightening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick close to home. Delays, overspending and problems with transportation, communication and interference will be apparent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone you least expect will make an abrupt change that will leave you feeling angry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Think matters through carefully. Making a move based on emotions and anger will not bode well when it comes to making headway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make things happen. Take pride in what you do and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you get.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep life simple. Refuse to let the little things get to you. Avoid overreacting or excessive behavior.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let professional problems ruin your time spent with friends or family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Strut your stuff and show off how stylish you are. Aim to please using charm, romance and finesse.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Joint ventures should be off limits. You will end up being used if you get into a situation that shares responsibilities.

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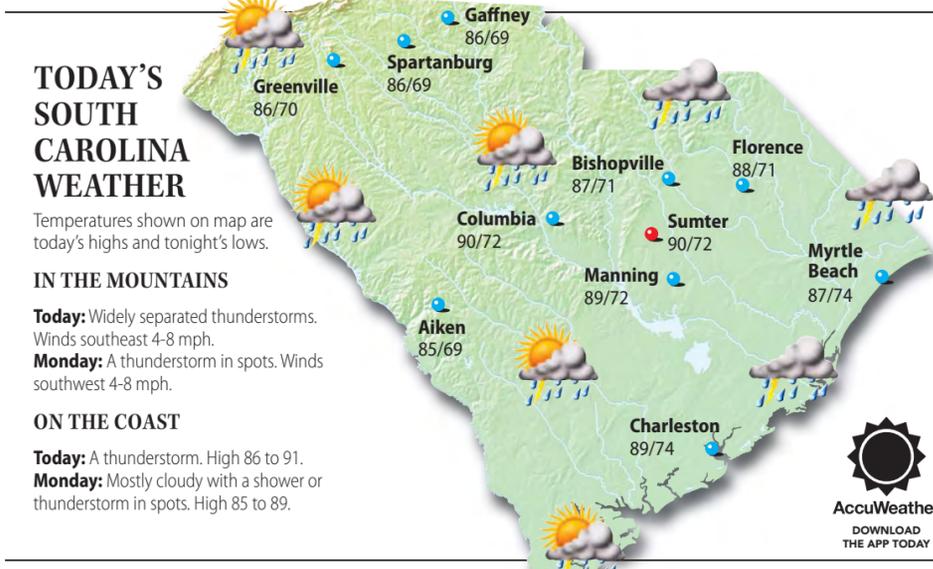
Crossword grid with clues and answers.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperatures, and wind speeds.



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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes high/low, normal, and record values.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with 4 columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists lakes like Murray, Marion, Moultrie, and Wateree.

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Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for July 16, 23, 30, and Aug 7.

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Table with 4 columns: High, Lt., Low, Ht. Shows tide times for Today and Mon.

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Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/Lo/W, Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/Lo/W, Hi/Lo/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, etc.

Advertisement for Jimmy's Heating and Air, LLC celebrating 10 years in business. Includes contact info and Trane logo.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

Crossword grid with answers for Saturday's puzzle.

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9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

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HIKER CEASE CUDDLE ANYHOW After a long day of casting sinister spells, the evil witch had a — WICKED HEADACHE

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## PRO TENNIS

# Muguruza beats 'role model' Williams for 1st Wimbledon title

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

LONDON — As a kid, Garbine Muguruza sat in awe in front of the TV as the Williams sisters accumulated Grand Slam titles. They were her role models.

Now Muguruza is all grown up, an emerging tennis star in



MUGURUZA

powered her way to her first Wimbledon championship by playing fearlessly and domi-

her own right — and, as of Saturday, the only woman who can boast of beating each Williams in a major final.

Muguruza



V. WILLIAMS

games. "It's great to go out there and play somebody that you

admire," Muguruza said. "I knew she was going to make me suffer and fight for it."

This was Williams' 16th Grand Slam final and ninth at the All England Club. At 37, she was bidding for her sixth title at the grass-court major, 17 years after her first. And she was so close to gaining the upper hand against Mugu-

ruza, holding two set points at 5-4 in the opener. But Muguruza fought those off and never looked back.

"She competed really well. So credit to her," Williams said. "She just dug in there."

For Muguruza, this final was her third at a major.

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## PRO BASEBALL

# Life in pinstripes



AP FILE PHOTO

Sumter native and New York Yankees starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery talked with Justin Driggers of The Sumter Item about his first half-season in the Major Leagues that saw him go 6-4 with a sub 4.00 earned run average.

## Sumter native Montgomery answers questions about first season in majors

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS  
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Former Sumter High School, Sumter P-15's and University of South Carolina standout left-handed pitcher Jordan Montgomery just completed his first half-season as a member of the New York Yankees.

Through 17 starts (this includes Montgomery starting the Yankees' game against Boston on Friday, their first after the All-Star break), Montgomery is 6-4 with a 3.78 earned run average in 95 1/3 innings pitched. He's allowed 90 hits, 44 runs, 40 earned runs, 14 home runs and has struck out 90 compared to 31 walks.

The Bronx Bombers' No. 5 starter talked via phone with The Sumter Item sports writer Justin Driggers for a question and answer segment about his first experiences as a Major League pitcher:

**SI: Are you enjoying the All-Star break?**

**JM:** Yeah it's good to be home; good to get out of

New York and relax and not worry about baseball.

**SI: Did you watch your teammates in Monday's Home Run Derby?**

**JM:** Yeah Gary (Sanchez) and (Aaron) Judge killed it. Of course, Judge won and Gary knocked out (Giancarlo) Stanton. It was cool

SEE PINSTRIPES, PAGE B6

## Short outing, no decision for Montgomery in Yanks' 5-4 loss

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — New York Yankees rookie left-handed pitcher Jordan Montgomery had the shortest outing of his career on Friday against the Boston Red Sox in the Yankees' 5-4 loss at Fenway Park. However, he didn't get the loss.

Montgomery, the Sumter native, worked just four innings and gave up three runs. He struck out three, but walked three and allowed six hits.

New York scored three runs in the top of the fifth to go up 4-3, but Montgomery didn't return in the bottom of the inning.

The Yankees held the lead until the ninth when closer Aroldis Chapman walked in the winning run without recording an out, handing Boston the win.

The Yankees hard-throwing closer gave up two runs in the ninth for his third blown save. New York entered tied for the major league lead with 17 blown saves.

"That happens to all pitchers," Chapman said. "Sometimes you get into a game and you have an inning like that where you're not as sharp as you would like to be."

Mookie Betts and Dustin Pedroia started the comeback with consecutive singles and a successful double steal. Betts scored when second baseman Ronald Torreyes booted Xander Bogaerts' groundball.

After an intentional walk to

SEE MONTGOMERY, PAGE B6

## LEGION BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

# P-15's score 7 runs in 8th, sweep Lexington

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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The Sumter P-15's looked like they were in store for another nail-biting finish against Lexington Post 7 in Game 3 of their American Legion baseball second-round state playoffs series on Friday at Riley Park.

After surviving for a 7-5 win on Thursday in Lexington, Sumter was clinging to a 5-3 lead after Lexington scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning. However, the P-15's took away any drama by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the inning for a 12-3 win and a sweep of the best-of-5 series.



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lexington second baseman Dalton Lansdowne makes a catch to force out Sumter's Dawson Price at second in the P-15's 12-3 win on Friday at Riley Park. The P-15's swept the best-of-5 second-round state playoffs series.

Sumter advances to the state tournament, which begins on Saturday, July 22, at Riley Park. The P-15's, who

are 19-7 on the season, should enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed from the lower state.

"It means a lot to earn a spot in the state tournament," said P-15's head coach Steve Campbell, whose team would

have still had a spot in the 8-team tournament had it not

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## SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

## TODAY

**7:30 a.m.** - Formula One Racing: British Grand Prix from Silverstone, England (CNBC).

**7:30 a.m.** - International Cycling: Tour De France Stage 15 from Le Puy-en-Velay, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**9 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's Final Match from London (ESPN).

**10 a.m.** - Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Final Round from Ayrshire, Scotland (GOLF).

**12:30 p.m.** - Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Final Round from Ayrshire, Scotland (WIS 10).

**1 p.m.** - PGA Golf: John Deere Classic Final Round from Silvis, Ill. (GOLF).

**1 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Boston (TBS).

**1:30 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Arizona at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

**2 p.m.** - PGA Golf: U.S. Women's Open Final Round from Bedminster, N.J. (WACH 57).

**2:30 p.m.** - High School Basketball: Nike Peach Jam Finals from North Augusta (ESPNU).

**3 p.m.** - Amateur Golf: American Century Championship Final Round from South Lake Tahoe, Nev. (WIS 10).

**3 p.m.** - PGA Golf: John Deere Classic Final Round from Silvis, Ill. (WLTX 19).

**3 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's Final Match from London (WOL 25).

**3 p.m.** - IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Honda Indy Toronto from Toronto (CNBC).

**3 p.m.** - Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Senior Players Championship Final Round from Baltimore (GOLF).

**3 p.m.** - WNBA Basketball: Washington at New York (NBA TV).

**3 p.m.** - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Overton's 301 from Loudon, N.H. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).

**6 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Playoffs Semifinal Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).

**6 p.m.** - International Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup Group C Match from San Antonio - Jamaica vs. El Salvador FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).

**6 p.m.** - Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Utah Championship Final Round from Farmington, Utah (GOLF).

**7 p.m.** - WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Minnesota (NBA TV).

**8 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Boston (ESPN).

**8 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Playoffs Semifinal Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).

**8:30 p.m.** - International Soccer: CONCACAF Gold Cup Group C Match from San Antonio - Mexico vs. Curacao FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).

**9:30 p.m.** - Track and Field: IAAF Diamond League Meet from Rabat, Morocco (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**10:30 p.m.** - International Soccer: Mexican League Match - Guadalajara vs. Tigres (UNIVISION).

## MONDAY

**7 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches from Bastad, Sweden (TENNIS).

**10 a.m.** - College Football: Big 12 Football Media Days from Frisco, Texas (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, FOX SPORTS 2).

**11 a.m.** - Professional Tennis: Swedish Open Early-Round Matches from Bastad, Sweden (TENNIS).

**12:30 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Washington at Cincinnati (MLB NETWORK).

**4 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: Croatia Open Early-Round Matches from Umag, Croatia (TENNIS).

**6:05 p.m.** - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).

**7 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Toronto at Boston (ESPN).

**7 p.m.** - IRL Racing: Indy Light Series from Toronto (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**7:30 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Arizona at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

**10 p.m.** - NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Playoffs Championship Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).

**10 p.m.** - International Soccer: Manchester United vs. Real Salt Lake from Sandy, Utah (ESPN2).

**10 p.m.** - Major League Baseball: Cleveland at San Francisco or San Diego at Colorado (MLB NETWORK).

**10 p.m.** - Professional Tennis: World TeamTennis Match - New York at Philadelphia (TENNIS).

## MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

## EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	51	39	.567	—
Tampa Bay	48	43	.527	3½
New York	45	42	.517	4½
Toronto	42	47	.472	8½
Baltimore	42	47	.472	8½

## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	47	41	.534	—
Minnesota	45	44	.506	2½
Kansas City	44	44	.500	3
Detroit	39	49	.443	8
Chicago	38	50	.432	9

## WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	61	29	.678	—
Texas	44	45	.494	16½
Los Angeles	45	48	.484	17½
Seattle	44	47	.484	17½
Oakland	40	50	.444	21

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs 9, Baltimore 8  
Boston 5, N.Y. Yankees 4  
Toronto 7, Detroit 2  
Houston 10, Minnesota 5  
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 2  
Texas 5, Kansas City 3  
Oakland 5, Cleveland 0  
Tampa Bay 2, L.A. Angels 1, 10 innings

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 4:05 p.m.  
Toronto at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Houston, 7:10 p.m.  
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.  
Texas at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
Cleveland at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

## TODAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees (Mitchell 1-1) at Boston (Porcello 4-11), 1:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Estrada 4-6) at Detroit (Sanchez 1-0), 1:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 4-8) at Baltimore (Jimenez 4-4), 1:35 p.m.  
Minnesota (Gibson 5-7) at Houston (Fiers 5-4), 2:10 p.m.  
Seattle (Moore 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 2:10 p.m.  
Texas (Darvish 6-8) at Kansas City (Kennedy 3-6), 2:15 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Archer 7-5) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 3:37 p.m.  
Cleveland (Bauer 7-7) at Oakland (Manaea 7-5), 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-8) at Boston (Price 4-2), 8:05 p.m.

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto at Boston, 7:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
Seattle at Houston, 8:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.  
Cleveland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

## EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	53	36	.596	—
Atlanta	43	45	.489	9½
Miami	41	47	.466	11½
New York	40	47	.460	12

Philadelphia	29	59	.330	23½
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## CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	51	41	.554	—
Chicago	44	45	.494	5½
St. Louis	43	46	.483	6½
Pittsburgh	43	47	.478	7
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	10½

## WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	62	29	.681	—
Arizona	53	37	.589	8½
Colorado	52	40	.565	10½
San Diego	38	51	.427	23
San Francisco	35	56	.385	27

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs 9, Baltimore 8  
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2  
N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 2  
L.A. Dodgers 6, Miami 4  
Washington 5, Cincinnati 0  
Atlanta 4, Arizona 3  
Milwaukee 9, Philadelphia 6  
San Francisco 5, San Diego 4

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.  
Washington at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

## TODAY'S GAMES

Colorado (Hoffman 5-1) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 2-2), 1:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 5-4) at Miami (TBD), 1:10 p.m.  
Washington (Roark 6-6) at Cincinnati (Bailey 2-2), 1:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Godley 3-3) at Atlanta (Garcia 2-7), 1:35 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 4-8) at Baltimore (Jimenez 4-4), 1:35 p.m.  
St. Louis (Martinez 6-8) at Pittsburgh (Williams 3-4), 1:35 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Hickson 5-5) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-4), 2:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Samardzija 4-10) at San Diego (Cahill 3-3), 4:40 p.m.

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.  
Cleveland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## TENNIS

By The Associated Press

## WIMBLEDON RESULTS

## Saturday

## At The All England Lawn Tennis &amp; Croquet Club

## London

## Prize: \$41.1 million (Grand Slam)

## Surface: Grass-Outdoor

## Singles

## Women

**Championship**  
Garbine Muguruza (14), Spain, def. Venus Williams (10), United States, 7-5, 6-0.

## Doubles

## Men

**Championship**  
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Marcelo Melo (4), Brazil, def. Oliver Marach, Austria, and Mate Pavic (16), Croatia, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 13-11.

## Women

**Championship**  
Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Monica Niculescu (9), Romania, 6-0, 6-0.

## TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

## BASEBALL

**American League**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned OF Craig Gentry outright to Norfolk (IL). Reinstated 1B Chris Davis from the 10-day DL.

**BOSTON RED SOX** — Placed RHP Joe Kelly on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Recalled RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket (IL).

**CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Reinstated RHP Miguel Gonzalez and 2B Tyler Saladino from the 10-day DL.

**CLEVELAND INDIANS** — Placed OF Lonnie Chisenhall on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Tyler Naquin from Columbus (IL).

**KANSAS CITY ROYALS** — Placed RHP Neftali Feliz on paternity leave. Recalled RHP Miguel Almonte from Omaha (PCL).

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Optioned RHP Mike Morin to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated OF Mike Trout from the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Jose Alvarez from Salt Lake.

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Placed RHP Michael Pineda on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Tuesday. Optioned INF/OFS Rob Refsnyder and Tyler Wade to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reinstated 2B and Starlin Castro and DH Matt Holliday from the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Jordan Montgomery from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

**TEXAS RANGERS** — Sent RHP A.J. Griffin to the AZL Rangers for a rehab assignment. Traded INF Yeyson Yizarri to the Chicago White Sox for 2017 international slot compensation.

**TORONTO BLUE JAYS** — Sent RHP Joe Smith to Buffalo (IL) for a rehab assignment.

## National League

**ATLANTA BRAVES** — Placed RHP Jason Motte on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Jason Hursh from Gwinnett (IL). Sent OF Danny Santana to Gwinnett for a rehab assignment.

**COLORADO ROCKIES** — Sent OF David Dahl to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Agreed to terms with C Shawn Zarraga on a minor league contract.

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — Optioned RHP Michael Blazek to Colorado Springs (PCL). Recalled OF Brett Phillips from Colorado Springs.

**NEW YORK METS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Bryce Hutchinson on a minor league contract.

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** — Reinstated 3B Eduardo Nunez from the 10-day DL. WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Adler on a minor league contract.

## HOCKEY

## National Hockey League

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** — Signed C Nico Hirshier to a three-year, entry-level contract.

## WNBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	11	8	.579	—
Washington	11	8	.579	—
Atlanta	8	9	.471	2
New York	8	9	.471	2
Indiana	7	11	.389	3½
Chicago	6	12	.333	4½

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	14	2	.875	—
Los Angeles	13	5	.722	2
Phoenix	11	7	.611	4
Dallas	9	11	.450	7
Seattle	8	10	.444	7
San Antonio	2	16	.111	13

## FRIDAY'S GAMES

Washington 72, Indiana 58  
Chicago 78, New York 68  
Minnesota 88, Phoenix 71

## SATURDAY'S GAME

Atlanta at Seattle, 9 p.m.

## TODAY'S GAMES

San Antonio at Connecticut, 3 p.m.  
Washington at New York, 3 p.m.  
Chicago at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

## MONDAY'S GAME

Indiana at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

## AUTO RACING



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Always a fan favorite, Joey Logano is hoping to turn that momentum into a victory on his home track today during the Overton's 301 at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H.

## Fan favorite Logano aims for top spot at New Hampshire

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Joey Logano can always count on top billing when he races at what counts as his hometown track.

Take a walk at the New Hampshire fan zone and Logano's name is on the marquee high above the ground for the film "Cross-Threaded." Logano stars with drag racer Robert Hight in a trailer for the faux film sponsored by AAA that centers on the buddy team searching for the missing Golden Lug Nut.

"Turn right!" Hight urges during a high-speed chase.

"I can't! I don't know how!" Logano says.

Cut to the next scene, the drivers watch in mock shock, the car engulfed in flames.

Yes, the preview clip lived up to its "AAA" rating for bad acting and cheesy catchphrases. Fans waiting in line to collect Logano bobbleheads got a kick out of the film and perked up when it was announced Logano would appear this morning to sign autographs.

"I'd be here nice and early," the cheery MC announced.

Logano, a native of Middletown, Connecticut, will surely find a line a few hours before he slides into the No. 22 car for today's race. Site of his first career Cup win, Logano has always enjoyed a robust following at the speedway.

"I feel like I am Dale Junior because everybody likes me," Logano said, referencing NASCAR's most popular driver.

Logano needs more than sitting atop the NASCAR Q Score among New England race fans as he makes a push for one of the final playoff spots.

The 27-year-old Logano is

## OVERTON'S 301 LINEUP

By The Associated Press  
Friday's qualifying; race today  
At New Hampshire Motor Speedway  
Loudon, N.H.  
(Car number in parentheses)

- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 133.077 mph.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 132.688.
- (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 132.324.
- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 132.071.
- (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 132.035.
- (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 132.002.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 131.966.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 131.701.
- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 131.692.
- (10) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 131.506.
- (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 131.247.
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 131.806.
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 131.651.
- (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 131.551.
- (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 131.352.
- (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 131.297.
- (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 131.270.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 131.207.
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 130.788.
- (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 130.738.
- (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 130.559.
- (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 130.224.
- (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 129.927.
- (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 130.532.
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 130.394.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 130.354.
- (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 130.287.
- (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 130.082.
- (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 130.078.
- (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, 129.393.
- (23) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 129.322.
- (38) David Ragan, Ford, 129.292.
- (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 128.998.
- (55) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 128.035.
- (15) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 127.731.
- (83) Ryan Sieg, Toyota

## PRO BASKETBALL

# NBA stars cluster in Western Conference

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI  
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — As star after star headed West this summer either in free agency or via trade, Los Angeles Clippers coach Doc Rivers became more and more bewildered.

"I think Gordon Hayward's the smartest one. He got out of town," Rivers said, referring to the All-Star's move from Utah to Boston. "He went to the East. I really don't understand the logic of this. It is what it is. It's just going to be a harder conference, if that's possible."

Paul George, Jimmy Butler and Paul Millsap were all All-Stars in the Eastern Conference last season who will play in the West next season. Chris Paul chose to leave the Clippers, but stayed in the West to join James Harden in Houston and important role players like Jeff Teague, P.J. Tucker and Patrick Patterson all left teams in the East to come West for a run at the Golden State Warriors.

Rather than running from the Warriors, who burned down the league last season and seemed poised to dominate for the near future with four All-Stars all in their prime, most teams in the West are running right into the fire.

"The other way, that's a defeatist attitude," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "How long can you wait? I don't know if Kevin Durant, Steph Curry, Klay and those guys are going anywhere for a while. You just can't go into hibernation, wake up and say, 'OK, it's our time.' We compete."

One of the most common measurements of a single player's impact on a team's overall success is win shares — an analytic that estimates the number of wins a player produces for his team. Using that as a guide, calculated by



New Minnesota point guard Jimmy Butler, right, is the latest in a long line of NBA players who have vaulted for the Western Conference, which has been superior to the East for many years. Next season promises to have the widest talent gap yet after another flurry of stars left their teams in the East to try to challenge the mighty Warriors in the West.

the research site basketball-reference.com, the Western Conference has added 174.5 win shares to its roster this summer. That number takes into account free agent signings, like Millsap leaving Atlanta for Denver, the major trades of George from Indiana to Oklahoma City and Butler to Minnesota, and the re-signings of players including Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant with Golden State.

The Eastern Conference, by contrast, added 127.6 win shares by Friday afternoon. Hayward was the lone bank-

able star to move from the West to the East, while Kyle Lowry re-signed with Toronto and Otto Porter stayed with Washington on a new four-year, \$110 million deal.

For more than two decades the Western Conference has lorded over the East in terms of talent disparity. Next year figures to be a bigger gap than ever before.

"You would think with all the picks that the East has had over the last 15 years, but they draft a great guy and he comes West," Rivers said. "So I don't know what's going on.

Growing up it was the exact opposite. It was the East and the Lakers when I was a kid. Now it's the West and a couple of teams. It's just a period we're going through I guess. I hope it stops."

Two years ago, the league explored the idea of changing the playoff format to seed teams 1-16 regardless of conference. But concerns about excessive travel and the fact that the team records were often skewed by the level of competition they most often faced in the regular season led the NBA to stick with the

status quo.

On Wednesday, NBA commissioner Adam Silver did not rule out revisiting the issue again down the road.

"I think many of us felt a 1-16 playoff made more sense," Silver said, referring to the committee discussions two years ago. "And maybe there's also the potential, it's in some ways a separate issue, should you reseed after every round as some leagues do? I think those are the things we'll continue to look at, but it's not at the top of the agenda right now."

## PRO BASEBALL



Cincinnati shortstop Zack Cozart is having a career year and might be one of the big names moved at the trading deadline for teams interested in acquiring another bat for the postseason.

## Teams looking to boost lineup have options on trade market

BY ROB MAADDI  
The Associated Press

Teams looking to boost their offense have plenty of options on the trade market.

Need a slugger? The NL East has a few.

Need a catcher? A two-time All-Star could be on the move again.

Veterans, role players, pinch-hitters are all available at the right price before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline.

Here are a few hitters who could be switching teams before the end of the month:

**Jay Bruce, New York Mets, RF:** Bruce is hitting .265 with 23 homers and 59 RBIs and is in the final season of a seven-year, \$63 million contract. The Mets acquired Bruce last July and tried to move him in the offseason. The three-time All-Star is a high-priced rental, but he could carry an offense for long stretches when he's hot.

**Curtis Granderson, New York Mets, OF:** Granderson

has rebounded following a poor start and has 13 homers and 37 RBI along with a .232 average. He's also a free agent after the season. Granderson has plenty of postseason experience and is an excellent clubhouse presence.

**Lucas Duda, New York Mets, 1B:** Like Bruce and Granderson, Duda is a free agent after the season and the Mets aren't going anywhere. Duda has 14 homers and 30 RBI. He's a career .246 hitter.

**Andrew McCutchen, Pittsburgh Pirates, OF:** McCutchen has bounced back nicely after a subpar year and is hitting .295 with 17 homers and 50 RBI. He's in the final season of a 6-year, \$51.5 million contract, though the Pirates hold a \$14.5 million option for next season. He's only 30 and could anchor the middle of a team's lineup.

**Tommy Joseph, Philadelphia Phillies, 1B:** Joseph has 15 homers and 43 RBI in 298

at-bats, a year after hitting 21 homers in 315 at-bats. Joseph is only 25, so interested teams could look at him as a first baseman for the future. He's available because the rebuilding Phillies have big-time slugger Rhys Hoskins waiting for an opportunity at Triple-A.

**Jonathan Lucroy, Texas Rangers, C:** Milwaukee tried trading Lucroy twice last July, though he refused a trade to Cleveland before agreeing to move to Texas. His .256 batting average is the lowest since his rookie season in 2010 and he's a free agent after the season, but Texas is right in the mix in the wild-card race.

**Zack Cozart, Cincinnati Reds, SS:** Cozart is having a career year — .311, nine homers, 35 RBI — and was an All-Star starter, but he'll be 32 next month and becomes a free agent after the season. Most contending teams don't need a shortstop, but things can change quickly.

## As always, pitching at a premium, but who goes?

BY ROB MAADDI  
The Associated Press

Teams always seek more pitching before the trade deadline.

Whether its aces, closers, back-of-the-rotation starters or middle relievers, new arms are welcome in every clubhouse.

Of the 10 teams sitting in postseason spots at the All-Star break, eight clubs are in the top 10 in ERA.

Yes, pitching is that important.

The defending World Series champion Chicago Cubs already bolstered their rotation by acquiring 2016 All-Star Jose Quintana from the White Sox on Thursday.

Here are a few more pitchers who could be changing teams before the July 31 non-waiver deadline:

**Gerrit Cole, Pittsburgh Pirates, RHP:** Cole has struggled since going 19-8 with a 2.60 ERA in 2015. He's 7-7 with a 4.43 ERA, but he's only 26 and won't be a free agent until 2020. His upside, age and contract could bring the Pirates a hefty return.

**Jeremy Hellickson, Philadelphia Phillies, RHP:** Hellickson is 5-5 with a 4.49 ERA after starting the year 4-0. He's making \$17.2 million and will be a free agent after the season so it won't take too much

to get him from the rebuilding Phillies.

**Scott Feldman, Cincinnati Reds, RHP:** Feldman is 7-6 with a 3.94 ERA. He's 34 and will be a free agent after the season. Feldman pitched well out of the bullpen for Houston last season so he's a nice fit for a contender that needs a starter who could pitch in relief in a postseason series.

**Sonny Gray, Oakland A's, RHP:** Gray is 10-15 with an ERA approaching five the past two seasons after winning 14 games in 2013 and 2014. But he's been outstanding in his last four starts — 1.33 ERA, 21 strikeouts, 11 hits in 27 innings. The 27-year-old won't be a free agent until 2020, so he's another starter who can find a new home and be part of the rotation for a few years.

**Edinson Volquez, Miami Marlins, RHP:** Volquez is 4-8 with a 4.19 ERA after signing a two-year, \$22 million contract. The well-traveled veteran has postseason experience and won a World Series with the Royals two years ago.

**Pat Neshek, Philadelphia Phillies, RHP:** Neshek was one of the best relievers in the first half, posting a 1.27 ERA and earning his second trip to the All-Star Game. He has 36 strikeouts and only five walks in 35 1/3 innings.



Oakland ace Sonny Gray is one of the pitchers who could be moved at the trading deadline as teams look to bolster their rotations for the postseason.

SPORTS ITEMS

# SHS swim team will hold interest meeting on July 25

The Sumter High School swim team will be holding a parents-swimmers information meeting on Tuesday, July 25, beginning at 6 p.m. in the school's Commons Area.

Students who will be in grades 7-12 this year at Sumter High or its middle school feeder schools are eligible to participate. Practice for the upcoming season will begin on Aug. 7 at the City of Sumter Aquatics Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A school sports physical must be completed and current to begin practice. Forms can be downloaded from the school district website or picked up at the school.

For more information, contact head coach Cathy Kirkhart at [Cathykirkhart@yahoo.com](mailto:Cathykirkhart@yahoo.com).

## FENG LEADS U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN BY 1

BEDMINSTER, N.J.— Front-running Shanshan Feng rolled in a shot birdie putt on the final hole Saturday to take the third-round lead in the U.S. Women's Open.

Teenager Hye-Jin Choi and perennial Open bridesmaid Amy Yang were a stroke back heading in the final round of the biggest event in women's golf — and one that had an even bigger stage with President Donald Trump in attendance for the second straight day.

Feng, from China, shot a 1-under 71 to reach 9-under 207 at the president's Trump National Golf Club.

Choi and Yang each shot 70.

## RODGERS MAINTAINS 2-SHOT LEAD AT JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

SILVIS, Ill. — Patrick Rodgers shot a 3-under 68 on Saturday to maintain a 2-stroke lead in the John Deere Classic.

Rodgers had a 16-under 197 total at TPC Deere Run.

Daniel Berger shot a 63 to match Scott Stallings (64) at 14 under.

Nicholas Lindheim (66) was 13 under, and Jamie Lovemark (66), Bryson DeChambeau (70) and J.J. Henry (68) were another stroke back. Area favorite Zach Johnson had a 70 to drop five strokes back.

## LANGER TAKES 1-STROKE LEAD IN SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Bernhard Langer shot a bogey-free 6-under 66 on Saturday and took advantage of Brandt Jobe's late collapse to take a 1-shot lead into the final round of the Constellation Senior Players Championship.

Langer had six birdies to complete the third round at 18 under. He trailed after 15 holes but made up three strokes over the next two holes to take control of the major tournament he's won the last three years.

Jobe shot a 65 to finish the day in second place. Corey Pavin (71) and Scott McCarron (69) were tied for third at 12 under.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shanshan Feng hits a shot from the 18th fairway during the third round of the U.S. Women's Open on Saturday in Bedminster, N.J. Feng holds a 1-shot lead heading into today's final round.

## AP SOURCE: PELICANS AGREE TO TERMS WITH RONDO

A person with knowledge of the situation of tells The Associated Press that the New Orleans have agreed in principle on a one-year deal with Rajon Rondo.

Rondo was a 4-time All-Star and won a championship with the Celtics. But he has bounced from Dallas to Sacramento to Chicago in the last three seasons.

## KYLE BUSCH DOMINATES YET AGAIN IN XFINITY VICTORY

LOUDON, N.H. — Kyle Busch dominated yet again to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Busch won for the third time this season and 89th time in his career in the second-tier series.

He wasn't challenged much late after an early-race duel with fellow Cup regular Brad Keselowski. Keselowski led 102 laps but had nothing for Busch down the stretch.

Ryan Preece was second, followed William Byron, Kyle Larson and Keselowski.

From staff, wire reports

## YOUTH BASEBALL

# P-15's hold off Aiken 7-5 at Junior Legion state tourney

SPARTANBURG — The Sumter Junior P-15's scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to open a 7-1 advantage and survived a rally by Aiken in the bottom of the inning to win 7-5 in their opening game of the American Legion Baseball Junior state tournament at Duncan Park on Saturday.

Sumter, which improved to 18-5 on the season, took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second after Aiken had scored a run in the bottom of the first. Wylie Coker walked and Seth Posey singled and scored on a 2-out single by Drake Thames.

The Junior P-15's pushed the lead to 3-1 in the fourth. Coker led off with a double, was sacrificed to third by Posey and scored on a Victor Brown sacrifice fly.

Sumter made it 4-1 in the fifth. Thames drew a leadoff walk, was sacrificed to second by Hunter McGee, moved to third on an Aaron Carlton single and scored on a Dustin Kennedy sacrifice fly.

In the seventh, Trey Yates was hit by a pitch to start the inning. Thames reached on a bunt single and McGee singled. Yates and Thames scored on separate errors and McGee scored on a Carlton sac fly.

Kennedy started for the Junior P-15's and took a 7-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh. He got two outs before Brown came in to get the final one.

Kennedy worked 6 2/3 innings, allowing nine hits and four walks while striking out six.

Thames was 2-for-3 with two runs and two runs batted in. McGee had two hits and Coker had a double and two runs.

Sumter plays at 4:30 p.m. today against Inman or Horry.

## SUMTER "O"ZONE 17

### MIDLAND 9

HARTSVILLE — The Sumter 11-12 year-old "O"Zone all-star baseball team opened the "O"Zone state tournament with a 17-9 victory over Midland on Saturday at Byerly Park.

Sumter will face Bly-thewood today at 6 p.m.

Dylan Richardson was the

winning pitcher and went 2-for-3 at the plate with a home run.

Cameron Coulter had two hits and drove in three runs, Clark Kinney had two hits, two RBI and three runs scored, Brandt Reynolds had two hits and two RBI and Ben Reynolds had two hits and two runs.

### BLUFFTON 4

### SUMTER NATIONAL 3

HARTSVILLE — The Sumter National 9-10 year-old all-star baseball team lost to Bluffton 4-3 in seven innings on Saturday in its opening game in the AAA state tournament at Byerly Park.

Sumter National meets Belton today at 3 p.m. in an elimination game.

Caleb Vaclavik had three hits to lead Sumter National and Owen Meyers had two hits. Sumter National finished with nine hits, but left eight runners on base.

Marion Davis pitched 5-plus innings of 1-hit relief.

## CHAPIN/NEWBERRY IN LEGION STATE TOURNAMENT

Chapin/Newberry defeated Camden 9-6 on Saturday afternoon in Camden to win its American Legion baseball second-round state playoff series 3-1.

That means six of the eight spots for the state tournament which begins at Riley Park have been filled. Sumter and defending state champion Florence completed sweeps of their best-of-5 series on Friday while Gaffney earned its spot on Friday as well, winning its series 3-1. Rock Hill won its series in a sweep on Thursday.

Horry and Beaufort played Game 4 of their series on Saturday night in Conway. Horry led the series 2-1.

The final spot will be filled by one of the upper state second-round losers via a playoff game. Those three teams are Greenville, Spartanburg and Fort Mill. The game is scheduled to be played on Monday, but there is still a question as to who will be in it.

From staff reports

## AREA SCOREBOARD

### GOLF

#### CHURCHES CHALLENGE

There is room for eight teams to register for the 18th annual Churches Challenge Praise Rally & Golf Tournament, which will be held Aug. 25-26.

The praise rally will be held at Alice Drive Baptist Church located at 1305 Loring Mill Road on Friday, Aug. 25, while the tournament itself will be held at Sunset Country Club on Saturday, Aug. 26.

The cost is \$45 per golfer and includes the praise dinner on Friday as well as lunch and beverages on Saturday.

Players can also purchase up to two mulligans for \$5 that can be used anywhere on the course.

Registration forms can be mailed to CGA, 1285 Clara

Louise Kellogg Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 or can be brought to the office at Dillon Park, next to Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

The tournament is known for its prizes with none greater than the \$51,000 prize if someone sinks a hole-in-one on the 18th hole.

Should someone ace the 18th hole, his or her church will receive a check for \$50,000 and the player will receive \$1,000.

For more information, contact the Christian Golfers Association at (803) 773-2171 or (803) 983-3457.

### GYMNASTICS

#### ADULT TUMBLING

The Sumter Family YMCA is offering an adult tumbling class.

The class, which will mix conditioning and basic gymnastics skills, is being held on Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per month for YMCA members and \$45 for non-members.

For more information, call the YMCA at (803) 773-1404 or visit [ymcasumter.org](http://ymcasumter.org).

### FOOTBALL

#### OFFICIALS TRAINING CLASSES

Training classes are being held for those interested in becoming high school football officials for the South Carolina High School League Football Officials Association and the Santee Wateree Football Officials Association.

Classes are being held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Sumter County Parks & Recreation Department located at 155 Haynsworth St. Attending the classes is required in order to officiate middle school, junior varsity, and varsity football games.

To learn more about the South Carolina Football Officials Association visit its website at [www.schsl.org/scofa.htm](http://www.schsl.org/scofa.htm).

For those who are interested, contact Granderson James at (803) 968-2391 or [grandersj@aol.com](mailto:grandersj@aol.com) or Richard Geddings at (803) 468-8858.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### SCISA OFFICIALS NEEDED

The South Carolina Independent Schools Association is looking to add volleyball officials for the 2017 season.

The training will involve classes and officials would have to be available for 4 p.m. matches.

For more information, con-

tact SCISA District Director Teddy Weeks at [TWeeks51@aol.com](mailto:TWeeks51@aol.com) or (803) 446-3379.

### BOWLING

#### GAMECOCK LANES SCORES

May 26-June 1  
**Sunday Night No-Tap:** Lori Williams 255-662; Tom Teigue 244-586; Vincent Sims 223-511; Nick Urban 279-776; Debbie Becchetti 247-634; Cooter Brown 244-599; Ron Poole 255.  
**Adult/Youth:** Katie Williams 145.  
**Tuesday Night Mixed:** Daniel Girdvainis 230-617; Kris Hackett 220-605; Nick Urban 617; Marie Anderson 501; John Baker 212-551; Daniel Brown 637; Paul Streaman 521.  
**Afternoon Delight:** Norvell Jackson Sr. 203-574; Austin Stephens 219-525; Mark Newman 203-463; Thad Stephens 243; Barry Brown 200.

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# Federer aims for title No. 8 vs. Cilic

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Much has changed for Roger Federer since he played in, and won, his first Grand Slam final at Wimbledon in 2003.

First of all, as he reminded everyone after moving into his 11th title match at the All England Club — with a shot at his eighth championship, more than any man in history — he favored a ponytail and some scruff on his cheeks way back then. Nowadays, his hair is short, his face clean shaven.

Another significant difference for Federer, whose 36th birthday is Aug. 8, making him the oldest men's finalist at Wimbledon since 1974?

"I didn't have kids running around, potentially waking me up at night," he said. "Today we've got to, like, close down the doors. Say, 'Daddy is sleeping.'"

He's a father of four: twin boys, 3; twin girls, 8 soon.

On the court, there are ways in which the Federer who faces Marin Cilic today is not the same as the Federer who beat Mark Philippoussis 14 years ago. The larger racket, for example, or the increased willingness to hit over the top on his backhand.

In truth, though, what's most important is this: Federer is still as capable as ever of beating everyone who stands in his way.

"This guy doesn't really seem (to be) getting any older or anything like that," said Tomas Berdych, who lost to Federer in the semifinals, "or slowing down at all."

That's certainly the case. Federer is 30-2 and tied for the tour lead with four titles in 2017, including at the Australian Open in January.

During Wimbledon, he has not lost a set through six matches; the last man to earn the title without ceding a set was Bjorn Borg, 31 years ago. He's only been broken four times, saving 16 of 20 break points along the way.

"Roger is playing maybe (some) of his best tennis of his career at the moment," said Cilic, the No. 7-seeded Croatian who hit 25 aces and returned quite well during his semifinal victory over Sam Querrey. "It's going to be a huge challenge."

They have played each other seven times previously, with Federer winning six, including in last year's Wimbledon quarterfinals. Cilic took the first two sets and even was one point from victory, before Federer came back.

The lone head-to-head win for Cilic came in one of the most significant matches of his career: 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals of the 2014 U.S. Open, where he went on to earn his only Grand Slam title.

"He knows he absolutely destroyed Roger," said Jonas Bjorkman, one of Cilic's two coaches.

That knowledge is key for this match, according to Bjorkman. So, too, is the past experience of participating in, and winning, a major final.

"He knows what it takes," Bjorkman said. "He knows how it feels to be out there, and he knows what it is to be under the pressure like that."

The 6-foot-6 Cilic, who is 28, has improved since then, too. His serve is better, as are his volleys and his inclination to move to the net. Those can help on Sunday. Would also be useful if he is able to read Federer's serves as well as he did Querrey's.

Past history favors Federer by a wide margin.

His 11 Wimbledon finals are a record for a man at any Grand Slam tournament (no one else has played more than seven at the All England Club).



Garbine Muguruza hits a return to Venus Williams during her 7-5, 6-0 victory in the Wimbledon women's singles final on Saturday in London.

## WIMBLEDON

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In her first, at Wimbledon in 2015, she lost to Williams' younger sister, Serena. But in her second, at the French Open last year, Muguruza again faced Serena — and won. That was the most recent final Muguruza had played in at any tournament until Saturday, an indication of the sort of up-and-down 12 months she's had.

But with stand-in coach Conchita Martinez pushing her to play each point on its own merits — don't look back, don't think ahead — Muguruza was able to regain her best form these two weeks. Taking the ball early, being aggressive from the start of each point and not relenting, Muguruza did to Williams what the American and her sibling often do to their opponents.

Here was how Muguruza's on-court approach was described by Spanish Fed Cup and Davis Cup captain Martinez, whose 1994 Wimbledon title was the country's most recent for a woman until Saturday: "She's very brave."

Especially against Williams. Especially in crunch time.

"I was just very composed," the 23-year-old Muguruza said. "Once I go to the big court, I feel good. I feel like that's where I want to be, that's what I practice for. That's where I play good. ... I'm happy to go to the Centre Court and to play the best player. That's what motivates me."

With the roof shut because of rain earlier in the day, each thwack of

racket strings against ball by the two big hitters created echoes around the old arena.

Williams began the proceedings with an ace. But Muguruza showed she would not be overwhelmed, returning a serve at 113 mph (182 kph) on the match's second point, and another at 114 mph (184 kph) in the third game — then winning both ensuing exchanges.

Still, Williams was so close to taking the first set, ahead 5-4 while Muguruza served at 15-40. On the first chance, a 20-stroke point ended when Williams blinked first, putting a forehead into the net. On the second set point, Williams sent a return long.

It was as if getting out of that jam freed up Muguruza — and failing to capitalize deflated Williams, who didn't win a game the rest of the way.

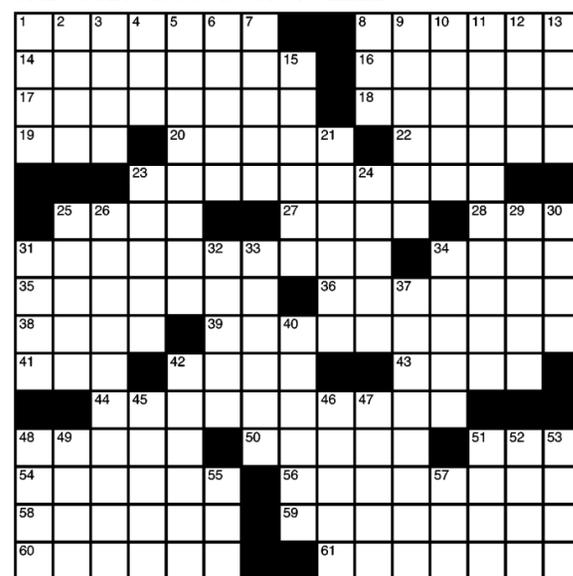
"She was getting every one of Venus's shots back. Not only getting it back, but it was deep in the court," said David Witt, Williams' coach, who thought nerves affected his player. "Venus kept having to play that one extra ball."

Williams began spraying shots to unintended spots, while Muguruza stayed steady. Williams finished with 25 unforced errors, 14 more than the champion.

It ended when Williams hit a shot that landed long, but was ruled in. Muguruza challenged the call, and after a bit of a delay, the review showed the ball was, indeed, out. Made to wait to celebrate, Muguruza eventually dropped her knees and covered her crying eyes.

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Robyn Weintraub

7/15/17

#### ACROSS

- 1 Shoots down
- 8 More than just passed
- 14 "My two cents ..."
- 16 Variation of the Latin square puzzle
- 17 Motherboards, etc.
- 18 They may be ribbons
- 19 You usually can't see your shadow on it
- 20 Scornful grin
- 22 Underhanded type
- 23 Sebastian in "The Little Mermaid," e.g.
- 25 High wind?
- 27 They get checked at airports, briefly
- 28 One on the E. Coast?
- 31 Mechanic's supply
- 34 Does some yard work
- 35 Shreds comics?
- 36 561-piece White House, for one
- 38 Works on, as comics
- 39 Shortcuts
- 41 Sun Devils' sch.
- 42 Grammy winner James
- 43 It has a Yakutsk card
- 44 Be prudent
- 48 Dodge two-seater
- 50 Yemeni neighbor
- 51 Grinch victim
- 54 Not coastal
- 56 Habitat that comes and goes
- 58 No. 2 terminus
- 59 Like some stag party members?
- 60 Blush producer
- 61 Venus, say
- 9 Maledictions
- 10 Minneapolis suburb
- 11 One or two may arrive on Valentine's Day
- 12 Furniture giant
- 13 Mastodon feature
- 15 Have trouble balancing
- 21 Engine concern
- 23 60-Across supply
- 24 Grammarian's concerns
- 25 Goes on first
- 26 It's often labeled "B"
- 29 Suggestive dance
- 30 Insurance co. requests
- 31 Second-largest branch of Islam
- 32 Nickel-and-dime
- 33 "Given the circumstances ..."
- 34 Fox product
- 37 President for 200 days
- 40 Swahili word for "problems"
- 42 Bacon recipient?
- 45 Form for a letter?
- 46 Seeking damages
- 47 Heighten
- 48 Hotel upgrade option
- 49 Cross letters
- 51 Sported
- 52 Does some yard work
- 53 Auto pioneer
- 55 Hang on a line
- 57 Walker, for short

#### Friday's Puzzle Solved



## JUMBLE

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TINGE WORLD HIGHER OUTFIT  
Answer: He was able to use the scale first because he had the — RIGHT OF "WEIGH"

## SUDOKU

### HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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# PINSTRIPES FROM PAGE B1

watching them out there having fun.  
**SI: What's this season been like for you as a whole?**

**JM:** It's been cool. I've just tried to take in everything and enjoy it. I just try to bring what I can for the team. Not try to do too much. Just trust my stuff and do what I've been doing my whole life.

**SI: When did you find out you'd been named the fifth starter, and what were the emotions after that?**

**JM:** They told me three days before (the season started). I threw a bullpen and then had an off day so I went up to the field then threw the next day. I was excited and relieved. All the years of hard work and throwing through arm pain; just everything finally leading to being in the big leagues.

**SI: What was it like to step out on the mound at Yankee Stadium for the first time (April 12 vs. Tampa Bay)?**

**JM:** I was pretty nervous. I was a little bored sitting around at first and then really anxious. You're throwing in the bullpen and you hear them calling out the lineup and then you hear "Making his Major League debut, Jordan Montgomery." It kind of sets in then and you get goosebumps. I just tried to get on the mound and forget everything else and get locked in and get in my rhythm. I struck the first two guys out and had Longo (Evan Longoria) where I wanted him (down 0-2 in count), then lost him and gave up a 2-run homer (to Rickie Weeks Jr.) So it will catch up on you quickly if you don't get locked in.

**SI: What's the biggest difference pitching in the majors as opposed to Triple-A?**  
**JM:** Guys just don't miss. If you make a mistake in Triple-A, it might be a double or they might sit on it or swing through it. But I feel like in the big leagues, if you make three mistakes in the middle of the plate, it's going to be at least two homers. You can't miss middle.

**SI: You got your first win in your second start (April 17 vs. Chicago White Sox). What was the feeling like of getting that first W in the big leagues?**

**JM:** It was good. I kind of settled in and wasn't as nervous that game. I went 6 2/3 against the White Sox and they're a pretty good team so it was cool to get that one out of the way.

**SI: What was it like batting for the time in the majors (April 23 at Pittsburgh vs. Ivan Nova)?**

**JM:** I just tried to look as comfortable as I could. I didn't want to look too nervous or anything so I tried to simplify as much as I could. I knew Nova was going to throw me sinkers. I saw it a little better than I thought, and I tried to get a pitch to hit but never got one. I walked my first time and then struck out on a heater the next time. It's tough — a lot tougher than you think it is.

**SI: You drew the first walk off Nova for the season. Surprised?**

**JM:** (Laughing) Yeah, I must have been intimidating in the box there.

**SI: Was that the first time you've batted since high school?**  
**JM:** Yes, since high school. I'd been taking batting practice a little bit before that start because I knew I would be hitting, but it's completely different.

**SI: Was there ever a time this year where you were facing a batter and thought, "Wow I'm facing ...?"**

**JM:** It never works out well when you do that, because you're giving them too much credit. But I think it was Baltimore when I was on the mound facing Manny Machado and Mark Trumbo. Those are two guys that have been doing it for a while. Machado's one of the biggest names in baseball, and Trumbo has been hitting homers for a while. That was probably the first and only time because you can't lose focus.

**SI: You had kind of a rough month of May (1 win, 3 losses) and followed that up with your best month in June (4 wins, 1 no decision). What was the difference?**

**JM:** I feel like I've been pretty consistent. I've been giving them at least five innings every game and keeping the damage below three runs. I just try to keep the game close for the bullpen whenever I'm done. I just try to go out there and make pitches.

**SI: Do the two 8-strikeout games (June 9 vs. Baltimore & June 29 at Chicago White Sox) stand out in terms of where you felt you were at the top of your game?**

**JM:** Yeah, I guess my stuff was better and my location was better, but I kind of have the same mindset going out there every game. I'm going to get this going and work off of that and then throw them my offspeed stuff.

**SI: What's the Major League lifestyle been like for you?**  
**JM:** It's like minor league life — but better. Hotels are better and you fly everywhere so that's better. But it's nothing different. You're definitely used to it in the minor leagues.

**SI: What's the biggest area you think you've improved on since the beginning of the year?**

**JM:** I feel like I can still get better in everything. My fastball command hasn't been great. I haven't really trusted my fastball up there yet. Still settling in I guess and still giving the hitters too much credit. So I've got to get out of that. But my off-speed stuff has been sharp and I've been able to put guys away. I just have to work on not giving up home runs. I've been missing middle in about once a game and that's been the difference in the games.

**SI: What's the plan for the rest of the year?**

**JM:** I would guess I'd still be the fifth man and just try to go up and do what I did the first half. I'm just going to try to put together a better second half and hopefully help us get in the playoffs.



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Sumter native and New York Yankees starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery, right, throws to first base on a groundout by Boston's Hanley Ramirez during the Yankees' 5-4 loss on Friday in Boston. Montgomery lasted just four innings, the shortest outing of his young career, but wound up with a no decision as the Red Sox rallied to win in the ninth.

# MONTGOMERY FROM PAGE B1

Hanley Ramirez, Chapman (2-1) walked Andrew Benintendi on five pitches to bring home Pedroia.

"That 3-1 pitch, I was about 90 percent take," Benintendi said. "It was gonna take a perfect pitch to swing at it."

It was New York's fourth walk-off loss of the season. The Yankees fell for just the second time this season when leading after eight innings. Chapman entered with a 6.75 ERA over his past five appearances.

Robby Scott (1-1) got the win for the Red Sox, who got their first victory over the Yankees at home this season. It was Boston's first game-ending walk since Sept. 23, 2000 against Baltimore.

Gary Sanchez had a 2-run home run and an RBI single for the Yankees.

New York, which entered the four-game series 3 1/2 games behind AL East-leading Boston, had won four of the five previous meetings against its rival this season.

Drew Pomeranz was on the mound for Boston's lone victory this season against the Yankees last month in New York. Pomeranz had seven strikeouts Friday, but allowed some pitches to get up in the zone. New York took advantage, scoring three runs in the fifth.

While Pomeranz was off, manager John Farrell liked the relentless his teammates showed at the plate to stay in the game. Most of the praise went to Ramirez. He had two hits and put the Red Sox up early, crushing his 14th home run over the left-center field fence in the third.

"He's swinging the bat like he did the second half of last year," Farrell said. "To be quite frank,

we need that type of production, and he's certainly very capable."

The Red Sox had a chance to get the lead back with runners on the corners in the seventh, but Benintendi's long fly ball to center was reeled in on the warning track by Jacoby Ellsbury.

The Yankees struck first, getting on the board in their half of the third inning. Sanchez hit a hard liner that deflected off Bogaerts' glove at shortstop and fell into left field, scoring Chase Headley. New York pulled within 3-2 in fifth on an RBI single by Brett Gardner to set up Sanchez's go-ahead homer.

Montgomery was in trouble each of the four innings. He left two runners on each of the first two innings and gave up a 2-run homer to Ramirez in the third. The Red Sox loaded the bases in the fourth and pushed across a run, but Montgomery got out of the inning without any further damage thanks to a double play.

# P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

won its way in. "There is a lot of pressure to do well because of the tradition surrounding the program. We feel like this is one of the best programs in the state and hopefully we can pull things together and make a deep run in the tournament."

Post 7, which finished the year 13-8, pushed across two runs in the eighth against Sumter relief pitcher Tradd James, who had just come in for starter and winner Dawson Price, to narrow the lead to 5-3. Lexington countered in the bottom of the inning with reliever Andrew Hanson and Sumter jumped on him immediately.

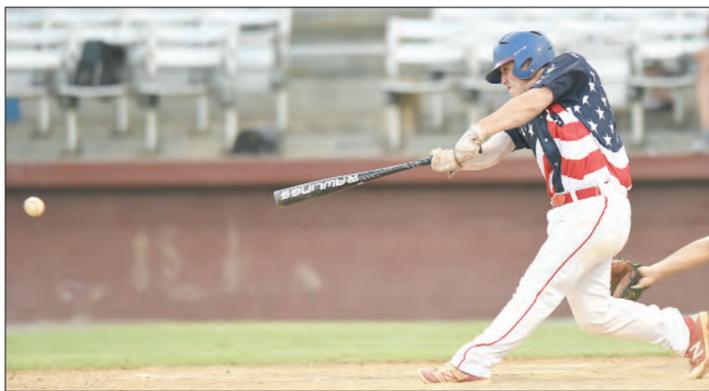
Lathan Todd drew a leadoff walk and James, in his first at-bat of the season, followed with a single. Courtland Howard drew a walk to load the bases before Caleb Larrimore delivered a sacrifice fly to score Todd and make it 6-3.

Price reached on an infield single to reload the bases and Rylan Williamson picked up his second double of the night, this one driving in two runs to make it 8-3. A walk to Joey Pereira reloaded the bases and Ryan Touchberry hit a chopper over a drawn-in infield to make it 10-3 and end Hanson's time on the mound.

"We got some timely hits in that inning," Campbell said. "We had missed on some opportunities earlier, but we came through with big hits in that inning."

The P-15's sent 12 batters to the plate, picking up 12 hits. James batted again in the inning and picked up another hit.

That outburst made it certain that Price would get the win. The right-hander had worked only 15 innings entering the game, but he allowed just one run in seven innings.



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter third baseman Joey Pereira hits a line drive in the P-15's 12-3 victory over Lexington on Friday at Riley Park to give Sumter a sweep of the second-round state playoff series.

He scattered six hits while striking out four and walking three.

"We call him Awesome Dawson," Campbell said. "He gave us what we expected from him. He went out there and pitched a great game. He did a great job of keeping them off balance."

Price tossed a shutout through the first five innings, though he had just one 1-2-3 inning. It looked like he might get another in the sixth when he retired the first two batters. However, Post 7 managed to scratch across a run.

Cameron Cribb drew a walk and moved to second on a Dalton Lansdowne single. Cribb came in to make it 2-1 when Jay Bebee singled back up the middle. Price got out of the inning by getting Jac Crouch to ground out.

Sumter responded by picking up two runs in the bottom of the inning. Joey Pereira led off with a single to left and Touchberry followed with a single to center. Pereira stole third and scored on a sac fly by Cory Blackley to make it 3-1.

The P-15's pushed the lead to 4-1 when Howard bounced a chopper through the left side to score

Touchberry.

Price worked himself into trouble in the seventh, giving up a leadoff single to Crouch and following with a walk to Chase Eargle. However, Price caught leadoff hitter Josh Senter looking at a called third strike curveball and got Walker McDowell to line into a double play to Todd at shortstop to end the inning.

The P-15's got to Lexington starter Caleb Boozer for another run in the seventh to make it 5-1. Williamson reached on a 2-base error and eventually stole home with two outs as Boozer pitched out of the windup.

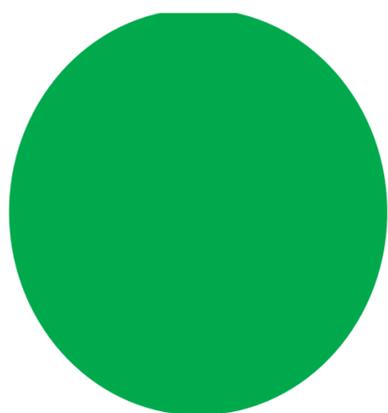
The right-handed Boozer gave up nine hits in seven innings and four of the runs were earned. He walked three and struck out two.

The P-15's finished with 15 hits. Price and Touchberry both had three hits and scored two runs. Touchberry had two runs batted in.

Williamson had two hits, both doubles, scored twice and drove in three runs. Pereira, Todd and James each had two hits. Pereira scored two runs as did Howard.

## AMERICAN LEGION STATE PLAYOFFS

<p><b>LOWER STATE</b>  <b>Second-Round Series</b>  <b>Sumter (League III 1)</b>  <b>vs. Lexington (League VIII 2)</b>  <b>Wednesday</b>                  Sumter 10, Lexington 1  <b>Thursday</b>                  Sumter 7, Lexington 5  <b>Friday</b>                  Sumter 12, Lexington 3, Sumter wins series 3-0  <b>Chapin/Newberry (League VIII 1)</b>  <b>vs. Camden (League III 2)</b>  <b>Wednesday</b>                  Chapin/Newberry 8, Camden 4  <b>Thursday</b>                  Chapin/Newberry 4, Camden 0  <b>Friday</b>                  Camden 8, Chapin/Newberry 6  <b>Saturday</b>                  Chapin/Newberry 9, Camden 6, Chapin/Newberry wins series 3-1  <b>Florence (League II 1)</b>  <b>vs. Aiken (League VIII 3)</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b>                  Florence 4, Aiken 0  <b>Thursday</b>                  Florence 7, Aiken 6  <b>Friday</b>                  Florence 14, Aiken 0, Florence wins series 3-0  <b>Beaufort (League I 1)</b>  <b>vs. Horry (League II 2)</b>  <b>Wednesday</b>                  Horry 12, Beaufort 6  <b>Thursday</b>                  Beaufort 5, Horry 4  <b>Friday</b>                  Horry 19, Beaufort 3, Horry leads series 2-1  <b>Saturday</b>                  Beaufort at Horry  <b>Today</b>                  Beaufort at Horry (if necessary)  <b>UPPER STATE</b>  <b>Rock Hill (League V 1)</b>  <b>vs. Spartanburg (League VI 3)</b>  <b>Tuesday</b>                  Rock Hill 12, Spartanburg 2</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b>                  Rock Hill 13, Spartanburg 2  <b>Thursday</b>                  Rock Hill 6, Spartanburg 4, Rock Hill wins series 3-0  <b>Gaffney (League VI 1)</b>  <b>vs. Fort Mill (League V 2)</b>  <b>Tuesday</b>                  Fort Mill 17, Gaffney 3  <b>Wednesday</b>                  Gaffney 7, Fort Mill 5  <b>Thursday</b>                  Gaffney 11, Fort Mill 3  <b>Friday</b>                  Gaffney 15, Fort Mill 7, Gaffney wins series 3-1  <b>Greenville (League VII 1)</b>  <b>vs. Inman (League VI 2)</b>  <b>Wednesday</b>                  Inman 7, Greenville 3  <b>Thursday</b>                  Inman 17, Greenville 11  <b>Friday</b>                  Inman 11, Greenville 6, Inman wins series 3-0</p>
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# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

## THIS WEEK

More than **44 million Americans** earn extra money through a side job, according to a new Bankrate.com report. Other findings:

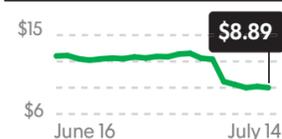
- ▶ **28%** of younger Millennials (ages 18 to 26) have a side job, the most of any age group.
- ▶ **86%** do it at least monthly.
- ▶ **36%** of those working the side job regularly earn at least \$500 a month.
- ▶ **54%** say they use the extra cash to help pay for expenses, rather than as disposable income.
- ▶ **60%** of Democrats and Independents use the additional money for expenses compared to 32% of Republicans

### ON THE MOVE

#### STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

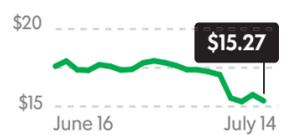
##### ABERCROMBIE & FITCH

The struggling clothing retailer said it has terminated talks with potential buyers such as Express and American Eagle Outfitters and no longer is for sale. The company said sales of its Hollister brand remain strong.



##### SNAP

The parent of Snapchat saw its shares tumble below its March 1 IPO price of \$17 for the first time. Morgan Stanley downgraded the company's stock rating over competition from Instagram and its ability to grow as fast as initially expected.



##### WALMART STORES

Raising wages, cutting prices and competing against Amazon, the retail chain is squeezing its suppliers. Its program "On-Time, In-Full," expected to add \$1 billion in revenue, will fine suppliers for deliveries that arrive late, early or improperly packaged.



##### NOVARTIS

The pharmaceutical company's blood cancer treatment, CAR-T, is expected to get approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The one-time treatment would be for children and young adults with advanced leukemia.



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Though it can be nerve-wracking watching your student stumble through adulthood for the first time as they head off for college, there are a few methods to help him or her become financially responsible.

# How to keep tabs on your college kid's spending

## Is money meant for textbooks paying for a music festival ticket?

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When you're a parent shipping a kid off to college, it's hard not to worry about every possible financial mishap.

But there are ways to ensure students are making the right financial decisions without hovering over them.

#### JOINT BANK ACCOUNT

Setting up a joint checking or savings account means parents and students have access to money in the account and can see all transactions.

In addition to tracking account activity online, parents

can sign up for text or email alerts when their student's balance falls below a specified amount, for example, or when large purchases are made.

A joint account offers a bonus, too: Transferring money from a parent's separate bank account is easy, particularly if all accounts are at the same bank.

Be aware parents who co-own accounts can be held responsible for overdrawn balances. Americans ages 18 to 25 incur overdrafts more than any other age group, a NerdWallet study says, so parents have an incentive to make sure kids don't spend more than what's in the account.

#### JOINT CREDIT CARD OR AUTHORIZED USER

Getting a joint credit card or add-

**"At some point, you're going to have to release the reins and let them go. If you raised them properly, you've got to trust yourself, too."**

Winnie Sun, financial adviser

ing a student as an authorized user on a credit card is another way for parents to keep track of spending, says Winnie Sun, a financial adviser in Irvine, Calif.

Just as with joint bank accounts, having a joint credit card means a parent can check transactions. Most credit-card companies, Sun says, also offer text or email alerts for out-of-the-ordinary activity or when balances approach the card's limit. Parents can ensure their student stays on top of payment due dates, which

if missed can bring down the parent's score.

#### NEW OPTIONS

Companies such as Greenlight have released reloadable cards that can be used like debit cards — but only for stores preapproved by the card's primary account holder. Parents can make sure the \$500 earmarked for textbooks, for example, is spent only at the campus bookstore, Greenlight CEO Tim Sheehan says. Some companies allow account holders to block categories of purchases, such as alcohol, in addition to individual merchants.

"At some point, you're going to have to release the reins and let them go," Sun says. "If you raised them properly, you've got to trust yourself, too."

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# Most Americans don't trust their financial advisers

## There are new rules in place to help protect investors

**Maurie Backman**  
The Motley Fool

A surprising number of Americans who have financial advisers don't trust them to act in their best interests.

In a 2016 poll by the American Association of Individual Investors, 65% of respondents said they mistrust the financial services industry to some degree. In fact, only 2% of respondents claim to trust financial professionals "a lot," while 15% say they trust them "a little."

Between 2005 and 2015, an estimated 87,000 financial advisers were found guilty of

some form of misconduct. These transgressions ranged from unsuitable advice to unauthorized activity to outright fraud.

But note that those 87,000 advisers represent just 7% of the total sample set studied, which means most financial professionals *didn't* engage in misconduct. Furthermore, with the new fiduciary rule, more professionals will be held to a stricter set of standards.

The public's general mistrust of financial advisers opens the door to a potentially dangerous trend: foregoing professional help and making money-related decisions on their own.

In a 2016 Wells Fargo study, 58% of savers with 401(k) plans said they'd like more help choosing investments. That same report found that most U.S. adults are investing too conservatively for retirement and could be los-



**Most working Americans actually want help with financial matters. So it's important to be able to trust advisers.**

ing out on thousands of dollars in potential gains over the life of their accounts as a result.

That's why it's critical for more folks to be able to trust the financial professionals they work with. The right advice could spell the difference between a sizable retirement nest egg and one that barely covers the basics.

If you've been thinking of using

a financial adviser but aren't sure who to trust, one of the best things you can do is get a recommendation from a long-term, satisfied client. You should also feel free to get a full understanding of the various fees you might face.

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### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲ <b>1.0%</b> week ▲ 1.2% month   ▲ 5.8% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲ <b>1.4%</b> week ▲ 0.9% month   ▲ 5.6% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲ <b>2.6%</b> week ▲ 1.9% month   ▲ 8.7% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲ <b>1.4%</b> week ▲ 0.8% month   ▲ 5.4% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▲ <b>1.5%</b> week ▼ 3.5% month   ▼ 4.5% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▲ <b>5.2%</b> week ▲ 4.0% month   ▼ 12.5% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro (week) ▲ <b>0.0063</b> ▲ 0.0247 month   ▲ 0.0879 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼ <b>1.43</b> week ▲ 3.03 month   ▲ 1.41 3 months
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## PETE THE PLANNER

# Help parents who helped you in a time of need

**Q** At ages 30 and 31, my wife and I have our financial house pretty well in order. The last thing hanging over our heads is the substantial Parent PLUS loan balance my wife's parents have. They haven't prepared well for retirement at all — both are in commission-based careers and in the years following 2008 they fell on extremely hard times. They grew so desperate they cashed out my father-in-law's retirement accounts to make ends meet, obviously at the worst possible time. Thankfully in the short term they are now doing better, but long term I worry about their ability to retire.

The Parent PLUS loans in their names are split into two consolidated loans. One was solely for my wife and has a balance of roughly \$15,000 and an interest rate of 6.8%. The other has a balance of \$75,000 at 3.4% but is a combined balance between my wife's college expenses and her sister's. The share of the balance between the two is entirely unknown. Monthly payments are \$300 and \$500, respectively.

We are paying the \$300/month on the smaller balance because we know it was only for my wife's education, but the other \$500 payment is being made by her parents. The sister is not contributing. We have \$2,500/month in margin we could use to clear out that smaller loan pretty quickly, but we also have an older home in need of some renovations that we'd like to save up and pay cash for. What should we do? — **DEREK**

**A** Your question not only illuminates the retirement crises facing so many of the estimated 10,000 Baby Boomers who retire every day, but it also speaks to the college funding dilemma which hammers those same Boomers. Throw in not one, but two commission incomes and we've got ourselves a quality quagmire.

While there are a ton of moving pieces that intertwine to create the scenario you're in, it's best to untangle the separate factors and consider their intricacies individually.

Your in-laws have Parent PLUS loans because your wife got an education that no one could objectively afford. Yes, that's a bit of a stinging observation, but you shouldn't let it upset you. And the observation isn't my opinion, it's a fact. Your wife likely capped-out the amount of student loans she could personally acquire, and then her parents were "forced" to take-on Parent PLUS loans so that your wife could finish her degree. We've just established that your wife couldn't afford the degree she earned, at the time she was earning it, and based on the reality of your in-law's financial life, they couldn't and can't afford it either.

The second factor is that your in-laws fell on hard times *while* your wife was in college. Thus, they acquired their Parent PLUS loans at arguably the worst financial years of their adult lives, so far.

Factor No. 3 is the liquidation of your father-in-law's retirement account. I never like seeing

a person grab their future to save their present, but he had to do what he had to do. Whereas his present life might have stabilized, his future has gotten markedly worse.

The other factors of note are the commission incomes, the \$75,000 loan for your wife and her sister, the sister's inability to help and the unawareness of how much your wife's degree actually cost.

Stepping in to handle the \$15,000 loan is admirable, logical and warranted. You should definitely pay it off in its entirety and never look back. If you'd prefer to do that while still funding your home renovations, have at it, but just know a 6.8% interest rate isn't fun.

The \$75,000 loan is stickier. Take the time to calculate what your wife's share of that \$75,000 is and then supplement your in-law's \$500 payment to help pay off the debt faster.

For your in-laws, the "have a lot of money" ship has sailed. Their goal should be to not need a lot of money. They can accomplish this by aggressively paying off all debt, including their mortgage, if they have one.

If appropriate, help your in-laws project the retirement income that will be available when they turn 70, and then help them find a way to ween themselves off their current income to meet the retirement income available in the future.

You're smart to tackle this problem now, because it will only get worse if ignored. One last note — proceed delicately and with grace. If you think you're uncomfortable with your in-laws' reality, just imagine how they feel.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS



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## There are deals behind the deals of Amazon Prime

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Special for USA TODAY

If you have \$99 to spare, one of the best deals is Amazon Prime.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

## More insight expected into housing starts with latest reports

Second-quarter earnings season will be the highlight

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An unusually light week of economic news will reveal whether the recent slump in housing starts ended last month, providing a needed boost to the economy.

The kickoff of the second-quarter earnings season will likely draw more attention, with CNBC reporting that S&P Capital IQ expects record profits for S&P 500 companies, up 6.2% from a year ago. That could provide additional fuel for the frothy stock market.

Among companies reporting are Bank of America (earnings-per-share estimate of 43 cents, up from 41 cents a year ago); Netflix (16 cents, up from 9 cents); and Microsoft (71 cents, up from 69 cents).

In economic news, the Labor Department announces the latest reading of its import price index on **Tuesday**. Import prices usually don't get much notice. But stubbornly low inflation is getting more scrutiny from Federal Reserve officials who could be convinced to forgo a third interest rate hike this year if the meager price increases continue. A weakening dollar has pushed up prices of imported goods, partly reversing previous declines due to a strong greenback.

But import prices fell 0.3% in May, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. Even core import prices, which strip out volatile food and energy items, were unchanged. Another sluggish reading could signal more weakness ahead for overall inflation in the U.S. Economists expect Labor to report that import prices fell another 0.2% in June.

## ALSO ...

The National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) sentiment index has ticked down in recent months but remains elevated. It could be an indicator of housing starts and new home sales in the months ahead. Steady job and income gains have bolstered demand for new single-family homes, Alexander says. Economists expect NAHB to announce that the measure edged up in July to a healthy 68 from 67 the prior month.



JOHN BAZEMORE, AP

**Economists estimate housing starts rebounded in June.**

Housing starts, however, have dropped for three straight months. The main culprit has been the volatile multifamily market but single-family construction has slipped as well. Alexander figures single-family starts are poised for a comeback but multifamily could continue to slow. All told, economists estimate the Commerce Department will report **Wednesday** that housing starts rose 6.2% in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.2 million.

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# REFLECTIONS

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## Miller School touched many lives

**D**uring the first half of the 20th century, the old Miller School and its teachers helped create pleasant memories and encouraged creativity “in a time when this school was a place of magic and learning.”

In 1902, the small, one-room Winn School was located “just across Shot Pouch Branch”



**Sammy Way**  
REFLECTIONS

and was moved in 1922 to a site on Miller Road. For a short span of time, it was referred to as Boulevard School. The name was later changed to Miller

School in honor of Edwin Fraser Miller, who had served as a trustee of Winn School. The site chosen was barren, totally absent of trees and shrubbery, until Mrs. Alice Leavell, one of the school’s teachers, began the effort to beautify the grounds by planting much needed greenery.

The building was heated by potbelly stoves around which students gathered to read on chilly days. Lunch for the pupils was prepared by Mrs. Drayton, Mrs. Ham and Mrs. Proctor, three ladies from the community. The building lacked indoor plumbing; hence, both students and faculty used outside facilities. Under the leadership of J.D. Blanding, the school was run “somewhat as a demonstration school, putting into practice many of the ideas advanced in the educational philosophy of what was known as ‘progressive education.’ The advisor to the school was Dr. Henry Harap of Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, who visited the school two or three times each year.

“Each teacher at Miller School taught reading, writing and arithmetic as well as many other valuable subjects through the medium of meaningful activities. Mrs. Brooks, for instance, had a clean-up corner in her room. Her report on this project with a picture was published in Primary Activities, a national magazine published by Scott Foresman.

“Because of the prevalence of colds, the second grade decided to establish a health corner, where each pupil would



Little housekeepers in first grade are shown in this photo from 1940 or 1941. They are Priscilla Catoe and Betty Lynn. The photograph won a prize.

be inspected each day for neatness and cleanliness. They used the boards from large packing cases for the wall, and lined them with oil cloth. They made shelves for a basin, pitcher, soap, comb, etc., by placing boards across orange crates. A ‘nurse’ chosen by the class would inspect each pupil every day, and if there was any deficiency found, it was made right at once. Obviously, many lessons were learned by this activity.

“Another ‘learn by doing’ project, the report of which was also published in the magazine, was a ‘home unit’ carried out by ‘Miss Jennie’s’ first grade. The class decided to ‘build’ a room and make it ‘homey’ and pretty. They used large boxes in which window glass was packed for the framework. Cardboard was placed on the inside walls and painted pink. The outside was painted white. The dressing table was an old desk cut down and the stool was a grape box. An old rocking chair was found that would fit into the space. They had a real child’s bed with mattress and covers and the doll’s cradle was made from a grape box. All the furniture was painted light blue with pink upholstery. The children



Fifth-graders work in the Health Corner at Miller School.

did the housekeeping and in so doing learned valuable lessons in personal and social behavior from their reading books.

“The second grade also had a school store where students sold ‘real things for real money.’ Countless teaching projects suitable to each grade were thus carried out. ... According to former teachers and pupils, Miller was filled with excitement. Every teacher took her pupils on field trips as learning situations or as recreation. Sometimes they went to Mr. Charles Mason’s (telephone company) pond, where they went wading. They often followed nature trails to gather specimens of plants and insects, etc., for their studies in

science. There were picnics when it was warm and Easter egg hunts. Inside students were interested in giving plays, some for the public; and always there were interesting activities preceding the Christmas holidays.

“Games on the school grounds were supervised by the teachers. Some of the boys enjoyed playing football, though the equipment and rules were far simpler than those used by the sophisticated teams and leagues in high school. Smaller children liked to jump rope. Of course, all these athletic activities were used to teach fairness, teamwork and other lessons. Enthusiasm for school ran so high that pupils living nearby would meet their teachers at

school a week before the opening date each fall to clean the rooms, paint the blackboards, put up decorations, and give the building an inviting appearance. They would end their work with a walk to Shot Pouch Creek.

“Because of World War II, the boys were so stirred with patriotic desire to serve that they put on a scrap iron drive in 1941-42. This proved a very successful project and again taught valuable lessons. After Mrs. Brunson left the school in 1943, Mrs. McLeod became principal and remained in that position as long as Miller was a school. In 1949 the school was absorbed into Willow Drive School; the old building was later demolished.

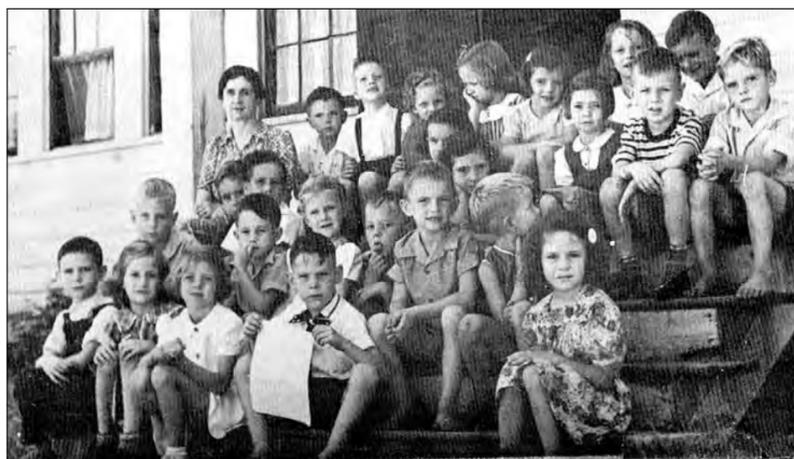
“Thus, ended the life of a school that played a significant role in the educational history of Sumter. But the memories of that school still linger in the minds and hearts of all who attended or were in any way touched by the influence of its teachers.”

Source: “Historical Sketches of Sumter County” by Cassie Nicholes

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The old Miller School



The 1941-42 first grade at Miller School is seen with teacher Miss Jennie McLeod.



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# YESTERYEAR

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## Farmers asked to grow more cotton; heat wave poses danger

75 YEARS AGO – 1943

Feb. 6 - 12

Nearly 14,000 tin cans were brought in by city schoolchildren in their collection this week, Superintendent William Henry Shaw announced. Top collection was at the elementary school where 4,929 cans were turned in. Robert English, sixth-grade student at the Savage-Glover school, was the individual top scorer with 467 cans; of the white schoolchildren, Charles Bragg brought in the greatest number of cans, 345. The totals listed by schools were: Elementary 4,929; Junior High 2,934; Edmunds High 3,000;



Yesteryear in Sumter

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Savage-Glover 573; Lincoln High 2,506, making a grand total of 14,942 cans.

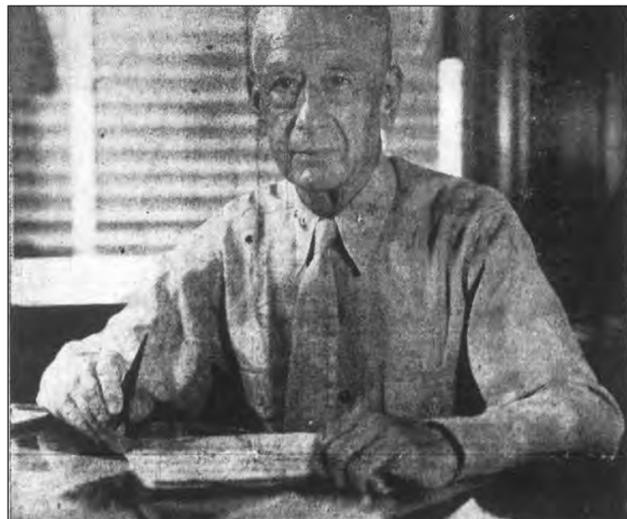
• Reversing Shakespeare, it will be Romeo appearing on the balcony when court of general sessions convenes Monday. Clerk of Court Raymond Blanding announced today that Romeo Davis had been selected to succeed the late Fred Wilson as court crier, and he will have his first performance in that post Monday. One courthouse official said following Wilson's death that he had been named crier by the Clerk of Court Scarborough. It has been found, however, that Wilson was crier during the term of the late clerk L.I. Parrott. He called court at the old court house before the present one was built in the early 1900s.

• Farmers of South Carolina were called upon to grow more cotton in addition to food crops this year by D.W. Watkins, director of the state extension service. The cotton is needed, he pointed out, to cope with what he described as an "alarming shortage" of edible oils, such as cotton seed oil, the serious shortage of protein feeds and the lack of surplus of superior cotton fiber.

• With Paul and Miller leading the way the Shaw Field basketball team racked up its ninth victory of the season by downing the Florence Air Base five, 57 to 20. ... Some nice guarding by Cheek and Byrnes held down the Florence score.

• Miss Priscilla Shaw has been named to head the Citizen's Service Corps of Sumter, Mayor F.B. Creech announced, succeeding William Henry Shaw, who asked to be relieved of the position because of the pressure of other duties. Mr. Shaw became principal of Sumter High School for the remainder of the year, following Lt. Hugh T. Stoddard's call to active duty, adding the duties of that office to his others as superintendent of the city schools.

• At the regular meeting of the Sumter Kiwanis Club the large attendance was thrilled by a talk and pictures in technicolor of scenes in various parts of the war areas by Captain Ed Newkirk of the RAF Ferry Command, who was in the city for the weekend. Newkirk, who has flown bombers to various parts of the United Nations battlefronts, exhibited moving pic-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1943 — Maj. Gen. Emile P. Moses, commanding officer of the Marine Base at Parris Island, will be honored as a distinguished son of Sumter in the near future. Plans for a dinner at which Moses will be the honored guest are tentatively set for Feb. 25. Further announcements about the affair will be made shortly, Mayor F.B. Creech said.

tures in color of scenes of England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, Spain, etc. Kiwanian J.B. Duffie, who was originally on the program with the subject "Kiwanis Education" gladly gave his part of the program to Newkirk. Kiwanian Charlie Chewning was chairman of the program committee.

• Ten student nurses received their caps in ceremonies at the Tuomey Hospital nursing home at 8:30 tonight and will pledge themselves anew to the ideals and traditions of their profession. Candidates at the capping ceremony were Annie Mae Shaw, Jane Brown, Marjorie Hicks, Dorothy Ferrigan, Cozie Watts, Henrietta Timmons, Marjorie Arnett, Mary Burke, Mildred Hodge and Frances Reynolds. The presentation of the caps was made by Miss Ada I. Snyder, director of nurses, and the program was presided over by Charles H. Dabbs, administrator of the hospital.

• The hearts of his host of friends go out to the family of Mr. Cuttino McKnight, former secretary of the Sumter YMCA and a native of Sumter County, at the recently announced death of his son Ben from wounds received in action in New Guinea in December. The last letter received from Ben, who was a lieutenant in the infantry, was dictated by him to his chaplain on Christmas day. This letter was bright and cheery as usual, but his friends were naturally worried because it had to be written by his chaplain, and although hope was held out for his recovery, the notice received from the war department shows that he died the next day, Dec. 26, of his wounds.

• Of all the aviation cadets in Shaw Field's newly arrived Class 43-E, George W. Parker is stationed the closest to home. In fact, he is only about 12 miles from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Parker, and his wife, the former Miss Sarah Elizabeth Fowler, in Sumter. When he completed primary training recently at Arcadia, Florida, he kept his fingers crossed until his train pulled into Shaw Field. The former Sumter bookkeeper could not believe it was true that he was being sent back home for basic training.

• R.M. Barwick's filling station on Manning Avenue Extension will close for the first

time Sunday since the establishment was opened June 10, 1922. The station will be closed hereafter from midnight Saturday to midnight Sunday. Barwick said today that he felt it was his duty to close his business on Sunday so that his employees could have the day off and attend church services. The station has been operating on an around-the-clock schedule since 1922, and the front door has never been locked.

• O.J. Knight announced that the (prize for the) new name for the Service Creamery would be divided into war stamps between Mrs. W.D. Boykin, Shirley Green and Mrs. F.M. Cain. The judges decided that "Blue Ribbon Dairies" was the best name submitted. All three winners submitted this name.

50 YEARS AGO – 1967

Oct. 8 - 14

Ramon Schwartz Jr., chairman of the Sumter Housing Authority, accepted a check for \$572,163 from Davis Collins, of Atlanta, Site Coordinator of the Urban Renewal Administration. The check represented a temporary loan from the federal government for the acquisition of property in the Civic Center Area. The group working closely with Chairman Schwartz were S.L. Roddey Jr., J. Clarke Hughes, F.B. Creech Jr., B.L. Williams and H.D. Osteen.

• City council is scheduled to consider the results of a recent survey of the downtown merchants on their opinion of the present parking system at its regular session at 10 a.m. in City Hall. Council requested that the Merchants Association undertake a poll of merchants north of Liberty Street to determine how they viewed the increased parking meter rates and the free parking in municipal lots. Council's request came after Warner T. Warner, a North Main Street merchant, expressed dissatisfaction with the system.

• Julian (Jack) W. Culler has been appointed supervising sanitarian of the Sumter-Kershaw District Health Department. He succeeds Robert E. Muldrow who is transferring to the State Board of Health in Columbia. Before receiving his appointment, he served as regional food sanitation supervisor. Culler began his career in public health with the U.S. Public Health Service. He joined the Sumter County Health De-

partment in 1954 as a sanitarian. In 1956, he was promoted to assistant supervising sanitarian of Sumter-Kershaw District Health Department.

• Five instructors, with one serving as a division chief and two as department heads, have been added to Sumter Area Technical Education Center's day facility staff. The additions bring TEC's instructional staff to 16 persons, teaching 175 full time students and some 900 extension school pupils. New teachers were Zuillon Curtis Lee Jr., physics; Raymond S. Rollings, civil engineering technology; H. Lawrence Dennis, business administration; Jack H. Wise, business administration; and Earl Elmore, math.

• The South Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold its fall meeting Oct. 13 and 14 in Sumter, according to Charles McCreight of Sumter, general chairman. Between 95 and 100 architects and their wives are expected to attend the quarterly meeting, to be conducted by state president Phelps Bultman, formerly of Sumter, now residing in Columbia.

• J.B. Large, after 48 years of service for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co., was honored on his 65th birthday with retirement gifts from his fellow employees last week. Large a local railroad ticket salesman in Sumter since 1952, began his career first as a clerk in Bishopville. He later transferred to Robbins, where he served as freight agent for 29 years before coming to Sumter. A native of Bishopville, the son of the late Hattie and Josey Large, he attended the Bishopville schools and graduated from Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New Jersey.

• Mrs. Ethel Durden Turbeville, widow of Daniel Eugene Turbeville, was named Sumter's Career Woman of the Year at a Civic Night meeting of the Sumter Business and Professional Women's Club. Mrs. George Grumbles, second vice president of the local B&PW and program chairman, presented an engraved silver tray to Mrs. Turbeville after outlining the recipient's various accomplishments. The presentation took place at the Elks Club and shared the spotlight with a talk by Sumter County Sheriff I. Byrd Parnell.

• Wofford College has announced the nomination of two Sumter area students to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Honored for important contributions to the life of their college were John Phillip Booth 4th of Sumter and Harry Cooper Wilson of Mayesville. The award is based on "character, scholarship, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for future usefulness in the business world and society."

• Well, it finally happened. Sumter's victory-starved Gamecocks won a football game, snapping a six-game losing streak by clubbing Aiken's Green Hornets, 20-0, behind the brilliant play of Dwayne Windham and a defensive effort at Memorial Stadium. To add a little spice to the evening the Gamecocks broke another streak when end Jimmy Trembley kicked two perfect extra points following the final two Sumter touchdowns. Until Trembley's first successful effort, the Gamecocks had missed nine in a row.

25 YEARS AGO – 1992

July 3 - 9

A July pay raise still isn't in the cards for Sumter County employees. Sumter County Council's Personnel Committee declined to approve a plan by Administrator Bill Noonan that would have shifted money in the county's operating budget to provide employees with an immediate 3.1 percent pay increase.

• Wallie Jones isn't exactly where he'd like to be, but it will do for now. Sumter claimed an 11-3 win over Camden to force a playoff for the American Legion League III baseball title, a game that will be played at Camden. Sumter pitcher Chad Hoshour survived a shaky start and went nine innings, striking out eight and walking three while allowing three runs on 10 hits, to earn the victory.

• The triple-digit temperatures that have scorched the Midlands in recent days are taking their toll of people and plants. The mercury cracked the 100-degree mark, and meteorologists say it won't be much cooler for several days. Highs are expected to be well above 90 degrees. Area physicians warn that the intense heat can be dangerous. Dr. Carl Peter, a physician in Tuomey Regional Medical Center's emergency room, said at least one person suffering from heat exhaustion was seen this week.

• Death has always been a popular theme in literature aimed at adult readers, but these days the subject is showing up more and more in children's books. Dr. Laura M. Zaidman, associate professor of English at the University of South Carolina at Sumter, where she teaches Children's Literature, recently published an article, "Death in Children's Literature: Taboo or Not Taboo?" This essay, written with Dr. Lois Rauch Gibson, professor of English at Coker College — introduced a special section they edited for "Children's Literature Association Quarterly," an international scholarly journal.

• James Neil Tucker, possibly facing the death penalty in the murder of a Sumter woman, was returned to Sumter County after he was arrested in North Carolina. Tucker, who police think killed a Sumter woman and a St. Matthews woman, was brought by police to Sumter from Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Bound with chains and handcuffs, he arrived under heavy police escort at the Sumter County Correctional Center.

• The Sumter Family YMCA will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at 8 a.m. to kick off a \$1.8 million expansion of its facility. Construction on the building, located at 50 Willow Drive, is expected to begin in a week, said Derek Burrell, the YMCA's marketing director.

• Robert "Bobby" Fleming has been appointed by the Clarendon County Board of Education to serve the remaining year of his father's term on the Clarendon School District Two Board of Trustees. He was chosen from among five applicants for the position, which was left vacant when Billie S. Fleming died.

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## Baby eel lottery a go in Maine, where elver fishing pays

BY PATRICK WHITTLE

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — Maine is implementing a new lottery system for licenses to fish for baby eels, which are worth more than \$1,000 per pound on the worldwide sushi market.

Baby eels, called elvers, are a major fishery in Maine, where fishermen sell them to dealers so they can be sent to Asian aquaculture companies to be raised to maturity and used as food. But industry members and lawmakers have said the fishery needs a way to bring new people into the business because many elver fishermen are nearing retirement and there is no way to get a license.

The Legislature approved a permit lottery system last month. The law will likely be in effect by late October, said Rep. Jeffrey Pierce, a Dresden Republican who serves as a consultant to the elver industry. The law states that the first lottery could be held next year on or before Feb. 15.

The Maine elver fishery has about 425

fishermen, and the average age is older than 50. The elver fishing season takes place every spring and is limited to a strict quota of less than 10,000 pounds for the entire state.

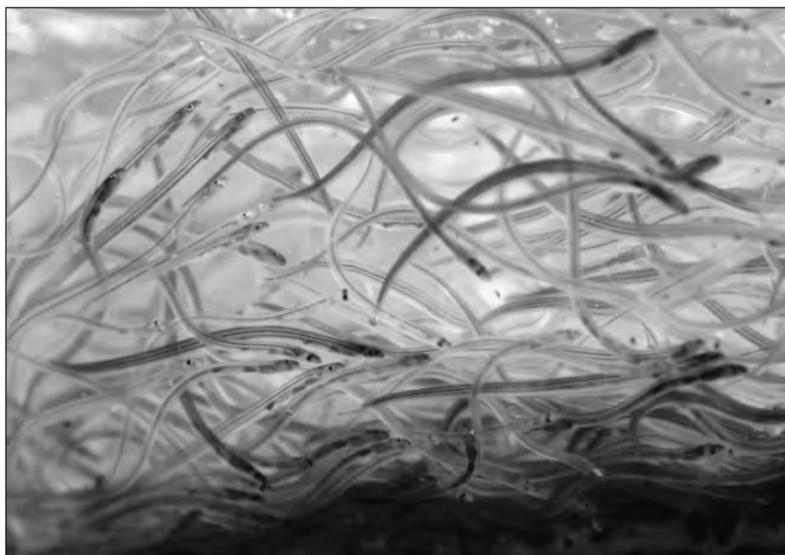
Maine elver fishermen fell about 300 pounds short of their quota this year, preliminary state records show. The average price per pound was more than \$1,300, making elvers by far the most valuable fishery on a per-pound basis.

The value of the fishery is a good reason to get younger fishermen involved and preserve its future, said Darrell Young, the co-director of the Maine Elver Fishermen's Association.

"Hopefully this will attract some young kids," he said.

Money from the \$35 lottery application fee will be set aside to fund a study of the eel life cycle.

Maine and South Carolina are the only U.S. states with fisheries for baby eels. Maine's fishery is much larger, and the elvers have been especially valuable in recent years because foreign sources have dried up.



AP FILE PHOTO

Baby eels, known as elvers, swim in a plastic bag at a buyer's holding facility in Portland, Maine. Maine is implementing a new lottery system for licenses to fish for baby eels, which are worth more than \$1,000 per pound on the worldwide sushi market. The Legislature approved a permit lottery system last month.

## Corn and wildlife

If you ride into the countryside, you can't help but notice the lush, green fields of corn. Frequent rains have really helped our local farmers. There should be a bountiful harvest this fall.

In the outdoor world, corn is commonly used as a bait to attract deer for hunting. Still, hunters put out corn near their stands. This allows a

hunter the opportunity to carefully examine a deer before pulling the trigger. Yearling bucks can be more easily identified and passed over. Does and yearlings will

use the corn piles more readily than mature bucks, but the bucks will eventually come around looking for does. With all the hunting pressure, thick wood and their natural tendency to be nocturnal, it would be more difficult to harvest a deer here without corn.

Deer corn is sold at hardware stores, garden centers and mom-and-pop country stores. Even Walmart has deer corn. The price has nearly doubled in just the last couple of years. Deer corn is sold as cob corn in bushel bags, and shelled corn is also available.

Some people wonder if baiting is ethical. In many other states, baiting is illegal. In some states where baiting is illegal, hunters are allowed to grow corn in fields and cut the corn just before they hunt. The only difference is that they grew the corn instead of bringing it in a bag. Some people also consider food plots as baiting. I believe that as long as it's legal and supported by hunters, it's OK. If you don't think it's ethical, then don't do it.

Corn is a native plant that was first domesticated by Native Americans some 6,000 years ago. The corn plant, called "maize," was developed from a wild grass in Mexico. By the time Christopher Columbus arrived, it was being grown from the tip of South America to Canada.

Native Americans taught the European settlers to plant corn, which they ground as meal for flour. They used the ground corn in porridge, cakes and bread. Sweet corn, like the kind we eat today, was not developed until the 1700s. Farming methods have greatly improved corn production and yield potential.

Today, about 60 percent of corn is fed to livestock, and 25 percent is exported. The rest is used to make an amazing variety of products. Corn flour, cornstarch, cornmeal, corn oil and corn syrup are all made

from corn. Other products made from corn include cereal, baby food, margarine, detergents, cosmetics and fuel.

Corn is full of carbohydrates and provides much-needed nutrition. Almost everything will eat corn. Deer, hogs, rabbits, turkeys, ducks, doves, squirrels, coyotes, dogs, songbirds, mice, insects and more will eat corn. Even snakes are attracted to corn and will eat the birds and mice that live nearby.

For years, I kept an automatic feeder on one of my duck ponds in Paxville. I used a mixture of shelled corn and scratch feed. Scratch feed is just a mixture of cracked corn and wheat. The feeder was set up on the edge of the pond and would scatter the corn in a little circle around the feeder twice a day. About half went in the shallow water and the other half on the grassy bank. The fish ate as much of the corn as the ducks. Blackbirds and other songbirds ate the corn on the grassy bank.

One day, I was walking by the feeder and noticed something unusual looking. Looking closer I realized there was a large green grasshopper wedged upside down between the feeder spout and the timer spin plate. The grasshopper was chewing on a small piece of cracked corn. I went to the truck, got my camera and took a picture. But the picture was out of focus and didn't turn out very well.

Years ago, a group of my friends and I hunted a small duck pond near the lake. We tried to plant corn to flood for the ducks, but the deer thought the corn was for them. When the corn came up and got about an inch tall, the deer would start grazing the small plants. Our field was only about two acres, and sometimes the deer would wipe out our entire crop. They also had some help from the local squirrel community. The squirrels would go down a row and dig up every single plant and eat the corn kernel from the root. They would leave the little corn plant just lying there neatly to one side. Maybe they were leaving them for the deer.

We tried several different types of deer-proof fences but eventually gave up on the corn and switched to millets, grain sorghum and wet soil plants. The refuge bordered our duck pond, and the deer were just too plentiful in that area at the time. Eventually, public hunts were started at the refuge, and the deer population was reduced a little. Maybe someone could grow corn there today.

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## Where the wild things are: Strange animal sightings in South Carolina

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT

The State

CLEMSON — David Jachowski was looking for a completely different animal when he ran into the elusive spotted skunk.

The Clemson University ecology professor and his students were hoping to study the migration patterns of golden eagles, so they put out deer carcasses in South Carolina's Upstate, trying to attract the birds. Instead, their cameras captured another rarely seen creature — the spotted skunk, a shy inhabitant of the Upstate's hills.

"I don't know if they were eating (the carcasses) or just came to investigate the smell," Jachowski said. Spotted skunks were widespread in the Palmetto State before their population dropped off in the middle of the last century for unknown reasons.

"This is a species we don't know much about," Jachowski said. He now heads a two-year study of the critters, which are baited for study with sardines, rather than stags.

The skunk isn't the only rare, unusual or odd creature to pop up occasionally in the state.

In May, someone reported releasing a boa constrictor into Congaree National Park. Park officials never found the tropical snake and are not sure one ever was released.

But other animal-world oddities have been confirmed.

• Fishing trips to S.C. lakes

have turned up an omnivorous, freshwater relative of the piranha.

• A South American kangaroo-like rodent has made appearances in the Upstate.

• The S.C. Department of Natural Resources has been called in when pet turtles from Africa have escaped, having grown to weigh 100 pounds.

• And, in 2010, a 6-foot-tall emu — a large, flightless Australian bird — caused a commotion when it got loose in downtown Rock Hill.

**'YOU COULD BRUISE A KNUCKLE'**

Wildlife officials suspect many of the exotic animals that have been found in the state were released by their owners or escaped captivity.

For example, pacu, a tropical fish related to piranha that sometimes is sold in the pet trade, occasionally have



DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND ALLIED AQUACULTURES, AUBURN UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA

The reddibellied pacu is a fish reminiscent of the piranha that has occasionally been found in Lake Hartwell in the Upstate. The species has eerily human-looking teeth.

been found in Lake Hartwell.

"I think people keep them for a few years and they outgrow the aquarium, and then they just release them," said Ross Self, Natural Resources' chief of freshwater fisheries, hastening to add it is illegal to let pet fish go in the state's waterways.

The pacu is noteworthy because, like its piranha cousins, it has teeth. Not pointed teeth, but eerily human-looking molars.

"It eats fruits and nuts that fall into the water, so it has crushing teeth," Self said. "It's not an aggressive predator."

But, he added, "If you stick your finger in its mouth, you could bruise a knuckle."

Self doubts the pacu are reproducing, since the tropical fish probably couldn't survive a South Carolina winter.

**'SOUPED-UP JACKRABBIT'**

Another likely escapee from pet-dom was the Patagonian cavy, an animal that Natural Resources officers used to find occasionally in parts of Edgefield County.

More than a decade ago, wildlife agents got reports of a "souped-up-looking jackrabbit" in the western parts of the county, said Jay Butfiloski, a DNR wildlife biologist.

Natural Resources officers finally identified the "jackrabbit" as being a cavy — a rabbit-like rodent from Argentina that has long hind legs and long ears — from photos snapped by the public and, on at least one occasion, a dead animal found on the side of the road.

Butfiloski thinks the cavy sightings in Edgefield could be the result of someone in the area keeping the animals. But he said it's been six or seven years since the last cavy was reported to

Natural Resources.

**'LITTLE TANKS'**

More frequent are reports of the African spur-thighed tortoise, an animal that gets its name from the spiky scales on its legs.

The tortoises are sold as pets but can grow to be much larger than their owners might expect, often exceeding 100 pounds.

"They're sold when they're about golf ball size, then grow to be like little tanks," said Will Dillman, a Natural Resources herpetologist, a scientist who studies amphibians and reptiles. "People put them in the yard, and they can dig out into the adjacent lot."

The tortoises don't pose a danger to humans and are caught fairly quickly. But, Dillman said, "They are surprisingly fast."

Other exotic animals are better suited to life in the S.C. wild.

For instance, the Texas horned lizard, a desert dweller, has made a home for itself in the Lowcountry's sandy soil.

**NOT NEW HERE**

Not all of South Carolina's stranger creatures have escaped from captivity.

Some are fairly common, but maintain such a low profile that their presence — when confirmed — can cause a commotion.

Butfiloski recently received a photo from Anderson County showing an ermine weasel peeking out of a woodpile.

Weasels are common in South Carolina, but they don't come to the attention of Natural Resources very often — unless they get into a chicken coop.

"They can be quite aggressive to small animals," Butfiloski said. "Sometimes, weasels go on a killing spree."

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### Legal Notice

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Application forms may be obtained from the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, 102 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, by contacting Heather Anderson, (803) 212-6208 or [heatheranderson@sccenate.gov](mailto:heatheranderson@sccenate.gov), or by contacting Sharon Scholl, (803) 212-6627 or [sharonscholl@sccenate.gov](mailto:sharonscholl@sccenate.gov). For further information, contact Ms. Anderson or Ms. Scholl, or visit the Public Utilities Review Committee's website at: [www.sccstatehouse.gov/Committees/Info/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2018PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php](http://www.sccstatehouse.gov/Committees/Info/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2018PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php).

### Summons & Notice

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**SUMMONS (Jury Trial Demanded) Civil Action No.: 2017-CP-38-00674**

### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

Terry Elijah Holland, Plaintiff, vs. Delhaize America Transport, LLC and Clark Allen Mullenax Defendants.

**TO: CLARK ALLEN MULLENAX, THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:**

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You will please take notice that the Summons and Complaint in this action were filed with the Orangeburg County Court of Common Pleas on May 22, 2017 at 2:38 p.m.

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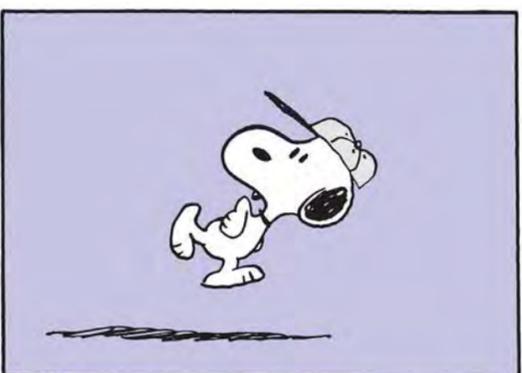
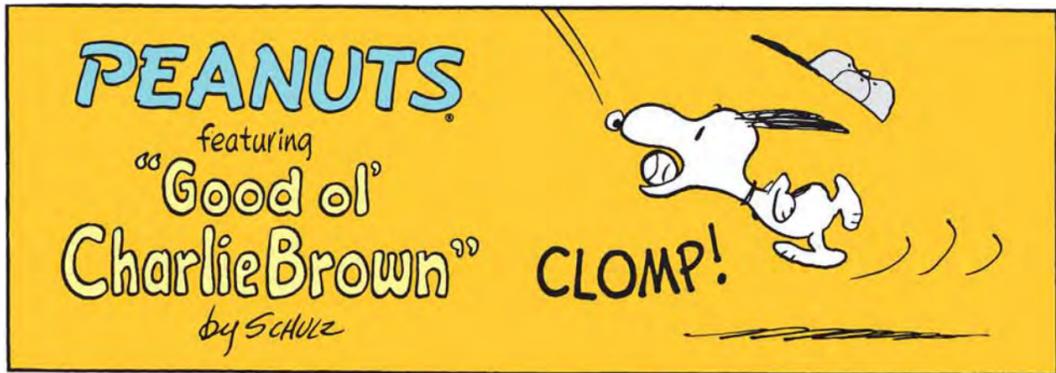
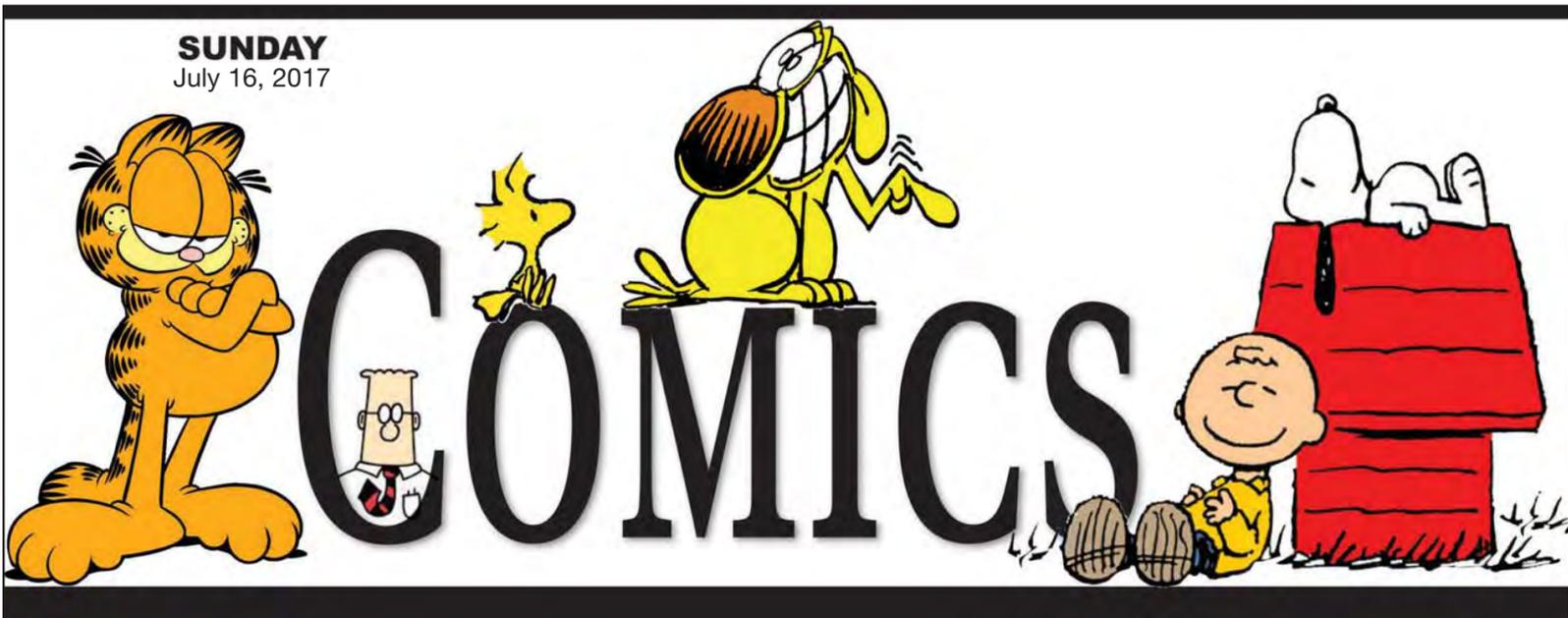
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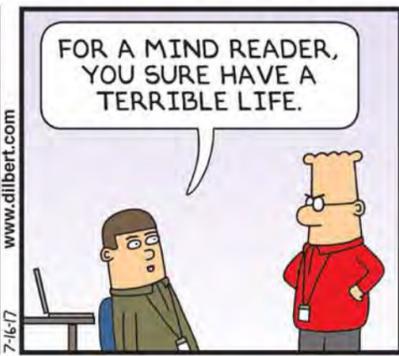
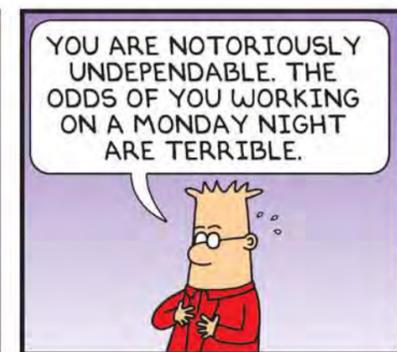
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**DILBERT**

**BY SCOTT ADAMS**

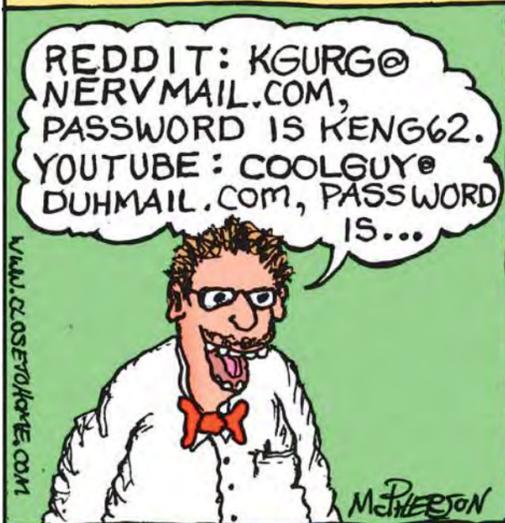


CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON

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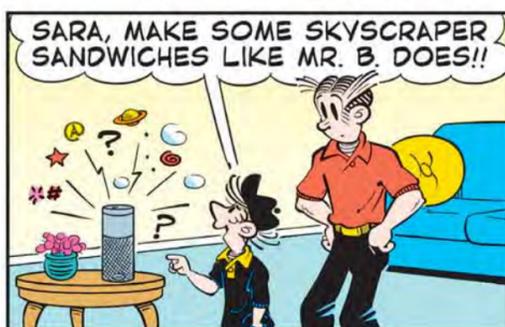
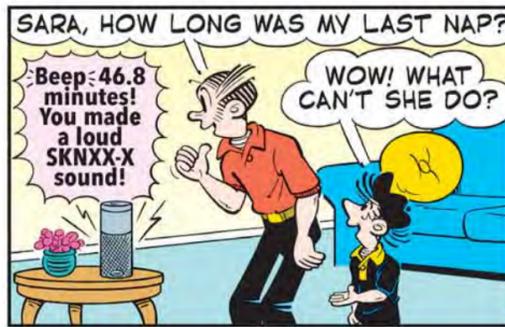
Kenny Gurgle: Has memorized every e-mail account and password for every site he has joined.



Delia Gleck: Can check out at the self-checkout line without getting help from a clerk.

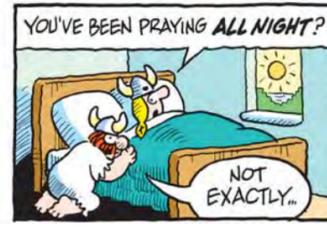
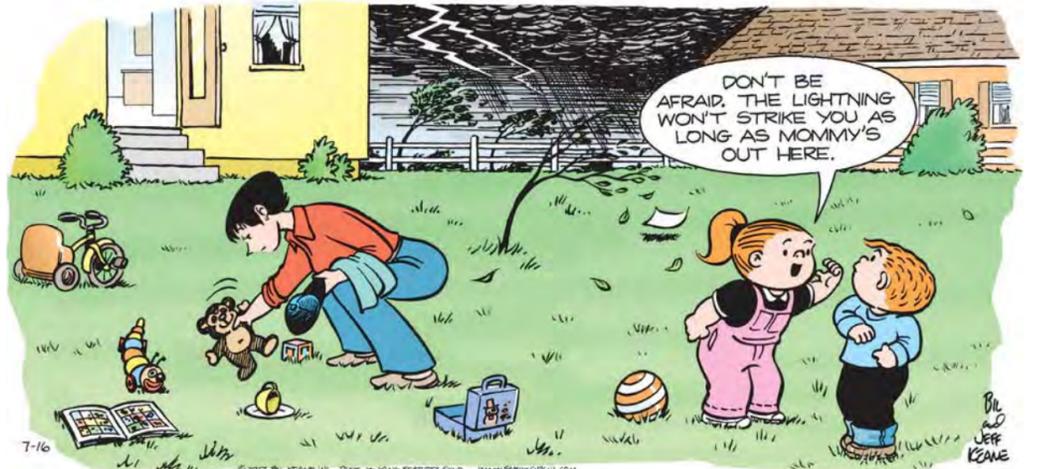
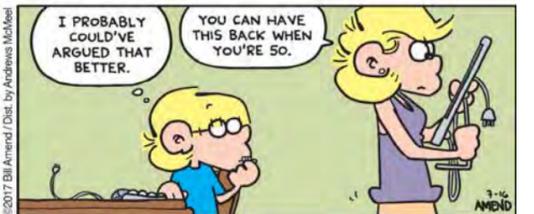
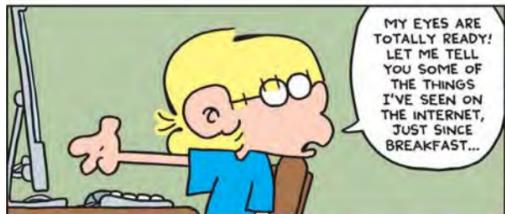


Wanda Prinkle: Understands the meaning of over 1,000 emojis.



FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



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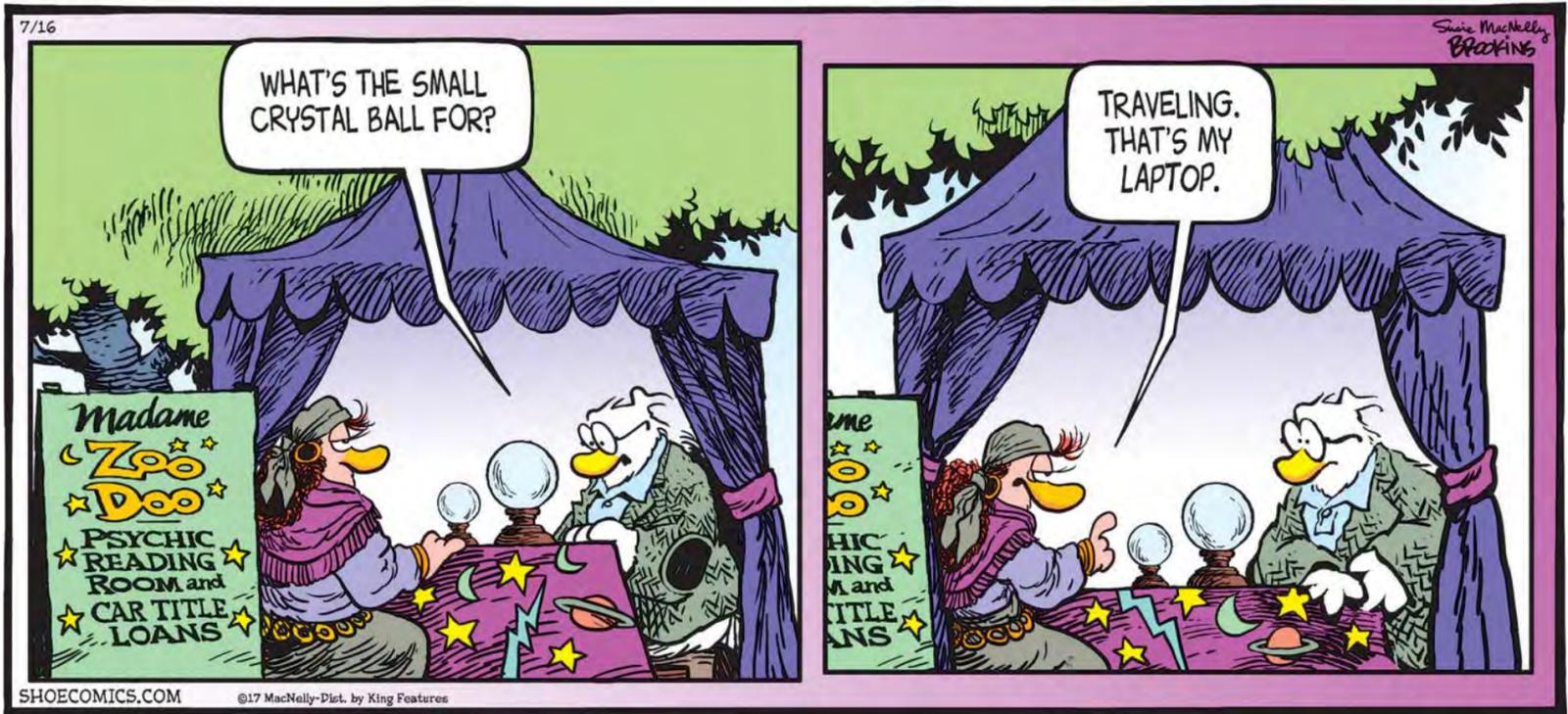
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SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



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