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Ruth Aycock
Ruth Aycock, 89, is a retired teacher and a lifelong resident of Sumter. She moved to Sumter in 1954 and has lived in the same house ever since. She has three children and five grandchildren. She is a member of the First Baptist Church and the Sumter Senior Center. She has been married to her husband, Bill, for 54 years.

Nancy Guthrie
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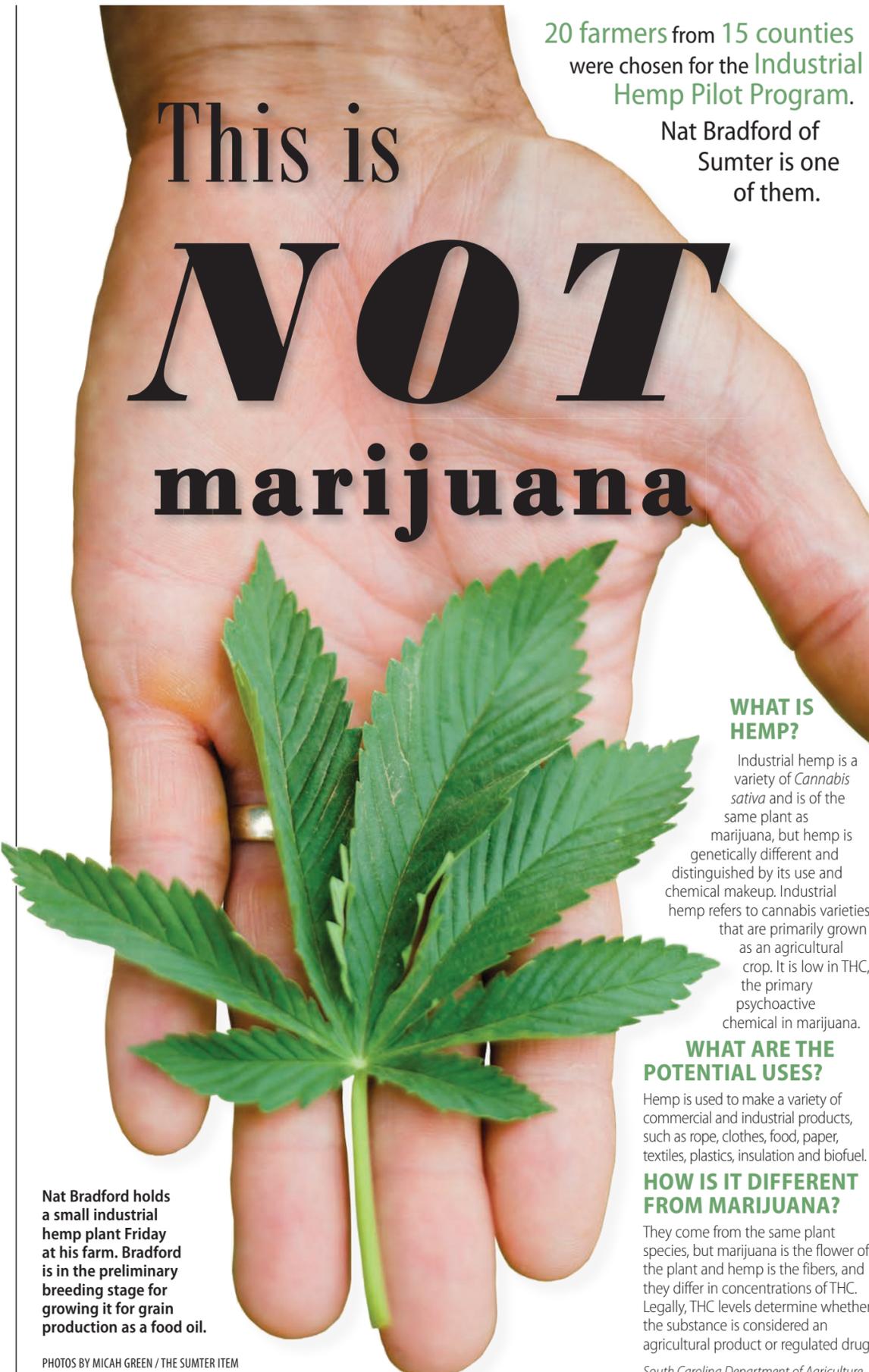
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20 farmers from 15 counties were chosen for the Industrial Hemp Pilot Program.

Nat Bradford of Sumter is one of them.

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WHAT IS HEMP?

Industrial hemp is a variety of *Cannabis sativa* and is of the same plant as marijuana, but hemp is genetically different and distinguished by its use and chemical makeup. Industrial hemp refers to cannabis varieties that are primarily grown as an agricultural crop. It is low in THC, the primary psychoactive chemical in marijuana.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL USES?

Hemp is used to make a variety of commercial and industrial products, such as rope, clothes, food, paper, textiles, plastics, insulation and biofuel.

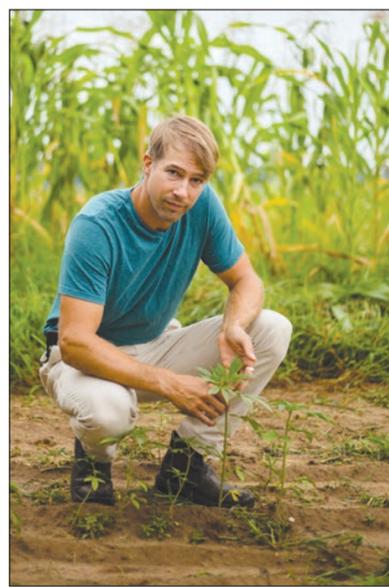
HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM MARIJUANA?

They come from the same plant species, but marijuana is the flower of the plant and hemp is the fibers, and they differ in concentrations of THC. Legally, THC levels determine whether the substance is considered an agricultural product or regulated drug.

South Carolina Department of Agriculture

Nat Bradford holds a small industrial hemp plant Friday at his farm. Bradford is in the preliminary breeding stage for growing it for grain production as a food oil.

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Bradford inspects small industrial hemp plants Friday at his farm. Bradford is in the state's pilot hemp program this year.

Sumter farmer 1 of first 20 selected to grow industrial hemp for state

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Farmers typically want a sure thing and don't take risks, but he's taking one. He's Nat Bradford of the Bradford Family Farm/Bradford Watermelon Co., and he's one of just 20 farmers in the state selected for a pilot program this year to grow industrial hemp for research purposes.

Hemp has long been designated as a banned crop by the federal government because the plant is from the same species as marijuana, even though it has a significantly lower concentration of the chemical tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). That's the primary chemical responsible for marijuana's psychological effects, creating a euphoric high.

With a less than 0.3 percent concentration of THC in hemp compared to marijuana's 30 percent, there is bipartisan support nationally to legalize hemp to increase crop diversity and provide new agriculture for farmers. By federal law, hemp must have less than 0.3 percent THC.

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Reporting the missing: 6 things to know

Sumter officials give advice after recent cases in the area

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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"The sooner, the better" is a phrase that can be applied to numerous situations.

And when it comes to reporting someone miss-

ing, being swift to act could make all the difference.

Though the search may not be extensive in some cases, reporting a person missing as soon as it is apparent that something is out of the ordinary is encouraged by law enforcement.

Barbara Nave's family reported her missing in February 2017 after she

did not make contact with her son a few days after returning to Sumter from Savannah, Georgia.

In the case of Tommy Brailey of Lee County, his family reported him missing after he did not come home from celebrating a coworker's birthday at a Sumter bar in August 2017. His wife told investigators it was strange that he would be

away from home for so long without making contact.

More recently, two men, who have since been located, were reported missing by family members after no contact for a few days.

Whether it's been a few hours or days, quickly reporting someone missing

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Sumter Little Theatre announces 2018-19 season

Pulitzer Prize winner opens diverse schedule

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

A thought-provoking drama by one of America's most beloved playwrights opens Sumter Little Theatre's 2018-19 season on Aug. 23.

In rehearsal now for almost three weeks, "Fences," by the late August Wilson, explores the effects of racism on family relationships in 1957 Pittsburgh.

SLT Executive Director Eric Bultman said the play is being directed by Brianna Gray, a graduate of the S.C. Governor's School for the Arts and a senior theater major at the University of South Carolina. Gray, known at SLT for her portrayal of Juliet in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," is a first-time director at the theater but has extensive experience at both schools.

The cast of "Fences" includes four of the "Five Guys Named Moe" actors from last season's musical of that name. Paul Brown plays Troy, once a star player in the Negro baseball leagues, now 53 and a sanitation worker in Pittsburgh. Hugh China is his best friend, Bono, Don Phillips is Lyons, Troy's older son, and Markelle Roberts plays Cory, Troy's younger son by his wife, Rose, portrayed by Gwen Waters.

Following the season opener, SLT will revive the hit musical comedy "Little Shop of Horrors" in October. The 2010 show entertained capacity audiences in 2010. Not yet cast, the story of mild-mannered floral assistant Seymour Krelhorn and the man-eating plant he names Audrey II will have auditions with musical director Linda Beck at 6 p.m. on July 26-27 at the theater.

"Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a comedy favorite of audiences that has become a tradition at SLT, features actors from the theater's youth school portraying children rehearsing for the church Christmas pageant. Among them are the Herdman kids, dubbed "the worst kids in the history of the world." They've never heard of the holy family or the biblical Christmas story and are only interested in the snacks provided at the church.

Bultman said the actors in the youth theater "are such a good group of elementary school students. They're a



You never know what comic mayhem will occur when the rambunctious Herdman kids take on roles — including the lead by cigar-smoking 11-year-old Isobel — in the annual church pageant. The perennial favorite holiday show will be presented Nov. 29 through Dec. 9 at Sumter Little Theatre.

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2018-19 season

• Aug. 25-Sept. 2 — Fences

• Oct. 18-Nov. 3 — Little Shop of Horrors

• Nov. 29-Dec. 9 — Best Christmas Pageant Ever

• Feb. 14-24 — Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery

• April 4-7 — The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon

• May 23-June 4 — Avenue Q

bright, energetic bunch," perfect for the children in the pageant. Several adults will also be cast in the show that explores "the true meaning of Christmas."

Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" opens the second half of the season on Feb. 14. Bultman will direct the Valentine's comedy by one of SLT audiences' favorite playwrights.

"We've done a Ken Ludwig comedy for the past three seasons," he said. "Ludwig's plays are hilarious."

He explained that "Baskerville," based on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskerville," has around five actors — or more — playing all the roles.

"It's in the tradition of the 'Greater Tuna' plays and Patrick Barlow's 'The 39 Steps,'" which SLT has produced previously, he said.

"The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" opens on April 4. The show features two actors trying to recreate all of the Grimms' more than 200 fairy tales in a short period of time. Many of the stories, such as Rapunzel, Cinderella and Hansel and Gretel, will be familiar, but several obscure tales will also be included.

"It's a fun show we'll do with young people," Bultman said. "We read it in our middle school class — they howled."

The season closes with the Tony-win-

ning musical comedy "Avenue Q," which opens May 23.

"It's a different kind of story," Bultman said. While it's an adult story, "the performers carry puppets, very similar to Muppets, who 'do' the dialogue and singing. It takes on adult situations and is somewhat irreverent. It'll be a lot of fun."

He added the show is "a different kind of musical in that it's character driven instead of situational. It will be challenging."

Bultman noted other changes to the season include a longer run for the musicals.

"We'll do 10 performances of 'Little Shop' and 'Avenue Q' and four of (non-musical) 'The Brothers Grimm,'" he said.

Bultman said the rehearsal room at the theater will be used for "small performances, play readings. It's another space that can be utilized. We want to keep the theater in operation as much as we can."

Season memberships at four different levels to Sumter Little Theatre's 2018-19 season are available now. For more information, contact SLT, 14 Mood Ave., at (803) 775-2150, or visit www.sumterlittletheatre.com.

CORRECTIONS

An article in Friday's edition on Mill Street Grill in Manning gave incorrect hours for the restaurant's hot bar. MSG's country hot bar is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (coming soon on Sunday) and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Meals from the menu are available from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends. The restaurant is located at 201 S. Mill St.

A story in Friday's edition incorrectly stated five people were rescued from a burning home. The unspecified number of victims referred to were pets, and a dog died in the blaze.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

School board meeting scheduled for Monday

On its first day returning from its two-week summer break on Monday, Sumter School District's Board of Trustees will hold its July monthly board meeting tomorrow.

A district spokeswoman distributed the agenda for the meeting on Friday, which includes public participation, committee reports from board members and a district update from Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm.

Monday's board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Crosswell Park Early Childhood Center. That room is located in the building between the center and Crosswell Drive Elementary School.

Like all board-related meetings, Monday's meeting is open to the public.

Summerville soldier killed in combat

ATLANTA — U.S. military officials say a South Carolina soldier assigned to a Georgia Army base has been killed during combat in Afghanistan.

The Department of Defense on Friday identified him as 32-year-old Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Andrew

Celiz of Summerville.

Officials said Celiz died Thursday of wounds from enemy small arms fire.

Celiz was based at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia.

The U.S. has about 15,000 troops in Afghanistan. The department's casualty list shows nearly 7,000 U.S. military personnel have been killed, mostly in Iraq and Afghanistan, in operations since Oct. 7, 2001.

Gator dines on shark in S.C. saltwater

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — An alligator ate a shark off a South Carolina island, and scientists say the oft-feared fish may become a staple of the reptile's diet. *The Island Packet* of Hil-

ton Head reports a 7-foot alligator named Charlie was filmed gobbling up a bonnethead shark Friday in a confrontation between what scientists call ancient enemies.

Charlie dined in Skull Creek, saltwater beyond his normal habitat. Alligators typically lack the saltwater glands to survive in coastal waters, but American alligators are gaining tolerance.

Duke University ecologist Brian Silliman is the lead author of a study that posits predators are reclaiming habitats from which humans displaced them. He says the encounter represents "the old norm." And a 2017 study in Southeastern Naturalist found alligators will eat at least four types of sharks.

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Funeral home left body rotting for three years

BY GLENN SMITH AND MARY KATHERINE WILDEMAN
The Post and Courier of Charleston

CHARLESTON — When Mary Alice Pitts Moore died at the age of 63, her family scraped together whatever cash they could to hold a proper funeral.

About 100 people showed up to pay their respects at the old AME church in rural Greenwood that day in April 2015. A preacher spoke. A choir sang. And Moore's husband and son left feeling like they had done right by this big-hearted woman who was a steadfast companion for so many years.

"I just thought she would be in a better place somewhere," her son Taras Parker said.

He couldn't have been more wrong.

In February — three years after Moore's death — her badly decomposed body was found stashed in a locked, unrefrigerated storage room at the Spartanburg funeral home her family hired to handle the arrangements. The family paid to have her cremated. Instead, her body was left to rot, draped in blankets and surrounded by air fresheners to mask the smell, the county coroner told them.

First Family Funeral Home's license is now under suspension, and a criminal investigation is underway into its handling of Moore's remains. But the case underscores deeper questions about the state's system for monitoring the nearly 500 funeral homes and crematories that operate in South Carolina and the more than 800 licensed staff members in their employ.

That system, largely governed by funeral industry insiders, is rife with delays, secrecy and potential conflicts that allow unscrupulous undertakers to continue operating for years after problems are discovered, a *Post and Courier* investigation found.

Two state inspectors are tasked with inspecting hundreds of facilities, and it can take five months or longer to complete investigations into even routine complaints. Some cases lingered on the state Board of Funeral Service's books for four or five years before they were resolved. The complaints remain sealed the entire time, leaving customers in the dark about lurking issues with the homes.

The funeral board won't even confirm it is looking into First Family, though a spokeswoman acknowledged that a December inspection failed to spot Moore's body on the premises. It's unclear whether the state was even aware that two other customers had accused First Family of financial improprieties. These customers also alleged that co-owner Lawrence Meadows personally handled their arrangements, after being banned from working as a funeral director.

The state revoked Meadows'

license in 2015 for forging a name on a dead person's life insurance paperwork to get access to the funds, according to state records. Still, Meadows remained active in the home.

He even appeared on NBC's "Today" in February 2017, in a segment hosted by his brother, MSNBC anchor Craig Melvin. Meadows discussed his fight against colon cancer while showing off his funeral office and a casket display. Melvin noted that "few people are as close to death every day as Lawrence Meadows." Moore's decaying body had been lying around First Family for nearly two years at that point.

First Family's attorney, Republican state Sen. Scott Talliey, declined comment, saying Meadows and the home are focused on addressing several pending complaints. The state Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, which oversees funeral home inspections and licensing, also declined to comment on the case, citing state laws that keep complaints concealed from public view.

Taras Parker and his father filed a lawsuit against First Family in March, but they remain frustrated and mystified as to how his mother's body went undiscovered for so long.

"I never thought something like this could happen to her — to anybody," Taras said, shaking his head.

While First Family's troubles have grabbed headlines, it's far from the only funeral home to run afoul of state regulations and laws. A *Post and Courier* review of a decade's worth of funeral board records found numerous instances where funeral directors and embalmers mishandled remains, dipped into trust accounts, entrapped families and sloppily covered up missteps.

In Lexington, a funeral director stuffed the organs from one corpse into the body bag of another after cremating the first body without all of its parts intact.

In Conway, a funeral director held the ashes of a dead person hostage until the family paid their bill in full, in violation of state law.

In Greenville, an undertaker walked off with tens of thousands of dollars deposited for future funerals.

And, in Lexington again, a mortician embalmed the body of an organ donor before her bone and tissue could be harvested.

In all, some 70 funeral directors and facilities have been disciplined over the past decade — some multiple times — for a host of violations. But hundreds of other complaints have been quietly shelved and hidden from the public in a system that often places professional privacy above transparency, *The Post and Courier* found. Even when disciplinary orders are issued, details about offenses and victims are often scant.

Man charged with 4 counts of attempted murder

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A 26-year-old Sumter man has been charged with four counts of attempted murder

and is accused of shooting at multiple family members, including a relative who was holding an infant.



VAN BUREN

Steven VanBuren, of Hoyt Street, was taken into custody Friday without incident and charged with possession of a weapon during a violent crime in addition to the attempted murder accusations, according to a news release from the Sumter Police Department.

According to the release and an incident report, VanBuren's mother and two half-sisters were at his home Tuesday when they began arguing with him

before he pulled a handgun.

Police were called at about 7:30 p.m. when he reportedly began firing at them as they ran from the home. One of the relatives was holding an infant when the gunfire began, the release states. No one was injured.

VanBuren has an "extensive criminal history that includes multiple weapons-related charges."

At the time of the incident, he was out on bond for an unrelated attempted murder case stemming from October 2016. In that incident, a North Carolina man was shot and injured following an argument during a gathering on Crescent Avenue.

Bond was denied Saturday morning. He is being held at the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center, where a \$5,000 surety bond was also set on the weapons charge.

An investigation into the incident is continuing.

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Conservative states balk at voter-approved medical marijuana

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Pot advocates celebrated the culmination of a yearslong effort to ease restrictions on the use of cannabis last month when nearly 60 percent of Oklahoma voters approved medical marijuana.

Oklahoma's proponents had even included a two-month deadline for the implementation in their measure so as to avoid the years of delays they had seen elsewhere.

But that has not stopped state health officials and the Republican governor from making drastic changes. Within weeks of the election, they signed off on tough new restrictions, including a ban on the sale of smokable pot. The change was supported by groups representing doctors, hospitals and pharmacists who opposed medical marijuana, but infuriated supporters of the state question and has already led to lawsuits.

"It's like they snatched defeat out of the jaws of victory," said Chip Paul, who helped write Oklahoma's medical marijuana state question and push for its approval. "You try to do something the proper way. You follow the rules. And then you win, and you get screwed."

Even in conservative states such as Oklahoma, which became the 30th in the U.S. to legalize medical marijuana, attitudes are shifting in favor of easing restrictions on pot. But there remains resistance from policymakers, especially in Republican-controlled areas, where the rollout of medical marijuana has frequently been restricted by lawmakers or bogged down in court battles.

After more than 70 percent of Florida voters approved medical marijuana in 2016, the Republican-controlled Legislature there imposed a similar ban on smokable pot. A judge last month ruled that such a ban was unconstitutional.

In Arkansas, 53 percent of voters approved medical marijuana in 2016, but a legal challenge has delayed the program. Michigan voters approved medical marijuana in 2008, only to be followed by years of court fights.

In Texas, the GOP-led Legislature approved a restrictive medical marijuana law in 2015, then proceeded to institute strict regulations. It allowed only three dispensaries in a state of 27 million people and imposed the highest licensing fees in the country.

Marijuana advocates say the restrictions on how medical marijuana can be used or the additional burdens placed on doctors may wind up undermining the initiatives and laws.

"The extent of limitations really serves to deprive people of the key goal, which is letting people use medical marijuana without being punished," said Karen O'Keefe, director of state policies for the Marijuana Policy Project.

Efforts to heavily restrict medical marijuana in Arkansas — including an outright ban on smoking it and an attempt to delay the program's launch until marijuana was legalized nationwide — failed in the majority-Republican Legislature last year. But the program's launch has stalled and medical marijuana likely won't be available until sometime

next year.

The problem stems from legal challenges over the state's licensing process for medical marijuana. The state Supreme Court last month cleared the way for the program to begin, reversing a lower judge's ruling that the licensing process was flawed and violated the constitutional amendment legalizing medical marijuana. An unsuccessful applicant had sued over the process.

More than 5,500 patients have been approved to use medical marijuana in the state, and Arkansas will issue them registry

cards about a month before the drug is expected to be legally available.

"If I was a patient, I would be coming unglued. I think they are coming unglued," said attorney David Couch, who authored Arkansas' medical marijuana amendment.

Oklahoma's State Question 788, the result of an activist-led signature drive, passed overwhelmingly despite fierce opposition and more than \$1 million in spending by chambers of commerce, clergy, doctors, hospitals, law enforcement and pharmacists.

Term-limited Republican Gov. Mary Fallin, who typically doesn't comment on state questions, said days before the measure passed that it was too loosely written and would essentially allow recreational use.

After it passed, the same medical groups that opposed it recommended the ban on "smokables" and the pharmacist requirement. On Friday, separate lawsuits were filed in two Oklahoma counties accusing state health officials of improperly imposing the strict rules.

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BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

It's easy to define "savvy." The adjective basically means you are good at dealing with practical matters. "Senior" or "senior citizen," however, is a bit vague — and the definition has changed through the decades as people live longer.

To the AARP — formerly the American Association of Retired Persons — you can be a member at 50, and you don't even have to be retired. Fifty is also the age you become eligible to join the Shepherd's Center of Sumter. Sumter Senior Services requires that you be at least 60. Other organizations serving seniors have differing age requirements.

Whatever the age, many seniors, no matter their income, can benefit from financial counseling. Sumter United Ministries provides counseling and budgeting services to individuals who contact them seeking assistance with financial crisis situations. Contact SUM at (803) 775-0757.

Seniors who want to improve their

savviness in financial matters have several options in the area.

Shepherd's Center Executive Director Jeanette Roveri Smith said that while the center does not offer financial counseling, Amanda Miller, a financial



adviser with Edward Jones, regularly teaches a class in money management during the center's Adventures in Learning program. While she has several focus areas, two are retirement income and retirement savings strategies.

In her Shepherd's Center classes, Miller provides pertinent information and also allows time in each session for questions and discussion.

In order to participate in its classes, the center requires affordable annual

membership dues and a class fee. Call (803) 773-1944 for more information.

There are numerous financial service businesses in the area; extensive listings can be found online or in the phone book. Friends and family might also offer recommendations.

Most banks also offer financial counseling to their customers; check with your bank to see what services it has available.

SAFE Federal Credit Union's financial counselor for its members is Donna Holmes. SAFE's services, offered at no cost to members, include providing "preventive counseling that features basic guidance and sugges-

tions concerning budgeting (and) ... remedial counseling for members experiencing difficulty meeting financial obligations," according to SAFE's website.

Holmes, who has been with SAFE since 2002, said she often helps members with their "budgets, working to improve credit scores, building credit and determining whether they can begin investing.

"We look at incoming and outgoing money, spenders versus savers. I work with members on all levels, from the lowest to highest income."

Holmes assists members in setting

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For additional information specifically for seniors, see Sumter Senior Living in today's paper.

goals to increase financial resources, whether through SAFE's investment programs or referrals. She also travels to SAFE branches in other areas to provide individual services, as well as seminars in other venues.

"It's never too late to start investing," she said, "but of course, the sooner you start, the better, if you want to make more."

For those who wish to invest large sums, Holmes said she often refers them to SAFE's Financial Services Representative Jose Rigor.

For questions about SAFE Federal Credit Union membership, call (803) 469-8600. To speak with Holmes, call that number and then her extension, 2211.

Many financial benefits are provided through AARP. The current AARP Bulletin features the annual round-up of money-saving ideas. Memberships begin at \$12 a year. Visit www.aarp.org or call (855) 993-1893 for more information.

NOTE: This list is not totally comprehensive, but most organizations serving seniors can provide referrals for money management entities.

WEDDING



MR., MRS. PATRICK WALLACH

McCarthy-Wallach

LANDRUM — Mary Margaret McCarthy and Patrick James Wallach were united in marriage at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018, at The Cliffs at Glassy Chapel. A reception followed at The Cabin at Mountain Park.

The bride is the daughter of Suzanne DeLorme McCarthy of Sumter and the late Michael Patrick McCarthy of Twins Falls, Idaho. She graduated from Clemson University and is employed as a registered dietician by Greenville Health System.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank Wallach Jr. of Reva, Virginia. He graduated from Clemson University and is employed as a mechanical engineer by Edgewater Automation Spartanburg.

The couple has been together since meeting each other on the Clemson Rowing Team.

Following a wedding trip to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple resides in Greer.



U.S. Navy Legalman First Class Tamatha Schulmerich works at her desk at the Naval War College on Wednesday in Newport, Rhode Island. The Navy announced it will let women sailors sport ponytails and other longer hairstyles, reversing a policy that long forbade females from letting their hair down.

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U.S. Navy now allows women to wear ponytails, lock hairstyles

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The Navy says it will now allow servicewomen to sport ponytails and other hairstyles, reversing a policy that long forbade females from letting their hair down.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson said it makes the Navy more inclusive.

Many black women had asked for changes to the female grooming standards. A female sailor, Yeoman First Class LaToya Jones, announced the new policy during a Facebook Live event Tuesday with Richardson. The new standards went into effect Wednesday.

Lock hairstyles, or ropelike strands, are also now allowed. Wider hair buns too. And women can wear ponytails while in uniform.

Capt. Thurraya Kent is the senior member of the working group that recommended the changes. The group told the Navy that adding grooming options would eliminate a distraction, be

more inclusive of different hair textures and enable people to keep their hair natural instead of processing it chemically.

Kent, who has been in the Navy for nearly 26 years, said her hair has been an issue throughout her career, whether it's figuring out what to do with it while she's deployed or trying to quickly make sure it conforms to regulations after exercising.

She recalled being told to take out her braids early in her career even though her hairstyle was allowed.

"Because of the texture of my hair, it stood straight up," Kent said. "It was a very embarrassing moment that stays with you."

She said she's very encouraged that Navy leaders both listened and understood.

At the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, on Wednesday, women said they're excited to switch from buns, which don't fit well

under helmets.

Legalman First Class Tamatha Schulmerich said she has to twist and wrap her hair into a bun because it goes down to her lower back. She said it was uncomfortable to wear that way when she had to wear a flight deck helmet in a previous assignment.

Lt. Cmdr. Jess Cameron said while allowing new hairdos may seem like a small thing, it sends a larger message.

"I think it's a step forward," she said. "They're getting more female feedback in the service, and updating what I think are somewhat antiquated guidelines that maybe no longer serve their purpose in today's society, today's military."

The Navy said it had the standards in place because of safety concerns and to ensure everyone maintained a uniform, professional look. Though the new rules permit ponytails, there will be some exceptions when working around heavy machinery.

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Algeria stops forcing migrants into Sahara

PARIS (AP) — Algeria's deadly expulsions of migrants into the Sahara Desert have nearly ground to a halt after widespread condemnation and the abrupt firing of two top security officials.

The expulsions to the desert borders that Algeria shares with Niger and Mali have all but ended since The Associated Press reported less than three weeks ago that more than 13,000 people, including women and children, had been dropped off in the stark, dangerous region since May 2017, according to officials with the U.N.'s International Organization for Migration.

Before the AP reached out to Algeria for comment and published the report on June 26, the North African nation was expelling migrants by the hundreds almost every week into the unforgiving desert, sometimes to their deaths.

Algeria has refused repeated AP requests for comment on the expulsions.

The European Union also declined to comment. The expulsions came as Europe is pressuring North African governments to head off the migrants before they can cross the Mediterranean Sea.

An aid worker with contacts in Algeria told the AP that the mass detentions continue, but now migrants, including dozens of pregnant women, are warehoused in overcrowded jails. The worker requested anonymity to avoid retribution from the Algerian government.

Algeria also continues to deport mi-

grants from neighboring Niger, with which it has had an expulsion agreement since 2015. But while migrants from other sub-Saharan countries were dropped in the desert secretly and forced to walk for miles under the blistering sun, the Nigeriens have long been driven to the border by convoys. After the AP report in June, Algerian officials invited local media to watch such a round of deportations to prove they were humanely done.

Since the AP report, Algeria's security forces have fallen into disarray, with the head of the gendarmerie and the chief of national security both being forced from their jobs. It is unclear why the men were fired, but both were linked to the migrant expulsions in the desert as well as to an unrelated corruption scandal involving the seizure of more than 1,550 pounds of cocaine from a cargo ship in May.

In its few public statements, Algeria has insisted that migrants are treated appropriately, but the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights has condemned the expulsions in the desert. Two days after the AP report, Human Rights Watch also released an investigation into the forced desert marches.

"Algeria has the power to control its borders, but that doesn't mean it can round up people based on the color of their skin and dump them in the desert, regardless of their legal status and without a shred of due process," Sarah Leah Whitson of Human Rights Watch



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Migrants and locals wait for trucks arriving from Algeria to unload their cargo on June 3 in order to earn money to pay for the trip north, at a giant desert trading post called "The Dune" in the no-man's land separating Niger and Algeria north of the Assamaka border post in northern Niger.

said in a statement.

Migrants filmed videos of themselves fanning out across the open desert, stumbling through heat that reaches above 122 degrees Fahrenheit in summer as Algerian gendarmes with guns ensured they did not turn back. Of the more than two dozen migrants who AP journalists interviewed in Niger, nearly all reported seeing deaths during the forced march, which sometimes lasted days.

Even before the AP report, the conditions that migrants were enduring in the Sahara Desert had been an open secret among aid workers as well as governments in Africa and Europe. The African Union had already complained

about Algeria's policies toward migrants in a statement in May.

"We cannot accept African countries ill treating Africans, even if they enter the country illegally," the chairman of the AU Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, said this week in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

European Union officials say they discussed the desert expulsions with Algerian government officials privately in recent months, but the EU nonetheless settled upon Algeria as one of a handful of countries where it had hoped to set up centers to sort economic migrants from asylum seekers fleeing for their lives. Algeria refused the dubious honor, as did multiple other countries.

Detaining immigrant kids is now a billion-dollar industry

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Detaining immigrant children has morphed into a surging industry in the U.S. that now reaps \$1 billion annually — a tenfold increase over the past decade, an Associated Press analysis finds.

Health and Human Services grants for shelters, foster care and other child welfare services for detained unaccompanied and separated children soared from \$74.5 million in 2007 to \$958 million in 2017. The agency is also reviewing a new round of proposals amid a growing effort by the White House to keep immigrant children in government custody.

Currently, more than 11,800 children,

from a few months old to 17, are housed in nearly 90 facilities in 15 states — Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

They are being held while their parents await immigration proceedings or, if the children arrived unaccompanied, are reviewed for possible asylum themselves.

In May, the agency issued requests for bids for five projects that could total more than \$500 million for beds, foster and therapeutic care, and "secure care,"

which means employing guards. More contracts are expected to come up for bids in October.

HHS spokesman Kenneth Wolfe said the agency will award bids "based on the number of beds needed to provide appropriate care for minors in the program."

The agency's current facilities include locations for what the Trump administration calls "tender age" children, typically under 5. Three shelters in Texas have been designated for toddlers and infants. Others — including in tents in Tornillo, Texas, and a tent-and-building temporary shelter in Homestead,

Florida — are housing older teens.

Over the past decade, by far the largest recipients of taxpayer money have been Southwest Key and Baptist Child & Family Services. AP's analysis shows. From 2008 to date, Southwest Key has received \$1.39 billion in grant funding to operate shelters; Baptist Child & Family Services has received \$942 million.

A Texas-based organization called International Educational Services also was a big recipient, landing more than \$72 million in the last fiscal year before folding amid a series of complaints about the conditions in its shelters.

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Boys meant to stay 1 hour in cave, but outside, rains began

BY JOHNSON LAI AND JASON CORBEN, Associated Press

CHIANG RAI, Thailand — The boys meant to explore the cave for just an hour, a casual jaunt to relax after soccer practice, but the waters rose. The teammates climbed higher, using their hands to feel the walls for a crawl space that would lead to safer, higher ground. Those handprints were among the first signs of where the boys were, what they had done to escape the floods, and what dangers rescuers would face in their mission to save the boys and their coach.

The boys now recuperating and the rescuers who brought them to safety are starting to share stories of the dangers and their survival. The hospital in northern Thailand where the 12 boys and their soccer coach are quarantined said Friday they are basically healthy, aside from some minor infections. A psychiatrist said their mental state seems fine.

Family members, first able to reunite with them only through a glass window, now can meet face to face though still not touch, to ensure any illnesses don't spread.

Banphot Konkum, father of 13-year-old Duangpetch Promthep, told The Associated Press his son — better known by his nickname, Dom — said the team members didn't know rain had started falling after they had entered the cave on June 23. But the rain caused flooding in the cave, blocking them from exiting.

"After an hour when they wanted to leave, the water level was rising. They ran further inside the cave to escape from the water. The water flow was strong," Banphot said.

In their search for a safe haven, the boys were reported to have used their hands to feel the walls for an opening to take them to a higher, safer spot. Searchers later found what they thought were the boys' handprints, giving them confidence the boys were alive



Banphot Konkum, father of Duangpetch Promthep, one of the rescued Thai boys, shows his son's life vest during an interview at their home in Mae Sai district, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand on Friday.

and that the searchers were on the right path.

"They, all 13 of them, saw a small passage or a crawl space, so they all dug the hole to get through to another spot, until they found Nen Nom Sao," Banphot said, referring to the sandy slope on which they ended up sheltering. There was nowhere else to go.

Dom's grandmother, Kameay Promthep, said she would tell Dom never to go near the cave or water again because she doesn't want anything to happen to him or for him to cause trouble to others again.

"I will tell Dom that he has to thank all the Thai people from all over the country and people from all over the world who were kind enough to come and help Dom. Without the (Thai navy) SEALs, the officials, and everyone who came and helped, Dom wouldn't be here today. He would not be seeing his Grandma, and Grandma wouldn't see his face again. From now on, Dom will have to be a good person."

Banphot said all 13 rescued team members will enter the monkhood to pay tribute to Saman Kunan, a former Thai navy SEAL who died while diving to place essential supplies along the rescue route. Becoming a monk at a temple for at least a short period is a way of making merit in Thai Buddhist tradition.

"We are planning the date and will do it whenever all the families are all ready," Banphot said.

The mother of the youngest Wild Boar teammate, 11-year-old Chanin Wiboonrungruang, told a Bangkok newspaper that her son told her the team did not make a special point of bringing along food since they were only planning a short trek into the cave.

"After the first three nights with no food in the cave, my son felt extreme hunger and cried," Aikhan told the *Bangkok Post*. "He had to rely only on water dripping from the rock. It was very cold at night and pitch dark. They had to lie huddled together."

She said her son, nicknamed Tun, said the boys' 25-year-old soccer coach, Ekapol "Ake" Chanthawong, told them to meditate to ease their hunger and save their energy.

One of the two British divers who found the group said the rescue operation was "completely uncharted, unprecedented territory," and that he had not been certain the boys would be found alive.

"Nothing like this has been done," Rick Stanton said at a news conference Friday at London's Heathrow airport after returning from Thailand.

Recalling the moment on July 2 when he and his diving partner John Volanthen found the boys on their 10th day inside the cave, he said his initial reaction was "of course, excitement, relief that they were still alive."

"As they were coming down the slope we were counting them till we got to 13. Unbelievable," he said. "They looked in good health, but of course when we departed all we could think about was how we were going to get them out. And so there was relief tempered with uncertainty."

Thai authorities had contacted the British Cave Rescue Council for help when the boys disappeared. The British divers left London on June 26 with special rescue equipment, including radios designed to work in caves.

An international team of cave divers and Thai navy SEALs extracted the 12 boys and coach in a high-risk, three-day mission that concluded Tuesday.

"None of the tasks were easy," Thai navy SEAL commander Rear Adm. Arpakorn Yookongkaew said Thursday after his men flew back to their base at Sattahip on the Gulf of Thailand.

"We were working on many tasks, and we had to plan well. Our troops were taking risks, working in dangerous conditions and risking their lives. Many had to go to hospitals after the dives, and many were sick. But we didn't mention it because it could affect morale."

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HEMP FROM PAGE A1

According to research, the hemp plant can be used for grain production as a food oil and can also be used to make fabrics and plastics, among numerous other products.

Given strong interest in the plant, many states — now including South Carolina — are allowing farmers to apply for permits to grow industrial



Small industrial hemp plants grow on a half acre at Bradford Family Farm.

Of the state's 25,000 farmers, 131 applied for the pilot program. Next year, another 20 will be permitted, according to the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The vast majority of farmers are involved in "commercial agriculture," want to follow a prescription, see every plant produce and not a single plant to die, Bradford said.

In the research stage with industrial hemp, it is anything but reliable, commercial agriculture.

Bradford is starting from scratch now in his "research lab" of nine plots, or

hemp for research purposes, in accordance with the 2014 Farm Bill passed by Congress.

Last year, Gov. Henry McMaster signed legislation making it legal for 20 South Carolina farmers to get a permit to grow industrial hemp this year for research purposes.

WILL THE THC LEVELS BE CHECKED?

Yes. The new law requires crops to be tested for THC levels by an ISO certified lab. If it is above .3 percent, the crop will be destroyed or reconditioned.

WHO CAN GROW HEMP IN S.C.?

South Carolina residents who applied for a permit and were accepted by the SCDA. By the second year of the program in 2019, 40 permits will be issued. Each permit holder is allowed up to 40 acres on land that is reported with GPS coordinates.

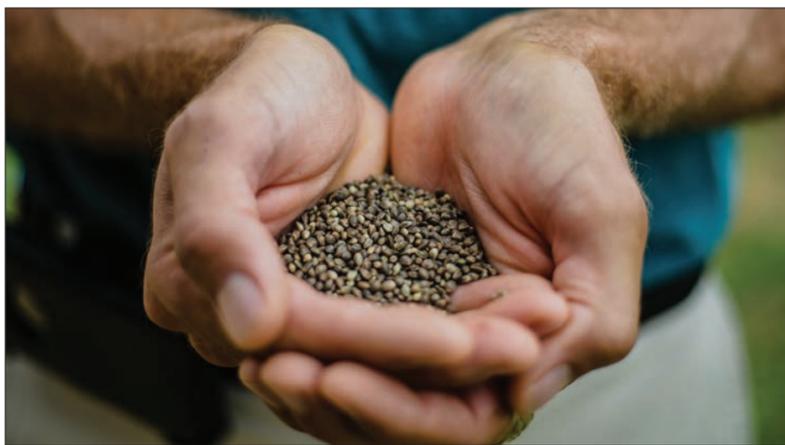
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about a half acre, of industrial hemp on his 10.5-acre farm in the northern part of Sumter County.

He bought his seed from the West Coast and internationally, and now he's trying to find the strongest performers. It is "playing with genetics," as he is in the preliminary breeding stage to use industrial hemp for grain production as a food oil for culinary use.

It's a two-for-one process as well, Bradford said, because the leftover seeds can be used as a protein powder for health shakes and smoothies.

Bradford is actually the only one of the 20 permitted farmers in the state headed in the agricultural grain production route with hemp. The other 19 are experimenting with hemp for Cannabidiol — or CBD — production. CBD has attracted attention for its pharmaceutical effects and is used to treat epilepsy, depression, pain and



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Bradford holds industrial hemp seeds that he's using in the state's pilot program this year at his farm.

WHAT ABOUT THE WATERMELONS?

Bradford Family Farm/Bradford Watermelon Co. is known for its trademark watermelon and also okra, collards and corn. Nat Bradford said this year's crop of watermelon should be ready in late August or early September.

other ailments.

Bradford described that as "the gold rush" with hemp production, but he said he thinks the market will saturate quickly.

He said he thinks the flatlands of the Pee Dee region along the state's coast could be good for grain and fiber production of hemp.

It's a slow process, though, and "a long haul," he said.

"My goal year one isn't to make a mil-

lion bucks," Bradford said. "My goal this year is to find the strongest, healthiest plants out of this pool of genetics and start my breeding program with hemp."

Farmers typically desire proven genetics.

"Farmers, we don't like risk," Bradford said. "They want a prescription. This is gambling for farmers on a big scale."

He said if he can clone genetically one plant that produces 1,000 seeds, then next year he could have 10 plants and 10,000 seeds. He hopes next year he can grow the plants up to 8 or 10 feet tall and have up to 40 acres, the maximum acreage allowed according to the legislation.

Bradford said he hopes through his business model he can work with other Sumter farmers to grow the crop.

"I want to see something special happen," he said, "with farmers in the Sumter area and South Carolina with hemp."

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is in the best interest of the individual, the family and law enforcement.

Anyone with information about the location of either Brailey or Nave should call Sumter Crime Stoppers at (803) 436-2718.

DO YOU HAVE TO WAIT 24 HOURS TO REPORT SOMEONE MISSING?

No, said deputy Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office. The sooner someone is reported missing, the better law enforcement's chances are of quickly locating the person, he said. This is especially true for minors, he said. Bell said waiting 24 hours is a Hollywood and TV myth.

Lt. Chuck Banghart with Sumter Police Department said quickly reporting someone missing does not apply to a person who is just a few minutes late coming home. However, if you cannot get in touch with the person or you think the person's absence is out of character, call law enforcement, he said.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NECESSARY TO REPORT SOMEONE MISSING?

In addition to age, height, approximate weight, color of eyes and hair, Bell said it is helpful to have a clothing description of what the missing person was last seen wearing.

Other helpful information would be a description of the person's vehicle, the identity of a person the missing individual could be with, that person's location and contact information, and a place the missing person visits often, he said.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A PERSON IS REPORTED

MISSING?

Investigators try to track down as much information as possible to hopefully find the person quickly but also to prepare for the possibility of a long-term investigation, Banghart said.

Bell said the missing person's physical description and other telling information is also entered into the National Crime Information Center and other national databases so law enforcement agencies across the country can identify the person if he or she is found in another state.

Officers also send out a Be On the Lookout (BOLO) report to local law enforcement and agencies that are in areas the person is thought to be traveling to, according to Bell and Banghart.

Amber Alerts are issued for children who could be in danger, Bell said.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PUT OUT MISSING POSTERS?

This depends on the circumstances of the disappearance, Banghart said. If there is a health concern or suspected foul play the public will be alerted sooner, he said.

HOW DO INVESTIGATORS HANDLE OLD MISSING CASES?

The agency gets new eyes to look at older cases, Banghart said.

Law enforcement also relies on the media to help keep the public thinking about the investigation and possibly encourage someone to come forward with information, he said.

Whichever investigator is assigned to the case is responsible for following leads and will revisit older cases on a regular basis along with managing his

or her current caseload, Bell said.

"We want the families of the missing people to know that we are not forgetting their loved one," he said. "We want to bring closure to each family."

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A CASE TO BE

CONSIDERED A COLD CASE?

Investigators do not refer to them as "cold cases," Banghart said. The investigation activity could start to diminish as leads stop coming in, but the cases are still ongoing, he said.

Cases are still considered active until they are solved, Bell said.

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COMMENTARY

Trump wants to strengthen NATO alliance

WASHINGTON — As President Trump put Germany and other allies on notice for the harm they are doing to NATO with their failure to spend adequately on our common defense, Democrats in Washington came to Germany's defense. "President Trump's brazen insults and denigration of one of America's most steadfast allies, Germany, is an embarrassment," Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said in a joint statement.

Sorry, Trump is right. The real embarrassment is that Germany, one of the wealthiest countries in Europe, spends just 1.24 percent of its gross domestic product on defense — in the bottom half of NATO allies. (The U.S. spends 3.5 percent of GDP on its military.) A study by McKinsey & Co. notes that about 60 percent of Germany's Eurofighter and Tornado fighter jets and about 80 percent of its Sea Lynx helicopters are unusable. According to Deutsche Welle, a German parliamentary investigation found that "at the end of 2017, no submarines and none of the air force's 14 large transport planes were available for deployment due to repairs," and "a Defense Ministry paper revealed German soldiers did not have enough protective vests, winter clothing or tents to adequately take part in a major NATO mission." Not enough tents?

To meet its promised NATO commitments, Germany needs to spend \$28 billion more on defense annually. Apparently Germany can't come up with the money, but it can send billions of dollars to Russia — the country NATO was created to protect against — for natural gas and support a new pipeline that will make Germany and Eastern European allies even more vulnerable to Moscow.

Sadly, Germany is not alone. Belgium, where NATO is headquartered, spends just 0.9 percent of GDP on defense — and fully one-third of its meager defense budget is spent on pensions. European NATO allies have about 1.8 million troops, but less than a third are deployable and just 6 percent for any sustained period.

When Trump says NATO is "obsolete," he is correct — literally.

This is not a new problem. I was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and vividly recall how, when it came time to take military action in Afghanistan, only a handful of allies had any useful war-fighting capabilities they could contribute during the critical early stages of Operation Enduring Freedom. At NATO's 2002 Prague summit, allies pledged to address these de-

iciencies by spending at least 2 percent of GDP on defense and investing that money in more usable capabilities. Instead, defense investments by European allies declined from 1.9 percent of GDP in 2000-2004 to 1.7 percent five years later, dropping further to 1.4 percent by 2015.

Little surprise that when NATO intervened in Libya a decade after 9/11, *The Post* reported, "Less than a month into the Libyan conflict, NATO is running short of precision bombs, highlighting the limitations of Britain, France and other European countries in sustaining even a relatively small military action over an extended period of time." An alliance

whose founding purpose is to deter Russian aggression could not sustain a limited bombing campaign against a far weaker adversary.

President Barack Obama called NATO allies "free riders," and President George W. Bush urged allies to "increase their defense investments," both to little effect. But when Trump refused to immediately affirm that the United States would meet its Article 5 commitment to defend a NATO ally, NATO allies agreed to boost spending by \$12 billion last year. That is a drop in the bucket: McKinsey calculated that allies need to spend \$107 billion more each year to meet their commitments. Since polite pressure by his predecessors did not work, Trump is digging in on a harder line: On Thursday, he suggested NATO members double their defense spending targets to 4 percent of GDP.

This is not a gift to Russia, as his critics have alleged. The last thing Putin wants is for Trump to succeed in getting NATO to spend more on defense. And if allies are concerned about getting tough with Russia, there is an easy way to do so: invest in the capabilities NATO needs to deter and defend against Russian aggression.

Trump's hard line also does not signal that he considers NATO irrelevant. If Trump thought NATO was useless, he would not waste his time on it.

But if allies don't invest in real, usable military capabilities, NATO will become irrelevant. An alliance that cannot effectively join the fight when one of its members comes under attack or runs out of munitions in the middle of a military intervention is, by definition, irrelevant.

NATO needs some tough love, and Trump is delivering it. Thanks to him, the alliance will be stronger as a result.

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COMMENTARY

Is a coming NATO crisis inevitable?

Of President Donald Trump's explosion at Angela Merkel's Germany during the NATO summit, it needs to be said: It is long past time we raised our voices.

America pays more for NATO, an alliance created 69 years ago to defend Europe, than do the Europeans. And as Europe free rides off our defense effort, the EU runs trade surpluses at our expense that exceed \$100 billion a year.

To Trump, and not only to him, we are being used, gouged, by rich nations we defend, while they skimp on their own defense.

At Brussels, Trump had a new beef with the Germans, though similar problems date back to the Reagan era. Now we see the Germans, Trump raged, whom we are protecting from Russia, collaborating with Russia and deepening their dependence on Russian natural gas by jointly building the Nord Stream 2 pipeline under the Baltic Sea.

When completed, this pipeline will leave Germany and Europe even more deeply reliant on Russia for their energy needs.

To Trump, this makes no sense. While we pay the lion's share of the cost of Germany's defense, Germany, he said in Brussels, is becoming "a captive of Russia."

Impolitic? Perhaps. But is Trump wrong? While much of what he says enrages Western elites, does not much of it need saying?

Germany spends 1.2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense, while the U.S. spends 3.5 percent. Why?

Why — nearly three decades after the end of the Cold War, the collapse of the Warsaw Pact, the crackup of the Soviet Union and the overthrow of the Communist dictatorship in Moscow — are we still defending Europe-

an nations that collectively have 10 times the GDP of Vladimir Putin's Russia?

Before departing Brussels, Trump upped the ante on the allies, urging that all NATO nations raise the share of their GDPs that they devote to defense to 4 percent.

Brussels may dismiss this as typical Trumpian bluster, but my sense is that Trump is not bluffing. He is visibly losing patience.

Though American leaders since John Foster Dulles in the 1950s have called for a greater defense effort from our allies, if the Europeans do not get serious this time, it could be the beginning of the end for NATO.

And not only NATO. South Korea, with an economy 40 times that of North Korea, spends 2.6 percent of its GDP on defense, while, by one estimate, North Korea spends 22 percent, the highest share on earth.

Japan, with the world's third-largest economy, spends an even smaller share of its GDP on defense than Germany, 0.9 percent.

Thus, though Seoul and Tokyo are far more menaced by a nuclear-armed North Korea and a rising China, like the Europeans, both continue to rely upon us as they continue to run large trade surpluses with us.

We get hit both ways. We send troops and pay billions for their defense, while they restrict our access to their markets and focus on capturing U.S. markets from American producers.

We are giving the world a lesson in how great powers decline.

America's situation is unsustainable economically and politically, and it's transparently intolerable to Trump, who does not appear to be a turn-the-other-cheek sort of fellow.

A frustrated Trump has already hinted he may accept Russia's annexation of Crimea as he accepted Israel's annexation of Jerusalem.

And he appears earnest about reducing our massive trade deficits in goods

that have been bleeding jobs, plants, equipment, capital and technology abroad.

The latest tariffs Trump has proposed, on \$200 billion worth of Chinese-made goods, would raise the price of 40 percent of China's exports to the U.S. and begin to shrink the \$375 billion trade surplus Beijing ran in 2017.

Trump said upon departing Brussels he had won new commitments to raise European contributions to NATO. But Emmanuel Macron of France seemed to contradict him. The commitments made before the summit, for all NATO nations to reach 2 percent of GDP for defense by 2024, said Macron, stand, and no new commitments were made.

As for Trump's call for a 4 percent defense effort by all, it was ignored. Hence the question: If Trump does not get his way and the allies hold to their previous schedule of defense commitments, what does he do?

One idea Trump floated last week was the threat of a drawdown of the 35,000 U.S. troops in Germany. But would this really rattle the Germans?

A new poll shows that a plurality of Germans favor a drawdown of U.S. troops, and only 15 percent believe that Germany should raise its defense spending to 2 percent of GDP.

While Trump's pressure on NATO to contribute more is popular here, apparently Merkel's resistance comports with German opinion.

Since exiting the Iranian nuclear deal, President Trump has demanded that our European allies join the U.S. in reimposing sanctions. Now he is demanding that the Europeans contribute more to defense.

What does he do if they defy us? More than likely, we will find out.

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."

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AROUND TOWN

The Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association will meet at 4 p.m. today at 22 Council St. Call James Green at (803) 968-4173.

The Carolina Coin Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, at the Parks and Recreation Department building, 155 Haynsworth St. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Visitors are welcome. Call (803) 775-8840.

The General George L. Mabry Jr. Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at the Sumter Combat Veterans Group building, 529 N. Wise Drive. All Purple Heart recipients and those interested in association membership are invited. Life membership is available for only \$25. For information, call (803) 773-0658.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 Monday, 6 p.m., district office, Summertown

Monday, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES Monday, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road

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

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

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Tuesday, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

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CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., district office

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll have to gauge what others are

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your time and your energy into finding out exactly what you need to know in order to bring about positive changes. Once you begin, it will be easy to keep moving forward. It's the first step that will be the hardest.

Thinking before you respond. Taking the slow route may not be favored, but in the end, it will save you from going back and fixing something that went wrong. Funnel your energy where it counts most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take time to find out what's going on with friends or relatives. Your input will help resolve an issue that's been causing uncertainty in one of your relationships. Be frank about the way you feel. Romance is encouraged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider all the possibilities and make a decision before you initiate change. Have all your ducks in a row if you want to come out on top. A partnership will bring about unexpected possibilities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll need to harness your energy and put it into something that will encourage better work and personal relationships. Join a collective group with the same intentions as you; much can be accomplished. Positive change is within reach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't wait to see what others are going to do. Follow your basic instincts and head in the direction that will bring the highest returns. Exercise your rights if someone tries to stand in your way. Intelligence will win in the end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A serious attitude will help you get ahead. Look at the big picture, and make adjustments that are affordable and will take care of what really counts. Networking or friendly banter will lead to valuable information and a potential partnership.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Getting along with others will have its rewards. Use your charm to encourage others to pitch in and help; the changes you want to make will take place. A personal change will brighten your life. Romance is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for answers within. A little soul-searching will help you come to conclusions that will in turn lead to a positive change. Set new guidelines when it comes to spending or taking on too much. Consider your motives before moving forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't feel obligated to get involved in something that is going to take up too much of your time or cause problems for you and the ones you love. Act quickly and get designated responsibilities out of the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Hard work will pay off. A change in your professional or personal goals will help you decipher what you want to do next. Sometimes a little push can lead to a brighter future. Don't fight the inevitable. Embrace new beginnings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's up to you to initiate what you want to see happen. Business trips, meetings or gathering information and doing your best to make your dreams come true rests in your hands, not someone else's. Do your part.

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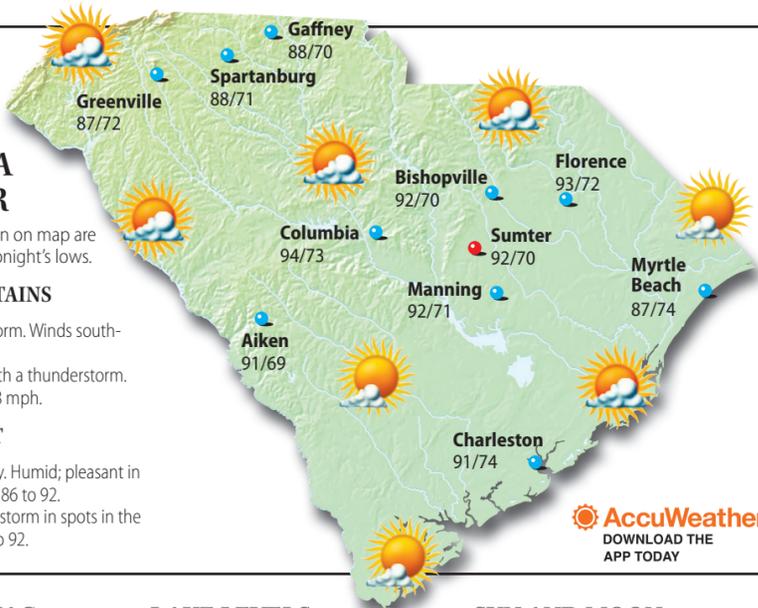
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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Today: A thunderstorm. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph. Monday: Humid with a thunderstorm. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny. Humid; pleasant in northern parts. High 86 to 92. Monday: A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. High 88 to 92.

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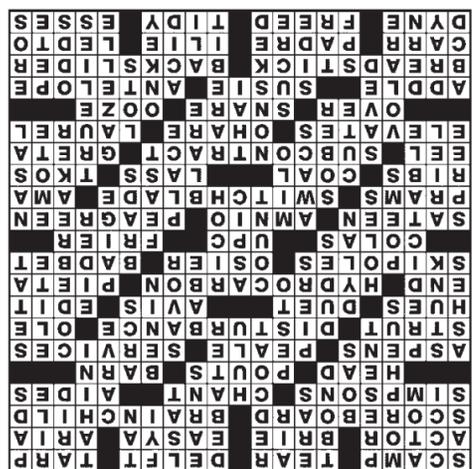
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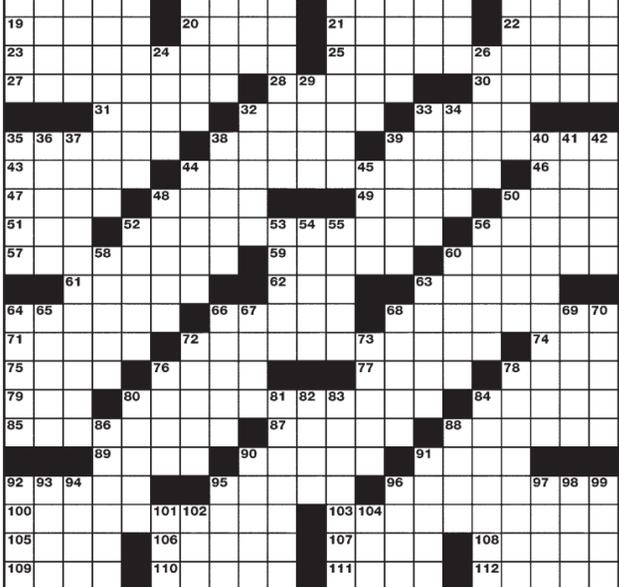
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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



Right time to peak

TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Jacob Holladay looks in the ball as he is squares to bunt during the P-15's regular-season victory over Florence. Sumter swept Hartsville in the first round of the state playoffs and begins the second round on Monday against Camden. The winner advances to the 4-team state tournament.

P-15's set to face Camden in state tournament second round best-of-5 series

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT
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The Sumter P-15's have reeled off four straight victories going back to their regular season finale, a 4-2 victory over Florence at Riley Park that was Post 15's first win

over Post 1 since 2015.

The win looks to have boosted the team's confidence entering the American Legion state tournament as the No. 2 seed in the Midlands region. After an opening-round sweep of Hartsville, Sumter is set to face top-seeded Camden in a

best-of-5 series this week with a trip to the 4-team state tournament on the line.

Sumter pitching ace Lathan Todd will take the mound for the P-15's in Game 1 on Monday at Legion Field in Camden at 7 pm. Rylan Williamson will get the start in Game

2 at Riley Park.

"Camden is going to be well coached and has a bunch of talent, and we're going to have to play well to compete with them," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson, whose team stands at 18-9 on the season after its fourth-straight win.

"We've been playing a lot better lately than we were earlier in the year, but they're going to be a good team. We feel like we can play with them, but we've just got to be effective with what we try to do."

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WIMBLEDON

Kerber tops Williams at Wimbledon

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

LONDON — Angelique Kerber was not about to be overwhelmed by the setting or the stakes in this Wimbledon final. She knew exactly what to expect — and what to do — against Serena Williams.

Two years after losing to Williams with a title on the line at Centre Court, Kerber came through. So steady, so patient, so accurate throughout, she never really gave Williams much of a chance this time, putting together a 6-3, 6-3 victory Saturday for her first championship at the All England Club and third major overall.

"I think it's the experience. You have to go through all the things — the good things, the bad things — and then you need to learn," said Kerber, the first German to win Wimbledon since Steffi Graf in 1996.

"I know that against Serena, I have to play my best tennis, especially in the important moments," said Kerber, who won the Australian

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Angelique Kerber returns the ball to Serena Williams during their women's singles final match in the Wimbledon Championships on Saturday in London. Kerber won by the score of 6-3, 6-3.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Stogner named new head football coach at Thomas Sumter

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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After three decades as an assistant football coach on the varsity level or as a head coach at a lower level, Randy Stogner is now a varsity head coach.

Stogner is just a little over a month away from his first season as the head coach at Thomas Sumter Academy.

Stogner was the longtime defensive coordinator at Crestwood High School under head coach Keith Crolley. When Crolley resigned following the 2013 season, Stogner became an assistant at Manning High.

Stogner said becoming the head coach at TSA was something that was intriguing to him.

"I've always respected Thomas Sumter for what it's done and the way it's done it," Stogner said. "When the opportunity presented itself it was something I had to check in to."

"When I met with (headmaster) Dr. (Frank) Martin and Coach (assistant headmaster Paul) Sorrells and how excited they were about Thomas Sumter, it was a situation that I knew I wanted to be part of."

Stogner said he felt the time was right for him to make the move to head coach.

It's something I thought about for a long time," Stogner said. "When you work for a man like Keith Crolley, you don't fix something that ain't broken. We looked at things the same way. When he decided to step down, that's when I started looking into it."

"It's something I've been praying about, and I just felt this was the right opportunity for me."

Stogner replaces Troy Kessinger, who resigned after the 2017 season after 12 years at the Dalzell school. Kessinger was 75-67 with the Generals, including winning six straight region titles starting in 2007. Thomas Sumter played for the state title three times in four years, winning the SCISA 2A state title in 2010.

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Junior P-15's on roll entering 2nd round

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Sumter Junior P-15's will take on Camden Post 17 in a second-round series in the American Legion baseball junior playoffs beginning on Monday at Riley Park at 7 p.m.

Sumter, which is trying to reach the state tournament for the second straight season, comes into the best-of-5 series with a 17-2-1 record. Camden, which finished third in League IV behind Sumter and South Florence Blue, owns a 12-7 record.

The Junior P-15's advanced to the



with a 16-2 victory on Wednesday in Bennettsville. The Junior P-15's scored seven runs in the third and nine in the fifth to secure the win.

Wylie Coker had four hits and four runs batted in to lead the Junior P-15's. Victor Brown had three hits, while SB DuCom drove in three runs. Dustin Kennedy drew

second round with a sweep of Marlboro in the best-of-3 first-round series. Sumter won the opener 8-1 on Tuesday before ending the series

three walks.

Seth Posey pitched 4 1/3 innings to get the victory.

Camden advanced with a 2-1 series win over Darlington. Post 17 won the opener 10-7 before falling in the second game 9-6. Camden won the series with a 9-3 triumph.

Game 2 will be played in Camden on Tuesday with Game 3 back at Riley on Wednesday. If a fourth game is needed it will be back in Camden with a fifth game at Riley if necessary.

Sumter opened its season against Camden. It swept the series, winning the opener in Camden 14-3 before winning in Sumter 8-2.

WORLD CUP SOCCER



France's Samuel Umtiti, second from left, is congratulated by his teammates Antoine Griezmann, Raphael Varane and Paul Pogba, left to right, after scoring a goal during their World Cup semifinal victory over Belgium on Tuesday. France faces Croatia for the title today.

Veteran-laden Croatia faces youthful France for World Cup

BY GRAHAM DUNBAR
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — France is the established power with a young team full of speed and skill. Croatia has the veterans that have shown they can never be counted out. The two sides will meet on Sunday in the World Cup final, with France going for its second title in its third final in 20 years. Croatia, a country that only gained independence in 1991, will be playing in its first. "Tradition is there to be demolished," Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said Saturday. "I'm not interested who is the opponent." Most consider France to be the favorite for the match at the Luzhniki Stadium, just like two years ago when the country's national team faced Portugal in the European Championship final at home. But perhaps feeling complacent after beating Germany in the semifinals, France flopped.

"I don't think it's going to happen again," said France captain Hugo Lloris, who has been stellar in goal during this year's tournament. "We are far from thinking on our side that we have already reached the goal." Lloris was the goalkeeper in that 1-0 loss in Paris, facing a Portugal team that had reached the final after some extra-time victories. Croatia has done the same this year, needing penalty kicks to beat Denmark and host Russia before defeating England in extra time in the semifinals. France coach Didier Deschamps has made some changes to his team, however. Fourteen, to be exact, from the 23 players who made up the squad two years ago. Another factor in France's favor is rest. The French had only two days of rest between the Euro 2016 semifinals and the final. This time, they have four full days to recover, one more than Croatia. "A lot of things have

changed," Lloris said. "Especially when it comes to recovery and preparation time." Croatia has also played a lot more soccer in its six matches in Russia. With its last three matches going to extra time, the team has played a full 90 minutes more than France. There was also the added stress of two penalty shootouts. That's all behind them. "Now, there is no pressure," Dalic said through a translator. "Simply this is the greatest moment in the life of all of us. We have come here to enjoy the final." **FIRST WIN** Croatia has not beaten France in five games since being accepted as a FIFA member federation in 1992. The first match was the most momentous — a 2-1 win for France in the 1998 World Cup semifinals at Stade de France outside Paris. A group game at Euro 2004 ended in a 2-2 draw, and their latest game was a 0-0 draw in March 2011 in Paris.

SPORTS ITEMS

Gainey makes cut at John Deere Classic

SILVIS, Illinois — Michael Kim took a four-shot lead Friday at the John Deere Classic in the Quad Cities, which was suspended twice because of weather concerns. Kim, who is winless in 84 career PGA Tour starts, was 16 under through 35 holes, with the second round to be completed Saturday morning. Kim birdied eight of his first 14 holes without a bogey to race past first-round leader Steve Wheatcroft, who shot 68. Wheatcroft was 12 under along with David Hearn (64) and Johnson Wagner (66). Bishopville's Tommy "Two Gloves" Gainey made the cut on Friday with a 68. Francesco Molinari, who won the Quicken Loans National two weeks ago, was 11 under along with Matt Jones and Bronson Burgoon, who made two eagles on Friday and was 8 under for the round with three holes to play.

time in 1966. France and Croatia will play in the final on Sunday at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. **KNOX IN CONTENTION FOR TITLE AT SCOTTISH OPEN** GULLANE, Scotland — An 11-hour sleep and a hearty Scottish breakfast sparked the latest impressive round in Russell Knox's glorious summer of golf, putting him in contention to seal back-to-back wins on the European Tour at the Scottish Open on Saturday. Knox mastered the windiest conditions of the week over the Gullane links to shoot a 4-under 66 in the third round, leaving him two strokes off surprise leader Jens Dantorb (68) and one behind a six-way tie for second place in the event used as a tune-up for next week's British Open. The Scotsman doesn't want this summer to end. After placing 12th at the U.S. Open last month for his best finish at a major, Knox was runner-up at the French Open and then won the Irish Open last week thanks to consecutive 40-foot birdie putts on the 72nd hole and first playoff hole. **GROENEWEGEN WINS 2ND CONSECUTIVE STAGE AT TOUR DE FRANCE** AMIENS, France — Dylan Groenewegen won a second consecutive stage at the Tour de France when he sprinted to the finish on Saturday, and Greg Van Avermaet kept the overall lead for a fifth consecutive day. Dutch rider Groenewegen beat Andre Greipel and Fernando Gaviria to the line to win Stage 8 in more than four hours. Four-time winner Chris Froome remained over a minute behind Van Avermaet, a support rider for BMC top rider Richie Porte.

BELGIUM FINISHES 3RD, BEATS ENGLAND 2-0

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Belgium earned its highest World Cup finish on Saturday by beating England 2-0 in the third-place match. Thomas Meunier and Eden Hazard scored a goal each for the Belgians, who lost to France in the semifinals on Tuesday. Meunier scored in the fourth minute, knocking a cross from Nacer Chadli past England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford. Hazard added the other off a pass from Kevin de Bruyne in the 82nd. Toby Alderweireld denied England's best chance of the game, sliding on the goal line to clear a shot from Eric Dier. England, which lost to Croatia in the semifinals, matched its best World Cup result — fourth in 1990 — since winning the tournament for the only

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6:30 a.m. — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 9 from Roubaix, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 a.m. — International Lacrosse: FIL World Lacrosse Championship Pool Play Match from Netanya, Israel (ESPN).
9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship Match and Mixed Doubles Championship Match from London (ESPN).
10 a.m. — International Lacrosse: FIL World Lacrosse Championship Pool Play Match from Netanya, Israel — United States vs. Canada (ESPN2).
10 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Final Round from East Lothian, Scotland (GOLF).
11 a.m. — International Soccer: FIFA World Cup Championship Match from Moscow — France vs. Croatia (WACH 57).
12:30 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Scottish Open Final Round from East Lothian, 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 Cleveland (TBS).
1:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
2 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle at Atlanta (WACH 57).
2 p.m. — High School Basketball: Peach Jam Championship Game from North Augusta (ESPN).
3 p.m. — Exhibition 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. (WLT 19).
3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship Match from London (ESPN).
3 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
3 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Marathon Classic Final Round from Sylvania, Ohio (GOLF).
3 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Chicago at New York (NBA TV).
3:30 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Honda Indy Toronto from Toronto (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Quarterfinal Playoff Game from Las Vegas — Los Angeles Lakers vs. Detroit or Chicago (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — Women's Senior Golf: U.S. Senior Women's Open Final Round from Wheaton, Ill. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. — Minor League Baseball: All-Star Futures Game from Washington (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Senior Players Championship Final Round from Highland Park, Ill. (GOLF).
5 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Indiana (NBA TV).
6 p.m. — Arena Football: Baltimore at Philadelphia (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
6 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Portland at Los Angeles (ESPN).
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Quarterfinal Playoff Game from Las Vegas — Cleveland or Houston vs. Toronto or Charlotte (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — International Soccer: FIFA World Cup Championship Match from Moscow — France vs. Croatia (FOX SPORTS 1).
6 p.m. — Track and Field: Athletics World Cup Day 2 from London (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Utah Championship Final Round from Farmington, Utah (GOLF).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Connecticut at Minnesota (NBA TV).
8 p.m. — International Softball: International Cup Championship Game from Irvine, Calif. (ESPN).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Quarterfinal Playoff Game from Las Vegas — Portland vs. Miami or Boston (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Quarterfinal Playoff Game from Las Vegas — Philadelphia or Milwaukee vs. Memphis or Utah (ESPN2).

MONDAY
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: State Playoffs Second-Round Series Game 1 — Sumter at Camden (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Home Run Derby from Washington (ESPN, ESPNNEWS).
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Semifinal Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Semifinal Playoff Game from Las Vegas (ESPN2).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	67	30	.691	—
New York	61	32	.656	4
Tampa Bay	49	46	.516	17
Toronto	43	51	.457	22½
Baltimore	26	69	.274	40

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	51	42	.548	—
Minnesota	43	50	.462	8
Detroit	40	57	.412	13
Chicago	32	62	.340	19½
Kansas City	27	67	.287	24½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	34	.653	—
Seattle	58	37	.611	4½
Oakland	53	42	.558	9½
Los Angeles	48	47	.505	14½
Texas	41	54	.432	21½

FRIDAY
Texas 5, Baltimore 4
Toronto 13, Boston 7
Cleveland 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 6
Houston 3, Detroit 0
Minnesota 11, Tampa Bay 8
Colorado 10, Seattle 7
L.A. Dodgers 3, L.A. Angels 2
San Francisco 7, Oakland 1

SATURDAY
Boston 6, Toronto 2, 10 innings
Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 0
Tampa Bay 19, Minnesota 6
Houston 9, Detroit 1
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.
Texas at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.

TODAY
Texas (Minor 6-5) at Baltimore (TBD), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 2-6) at Boston (Johnson 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-6), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Liriano 3-5) at Houston (Verlander 9-4), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Smith 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Giolitto 5-8), 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Staneck 1-2) at Minnesota (Romero 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
Seattle (Leane 8-6) at Colorado (Anderson 6-3), 3:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 8-6) at San Francisco (Suarez 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (TBD) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-4), 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	53	41	.564	—
Atlanta	51	42	.548	1½
Washington	47	48	.495	6½

New York	39	54	.419	13½
Miami	40	57	.412	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	53	38	.582	—
Milwaukee	55	42	.567	1
St. Louis	47	45	.511	6½
Pittsburgh	47	49	.490	8½
Cincinnati	42	52	.447	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	52	42	.553	—
Arizona	53	43	.552	—
Colorado	49	45	.521	3
San Francisco	50	46	.521	3
San Diego	40	57	.412	13½

FRIDAY
Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 2
Philadelphia 2, Miami 0
Arizona 2, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 1
Colorado 10, Seattle 7
Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 4, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 3, L.A. Angels 2
San Francisco 7, Oakland 1

SATURDAY
Pittsburgh 2, Milwaukee 1, 1st game
Arizona 3, Atlanta 0
Miami 2, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Washington 4
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 2, 2nd game
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 7:15 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 9:10 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY
Philadelphia (De Los Santos 1-0) at Miami (Urena 2-9), 1:10 p.m.
Washington (Hellickson 3-1) at N.Y. Mets (Oswalt 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 6-3) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-6), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Chacin 8-3) at Pittsburgh (Musgrove 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 4-1) at St. Louis (Mikolas 10-3), 2:15 p.m.
Seattle (Leane 8-6) at Colorado (Anderson 6-3), 3:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 8-6) at San Francisco (Suarez 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-2) at San Diego (Lauer 5-5), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (TBD) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-4), 4:10 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	8	.619	—
Atlanta	11	9	.550	1½
Connecticut	11	10	.524	2
Chicago	7	14	.333	6
New York	6	14	.300	6½
Indiana	2	19	.095	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	6	.714	—
Phoenix	14	8	.636	1½
Dallas	12	8	.600	2½
Los Angeles	13	9	.591	2½
Minnesota	12	9	.571	3
Las Vegas	10	12	.455	5½

FRIDAY
Washington 88, Chicago 72
Atlanta 98, Indiana 74
Connecticut 91, Phoenix 87
Las Vegas 85, Minnesota 77

SATURDAY
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.

TODAY
Washington at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Las Vegas, 6 p.m.
Connecticut at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

PGA SCORES

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC SCORES

Saturday
At TPC Deere Run
Silvis, Ill.
Purse: \$5.8 million
Yardage: 7,268; Par: 71

Second Round

Michael Kim	63-64=127
David Hearn	66-64=130
Steve Wheatcroft	62-68=130
Johnson Wagner	64-66=130
Bronson Burgoon	68-62=130
Francesco Molinari	65-66=131
Matt Jones	68-63=131
Robert Garrigus	66-64=132
Sam Ryder	66-66=132
Parker McLachlin	66-66=132
Harold Varner III	67-65=132
Whee Kim	65-68=133
John Huh	70-63=133
Denny McCarthy	65-69=134
J.J. Henry	68-66=134
Derik Fathauer	68-67=135
Jason Bohm	69-66=135
Dominic Bozzelli	70-65=135
Andres Romero	64-71=135
Joel Dahmen	64-71=135
Patrick Rodgers	66-69=135
Keith Mitchell	67-68=135
Nick Taylor	64-71=135
John Merrick	66-70=136
Seamus Power	68-68=136
Dylan Meyer	68-68=136
Ryan Blaum	67-69=136
Fabian Gomez	66-70=136
Chris Stroud	68-68=136
Steve Stricker	70-66=136
Chesson Hadley	69-67=136
Chad Campbell	66-70=136
Brendon de Jonge	68-68=136
Hunter Mahan	70-67=137
Mackenzie Hughes	72-65=137
Vaughn Taylor	67-70=137
Kevin Streelman	66-71=137
Stuart Appleby	67-70=137
Kelly Kraft	66-71=137
Hudson Swafford	68-69=137
Nick Watney	68-69=137
Scott Brown	65-72=137
Richy Werenski	68-69=137
Ryan Palmer	67-70=137
Matt Atkins	66-71=137
Mark Wilson	71-67=138
Andrew Putnam	69-69=138
Blayne Barber	69-69=138
Chris Kirk	66-72=138
David Lingmerth	71-67=138
Austin Cook	69-69=138
George McNeill	69-69=138
D.J. Trahan	68-70=138
Kris Blanks	71-67=138
Lanto Griffin	66-72=138
Tyler Duncan	66-72=138
Joaquin Niemann	69-69=138
Corey Connors	66-72=138
Cody Gribble	72-66=138
John Senden	72-66=138
Tommy Gainey	70-68=138
Kevin Tway	69-69=138
Brett Stegmaier	67-71=138
Nicholas Lindheim	68-70=138
Ricky Barnes	70-69=139
Sam Saunders	72-67=139
Bill Haas	69-70=139
Andrew Landry	71-68=139
Brian Stuard	69-70=139
Ryan Moore	70-69=139



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Joshn Bryant delivers a pitch during the P-15's 8-3 victory over Hartsville on Wednesday at Riley Park in a series-clinching first-round series win. Sumter plays at Camden on Monday in the first game of their second-round series.

P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

Johnson has been coaching his team to use its strengths — patience at the plate and team speed — to help manufacture runs despite not being able to rely on power hitting over the course of the season. With Sumter's arms pitching well, a few insurance runs can go a long way if the defense is playing clean baseball. Those will be keys to defeating Camden, a team that beat Sumter twice in close games during the regular season to lock down the top seed in the region.

"If we pitch and play defense, we'll be in the game," Johnson said. "We've just got to get a big hit when we need it. We've been getting better at it. We're putting pressure on people, and the bunt game has really gotten going. When we get bunts down, we force the other team to make a play. We can run a little bit as a team with good team speed, so we force the guys to field it and get rid of the baseball, and it's going to put pressure on them and give us a chance.

"There are a lot of moving parts, and especially with some of our guys that can really run, it forces them to almost be perfect or we're going to be safe," Johnson said. "And if they make a mistake, it's how we've had some big innings this year."

Camden defeated Sumter 2-1 and 6-5 a little more than a month ago; but since then, the P-15's have swept Dalzell-Shaw, gone 4-1 in the Palmetto Invitational tournament against some talented out-of-state teams, locked down second place in the League III with a split with Lexington, gotten their first win over Florence in three seasons and swept Hartsville.

"We're just kind of clicking at the right time, and getting hot when we need to," said shortstop Ryan Moore. "I think it's going to be a good season. It's make-or-break for us as a team. We've got three guys, Lathan (Todd), Rylan (Williamson) and Josh (Bryant), that are going to go out there and give us a chance to win every night.

"They've got a couple of good arms in Camden, but we've just got to figure out a way to get those guys 3 to 5 runs of support and hopefully that will be enough to get past them."

Sumter's Daniel Twitty said the key to the P-15's recent success has just been playing together.

"We got a few more games under our belt and we're coming together as a team," Twitty said. "Our team is from Lakewood, Sumter High and Wilson Hall, and we just really haven't played together very much. But I think we're going to come out with a chip on our shoulders and play like we're the underdogs."

AMERICAN LEGION STATE PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

Best-of-5 Series

Midlands Region

Sumter vs. Hartsville

Monday

Sumter 10, Hartsville 0

Tuesday

Sumter 12, Hartsville 5

Wednesday

Sumter 8, Hartsville 3, Sumter wins series 3-0

Camden vs. Lexington

Monday

Camden 6, Lexington 5

Tuesday

Lexington 8, Camden 4

Wednesday

Camden 9, Lexington 5

Thursday

Lexington 10, Camden 9

Friday

Camden 10, Lexington 0, Camden wins series 3-2

Coastal Region

Florence vs. Hampton

Monday

Florence 9, Hampton 0

Tuesday

Florence 9, Hampton 2

Wednesday

Florence 6, Hampton 1, Florence wins series 3-0

Charleston/Goose Creek vs. Horry

Monday

Charleston/Goose Creek 2, Horry 0

Tuesday

Charleston/Goose Creek 2, Horry 0

Wednesday

Charleston/Goose Creek 12, Horry 6, Charleston/Goose Creek wins series 3-0

Piedmont Region

Gaffney vs. Rock Hill

Monday

Gaffney 2, Rock Hill 1

Tuesday

Gaffney 5, Rock Hill 4

Wednesday

Gaffney 7, Rock Hill 3, Gaffney wins series 3-0

Fort Mill vs. Spartanburg

Monday

Spartanburg 7 Fort Mill 0

Tuesday

Fort Mill 9, Spartanburg 1

Wednesday

Fort Mill 4, Spartanburg 3

Thursday

Fort Mill 10, Spartanburg 5, Fort Mill wins series 3-1

Upstate Region

Greenville vs. Greenwood

Monday

Greenwood 7, Greenville 4

Tuesday

Greenville 9, Greenwood 8

Wednesday

Greenwood 11, Greenville 2

Thursday

Greenwood 2, Greenville 1, Greenwood wins series 3-1

Chapin/Newberry vs. Anderson

Monday

Anderson 10, Chapin/Newberry 6

Tuesday

Chapin/Newberry 8, Anderson 6

Wednesday

Anderson forfeits series, Chapin/Newberry wins series 3-1

SECOND ROUND

Best-of-5 Series

July 16-20

Midlands Region

Sumter vs. Camden

Coastal Region

Florence vs. Charleston/Goose Creek

Piedmont Region

Gaffney vs. Fort Mill

Upstate Region

Greenwood vs. Chapin/Newberry

STATE TOURNAMENT

July 24

Game 1 -- Midlands winner at Coastal winner, TBA

Game 2 -- UpState winner at Piedmont winner, TBA

at Spirit Communications Park (in Columbia)

July 25

Game 3-- Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.

Game 4 -- Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

July 26

Game 5 -- Game 4 loser vs. Game 3 winner, 7 p.m.

July 27

Game 6 -- Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA

July 28

Game 7 -- If necessary

PRO GOLF

British Open title shows Spieth can handle about anything

BY DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

The scenes were nothing alike and wildly memorable.

Both started with a tee shot that sailed some 60 yards to the right during the final round of the British Open, and that's where the similarities end.

Seve Ballesteros didn't have to take a penalty drop from near the front tire of a black car in a parking lot at Royal Lytham & St. Annes. He had a two-shot lead, and once he dropped his ball away from the cars, he had a short iron onto the green. The great Spaniard went on to capture his first major championship in 1979, and he was jokingly referred to as the "Car Park Champion."

Jordan Spieth?

He became the "Driving Range Champion" at Royal Birkdale, and it was no joke.

Spieth already had lost his three-shot lead in the final round last year when his drive on the 13th hole flew well to the right toward the dunes, hit a spectator in the head and wound up in a bush. Spieth had no shot, and really no place to drop that improved his chances. His best option was to go back to the tee and play his third shot.

But wait.

"Is the range out of bounds?" Spieth asked.

The rest was a blur, until he arrived home in Dallas with the claret jug and watched replays for the first time.

"I could help but turn on the final round, and actually fast-forward until the tee shot on 13. I didn't watch the first 12 holes," Spieth



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Jordan Spieth prepares to play a shot from the practice range to the 13th hole during the final round of the 2017 British Open in Southport, England. For all the great putts Spieth made to win the claret jug, the crucial moment was summed up with a question: "Is the range out-of-bounds?"

said. "For me, it went by pretty quickly because it was, 'OK, decision here, decision here, now I need to drop here.' But with the coverage, with the commercials, and then they come back and it seems like we haven't even moved, it was like, 'Man, that really did take a long time.' That was kind of tough to watch."

The ending was remarkable.

Once it was determined the range was in play, Spieth hit 3-iron over the dunes toward a green he couldn't see, coming up just short. He pitched that delicately over a pot bunker and made the putt for a bogey.

And then it was pure Spieth

after that.

He nearly holed his tee shot on the par-3 14th with a 6-iron for birdie. He made a 50-foot eagle putt on the 15th, a 30-foot birdie putt on the 16th, an 8-foot birdie putt on the 17th and just like that, he was three legs home to a career Grand Slam.

"After the 13th hole, everything went slower to me than what's on TV," he said. "So it's kind of this flip based on what I was watching and how I was feeling. For me, it was this whole regrouping and re-motivating and resetting a goal. And all that kind of took place pretty quickly in real time."

Spieth rarely makes it easy

on himself.

Of his three majors, only his wire-to-wire, four-shot victory at the 2015 Masters lacked any real drama. His U.S. Open title that summer at Chambers Bay featured a signature, 25-foot birdie putt on the 16th, a three-putt double bogey on the 17th and help from Dustin Johnson, who three-putted from 12 feet for par on the final hole.

Spieth had a five-shot lead on the back nine at the 2016 Masters, made quadruple-bogey 7 with two shots into Rae's Creek, and never recovered. He couldn't put away the Travelers Championship last year until he was forced into a

playoff, and then holed a bunker shot.

Still only 24 for another few weeks, Spieth is looking at the big picture of his career, the British Open is a big part of it.

"I've kind of had a career's worth of experience in four years, which is I think advantageous going forward, the way I look at it," he said. "Having a positive experience off of losing a lead and being able to regain it within a major championship Sunday is one that not many people have. I wasn't trying to do it. But I can certainly look back on that as, 'Man, positives can come out of what really seems like a day that's not going my way.'"

And that's why he's not overly concerned now.

The Open was his last victory, and lately, he hasn't been particularly close. He was nine shots back in the final round of the Masters when he nearly produced the biggest rally in Augusta National history, closing with a 64 — with a bogey on the final hole — to finish two back of Patrick Reed.

Since then, he has played seven events and missed the cut in three of them. In the other four, he has not finished closer than 12 shots of the lead.

"I have no doubt in my ability to come back and defend whether form is on, off or anything indifferent," he said. "I've proven to myself that I can go from two missed cuts to potentially winning. That's not anything that throws me off."

If nothing else, he learned that from last year's British Open.

PRO BASEBALL



AP FILE PHOTO

Atlanta's Nick Markakis follows through on a grand slam during the fifth inning of the team's game against the St. Louis Cardinals in St. Louis on June 30. Markakis kept saying he would rather have a four-day break with his family than be named an All-Star. Actually receiving his first All-Star selection changed all that.

Long wait for Markakis ends with first All-Star selection

BY CHARLES ODUM

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Nick Markakis kept saying he'd rather have a four-day break with his family than be named an All-Star.

Actually receiving his first All-Star selection changed all that. Suddenly he realized he'll relish the time with his wife and three sons at a setting where he'll be recognized as one of the game's biggest stars.

"Yeah, it's one of those feelings that you've never felt before," Markakis said. "It's definitely special, especially with my kids being old enough to be able to share it and remember it."

Markakis, 34, collected 2,165 hits and two Gold Gloves in 13 seasons, including nine with Baltimore, before finally breaking through for his first All-Star selection in his fourth season with Atlanta.

His breakthrough left no room for doubt. After so many years of being an also-ran in the voting, Markakis led all National League outfielders with 3,556,469 votes.

"It's going to be exciting," Markakis said. "It's going to be a fun couple of days up there. I'm excited to share it with my kids and share it with my teammates who are coming along with me."

Juan Pierre, who had 2,217 hits for six teams in his 14-year career that ended in 2013, is the only player with more hits than Markakis who was never named an All-Star.

Those who have been

around Markakis the longest had the loudest cheers for the selection many said was long overdue.

"One of the happiest moments of my big league career was giving him that All-Star envelope," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Former Braves third baseman Chipper Jones used his Twitter account to say the All-Star honor was long overdue.

Orioles manager Buck Showalter enjoyed seeing his former right fielder finally thrust into the spotlight.

"I can't imagine anyone having a more All-Star worthy season than Nick Markakis," Showalter said when the Orioles visited Atlanta in late June. "There is such a self-pride there. Contracts don't drive him. The only thing that drives him is winning."

Showalter has a special appreciation for the role Markakis holds with a rebuilding Braves team that also features such young players as All-Star second baseman Ozzie Albies, 21, and left fielder Ronald Acuna Jr., 20.

"To try to put a young team together, to have a guy like Nick around is paramount," Showalter said.

Markakis said he tries to provide a guide for younger players by sticking to a strict routine each day.

"I've got myself in a routine I do daily," he said. "I try to stay within that and not stray too far from it. Even when I was young I watched the older guys and how they prepared themselves with what they did. It

rubbed off on me and now here I am today doing it and hopefully I can help my teammates and the younger guys."

Even at 34, Markakis said he also can learn from the young rookies.

"I'm learning from them and hopefully they can learn from me, too," he said. "Just go about your business and do what you can to help a ball-club win every day."

Markakis has helped the Braves lead the NL East for much of the season. He entered Friday night's game against Arizona leading the NL with 116 hits and 38 multi-hit games and tied for the lead with 29 doubles. His .322 batting average ranked second in the league.

Markakis is having his best season, but he has been good for many years. He has a .289 career batting average, though his modest power numbers made it difficult for him to fare well in comparisons with the game's top sluggers.

Markakis has hit 20 or more homers in only two seasons, the last time in 2008 when he hit 20 with Baltimore. He has 10 homers with 60 RBIs.

In an era where all-or-nothing swings earn TV highlights and big contracts, there is still an appreciation for the skills Markakis brings as a disciplined hitter.

"I love the guy," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "I saw him many years in Baltimore. I don't think he probably gets the recognition he deserves. He's still one of the top pure hitters in the game."

MLB ROUNDUP

Diamondbacks blank Braves 3-0; Red Sox back on winning track

ATLANTA — Zack Greinke added another road win to his strong first half by allowing only four hits in 7²/₃ innings, extending Atlanta's offensive slump, and Arizona shut out the Braves.

Greinke (10-5), named to the NL All-Star team on Thursday as a replacement for Chicago's Jon Lester, has won five straight decisions. The 34-year-old right-hander has been especially strong away from home, winning five straight road starts since June 8.

Ketel Marte hit a sixth-inning homer for Arizona, who has won the first two games of the three-game series and has matched its 2017 team record of 53 wins before the All-Star break. Brad Boxberger pitched around a one-out single by Nick Markakis in the ninth for his 24th save.

Sean Newcomb (8-5) allowed three runs on four hits and three walks in 5²/₃ innings. He has issued 12 walks in three starts this month.

**RED SOX 6
BLUE JAYS 2**

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts hit a game-ending grand slam with one out in the 10th inning, and J.D. Martinez hit his major league-leading 29th homer to carry the Boston Red Sox to a 6-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday. Martinez increased his major league-leading RBI total to 80 with a solo shot and red-hot Mookie Betts extended his hitting streak to 12 games with three singles to raise his majors' best average to .362 for Boston.

**ROYALS 5
WHITE SOX 0**

CHICAGO — Jorge Bonifacio homered for the first time since he was suspended for testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance, and Kansas City beat Chicago for just its second win in July.

The 25-year-old Bonifacio broke into the majors last year, hitting 17 homers in 113 games for Kansas City. But he missed the first part of this season after a positive test for Boldenone, resulting in an 80-game suspension.

Duffy (5-8) struck out eight while pitching seven innings of four-hit ball. He tossed six scoreless innings at Minnesota on Monday night, but left with a no-decision after the Twins rallied for a 3-1 win.

**MARLINS 2
PHILLIES 0**

MIAMI — All-Star Aaron Nola gave up two runs in the first inning and Philadelphia never recovered, losing to Miami.

The NL East-leading Phillies have scored only 24 runs in their past nine games.

Nola (12-3) needed 31 pitches to get through the first. After he loaded the bases with none out, one run scored on a groundout, and another came home on Martin Prado's two-out single. In that one inning, Nola surrendered as many runs as he had given up in his previous three starts combined.

**ASTROS 9
TIGERS 1**

HOUSTON — Gerrit

Cole struck out eight in 5²/₃ strong innings, and Houston hit three home runs in a win over Detroit.

Cole (10-2) allowed one run and three hits with four walks after being activated from the bereavement list prior to the game. He threw six shutout innings in his last start Monday against Oakland.

**METS 7
NATIONALS 4**

NEW YORK — Zack Wheeler won for the first time since April 29, Michael Conforto homered and New York defeated Washington.

Wilmer Flores, Jose Reyes and Kevin Plawewski each had two hits as the light-hitting Mets scored seven runs for the first time since June 24. New York came into the game last in the National League in batting average and was tied with San Diego for the third-fewest runs scored in the majors.

**RAYS 19
TWINS 6**

MINNEAPOLIS — Jake Bauers homered for the second straight game and drove in four runs, Carlos Gomez homered and had two RBIs, and Tampa Bay Ray scored 15 times in the final three innings to rally past Minnesota.

C.J. Cron hit a two-run homer and Jesus Sucre, who entered in the sixth for injured catcher Wilson Ramos, drove in two runs for Tampa Bay. The Rays posted season-highs in runs and hits (20) after entering the game 2-34 this season when trailing after six innings.

**PIRATES 2
BREWERS 1, FIRST GAME**

PITTSBURGH — Starling Marte and Gregory Polanco hit back-to-back homers in the first inning, and that was enough to push Pittsburgh victory over the Milwaukee in the first game of a doubleheader.

Marte sent an 0-1 pitch from Chase Anderson (6-7) over the center field wall to put the Pirates ahead 1-0. Polanco then drove Anderson's 3-2 offering over the wall in right for his 15th long ball.

**PIRATES 6
BREWERS 2, SECOND GAME**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Starling Marte and Gregory Polanco hit back-to-back home runs for the second time on the day, and Pittsburgh won the second game of a doubleheader over Milwaukee.

With the Pirates leading 3-0 in the eighth, Marte hit his 13th homer over the left-field wall before Polanco hit his 16th over the wall in right-center to make it 5-0.

Marte extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a ground-rule double in the sixth.

In his second major league start, Clay Holmes (1-1) allowed no runs on four hits with six strikeouts and two walks for his first win.

Brent Suter (8-6) went five innings for Milwaukee, allowing one run on two hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

From wire reports

PRO BASEBALL

Martinez meets with Harper after Nats star jogs to first

NEW YORK (AP) — Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez met with star Bryce Harper on Saturday a day after the outfielder failed to run out a ground ball in the fifth inning of Washington's 4-2 loss to the New York Mets.

"I've spoken to Bryce and that's a conversation that will stay between Bryce and I," Martinez said.

Harper came up to the plate in the fifth against hard-throwing Noah Syndergaard with one out and two runners on after singles by Adam Eaton and Anthony Rendon. Syndergaard threw the 25-year old slugger a 96 mph slider and Harper hit the ball sharply, but right at Mets shortstop Amed Rosario for an inning-ending double play.

Martinez dismissed the notion that there would be any lingering issues from having a

talk with his star player.

"I forgot about it, I really have," the first-year manager said. "We have a ballgame to win today and he's been a big part of that."

Although Harper is tied for second in the National League with 23 home runs, he's hitting a career-low .214 and ranks among the NL leaders with 100 strikeouts. The six-time All-Star is 8 for 45 in July and has just three hits in his past 22 at-bats entering Saturday. Harper is set to be a free agent at the end of the season.

"He wants to win, that's all he cares about," Martinez said. "Regardless of his average, he has 23 home runs and 53 RBI. I believe that he's going to hit 40 and drive in 100. I'm a big fan of Bryce. I love the kid because of what he brings every day. He's a good kid, that's all I can say."

sive side of the ball.

"We're going to be running our offense out of the Wing-T," said Stogner, meaning TSA will be going from a spread offense to a run-heavy offense. "We want to be able to run the football and control the tempo of the game offensively."

"Defensively, we're going to

run multiple formations. We're going to run out of the 4-3, 3-5, the 8-3. We're working on being able to do it without changing personnel."

Stogner said he has been pleased with the work ethic of his new players.

"I've been really impressed with how hard they've

worked," Stogner said. "They're putting in the work in the weight room, working hard to improve."

"I want to help them become better young men, productive members of society, good fathers, and I want to use football to accomplish that."

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"I have a great amount of respect for Troy," Stogner said. "You see his fingerprints all over the program, he has done a great job. I have nothing but respect for the way he ran the program."

While Stogner wants to emulate many of the things Kesinger did in building the foundation of the TSA program, it will have a different look in what it does on the field, especially on the offen-

RICHARD A. DYSON

SUMMERTON — Rev. Richard Allen Dyson, president and founder of Dyson's Home for Funerals, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at his residence in Summerton.

Born in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late John Dyson Sr. and Mary G. Dyson.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Myra Washington Dyson; three children, Robert Dyson, Constance (Khendr'a) Reid and Richard Dyson II; two sisters, Sylvia Nelson and Lula Dyson; four brothers, John (Mattie) Dyson Jr., William (Carolyn) Dyson, Eugene Dyson and Albert (Clea) Dyson; two grandchildren, Khylen and Kaleb; his mother-in-law, Rosalee Washington; one brother-in-law, Raymond Washington; his cousin/sister, Dorothy Mathis; and a host of other close relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at noon tomorrow at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, Summerton, SC. Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor officiating. Final resting place will be Hillside Cemetery, Sumter, SC.

Visitation will be held from 1-7 p.m. today in the chapel of Dyson's Home for Funerals. The body will be placed in the church one hour prior to the service.

The family will receive friends at the home, 17 Mayland Drive, Summerton, SC.

JOHN YOUNG

Mr. John "Tom" Young, son of the late Georgia Mae Young Dow and Emmitt Young, was born in Rembert on Sept. 6, 1949.

Tom was preceded in death by two brothers, Patrick Young and Bobby Young; sister, Shirley Young Dinkins; two uncles; and a granddaughter.

Tom departed this earthly life on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at his home.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories with his lifetime partner, Willie Mae McLeod; daughter, Betty (Joseph) Dennis; son, Johnney (Tracey) McLeod; grandson, Donte Mathis; two granddaughters, Shawanika Rhodes and Javondria McLeod; five great-grandchildren; four sisters, Minnie (Marshall) Dicks, Martha Kendrick, Elizabeth Young and Sandra (Jerome) Wells; five brothers, Francis (Viola) Young, Billie Alan Young Sr., Lieutenant Larry (Carolyn) Young, Julius Young and David Kendrick; two sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; uncle, Junior Brisborn; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the St. James United Methodist Church, 720 Broad St., Sumter, with Rev. Mary Johnson, pastor/officiating.

Messages of hope can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net.

The family is receiving friends at 7 Larkin St., Sumter, SC.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC Sumter. Professional services entrusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, 237 Main St., Summerton, SC (803) 485-4280.

KATHERINE E. STARR

Katharine Mary (Kay) Eastwood Starr, widow of Lt. Col. Kenneth O. Starr, died on Friday, July 13, 2018, in Sumter at the age of 102.

She was born on April 6, 1916 in Moberly, Missouri, the daughter of the late William Edward Eastwood and Clara Ann Kirch Eastwood.

She was educated in schools in Kahoka, Missouri, and Moberly, including Moberly Jr. College. She also attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in St. Louis.

In 1935, she married K.O. Starr, and they lived in nine states and one year in Beirut, Lebanon, before settling in

Sumter in 1958.

She was an amateur water color artist and studied under Rosemary Belcher at MJC and Rose Metz at the Sumter County Gallery of Art.

She was a member of First Baptist Church and Ruth S.S. class. She was a former member of Shaw AFB Officers' Wives Club, The Shepherd's Center, Sumter Artists' Guild and in Eastern Star of Kahoka, Missouri, and Tuesday's Club.

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Carol Kay Starr Turner; brother, William Kirch Eastwood; and one of her twin grandsons, William Cameron Turner.

Surviving are one son, Dr. Kenneth Kirch Starr and wife, Barbara, of Orlando, Florida; twin granddaughters, who for several years made their home with them after their mother passed away, namely Stephanie Turner Brown (Dwayne) of Columbia and Stacey Turner Thompson (Bobby), of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina; grandsons Kenneth Dwayne Turner of Columbia and Kenneth Kirch Starr Jr. of Orlando, Florida; William's wife, Tori Turner of Blythehood; and a step-granddaughter, Susan Turner Walker (fiancé David Moore).

Mrs. Starr had four great-granddaughters, Katie Turner, Ellie Turner, Carol Turner Zahm (Tucker) and Caroline Thompson Warren (Andrew); a great-grandson, William Kyle Thompson; a step great-granddaughter, Ashleigh Brown; and two step great-grandsons, Ian Walker and Wyatt Walker. Lastly, she had two great-great grandchildren, Matthew Marston and Amia Katharine Marie Warren.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff of Covenant Place and Amedysis Hospice for their excellent care of Ms. Starr.

A funeral service will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 3-4 p.m. at Bullock Funeral Home.

A private interment will take place on Tuesday at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**WILLIAM C. PENDERGRAFF**

MANNING — William Carl Pendergraft, 65, died on Thursday, July 12, 2018, at his home.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

FRANK HASTIE JR.

Frank Hastie Jr., 87, died on July 11, 2018.

He was born on May 2, 1931, in Sumter County, a son of the late Frank Sr. and Emma Pearson Hastie.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl (John H. Jr.) Stevens; two grandchildren, Quentin and Rose Stevens; and a host of other relatives.

Public viewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Kingdom Builders Deliverance Ministries, 621 W. Liberty St.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at New Bethel MB Church with the Rev. Willie Wright, pastor. Burial will be at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

JP Holley Funeral Home, 8132 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, is in charge of the arrangements.

EDWIN B. MCDILL

Edwin Brando McDill, age 82, beloved husband of the late Lucinda Lanning McDill, died on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Born in New Orleans, he was a son of the late James Delph McDill and Esther Mary Brandao McDill. He was a loyal member of St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic Church since 1984 and a member of

the Cursillo Group for many years. He also participated in the Kairos Prison Ministry. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved and owned many cats throughout his life. He was an avid P-15 and Atlanta Braves fan as well as a life-long Gamecock fan.

Surviving are his daughter, Lucinda Amy Bradley and her husband, Tracy Dwayne; three grandchildren, Thomas Bradley, Angel Marie Lupori and Matthew Ryan Proctor; four great-grandchildren, Daulton Trayce Lupori, Nathan Hunter Lupori, Brayden Scott Lupori and Corbin Michael Rogers; and special friends, Ernest Riddle and Sal and Cindy Macias.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James Delph McDill Jr.; and a grandson, Michael Braxton Proctor.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Interment will be held at a later date in North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic Church, 521 Account, 611 W Oakland Ave., Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**CAROL D. OWENS**

Carol Denise Owens was born in Sumter on June 25, 1958, the youngest daughter of Hattie Gibson Owens and the late Robert "Ferdinand" Owens Sr.

She entered into eternal rest peacefully on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Midlands Health and Rehabilitation Center in Columbia.

Carol accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age and attended various churches in the Sumter area.

Carol was loving and kind-hearted and enjoyed sharing from her generous heart.

She was a graduate of Sumter High School's Class of 1976. She furthered her studies at Midlands Technical College. After graduation, she relocated to Los Angeles, California, where she was employed as a secretary in the Mid-Wilshire District and Hughes Aircraft Company.

Carol returned home in 1983. Afterward, her health began to decline.

Her father, a brother, Robert Owens Jr. and a sister, Janet Owens-Sloan, predeceased Carol.

She leaves to cherish precious memories two sons, Christopher Lewis Owens and Micah Stephen Owens; a brother, Tyrone (Kathy) Owens; two sisters, Ella O. Robinson and Thomasina (James) Singleton; five nephews; four nieces; nine aunts; one uncle; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Public viewing will be held today from noon-4 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

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

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Westend Community Church with Pastor Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Canty Sr. officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com, or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

SANDRA S. GOODMAN

Sandra Shivers Goodman was born to Raymond and Eva Shivers on Dec. 22, 1964 in Sumter. She departed her earthly life on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital.

Sandra was educated in the public school system of Sumter County, graduating from Sumter High School in 1983. She was employed at Bosch for 10 years before leaving to begin her career at the South Carolina Department of Cor-

rections in Lee County. Lt. Goodman held a deep love and commitment to the lives she touched. She created the BLIC Unit, which was so successful it demanded attention from neighboring cities and states that sent representatives to see what she had created. She will be truly missed by all those she worked with faithfully until the time of her sickness.

Sandra was a member of Salem Missionary Baptist Church, and she also spent time with her husband at Asbury United Methodist Church. All who knew Sandra can attest to her faith in God, love of her family and others.

Sandra leaves to cherish her memories her parents; loving and devoted husband, Steven Goodman Sr.; one daughter, Evetta Shivers of Sumter; two sons, PFC Steven Goodman Jr. of Fort Lewis, Washington, and Jamal Goodman of Sumter; one brother, Greg Shivers of Sumter; special niece, Brianna Brooks of Sumter; mother-in-law, Mae Bell Goodman of Lynchburg; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother Raymond Shivers Jr.

Public viewing will be held today from 1-4 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

The body will be placed in the church tomorrow at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Salem Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Rev. Dr. Cartell Woods Jr. officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park.

Family will receive friends at the home, 1015 Sherwood Drive, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com, or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

WILLIE POLITE JR.

BRADENTON, FLORIDA — Willie Polite Jr., 57, widower of Veronica Peters Polite, died Friday, July 13, 2018 at Blake Hospital, Bradenton, Florida. He was born Jan. 17, 1961 in Alcolu, a son of the late Willie Polite Sr. and Mollie Green Polite.

The family is receiving friends beginning Tuesday at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Christopher and Barbara Polite Snider, 1146 Wayne Drive, in Manning.

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

DENISE JOHNSON

SPARTANBURG — On Wednesday, July 11, 2018, Denise Johnson "Nekki" departed this life at the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System in Spartanburg.

Born on Dec. 25, 1968 in Manning, she was a daughter of Dorothy Mae Brunson Riley "Betty Ann" and the late David Johnson and step-daughter of Elijah Riley.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 3-9 p.m. at the residence, 1103 Lang Road in Pinewood.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by the Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

DOROTHY F. WASHINGTON

WEDGEFIELD — Mrs. Dor-

othy Mae Fortune Washington, 69, the wife of Mr. L J Washington, departed this life on Friday, July 13, 2018 at University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia.

She was born March 11, 1949 in Bishopville to the late Sammie Lee and Essie Mae Bradley Fortune Sr.

The family is receiving friends at 5690 Alcott Drive in Wedgefield.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC Sumter.

REBECCA R. SYLVESTER

Rebecca R. Sylvester, age 71, beloved wife of William Sylvester, died on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Palmetto Health Toumey.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**NANCY L. CAVANAUGH**

Nancy Lee Cavanaugh, 58, wife of Marcus O. Cavanaugh, died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at her home.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

DELGAR S. FORD JR.

Delgar Sylvester Ford Jr., 73, husband of Mary Ann Hillton Ford and son of the late Delgar Ford Sr. and Eden Brunson Ford, was born on Jan. 3, 1945 in Sumter County. He departed this life on Friday, July 13, 2018 at his residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 850 S. Harvin St., Sumter, SC 29150

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

JERVIA ALSTON SR.

Jervia Alston Sr. 77, widow of Ida Mae Choice Alston and son of the late Janie Singleton Alston and Ryttenburg Alston Sr., was born on Feb. 14, 1941 in Sumter County. He departed this life on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Family will receive friends at the home, 6325 Catchall Road, Dalzell, SC 29040.

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

MATILDA F. GREEN

Matilda Francis Green, 88, widow of Joseph Simmons Green, died Saturday, July 14, 2018 at her home.

Born April 4, 1930 in Sumter County, she was the daughter of the late Henry Travis Francis and Lillie Connelia Williams Francis.

The family will receive relatives and friends at her home, 2440 Edmunds Drive, Sumter.

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

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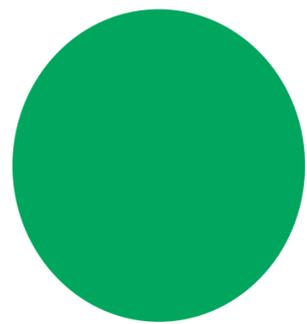
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GENERATION X GIG WORKER SURVEY

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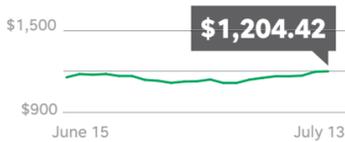
ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

ALPHABET

Alphabet

The multinational conglomerate's Loon will become a full-fledged business. The project uses balloons to bring internet signals to remote parts of the world.



DELTA AIR LINES



The airliner looks to offset the rising price of jet fuel by raising fares and taking some flights off. Fuel cost increased 33 percent in the second quarter.



GROUPON

GROUPON

The discount e-commerce company is seeking a buyer, and the report sent shares up. Its shares had fallen over 80 percent from the peak after its 2011 IPO.



MICROSOFT



The tech firm debuts Surface Go, which is cheaper than Apple's cheapest iPads, at \$399. The tablet has the same size screen as the entry-level iPad.



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Margaret Burnette
NerdWallet

This year marks a decade since the financial crisis, and banking has changed. Mobile banking now plays a significant role in how we manage our money. A 2016 survey by the Federal Reserve found that over half of smartphone users with bank accounts used their devices to access their money.

What hasn't changed? Con artists. In 2008, identity theft was the top complaint logged by the Federal Trade Commission. Today, the number of complaints is 20 percent higher. Many of today's fraud and identity theft breaches involve mobile devices. It's easier to keep up with bank accounts but could be easier to get scammed.

Here's how hackers work:
Phishing. Hackers use websites, emails or other means to trick people into submitting personal information. "Ten years ago, phishing was rudimentary. Fake sites were not authentic looking. There were a lot of typos," says Adam Levin, founder of Cyber-

"Criminals have gotten much more sophisticated."

Adam Levin, founder of Cyberscout

scout, an Arizona-based cybersecurity firm. "Criminals have gotten much more sophisticated, and the sites look real." The nonprofit Anti-Phishing Working Group says phishing attacks rose a whopping 5,700 percent over the 12 years ended in 2016.

Keylogger software. These programs may install via unsecured apps, often ones that are not from your device's approved app store. The software records keystrokes, such as a bank password, and sends what was typed to the hacker.

To protect your accounts, make sure your bank provides:

Two-factor authentication. When you log on to your bank's webpage, it will contact you through another means — sending a text, for example — to con-

firm the login request.

Transaction alerts. These are generally texts or emails your bank sends to your mobile device when large purchases are made or your balance drops below a certain amount.

Fraud monitoring. The bank sends a text asking you to confirm an odd purchase attempt, such as buying a pricey item from a vendor you've never used.

Other tips:

Keep mobile software up to date. Your device provider's periodic updates can help stop the latest hacker attempts.

Have a rock-solid sign-on. Levin recommends "long and strong passwords." Lock your device's screen and use another password to unlock it.

Be careful with other contacts. Fraudsters may call and say an account has been compromised, then ask for a password or Social Security number to confirm your identity. Hang up and call the bank at a familiar number.

Today, bank customers can deposit checks, transfer money and pay bills from their smartphones. But with convenience comes risk. Protect your cash.

Q&A: MOTLEY FOOL

How will stock sale affect tax bill?

Answer depends on type of account seller has

Matthew Frankel
The Motley Fool

Question: I'm planning to sell some of my stocks this year. What will this mean for my tax bill?

Answer: The answer depends on a few factors. Specifically, what type of account are the stocks in, how much will you profit from the sale, how long

have you owned them, and did they pay you any dividends before you sold them? Let's take these things one at a time.

If you own the stocks in a Roth IRA and you've had the account for at least five years, you'll owe no taxes at all. With a traditional IRA or other tax-deferred retirement account, you won't owe any taxes unless you withdraw the money, in which case it will be considered ordinary taxable income.

If you own the stocks in a taxable (standard) brokerage account, it's a bit more complicated. First, did you make a profit when you sold the stock? If so, and

you owned it for at least a year and a day, you'll pay long-term capital gains tax on the profit. If you owned it for less time, your profit will be considered ordinary income. If you lost money on the sale, not only will you owe no capital gains tax, but you may be able to offset your other income with the loss.

Finally, don't forget about taxes on the dividends that you've been paid by the stock before the sale. I realize that this isn't a sale-related expense, but it's easy to forget about dividend income derived from a stock you no longer own, so it's important to keep in mind.

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SOURCE: AICPA survey of 1,014 adults
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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▲2.3% week ▼0.7% month ▲2.7% 3 months	S&P 500 ▲1.5% week ▲0.9% month ▲5.5% 3 months
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Nasdaq composite index ▲1.8% week ▲1.7% month ▲10.1% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▲1.4% week ▲1.0% month ▲6.2% 3 months
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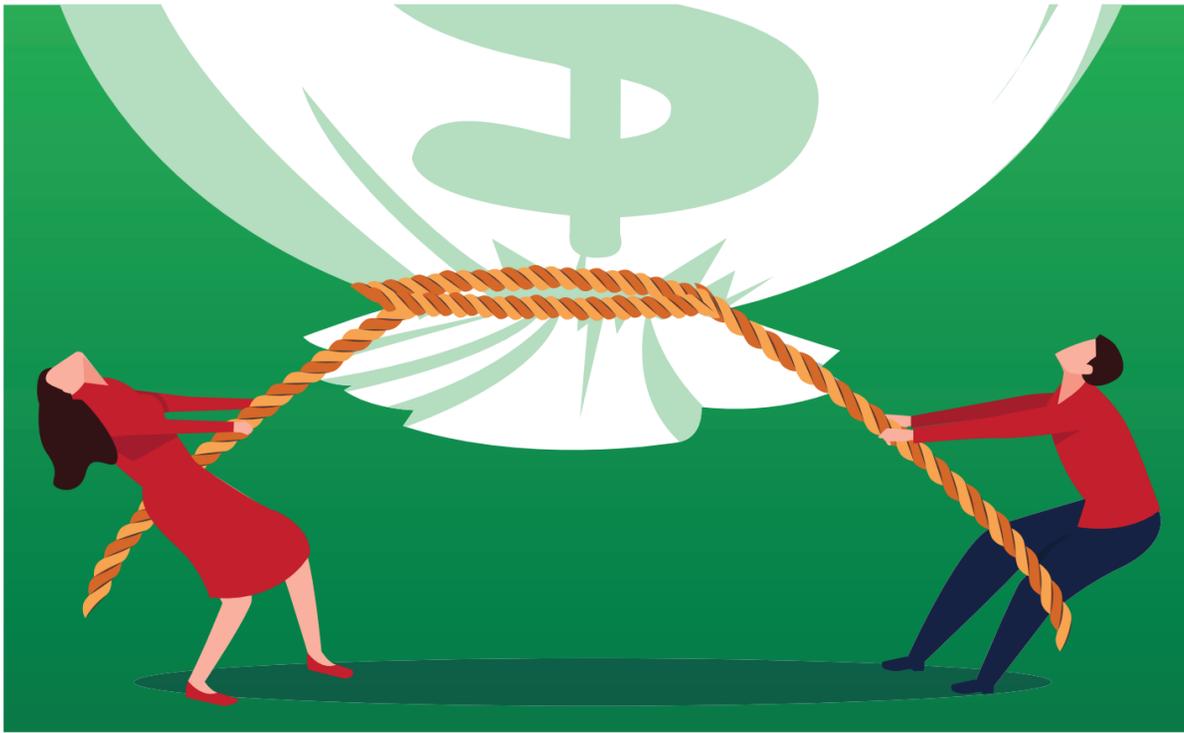
Gold Ounce, Comex ▼1.3% week ▼4.4% month ▼7.8% 3 months

Oil Light sweet crude ▼3.8% week ▲6.6% month ▲5.4% 3 months

Euro Dollars per euro ▼0.0068 week ▼0.0096 month ▼0.0657 3 months

Yen Yen per dollar ▲1.85 week ▲1.75 month ▲4.89 3 months
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PERSONAL FINANCE



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A lack of money isn't always the root of financial problems

Dear Pete: I am 75 and my wife is 65 (second marriage for each of us). I enjoy my work but would like to be able to retire and have that choice. I earn between \$300,000-\$400,000 in commission-only sales. We have adequate insurance to cover our debts in case of my death. We have about \$400,000 in debt (mostly in a home-equity loan with mostly interest-only monthly payments). Our assets are mostly in stocks and income-producing real estate and total about \$2 million.

So what is our problem? We have never kept a budget — ever. We need about \$15,000 a month before taxes just to maintain our lifestyle. We really do not know what our expenses are, and it is solely up to me to cover them. It concerns me greatly that, if my health were to deteriorate and I could not work, we could not maintain our lifestyle without selling off assets. Neither my wife nor I are very frugal. We need help and do not know where to start. Any suggestions? — **Bob in Raleigh, North Carolina**



Pete the Planner

Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

Dear Bob: I fear you've fallen for the great American retirement lie that you will be able to retire when you have a lot of money. Two million dollars — plus roughly \$400,000 per year in work income — is a lot of money by most standards. Yet, as you've learned, it's not

enough. I can help you solve the problem, but you're going to feel like I'm beating you up in the process. Sorry.

Let's begin with the positives. You are really good at *making money*. That's a skill. Unfortunately, that skill can often be misconstrued for being good *with money*. The more money a person earns, the more likely they are to become overconfident in their financial health.

But career success and financial success are different. Financial success

isn't an income level or an asset level. Financial success is self-control.

You can achieve that self-control, but it will be difficult. It will require you to take inventory of what's *really* important to you. That re-evaluation can be especially difficult when another person is involved who has their own thoughts about self-control. It will help if you are in agreement on this going forward.

Now, to some numbers.

First, choose a retirement date. I rec-

ommend a date about two years away, based on the information you provided.

Next, determine a sustainable level of annual income. Based on the numbers you provided, you should be able to generate at least \$100,000 a year off of your assets and Social Security. Consult a local financial planner to verify that.

Now the *really* hard part. It's weaning time. Over the next two years, you must wean yourself off of your need for \$400,000 of income per year. Do it right and you will complete your wean on your retirement date. You could try and do it cold-turkey right now, but I don't like your chances for success.

If you don't know where to start, grab your bank statement, a calculator and four different color markers. With the first color, circle the beginning balance and ending balance for the month. Did you have a surplus (spent less than you made) or a shortage (spent more than you made)? Going forward, you must show a surplus, at an increasing level, each month over the next 24 months.

Now grab another color and circle your deposits and add them up. This total will go down once you retire. But your commitment to monthly surpluses will make the decrease palatable.

Circle your recurring monthly bills (not one-time purchases) with the third color. Add them up. If your major bills are unsustainable at your future \$100,000-per-year income, start making changes to get them down. Don't wait, or your problem will just get worse.

Finally, use the last color marker to circle the most frequently recurring expenses on your statement. Most likely it's groceries, dining out or some other shopping. Total those circled numbers. This is the make-it-or-break-it marker. How you get these expenses under control will determine whether you're able to retire successfully or end up living without self-control in perpetuity. You've just identified your problem areas. Now do something about them.

Financial success begins with the ability to make money and ends with self-control. Your money problem isn't a financial one.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Move fast to get deals on Amazon Prime Day

Bargains abound, though some buyers should wait

Jennifer Jolly
Special to USA TODAY

Like Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Amazon's annual Prime Day features tons of products screaming "deal!" But sometimes it's tough to separate the big discounts from the disappointments.

Here's how to make sense of the sales bonanza that starts Monday.

What to buy... and what not to

Lots of gadgets and tech accessories will be discounted, but products from Apple and Google — from iPhones and MacBooks to Pixel phones and Google Home — probably won't see much love.

The three tech companies don't always play nice with one another, so it's typical for Apple and Google not to do anything special those days. What discounts you do see on iPads or Chromebooks mainly come from third-party sellers. Those deals are rarely as good as sale prices from retailers like Best Buy or Walmart, so it's best to just avoid them.

Amazon's own gadgets are a great buy on Prime Day because the company pulls out all the stops. Things like Fire tablets, Kindle readers and Echo speakers will be at rock-bottom prices.

Expect to get discounts on older TVs and cameras, but prepare to wait if you want a deal on the latest upgrade. Prime Day gives manufacturers a chance to discount their stock of older models, but you're not likely to see big price drops on newer models until the end of the year, during holiday sales. If you see a lowest-ever price on something, feel free to spring for it, but just know that the prices will probably be even lower if you can wait until Black Friday.

This advice carries over to appliances as well, with the exception of refrigerators, which normally come out in the spring. With new models competing for floor space, a deal on a fridge will be

easy to spot and could save you some serious cash if you're comfortable buying such an important item online. My game plan is always to go straight for big-ticket items I really need anyway, such as a new dishwasher.

Some Amazon sellers raise the price of their products just before big sales, then "discount" them so that it looks like it's a better deal than it really is. If you see something you like on Prime Day with a huge discount, copy at the top of the Amazon store page and paste it into CamelCamelCamel, a super useful website. It shows you the highest and lowest sale prices for any product historically, so you'll know if you should buy on Prime Day or wait for the price to drop more.

Move fast, and ask Alexa

Amazon has daily deals every single hour of every day, but the Lightning Deals on Prime Day are notoriously frustrating to score. Some items sell out within minutes, which means if you're flipping a coin to decide whether to spring for that new webcam, it'll be gone before you have a chance to stick it in your cart.

Some Prime Day Lightning Deals are fantastic, so if you see an item you want for a price that seems too good to be true, nab it quick or you'll be cursing your slow fingers later.

Amazon's voice-controlled assistant Alexa usually has a secret tip or two as well. If you already own an Amazon Echo, try asking Alexa for Prime Day deals early; Alexa should reply with a cryptic message or poem to reveal deals several days early.

It might be obvious, but you have to be a Prime Member to get all the sweet deals on Prime Day. If you've never subscribed before, you can get a free one-month Amazon Prime trial.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



Fed Chairman Jerome Powell could offer clues on interest rates. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Powell to testify on trade's impact on economy, rates

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell has downplayed the impact of U.S. trade skirmishes on the economy and Fed policymakers have forecast a total of four interest rate hikes this year. But that was before President Trump threatened another \$200 billion in tariffs against China last week, raising the prospect of a global trade war.

Powell's testimony before Congress this week could reveal whether the Fed may slow the pace of rate increases amid the growing risks. Also this week: reports on retail sales, housing starts and industrial production.

After a slow start to the year, retail sales have been juiced by steady job and income growth, as well as federal tax cuts that are leaving more money in workers' paychecks. A report on June sales will shed light on whether the good vibes continued last month despite trade tensions that have roiled markets.

Economists estimate the Commerce Department will report **Monday** that retail sales overall grew a robust 0.6 percent last month. And Nomura economist Lewis Alexander figures a core measure — that excludes volatile items such as autos and gasoline — in-

creased a healthy 0.4 percent.

Although Powell generally has shrugged off U.S. trade fights with China and other countries, he acknowledged in a radio interview that they could weaken the economy if Trump's import tariffs lead to a sustained rise in consumer prices. Powell could provide a more detailed appraisal in testimony on the economy and interest rates before the Senate Banking Committee **Tuesday** and the House Financial Services Committee **Wednesday**.

The trade standoffs have dinged business confidence and may dampen exports, but industrial production has been bolstered by solid demand from American consumers and companies. Auto production also likely rebounded strongly last month after a fire at a parts supply factory disrupted output in May, Alexander says. After industrial production dipped 0.1 percent in May, economists expect the Fed on **Tuesday** to announce a 0.6 percent increase in June.

On **Wednesday**, the Commerce Department releases the latest figures on housing starts. Groundbreaking for new homes has been volatile because shortages of and available lots have partly offset strong demand. After starts jumped 5 percent in May, economists estimate they fell 1.7 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.3 million.

Q&A

What's best way to dig out of \$50K in debt?

Question: I'm 64. My credit score is about 656. For different reasons over a long period of time — including unemployment and health issues — I accumulated credit card debt of about \$50,000.

I intend to take out an unsecured personal loan, but I don't want it to have a negative impact on my credit score. I have a job now and I will pay my monthly payments on time. But what will happen if I cannot continue my payments to the lender? If I should file for bankruptcy, which is worse: defaulting on credit card debt or an unsecured personal loan?

If I try to negotiate a reduction of my debt with the creditors, do you think this procedure will be successful and not take too long? And what is a nonprofit debt relief company/agency, and how could they help me?

Bottom line: What strategy would you implement to resolve the debt problem if you were in my place? Do you think I could avoid bankruptcy?



Robert Powell

Columnist
USA TODAY

Answer: An unsecured personal loan can be an effective way to consolidate debt without hurting your credit score, as long as you can make all the payments on time, says April Lewis-Parks, director of education and corporate communications at Consolidated Credit, a credit counseling organization.

Depending on the term you choose, this option may reduce the monthly payment amount, "which can help because it allows you to balance your budget so you can stop making new charges and focus on debt repayment," she says.

If you use a loan to consolidate, it zeros out your credit card balances but typically leaves the accounts open. "As a result, you can run up new debt before you pay the loan off," she says. "This is why it's critical to create a budget that ensures you can live without using credit cards until you at least have your debt completely paid off."

Should you default on your unsecured personal loan, the lender would have to sue you in civil court to get a judgment to force repayment, Lewis-Parks says. "However, the worst outcome you could expect would be that the judge would order something like wage or tax refund garnishment."

Lewis-Parks also says you can try to negotiate repayment plans on your own with each creditor. But results may vary.

Success depends on the creditor, your history as a customer, the status of your debt and even whom you talk to in the customer service department.

If you decide to negotiate with your creditors, make it clear that you want to repay everything you charged in full, says Lewis-Parks. "If you settle for any less than the full amount owed, then you will damage your credit."

As for your question about a nonprofit debt relief company/agency, or what is also known as a credit counseling agency (such as Consolidated Credit), "These organizations basically offer a professionally assisted repayment plan," she says. "It's not a loan because you still owe your original creditors."

The agency talks to each creditor to set up a repayment plan and reduce or eliminate interest charges. It's the same as you negotiating with creditors on your own, except the agency can negotiate a single repayment plan that covers all your debts, she says.

Lewis-Parks says these agencies also have established relationships with creditors and proven records of helping other consumers get out of debt. "As a result, they often have more success negotiating on your behalf than if you try to negotiate on your own," she says.

There are other advantages to using a professional nonprofit debt relief company as well, she says.

"First, once you set up the repayment plan, all of your credit card accounts are frozen until you pay off your debt. This may seem like a disadvantage, but it



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keeps you from making new charges, which is one of the biggest pitfalls of consolidating debt on your own."

What's more, the credit counseling team will also help you set up a budget, so it's easier to manage your money and live credit-free while you're enrolled. "These programs are often more effective at helping people break bad credit habits," she says. Working with a nonprofit debt relief company should not damage your credit as long as the plan is set up correctly and you make all your payments on time, she says.

Fees charged by the agency are based on a person's budget, how many credit cards they have and how much they owe. The average client pays about \$40 a month, she says. The fees vary by state but are limited to \$79 a month.

The good news is that, given the situation described, the creditor in question should be able to avoid bankruptcy, says Lewis-Parks. "And as long as you repay everything you charged in full and avoid debt settlement, you shouldn't damage your credit either," she says.

As for which option is better — unsecured personal consolidation loan or repayment plan — that really depends on you and your budget.

With \$50,000 to repay, you are right

at the cusp of what most people can afford to repay with an unsecured personal consolidation loan, says Lewis-Parks. Plus, you'll likely need to use the maximum term to get payments you can afford, which is usually 48 to 60 payments, depending on the lender.

"On the other hand, the repayment plan that you enroll in through a nonprofit debt relief company is designed to help consumers deal with larger volumes of debt," she says.

So, it's up to you, says Lewis-Parks. "If you can afford the monthly payments on an unsecured debt consolidation loan and you think you can balance your budget and stop charging, then you may be able to go it alone," she says. "However, if you're concerned you won't be able to stop charging, do-it-yourself consolidation can be risky."

But if you try to consolidate on your own and start to run into trouble, you can still decide to work with a debt relief company.

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Time to talk about estate planning with parents

It's a sensitive topic, so establish a rapport first

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When you were a young'un, your parents may have sat you down to talk about the "birds and the bees." Now it's time to turn the tables and address another uncomfortable topic: *their* finances.

Such conversations mark a reversal in the traditional parent-child dynamic and also can be fraught with concerns over independence, trust and mortality.

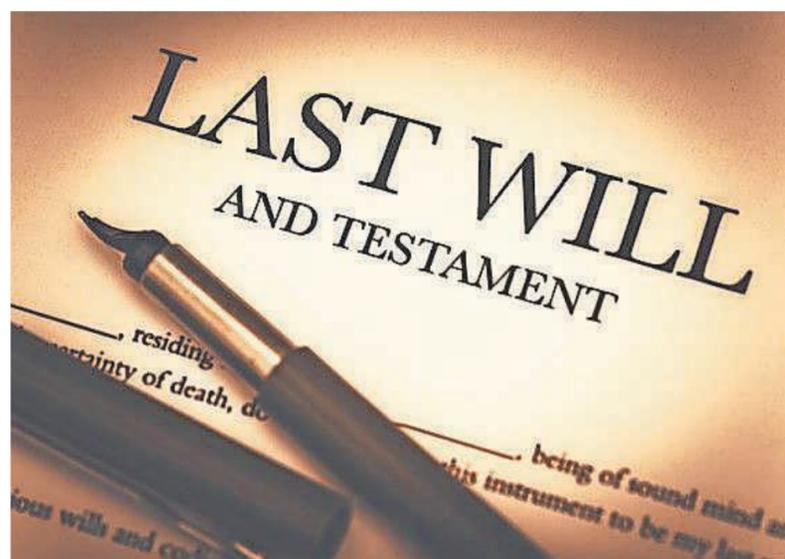
As a result, in many cases these talks don't happen at all, and a perceived lack of urgency is to blame, according to a survey conducted this year by Wells Fargo.

Roughly one-third of parents over the age of 60 say they've never discussed later-life needs with family, including inheritance plans, beneficiaries, important documents or designated representatives, according to the survey. Meanwhile, adult children worry such conversations will cause conflict or make it seem as though they're after their parents' money.

As daunting as it may seem, it's important to have "the talk" about finances with your parents to help protect them from scams and elder abuse, which cost Americans more than \$36 billion each year, according to financial services firm True Link Financial.

These conversations also ensure that a rapid-response plan is in place in the event of disability and that there are no surprises after your parents die, says Ron Long, head of regulatory affairs and elder client initiatives at Wells Fargo Advisors.

These four tips can open lines of communication.



Share your end-of-life goals and get your parents to do so, too. GETTY IMAGES

1. Start with one conversation

When's a good time to sit your parents down for a hard conversation about their financial well-being, plans for the future, and important legal and financial documents like a will, power of attorney or health care directives?

Don't wait for tragedy to strike. A study by Ameriprise Financial found that a life-altering incident was the trigger for 90 percent of children who'd actually discussed estate planning with their parents.

Instead, carve out time for a family meeting — perhaps on Mother's Day, Father's Day or the Friday after Thanksgiving — when all the children are present, Long recommends. "It's a good way to get the conversation started, and then you can do a refresher or update down the road."

The first conversation should serve as a door-opener. There are weighty de-

considering and asking your parents about theirs. "Remember, these are subjects that a lot of older folks hold close to their hearts," he says.

Be sensitive in that initial talk. Think less interrogative (how much money's at stake and who gets what?) and more collaborative (exchanging information about where accounts are held or who has power of attorney).

3. Broach serious topics

Once you've established a rapport, tackle topics that make either you or your parents uncomfortable, including the morose (funeral arrangements or declining health) and the dangerous (financial scams targeting seniors that could wipe out their savings).

Don't let the prospect of an awkward conversation now create a bigger headache in the future. Strive for this balance: confronting reality head-on without infantilizing or offending your parents. A bad way to deal? Shutting down future conversations when talks are strained. A better way to deal? Involving other family members to facilitate discussion or working with a financial adviser to handle trickier topics.

4. Leave judgment at the door

Conversations with your parents may reveal wildly different opinions about how to handle finances. You're asking them to part with sensitive information; promise a judgment-free zone in return.

Because of the prevalence of financial abuse — it's estimated one in five elders have been affected — urge your parents to flag potential scams. Don't shame them for ill-advised financial decisions or falling victim to fraud. Focus on prevention, via routine communication about finances and keeping documents accurate and up-to-date.

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cisions at play — which may change over time with your parents' mental or physical health — so don't expect a one-and-done conversation.

2. Start with the basics

Talking about money inspires reactions ranging from secretive to forthright. Even if your parents aren't particularly prickly about discussing their finances, it's prudent to ease into such conversations.

Long says a strategy that's "very helpful" is approaching discussions from a group-planning perspective — sharing what end-of-life goals you're

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Shaw Field is seen in 1941 after some of a fleet of Consolidated Vultee BT 13-A training aircraft were flown to the base on a transcontinental flight from Los Angeles. The planes were used to train pilots at the new flight school in Sumter.

Moving planes to Shaw Field in 1941

Reflections remembers the trans-continental flight of the BT 13-A training aircraft. These planes were used to train young cadets the principles of flight at the new flight school in Sumter. Shaw Field's acquisition of trainer aircraft remains one of the most intriguing segments of base history. The information and photos were provided by *The Sumter Item* archives and *High Pitch* magazine produced by the Shaw Cadets.



Sammy Way
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cy of the Army not to allow new aircraft to be flown at night or in bad weather until delivered at the ultimate destination. Accordingly, night stops are planned, at Tucson, Arizona and Barksdale Field, Louisiana, with arrival at Shaw Field expected on the evening of the third day."

"Maj. Cooper, executive officer, and Maj. Gurr, director of training, were among the five flying officers stationed at Shaw Field, both were experienced pilots with many years flying to their credit in all sections of the continent. The planes obtained were the initial ones in a series of forty-five, and it is believed that subsequent deliveries were handled by ferry pilots not connected with Shaw Field, so that the full attention of the officers there was directed towards the activation of the flying school."

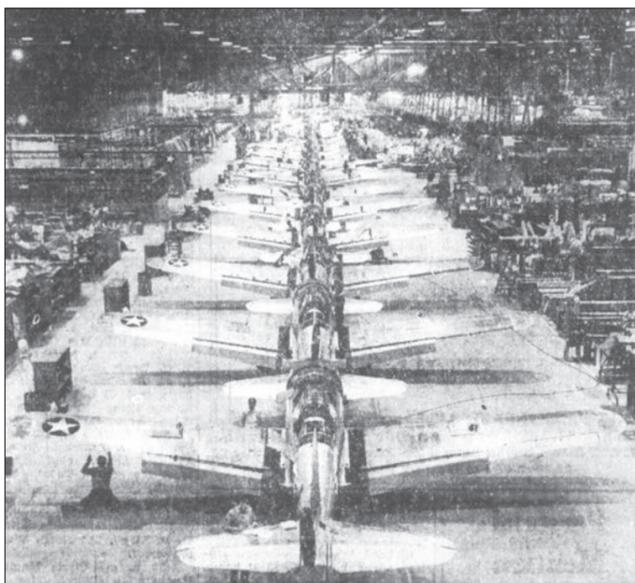
"The runways at Shaw Field were complete, allowing planes to be delivered directly and operated from the field at all times. In the near future several flying instructors arrived, in advance of the cadets, so that they could familiarize themselves with the planes and equipment, as well as, the program of training. The school was scheduled to be in operation by the early part of December 1941."

"Maj. B. M. Hovey Jr., commanding officer, Maj. Daniel Cooper and Maj. James W. Gurr allowed information concerning the transfer of the BT 13-A aircraft from California to Shaw Field made available to the general public. These officers departed from Columbia aboard a Delta Airline plane, arriving in Dallas at twelve o'clock midnight. There they flew aboard an American Airline sleeper plane, scheduled to reach Los Angeles at 7:45 a.m. the next morning. Upon arrival they proceeded immediately to the Vultee Aircraft factory and received delivery of two basic trainer planes, first of 45 in the initial order for use in flight training at Shaw Field. Fly-away delivery of this kind was a customary practice utilized by the Army Air Corps."

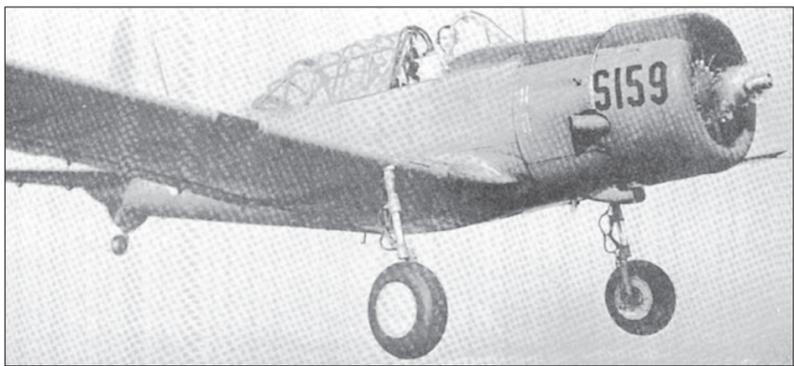
"Maj. Cooper and Maj. Gurr planned to leave at once upon receipt of the new planes, which they flew on the eastbound trip. It was the poli-



From left, Guy M. King, Clayton L. Berlinghoff, David G. Mullison, Irvin Croutherfield, Thomas E. Murray, J.M. Page, W. Laurent are seen in *High Pitch* magazine in 1943.



The production line at the Consolidated Vultee aircraft plant is seen in 1943 at Downey, California, where basic trainer planes like the ones used at Shaw Field were made. Sumter citizens helped to buy several of these planes by buying war bonds during the Lions Club drive.



Shaw 1940s Vultee B-13



In 1943, airmen were photographed for *High Pitch* magazine.



Shaw Field 1941 trainer planes

Gamble becomes horse breeder; 33rd Fighter Squadron deactivated

75 YEARS AGO — 1944

Feb. 5 — Feb. 11

• Sumter High's Gamecocks got sweet revenge against Camden's Bulldogs by disposing of the visitors in easy fashion. The final score was 25-3. After holding the Bulldogs scoreless the first half — the second time they have held an opponent scoreless during two periods — the Gamecocks rolled to an easy victory. Camden's zone defense, which upset the Gamecocks in Camden last week, boomeranged last night and with Tommie Hughes leading the way, the Birds were never in serious danger. All of Camden's points came in the third period, a field goal by Cooper and a free throw by Parker. After that, the Bulldogs couldn't find the basket — just as they had not been able to do during the first half.

• William Henry Shaw, superintendent of the city schools, will take part in a Public Forum Program on the 12th grade for South Carolina, it was learned today. The program will be broadcast at 1:30 tomorrow from the radio station WIS in Columbia.

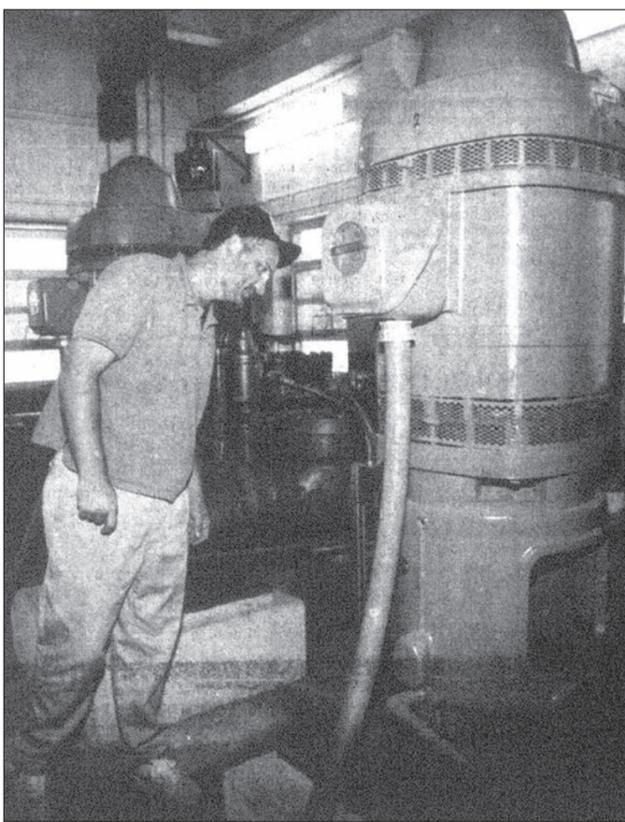
• Approximately 400 persons enjoyed the third-anniversary celebration at the USO last night. The beautiful club was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, flags and huge American eagles. Guests sat at small tables which were attractive with patriotic covers and napkins. In front of the long table for guests of honor was a smaller, raised table on which a beautiful three-tiered anniversary cake was placed. Gladioli, roses and carnations, sent with the congratulations of friends of the USO, filled the house.

• With the arrival at Fort Jackson on Thursday of Capt. George W. Williams of Sumter, black troops will now for the first time have the services of a permanently assigned black chaplain. Capt. Williams, who was transferred to Fort Jackson from the Fifth Armored group at Camp Hood, Texas, has taken over chaplain duties in the black area at the post. Although several black chaplains have come to Fort Jackson in the past with tactical units, Chaplain Williams is the first to be assigned to the Station Complement. Chaplain Williams, who held a Methodist pastorate at Greeleyville before entering the Army on February 1942, was promoted to the rank of captain in October of 1943. He was educated at Claflin College, Orangeburg, and Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta.

• Staff Sgt. Edwin A. Coker, 25, of Turbeville, who received the Silver Star in North Africa, has arrived in England to help train other troops preparing for the invasion of western Europe. Sgt. Coker was decorated for gallantry in action in Tunisia in April 1943. The official citation reads in part: "Sgt. Coker, while on patrol with three privates, passed through an enemy minefield. One man stepped on an anti-personnel bomb, and all the privates were injured. Sgt. Coker, without regard for personal safety, re-entered the minefield, treated the three men, carried one and led the others over more than a mile of hazardous terrain to safety and first aid."

• Shaw Field's boxing team will make its second home appearance in the Fieldhouse with a 10-event card against Columbia Air Base. There'll be band music and plenty of action for all Shaw personnel with Charles Marino and his orchestra taking the spotlight at 7:30 to entertain until the glove-slugging gets underway at 8.

• To meet the demands of its growing fleet, the United States Navy has created additional openings for officer personnel to be appointed from civil life, M. M. Weinberg, chairman of the Sumter civilian committee for naval officer procurement, an-



1993 — Allen Catoe, an employee of the city of Sumter, monitors the output of water at a pumphouse at a city water plant. After weeks with little rain and days of temperatures sometimes hitting record highs across the state, Sumter residents have increased their demand for water.

nounced today. Men under 35 with college degrees from accredited institutions and a record of leadership or professional and business fields are qualified to make application for general service at sea. Successful candidates will be appointed in commissioned ranks commensurate with their age and receive training in Navy indoctrination schools before being assigned to general duties. This classification demands a sound physique, good vision and color perception.

• Officials foresee a profound change in the economy of the South after the war, with the large-scale introduction of mechanical cotton pickers. This is the way one views it: the change will not be complete for 15 years after the war, but between 400,000 and 500,000 families who share-crop cotton now will either be thrown on the labor market or turn to other kinds of farming. Reason: Mechanical cotton pickers can do the job so much cheaper than humans and on a vast scale. Even the cotton-growing areas will change, with the bulk of the growing concentrated in the coastal plain country of South Georgia, Alabama, the Mississippi delta and in great new developments in Oklahoma and Texas.

• Sumter High's basketball team defeated Pinewood there last night by the score of 44 to 26. The Gamecocks took an early lead and were never headed, although the Maroons were tough opponents all the way. With Jones, diminutive forward, ill and Booth out with a sprained thumb, the Birds were forced to reshuffle their lineup, but it clicked in good order. Hughes, playing center, was high scorer with 18 points. Jackson, from Pinewood, had 11 points. Friday night Sumter will play Olympia there, and Jones is expected to be back in action, but Booth will be on the sidelines for at least two weeks.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968
Oct. 6 — 12

• The Goodwin Buick tournament gets underway at Oakwood Hills Country Club with Franz Johnson and Walter Carr tied for medalist honors. Each scored 74 in qualifying rounds. They will playoff for the honor. All first-round matches must be played no later than Sunday, and losers of first round in first and second flights go into consolation matches.

• Two area teams will try to play the role of "spoiler" in Friday night football games this week. Both face supreme tests. Sumter's Edmunds High School and Furman High are the two teams on the hot grid-

dle. Edmunds hosts No. 1 rated A.C. Flora High School of Columbia while Furman gets to face the angry Bishopville High Dragons. If either Edmunds or Furman win it will go down in the books as "upsets" of the season because of the rugged opponents they play.

• Ebenezer High School quarterback Willie Prioleau doesn't run the football much. Seldom — if ever. What the 4'8" junior does do, though, is fill the air with passes. Enemy defenders are beginning to respect the 150-pound junior, who is as elusive as water when it comes to putting him on the turf. "He's slippery. He can run but doesn't. Prioleau hasn't been trapped many times (twice only), and what happens is that defenders think he's trapped, and he quickly finds a receiver," a happy Coach G.E. Littles said.

• Nine Sumter funeral homes notified the Sumter County Legislative Delegation and the Board of Commissioners that they could not see where an extension of ambulance service to the county, beyond the previously announced Jan. 1, 1969, deadline, would be warranted. In the letter from the funeral homes, it was pointed out that many of the area homes have already made arrangements to dispose of their ambulances and related equipment on, or shortly after, Jan. 1, making an extension of the deadline impossible.

• Sam O. Gamble, farmer, businessman and former mayor of Manning, has now established himself as a race-horse breeder. Two of Gamble's horses have made excellent showings at Northern tracks this season. "Jumping Jane," one of the horses bred and raised by Gamble, has been in the winner's circle twice with first places at Suffolk Downs in Boston and Rockingham Park in Salem, New Hampshire, this summer. Another horse, "Mel's Miss," has copped one first, one second and three third places on the tracks.

• SMSgt. Henry Ratke, 363rd Civil Engineering Squadron, was recently selected over other nominees to be the wing career salesman. Sgt. Ratke replaces SMSgt. Joseph F. Mathieu and will serve in this capacity for a period of three months before returning to his previous duties as the civil engineer sanitation superintendent. During this period, Sgt. Ratke's primary job will be to explain the advantages of an Air Force career and what the Air Force has to offer to the first-term airmen here at Shaw.

• Col. Victor N. Cabas, former 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance

Wing commander and TARC DO, was an unscheduled guest speaker during TARC's recent Senior Officer Orientation Course. He had just returned from Udorn, Thailand, where he commanded the 432nd TRW for the past year and is enroute to his new position with the inspector general at Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

• Now that the first six weeks have ended, school clubs and organizations have had sufficient time to get back into their regular routine and to begin executing their plans for this year. Jimmie Rogers, Student Council president, is more than optimistic about the success of his organization. In fact, he is quite confident that this will be a big year for the council. In an interview with the student body president, Rogers stated, "My cabinet members and I, along with the council representatives, are going to make this a fruitful year. I have stated in the meetings that there will be other students working along with the council, even though they are not members."

• The McLaurin Junior High Bantams struck for 27 points in the first half and went on to crush Poyner Junior High of Florence, 40-13. It was the first time McLaurin has been scored upon in four games, but the Bantams retained their unbeaten record. Halfback Roderick Harris galloped for two touchdowns while Eugene McDonald, Barney Shorter, Thomas Corbitt and Gene Floyd each contributed a tally.

• Paul E. Risinger, principal of Edmunds High School, has been selected as one of 15 educational leaders in South Carolina as part of a principal development project. Lead principals were selected to participate in this program on the basis of recognized ability in the areas of instructional leadership, pupil personnel administration, staff personnel administration, curriculum and staff utilization.

• The Sumter County United Fund will begin its 1968 drive to reach a \$203,000 goal, with an official campaign kick-off luncheon at the American Legion Home. Keynote speaker for the kickoff luncheon will be Lt. Gen. (ret.) James Berkeley of the USMC, who will speak on "The Naval Gap Between the United States and Russian Naval Forces." A native of Portsmouth, Virginia, Berkeley enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1927 and was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in 1930.

• PFC James Arthur Bradley, 21, of Sumter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradley, left for Vietnam from Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, recently. Bradley completed basic training at Ft. Gordon, Georgia, where he earned a medal for expertise in the handling of an M-14 rifle, and was then transferred to Ft. Leavenworth, where he earned another medal for firing the M-16 rifle. He is married to the former Miss Linda Ann Jones of Sumter.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993
July 9 — 15

• Clarendon School District 3 trustees awarded contracts of up to \$40,000 for renovations at two schools. The money will go for improvements to the restrooms at East Clarendon High School and the district's middle school. The contracts were awarded to the low bidders — Sutton Plumbing of Lake City will repair or replace plumbing; Partitioning Central of Columbia will repair or replace partitions; Hannah Drywall of Florence will repair or replace drywall; and David Allen Co. of Camden will do tile work.

• Sumter's P-15's completed their first undefeated regular season in 21 years and Dalzell gained the latest in a long line of moral victories this year as Sumter swept a doubleheader at Riley Park. Sumter, 16-0,

whipped Post 175 14-1 in the opener as P-15 starter Brian Boykin hurled a seven-inning no-hitter. In the nightcap, Dalzell starter Jeremy Beben held Sumter to four hits, but that was two more than Post 175 was able to manage against Ontrell McCray and Eddie Mathis as the P-15's held on for a 5-2 win.

• The Church of the Holy Comforter (Episcopal) held a service of dedication and consecration of its recently completed additions and renovations. The Right Rev. Edward L. Salmon Jr., bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, served as preacher and celebrant, with the Rev. Charles F. Walton Jr., rector of Holy Comforter, serving as master of ceremonies. Additions and renovations to the church include a new balcony which adds seating for 70; a new sound system in the sanctuary; a large narthex at the Calhoun Street sanctuary entrance; an exterior cloister walkway; new junior high classroom; and complete renovation to the church offices and sacristy.

• Dalzell built an 8-2 lead and then held off a ninth-inning rally by Manning to claim an 8-6 American Legion baseball win at Hillcrest High. Post 175, 2-14, scored four times in the second inning, increased its lead to 7-1 with a pair of runs in the fourth and then held on as Manning sent 10 men to the plate in the final inning. "We played good baseball," Dalzell head coach Mike Peyton said. "It was just plain, good, solid, fundamental baseball. We walked ourselves into trouble a couple of times, but otherwise it was a good game."

• One of Sumter's oldest neighborhoods is getting a new look. A new housing development off West Calhoun Street near Hampton Park will offer medium-sized homes on small lots — a trend growing in popularity, according to local developers. Developer James McQuage III, along with Realtor Frank Moses and architect John Jackson, are working to build and sell the seven single-family homes on 1½ acres in the historic neighborhood. Homes in the subdivision, called Calhoun Place, will range in size from 1,300 to 2,100 square feet and will vary in price from \$100,000 to \$135,000.

• In an unprecedented challenge of state and local law, owners of the Laidlaw hazardous-waste landfill will question Sumter County's authority to regulate the facility in federal court in Columbia. Attorneys for Laidlaw Environmental Services of South Carolina Inc., which operates the 179-acre landfill near Lake Marion, are expected to argue before U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Anderson that the county is interfering with the company's ability to do business by attempting to regulate its expansion. Sumter County attorneys are expected to argue that Laidlaw has repeatedly violated the county's laws by building without permits and by not getting county approval before expanding.

• Honing their combat skills until the last minute of their unit's life, members of the 33rd Fighter Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base launched their last sortie less than 24 hours before being officially deactivated by the Air Force, a casualty of the United States' shrinking defense budget.

• Sumter School District 2 officials are confident that voters will approve a \$28.5 million bond referendum that would allow the district to build two new high schools and make improvements to existing schools. The district's board of trustees agreed to hold the referendum. If voters approve the construction plan, the annual property taxes on a \$50,000 home in District 2 would increase by about \$80 for 20 years, according to district officials.

BUILDING PERMITS

• **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 1748 Trevino Drive, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$107,389.68 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2705 Magnum Drive, 1,748 heated square feet and 341 unheated square feet, \$93,378.31 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1707 Trevino Drive, 2,205 heated square feet and 363 unheated square feet, \$105,368.23 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1701 Trevino Drive, 2,362 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$113,189.10 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3760 Moseley Drive, 2,341 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$110,586.07 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 175 Decoy Court, 2,557 heated square feet and 344 unheated square feet, \$114,290.87 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1754 Trevino Drive, 2,362 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$113,189.10 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1760 Trevino Drive, 2,557 heated square feet and 344 unheated square feet, \$116,376.76 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1719 Trevino Drive, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$128,606.29 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Johnny M. James**, owner and contractor, 3700 Katwallace Circle, 2,700 heated square feet and 800 unheated square feet, \$220,000 (new dwelling, residential); Johnny M. James, owner and contractor, 1235 Sandpiper Drive, 2,400 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$210,000 (new dwelling, residential); Johnny M. James, owner and contractor, 1255 Sandpiper Drive, 2,331 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$200,000 (new dwelling, residential); Johnny M. James, owner and contractor, 1245 Sandpiper Drive, 2,200 heated square feet and 600 unheated square feet, \$200,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Gainey Construction Co. LLC**, owner and contractor, 2995 Explorer Drive, Dalzell, 1,772 heated square feet and 458 unheated square feet, \$112,394 (new dwelling, residential); Gainey Construction Co. LLC, owner and contractor, 3083 Daufaskie Road, 1,810 heated square feet and 510 unheated square feet, \$115,690 (new dwelling, residential).

• **SLS Co. LTD (Deborah Williams)**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 363 Timmons St. (mobile home, residential).

• **SLS Co. LTD (Willie Ferguson)**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 6450 Spring Hill Road, Rembert (mobile home, residential).

• **Mungo Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 1784 Musket Trail, 2,645 heated square feet and 446 unheated square feet, \$108,132 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Gainey Investments LLC**, owner, Gainey Construction Co. LLC, contractor, 1004 Cutleaf Drive (1006), \$6,400 (new shingles, residential).

• **Charles A. and Megan Fallon**, owners, Todd Miles dba Southern Heritage Builder, contractor, 3115 Springdale Way, \$15,000 (finish bonus room in existing house, residential).

• **Michael William and Rene Barry**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 705 Haynsworth St., \$32,800 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Justin McLeod**, owner and contractor, 4210 Nazarene Church Road, \$3,500 (fire damage repairs, flooring, walls, wiring and shower — mobile home, residential).

• **Robert Bryan Brown**, owner and contractor, 3920 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, 2,070 heated square feet and 480 unheated square feet, \$85,000 (completion of new dwelling, residential).

• **Scott W. Rumph Jr. (trustee)**, owner, TEPDB OPCO LLC, contractor, 484 Pine-wood Road, \$29,000 (proposed 50 foot pole with pole mounted shroud, RRU's and fiber equipment, commercial).

• **Mark E. and Amy C. Gibson**, owners, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 344 W. Calhoun St., \$31,787.50 (swimming pool, residential).

• **Yvonne B. Wilkes**, owner, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 2851 Brownfield Way, 3,500 heated square feet and 1,500 unheated square feet, \$245,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Mark Cox**, owner, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 2871 Brownfield Way, 3,100 heated square feet and 1,000 unheated square feet, \$205,500 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Jesse McLeod**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 504 Boulevard Road, 288 unheated square feet, \$5,009 (new detached garden shed — enclosed, residential).

• **Mike C. Burrows**, owner, Burrows Construction Co., contractor, 1980 Florence Highway, \$5,000 (residential demolition of three bedroom home, residential).

• **Nivek Inc.**, owner, Enloe Aluminum, contractor, 3 Alice Drive, \$41,219 (repair damaged canopy, commercial).

• **Doris Spann**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 784 Council St. (mobile home, residential).

• **Lillie B. Abrams**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 1720 Elder Lane, \$4,910.50 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Rosa Lee Williams (lifetime estate)**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 710 Olive St., \$6,055.39 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Steven A. and Kristy A. Ishmael**, owners,

Frank Sims dba Frank's Roofing, contractor, 1865 Mossberg Drive, \$4,500 (reroof, residential).

• **Boma Sumter LLC**, owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 2945 Broad St., \$9,366 (wall sign — John Harris Body Shop, commercial); Boma Sumter LLC, owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 2945 Broad St., \$15,044 (free-standing sign — John Harris Body Shop, commercial).

• **Andrew T. Chavey**, owner, Renu Energy Solutions LLC, contractor, 360 Biddle Road, \$36,433 (roof mount solar panel systems, residential).

• **Hess Retail Stores LLC**, owner, Z C Paul Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 1105 Broad St., \$87,500 (interior upfit, commercial).

• **Ticonda Mack**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 965 Mayfield Drive (mobile home, residential).

• **James Edward White**, owner, Golden Construction, contractor, 1670 Boulevard Road, \$5,800 (ramp, smoke detectors, repair floors, residential).

• **Wilson Hall School**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 520 Wilson Hall Road, \$120,000 (renovations to existing interior, commercial).

• **Deborah Quinn Mathis**, owner, Sunrun Inc. dba Sunrun Installation Service, contractor, 210 Lesesne Drive, \$18,120 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Kenneth Samuel / Phyllis A. Sa**, owners, James Levine, contractor, 1105 Manning Road, \$5,000 (repairs, drywall, doors, ceiling, counters, cabinets, residential).

• **Martha Ann Funchess**, owner, The Centric Group, contractor, 302 Rogers Ave., \$10,977.35 (repairs, drywall, paint, ceilings, interior roofing, residential).

• **David Kent Mobley**, owner, The Centric Group, contractor, 18 Chestnut St., \$11,602.93 (repairs to drywall, painting, ceiling, interior roof, residential).

• **Dennis Gregg**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 1050 Corinthian St. (mobile home, residential).

• **Thomas J. Theismann II**, owner, William Ellison dba Paul Davis Restorati, contractor, 5465 Meadow Drive, \$27,000 (kitchen fire — gut, replace kitchen, clean seal paint house, residential).

• **Paulette N. Mack**, owner, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 209 Brent St., \$10,303 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **DL Holdings LLC**, owner, Advance Roofing Services, contractor, 1535 Camden Highway, \$3,640 (reroof, residential).

• **BHW of Sumter LLC**, owner, Dylon Graham dba Graham Construction, contractor, 670 Mallard Drive, \$39,000 (new roof, vinyl soffit / fascia, paint interior, residential).

• **Damien K. Picariello and Baribeau**, owners, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 403 N. Salem Ave., \$28,000 (remodel bedroom, bathroom, add interior bathroom and hallway, residential).

• **John L. and Brenda M. Swann**, owners, Rennison Roofing and Exteriors LLC, contractor, 2850 Sheridan Drive, Dalzell, \$9,606 (roof replacement, residential).

• **Dennis L. and Shelly L. Campbell**, owners, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 2954 Sylvan Way, \$3,880 (replace roof on garage, residential).

• **Anthony B. Hills Jr. and Candace N. Hills**, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 3120 Herbal Way, \$7,497 (reroof, residential).

• **Steven J. and Lisa M. Fadden**, owners, James E. Standley, contractor, 2611 Beth Ave., Dalzell, 324 heated square feet, \$36,984 (close in back to build gameroom, residential).

• **Beverly Ann Lohr Cornell Trust**, owner, South Coast Solar, contractor, 2570 Carriage Drive, \$43,552 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Steven R. and Christie L. Secrest**, owners, Danny Marshall, contractor, 3120 Wise Drive, \$4,800 (10 vinyl replacement windows, residential).

• **Zachary Louis and Jacqueline Hicks**, owners, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 3575 Preserve Court, \$39,400 (swimming pool, residential).

• **Michael C. McLeod**, owner, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 421 N. Main St., \$25,200 (swimming pool, residential).

• **Terry L. and Sue A. Haxton**, owners, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 3050 Old Spring Road, 1,936 heated square feet, \$136,000 (attached garage with bonus room, residential).

• **Robert Martin Overby Sr. and Elvi**, owners, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 4075 Lorene Drive, 900 heated square feet and 1,500 unheated square feet, \$95,000 (attached garage enclosed, residential).

• **Deborah L. Wheeler**, owner, Major L. Scott dba Fix A&G Repairs, contractor, 119 N. Main St. East, Mayesville, \$3,600 (replace shingles, residential).

• **Marigrace Diella**, owner, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 2381 Talloak Road, \$5,695 (reroof, residential).

• **Leland Thigpen**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 22 Jerry St. (mobile home, residential).

• **Charity Huss-Brown and Brown Sha**, owners, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 3112 Pawleys Lane, \$29,000 (pour 10x14 slab with footers over existing for studio patio room, residential).

• **Ramel Dominique and Rachel Waden**, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 943 Mordred St., \$5,550 (install new shingles, residential).

• **Anna Brunson**, owner, David Campbell, contractor, 5280 Cotton Acres Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Robert D. Belk dba Sumter Mortgage**, owner, Electric Guard Dog, contractor, 2935 Broad St., \$30,000 (seven foot chain link battery powered security fence, commercial).

• **Randy C. and Susan D. Thomas**, owners, James P. Dennis, contractor, 1775 Horatio-Hagood Road, Rembert, 2,080 unheated square feet, \$42,500 (new workshop — barn, residential).

• **Randy C. and Susan D. Thomas**, owners,

Joseph Stevens, contractor, 1775 Horatio-Hagood Road, Rembert, 1,300 heated square feet and 650 unheated square feet, \$114,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **William C. and Jane E. Cross**, owners, Jason Josey dba Josey Builders, contractor, 3000 Firestone Court, \$12,500 (new shingles, residential).

• **Jason M. Ashton**, owner, Scott Hajek, contractor, 323 E. Charlotte Ave., \$8,000 (reroof and new siding, residential).

• **Boma Sumter LLC**, owner, Pro-Tech Fire Services, contractor, 2945 Broad St., \$11,650 (install dry chemical fire suppression system in paint booth, commercial).

• **MAM Broadstreet Properties LLC**, owner, Pro-Tech Fire Services, contractor, 2540 Broad St., \$5,200 (install dry chemical fire suppression system in paint booth, commercial).

• **City of Sumter**, owner, VSC Fire & Security Inc., contractor, 3495 Millgrove Lane, \$77,253 (installation of new dry pipe sprinkler system, commercial).

• **Alexander White Jr. and Mary Ann White**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 56 Albert Spears Drive, \$3,800 (reroof house, residential).

• **Billie Moise**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 344 Enter St. (mobile home, residential).

• **James and Cynthia E. Walzer**, owners, Jamie R. Josey, contractor, 112 Wilson St., \$4,850 (reroof, residential).

• **James Edward White**, owner, Golden Construction, contractor, 1670 Boulevard Road, \$5,300 (ramp-repair floor, storm door, sheetrock, residential).

• **Carver A. and Tamikka V. James**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 50 Aniline Court, \$44,760 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Wyman H. Watts Jr. and Leslie S. Watts**, owners, 7000 Myrtle Beach Highway (move modular storage building from 3430 Myrtle Beach Highway to 7000 Myrtle Beach Highway, residential).

• **Beverly M. Tidwell / Jason R. Ti**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 25 Betsy Lane (mobile home, residential).

• **Jobs Mortuary Inc.**, owner, Goines Construction LLC, contractor, 101 S. Salem Ave., \$30,000 (metal roofing, commercial).

• **Henry Smith**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 404 Boulevard Road, \$4,600 (install metal roof, residential).

• **Moses Wendell**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1060 Reedroman Road, \$4,500 (install metal roof, residential).

• **John M. Brabham Family Limited**, owner and contractor, 820 S. Pike West, \$20,000 (freestanding sign — Palmetto Gas, commercial).

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• **William T. and Mary J. Allen**, owners, Randolph Wells dba Wells Builders, contractor, 1061 Robin Hood Ave., \$3,500 (install shingles, residential).

• **Marilyn Winkles Ham (trustee)**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 2785 Oswego Highway, \$8,247 (replace shingles, residential).

• **Patricia A. Farmer / Brigitte**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 2820 Jeroco Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Matthew S. and Keondra L. Leke**, owners, Kevin E. Mehm, contractor, 4135 Lemacks St., Dalzell, 576 unheated square feet, \$25,450 (detached post frame building — concrete floor, residential).

• **Palmetto Health Tuomey**, owner, Hood Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 142 N. Main St. (144), \$146,889 (commercial demolition — old gas station / recently used by Seaco, commercial).

• **Wilson Hall School**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 520 Wilson Hall Road, \$24,500 (new guard shack, commercial).

• **Barbara Lewandowski**, owner, United Solar Inc., contractor, 224 Curtiswood Ave., \$27,840 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **RI CS5 LLC**, owner, Paragon Installations Inc., contractor, 1970 Camden Highway, \$4,500 (freestanding sign — Young's Exxon, commercial).

• **David and Jackie Lloyd**, owners, Frank Sims dba Frank's Roofing, contractor, 1034 Marian Lane, \$5,200 (reroof, residential).

• **The Church of God of Prophecy**, owner, Kenneth D. Baker, contractor, 722 Boulevard Road, 162 heated square feet, \$17,105 (addition of two shingle stall bathrooms, commercial).

• **James W. Scarborough**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 4605 Wrangler Trail, \$3,800 (install metal roof, residential).

• **Tyrone W. and Kathleen G. Smalls**, owners, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 809 N. Guignard Drive, \$5,400 (reroof, residential).

• **Ronald J. Campbell Jr.**, owner, AAA Sign Co. Inc., contractor, 1370 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$8,000 (freestanding sign — Dollar General, commercial); Ronald J. Campbell Jr., owner, AAA Sign Co. Inc., contractor, 1370 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$8,000 (wall sign — Dollar General, commercial).

• **Stephen W. Hopkins**, owner, Enloe Aluminum, contractor, 2925 Narrow Paved Road, Lynchburg, \$12,348 (change face of freestanding sign — A&J Grocery, commercial).

• **James L. Reynolds**, owner, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 5625 Nazarene Church Road, Pinewood, \$55,000 (swimming pool, residential).

• **Bruce Hull / Susan Hull**, owners, Bruce Hull, contractor, 3005 Firestone Court, 624 unheated square feet, \$10,000 (detached enclosed garage, residential).

• **Regis V. and Donna L. Madine**, owners, Howard Wayne Rogers, contractor, 1120 Oriole Circle, 221 heated square feet, \$14,500 (add sitting room at right rear of home, residential).

• **Norman P. and Patricia Davis**, owners,

Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 745 Griffin St., \$4,600 (install metal roof, residential).

• **Dorothy D. Johnson**, owner, John Porter Jr. dba JP & Son Construction, contractor, 25 L St., \$12,285 (remove / replace roof, residential).

• **Northside Memorial Baptist Church**, owner, Buddin's Mini Excavator Work, contractor, 1016 Jan Ave., \$8,000 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).

• **Kendrick Eady**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 4250 Hickory Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Letia M. Holmes**, owner, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 115 Byrd St., \$17,000 (replace shingles, drip edge, OSB, residential).

• **Brian K. and Melissa M. Heers**, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 1700 Ketch Ave., \$6,670 (install new shingles, residential).

• **Clara Byas**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 4455 Pond Loop, \$4,699 (remove and replace shingles, residential).

• **Jacob A. Diorio**, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 1132 Barnwell Drive, \$9,779 (remove / replace 11 windows, no structure change, residential).

• **William R. and Sue H. Miller**, owners, Billy McIntosh dba McIntosh & Sons Construction, contractor, 655 Mallard Drive, \$7,952 (reroof, residential).

• **Victor Pearson**, owner, Paul Rennison dba Rennison Roofing & Exterior, contractor, 560 Pitts Road, \$8,714.56 (reroof and replace three windows, residential).

• **Dorothy Palmer**, owner, Edmond Player dba Two Men and a Ladder, contractor, 972 Saltwood Road, \$5,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Margaret Diane Richburg**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 410 Adams Ave., \$3,851 (replace shingles, residential).

• **Sumter County / Bobby Galloway**, owners, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 141 N. Main St., \$3,000,000 (addition of elevator, ADA restrooms, exterior windows, commercial).

• **Jehonathan L. and Yorsalie Barden**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 6665 JJ Roberts Drive, \$7,785 (reroof, residential).

• **Catherine Perez**, owner, James E. Standley, contractor, 1265 Lewis Road, \$5,545 (replace 15 windows, residential).

• **Aja Joseph**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 6285 Quimby Road, Dalzell, \$7,705.94 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Angela Sue Hale**, owner, James E. Standley, contractor, 2535 Beulah Cuttino Road, \$9,050 (roof replacement, residential).

• **Springbank Baptist Church**, owner, T. Polk Sanders, contractor, 5725 Fish Road, Dalzell, \$28,000 (upfit — extend gable roof / rework electrical / replace HVAC, commercial).

• **ARCP RL Portfolio V LLC**, owner, Retail Contractors of Puerto Rico Inc., contractor, 1034 Broad St., \$19,916 (remove faux doors, frame in and install windows, siding, interior finishes, commercial).

• **John Wendell Turner and Linda M. Turner**, owners, Hoover Buildings of Lexington, contractor, 35 Biddle Road, \$31,170 (pole building — shell only horse barn, commercial).

• **Ronald E. and Brenda J. Winn**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 6125 Dinkins Mill Road, Rembert, \$8,200 (reroof house, residential).

• **Loretta P. and David W. Brown**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 2044 Columbia Circle, \$4,925 (reroof, residential).

• **Florence Concrete Products Inc.**, owner, Crawford Sprinkler Co. of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 755 Industrial Road, \$40,005 (sprinkle two canopies, extend wire and replace 147 heads, commercial).

• **James W. Stover III**, owner, Roland Johnson dba R&J Home Improvements, contractor, 114 Brown St., \$3,500 (new metal roof, residential); James W. Stover III, owner, Roland Johnson dba R&J Home Improvements, contractor, 112 Brown St., \$4,500 (install vinyl siding and metal roof, residential).

• **Lakewood Apartments SC LLC**, owner, WM Strickland dba Strickland&Strickland, contractor, 10 Putter Drive (10-176) 10-57 POC, \$7,000 (replace beam / wood subdeck / concrete patio / wood joist, commercial).

• **Janet Lynette Dangerfield**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 1695 N. Pike East (mobile home, residential).

• **John A. Grooms**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 1695 N. Pike East (mobile home, residential).

• **Debra Lynn Leaberry**, owner, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 3130 Ashlynn Way, \$30,000 (swimming pool, residential).

• **STC Lynette LLC**, owner, Crawford Sprinkler Co. of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 1880 Lynette Drive, \$194,550 (install fire pump and new wet and dry sprinkler systems, commercial).

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• **Samantha Dawn Hill**, owner, Jonathan Brent Waynick, contractor, 1040 Lewis Road, \$5,100 (new shingle roof, residential).

• **David I. and Rosemarie S. Wilson**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 3145 Firestone Court, \$15,112.96 (reroof, residential).

• **Michael C. Watson**, owner, Nunner Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 25 E. Calhoun St., \$36,210 (replace low slope roof with new shingle ply roof system, commercial).

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A Saturday at the club

I could hear someone speaking to my son Clayton, and when I turned around to look I was surprised to see Mister Thomas. I hadn't heard anyone drive up, and I just assumed it was someone that had walked over from one of the campers on the riverbank. It wasn't.

Thomas Thompson doesn't have a camper at the club, and his truck was nowhere in sight. But here he was, standing out in the driveway behind us.

Clayton had his foot on the bottom step and was holding on to the extension ladder while I reached up to



Dan Geddings

paint the soffit and fascia on the gable end of the generator shed. The club had recently replaced the roof, and I had volunteered to paint the trim. We had been talking and focused on the work at hand and had not seen Mister Thomas walk up behind us. It was a surprise to see him.

We had arrived at our Lowcountry hunt club early Saturday morning. I wanted to take a look at the chufa patches that we had planted a month earlier. There had been several rain showers, and I knew the chufa would be up. I also needed to do a little painting.

I was anxious to see if we had good chufa stands, had any weed problems or if the turkeys were creating a bigger problem in the plots. They had scratched one patch up pretty bad, just a few days after we had planted it, and I was hopeful they hadn't gotten it all.

James Crosby had plowed the sites for us, and we had hand broadcast the chufa seed. James ran the disk back over the seed to cover it at just the right depth. It is a method that we have used many times with good results.

We stopped at the River Road patch first. It flanks the west side of the road and is 600 feet long and 15 feet wide. We were a little disappointed to see that the chufa plants were too widely spaced on one end of the patch and that there was a minor weed problem in another section. I was somewhat puzzled about the spacing but would realize the answer after looking at one of the other plots. We noticed some turkey tracks in the sandy road.

The next plot was on a section of Parler Road. We had planted both sides of the road for about 600 feet. It was beautiful. The spacing was perfect, and there were no weeds. I told Clayton, "This is what a chufa patch should look like." I was very pleased. Parler Road is seldom hunted. Maybe this chufa patch would help change that.

The biggest patch was on Jerry Road, and it's where the turkeys had started scratching up the seed shortly after we had planted the plot. When we turned

onto Jerry we saw turkeys in the road ahead. Three big longbeards. They ran around a curve and disappeared into the shady woods.

At the plot, I was relieved to see that we had a decent stand of plants. It wasn't as good as Parler, but it would be good enough. They had stopped scratching up the seeds, and the patch was similar to the section at the end of the River Road plot. That's when I realized that the turkeys had also thinned out one end of the River Road patch.

Chufa is a sedge that looks like a grass. It originated in Africa where it was grown for human consumption. It is grown here mostly for wildlife, specifically for turkeys and waterfowl. The plants produce a cluster of nuts underground. It does good in sandy soil and on new ground.

After surveying the chufa patches, we headed back to the clubhouse, and I was doing a little painting when Mister Thomas walked up.

He told us that he had gotten stuck at the end of New Road and walked back to the clubhouse to see if anyone was around that could pull him out. He went on to say that it was doubtful that another truck could pull him out and that a tractor would probably be needed. I knew the big mudhole he was in and offered to call James Crosby, who lives nearby and has a tractor.

James was just leaving his house and agreed to meet us on New Road. When we rolled up, Mister Thomas' friend Mike Rose was standing to one side in the shade. Mike has had surgery recently and couldn't make the two-mile walk back to the clubhouse. James rolled up right behind us.

The truck was probably 40 feet out in the bog and was bottomed out, meaning that the frame was on the ground. Mister Thomas had three chains that he hooked together and extended to the high ground. James wanted to try pulling it out with his truck first and would go get the tractor if the truck wouldn't do it.

Mister Thomas explained that he had driven through the bog many times, but this time he had slid over into a deeper rut and bottomed out. I have never even tried to drive my truck through that watery guckhole, and I didn't think a truck could pull him out. We would probably need the tractor. But I was wrong. James pulled the chains tight then gave it a violent jerk and pulled the truck right out.

After we got the chains removed, Mister Thomas and Mike got back in the truck, revved the engine and drove it slipping and sliding back through the bog to the other side. I couldn't believe it! James and I just shook our heads and went on our way. I still had some painting to do.

Reach Dan Geddings at cdgeddings@gmail.com.



A chufa patch is seen at the hunt club.

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Young fisherman enjoys his catch for lunch, dinner



Helms Horton, 7-year-old son of Scott and Leslie Horton, poses with his channel catfish caught at his grandparents' pond in Alcolu. He proudly ate his catch for lunch and dinner the next day.

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Ladybug, where have you gone? Aphid fighters tend to roam

BY DEAN FOSDICK
The Associated Press

To some casual observers, ladybugs (or lady beetles) are colorful symbols of good luck — harbingers of fortune and fame. Gardeners value them for their utility as ravenous insects that prey upon plant pests. They buy them by the hundreds online or from garden centers and then free them to hunt.

But many entomologists think that commercially sold ladybugs are inefficient for biological pest control and introduce disease-carrying pathogens to their wild counterparts. They also fear that field-gathering the dormant insects by the millions shrinks the population available to farmers, prompting heavier pesticide use.

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, a pollinator preservation group in Portland, Oregon, doesn't recommend buying or releasing



An adult ladybug is seen on property near New Market, Virginia. You can buy ladybugs to clear plants of aphids, but the colorful predators have a habit of disappearing soon after release.

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ing non-native lady beetles, especially for yards and gardens, said Executive Director Scott Black.

"Not only do they not really

work — there are lots of potential negative implications for beetles where they are collected and where they are released," Black said.

Many lady beetle species overwinter in large numbers in California's Sierra Nevada. "In the spring, adults fly down from the mountains to the valley and coastal areas where they play an important role in controlling plant pests," Xerces said. "Large quantities of lady beetles (in the genus *Hippodamia*) are collected every year at overwinter sites in the Sierra Nevada and sold commercially."

While it may be cheap to buy a bag or more of ladybugs to patrol residential landscapes, it's difficult if not impossible to keep these miniature mercenaries from wandering. Adult beetles need to migrate before they start feeding or laying eggs, so they quickly head to parts unknown when released.

Whitney Cranshaw, a pro-

fessor and Extension entomologist with Colorado State University, has released lady beetles into his greenhouse several times to feed on aphid-infested plants, only to report negative results.

"Twenty-four hours later I can find about six in the greenhouse after releasing a bag of 1,500," Cranshaw said. "Which means 1,494 largely vanished somewhere in that period. And I do not see any laying eggs for a few weeks." Mature ladybugs will feed on 20 to 25 aphids per day, but their late-stage larvae will consume 10 times that number, making them far more effective predators, he said.

When improving habitat in your yard or garden, add plants that appeal to beneficial insects as they phase through all of their successive life cycles, Cranshaw said.

Learn how to identify the insects as they mature. "Don't kill them just because you don't recognize them," he

said, a reference to the fierce-looking ladybug larvae.

While ladybugs are collected almost exclusively in the wild, most other predatory insects sold commercially are reared in insectaries, Cranshaw said.

"Praying mantises are popular, but I'm not high on them, either," he said. "They're generalists and will eat anything out there, including bees and butterflies."

Cranshaw suggests using green lacewings, predatory midges and parasitic wasps for insect control. Look up "beneficial insectaries" for suppliers.

"Sometimes we're simply too trigger-happy," Black said. "We're trying to control things we don't really need to control. Sometimes all you have to do is spray pests like aphids and spider mites off (with water) or use some insecticidal soap."

"Be more attuned to natural systems," he said.

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO.: 2018-DR-43-756

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Candice Tipton, Plaintiff,

William Tipton, Defendant.

TO: DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the Plaintiff, or the attorneys, McDougall, Self, Currence, McLeod at their offices, 21 E. Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

McDOUGALL SELF CURRENCE McLEOD RYAN A. MCLEOD Attorneys for the Plaintiff 21 E. Calhoun Street Post Office Box 2197 Sumter, S.C. 29151-2197 (803) 778-5062

SUMMONS

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2018-CP-43-00562

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Estate of Maggie Ellison, Plaintiff,

John Doe as a Class designating any and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint, or any claim adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on title thereto and "Richard Roe" as Class designating any infant, defendants or person under disability, Defendants.

TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscribed, 35 South Sumter Street, Post Office Box 370, Sumter, South Carolina 29151, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY ACTION (Lis Pendens)

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TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

An action has been commenced and is pending in this Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendants seeking to confirm the Plaintiff's fee simple title to the following described properties:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvement thereon, if any situate, lying and being in the Township of Sumter, County, State of South Carolina, being shown on that certain plat prepared for Clarence McGhaney, by Julian B. Allen, RLS, dated July 29, 1992 and recorded in the Office of the Registered of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 92 at Page 1723, and having such metes and bounds as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

This is the property known as **820 Bay Springs Drive, Sumter, South Carolina.** Tax Map Number: 207-01-06-005.

This being the same property conveyed fee simple to Maggie M. Ellison by Deed from Clarence McGhaney, Clarence McGhaney, Jr., Parrish McGhaney, Thais McGhaney, Bertha McGhaney, Brenda Smitterman, and Devorah Anderson dated May 27, 1998 and recorded on May 27, 1998 at 2:08pm in the Registers of Deeds Office for Sumter County in Volume 706 at Page 1376

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

This matter is before me upon application of J. David Weeks, attorney for the Plaintiff. He has requested the appointment of Calvin Hastie, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants, nonresident and resident, if any there be who may be minors or under other legal disability.

It appears that the names and addresses of such Defendants or other persons under legal disability, if any there be, whether resident or nonresident, are unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. I am familiar with Mr. Hastie and am satisfied that he is a suitable and competent person to be appointed to represent and protect the interests of the minor Defendants and such others of them as may be under legal disability, if any there be, who has no interest in this proceeding adverse to those of such Defendants and is not connected in business with Plaintiff or his counsel.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That Calvin Hastie, Esquire, be and he is hereby, designated and appointed Guardian Ad

Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants.

That Mr. Hastie's Nisi appointment shall be confirmed and made absolute in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or on behalf of, such Defendants within thirty (30) days after notice of the Nisi appointment is served on them.

In effecting service of the nisi appointment, the Plaintiff shall publish with the Summons, a notice reporting Mr. Hastie's appointment as the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, the date when his appointment becomes absolute, and the office in which this order is filed. Publication of such notices shall be made in "The Item", a newspaper of general circulation which is most likely to give notice to the unknown Defendants, if any there be. The notice shall be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks.

WEEKS LAW OFFICE, LLC J. David Weeks, Esquire Attorney for the Plaintiff Post Office Box 370 35 South Sumter Street Sumter, South Carolina 29151 (803) 775-5856



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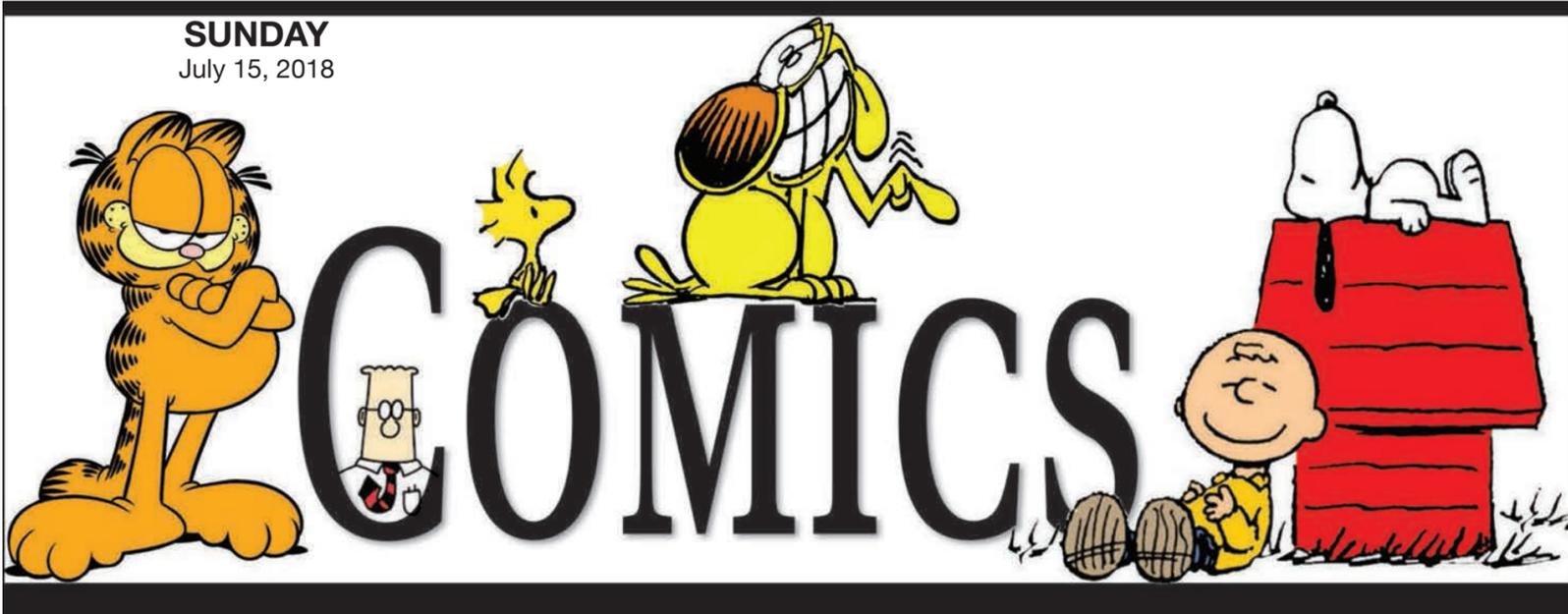
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THEY'LL PLAY ALL DAY...JUST YOU WATCH! THEY'LL HOG THE COURTS ALL DAY! THEY'LL NEVER QUIT...THEY'LL JUST KEEP ON PLAYING AND PLAYING, AND THEY'LL NEVER...

YOU BIG KIDS GET OFF THAT COURT RIGHT NOW, OR MY BOY FRIEND WILL CLOBBER YOU!!

THAT'S THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH TENNIS... YOU CAN'T PLAY IT ALONE

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS

NO, YOU CAN'T COME IN! NOW LEAVE ME ALONE!

PADDA PADDA PADDA PADDA
PADDA PADDA PADDA PADDA
BOINGG!

DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS

HERE'S MY INVOICE FOR THE EXTRAS.

THE INVOICE WE ALREADY PAID COVERED EVERYTHING IN THE CONTRACT.

THAT ONLY COVERED THE COSTS I QUOTED WITH INTENTIONAL CLARITY.

THERE ARE OTHER COSTS THAT I MIGHT HAVE MENTIONED IN A LONG AND RAMBLING EXPLANATION THAT WAS INTENTIONALLY AMBIGUOUS.

"MIGHT HAVE"??? I'M SURE YOU DID NOT.

SOUNDS LIKE YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE.

AND EVEN IF YOU DID MENTION IT, YOU JUST SAID IT WAS INTENTIONALLY AMBIGUOUS!!!

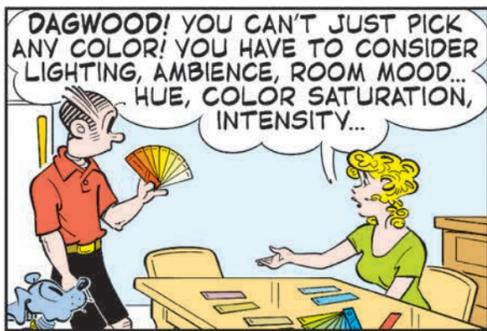
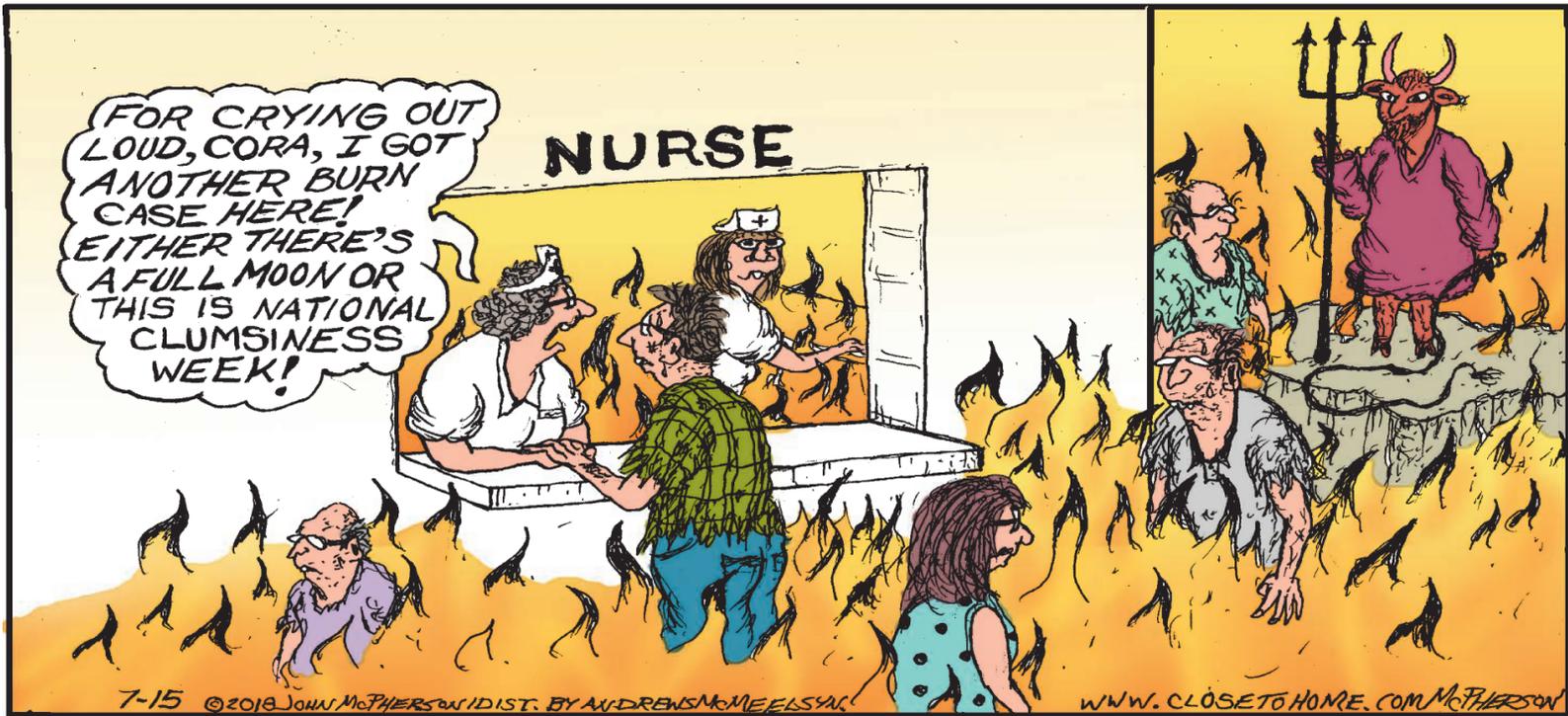
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CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON



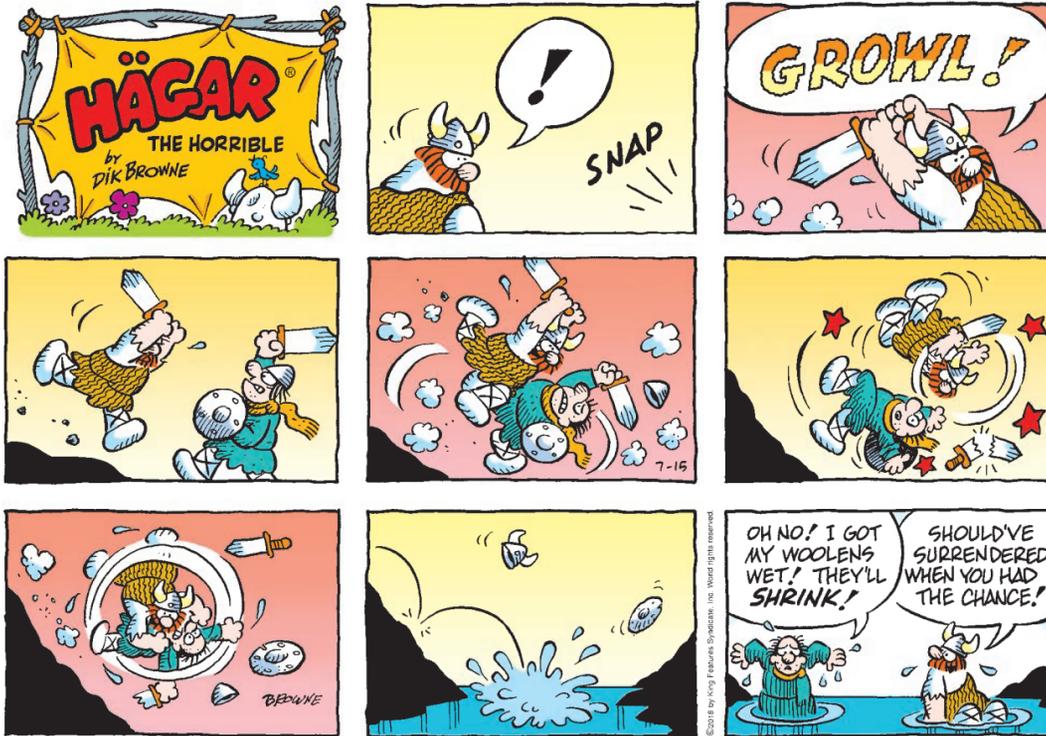
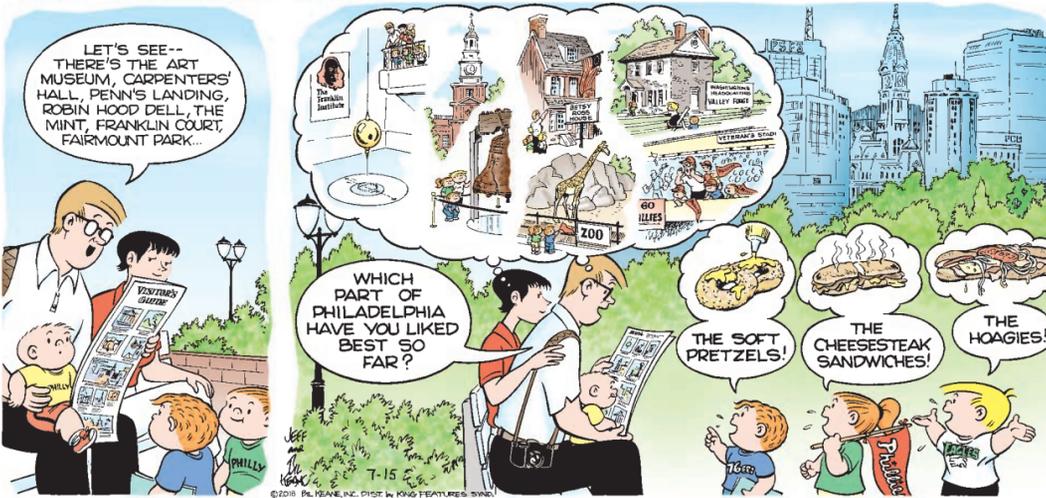
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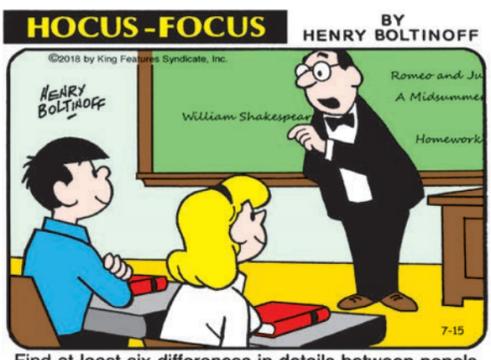
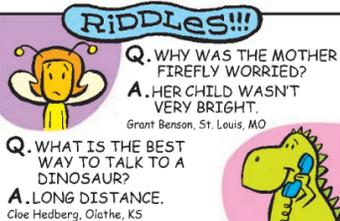
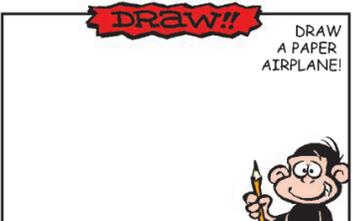
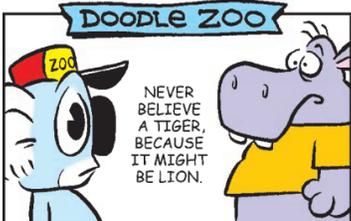
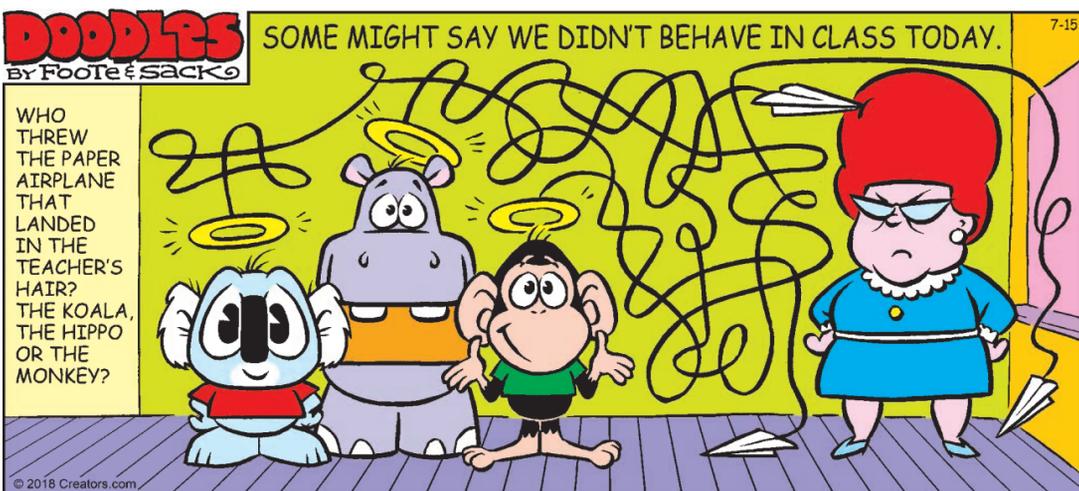
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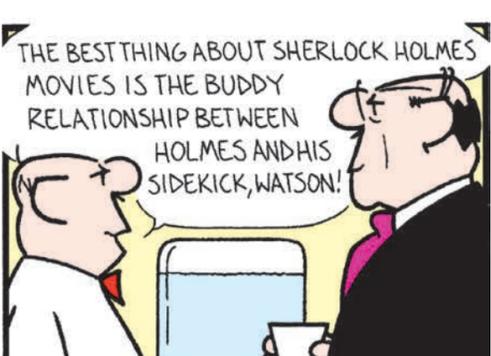


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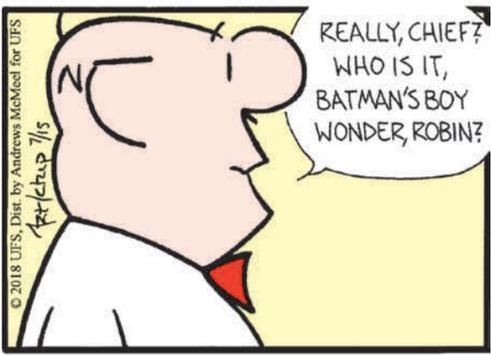
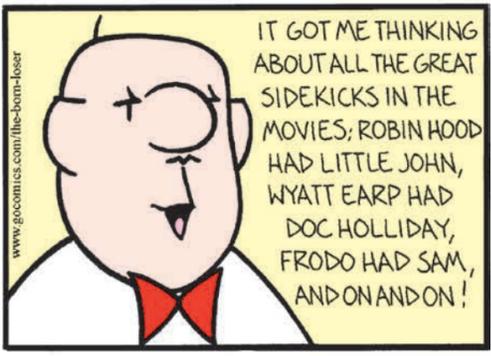
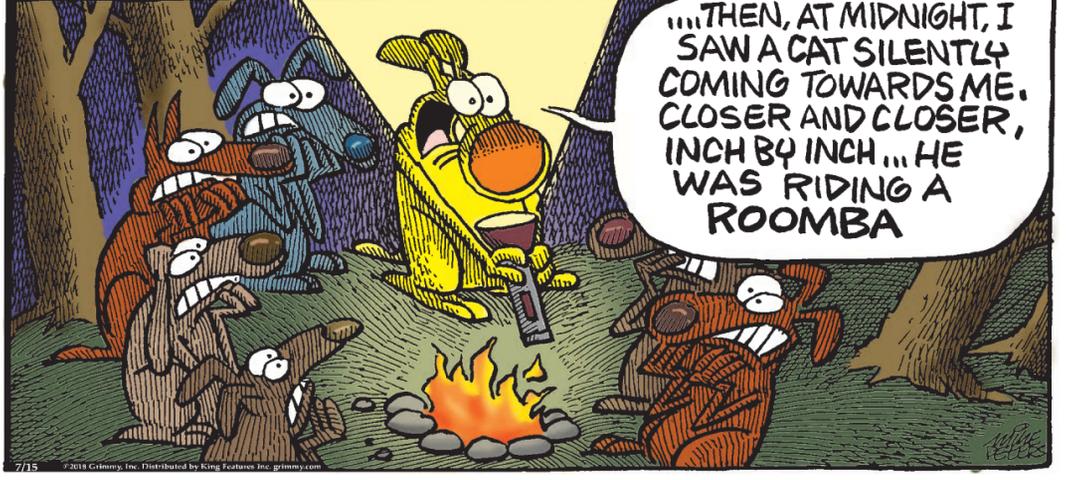
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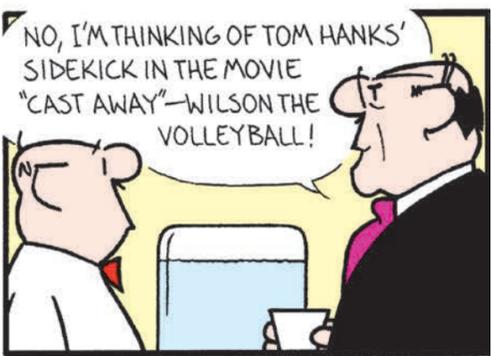
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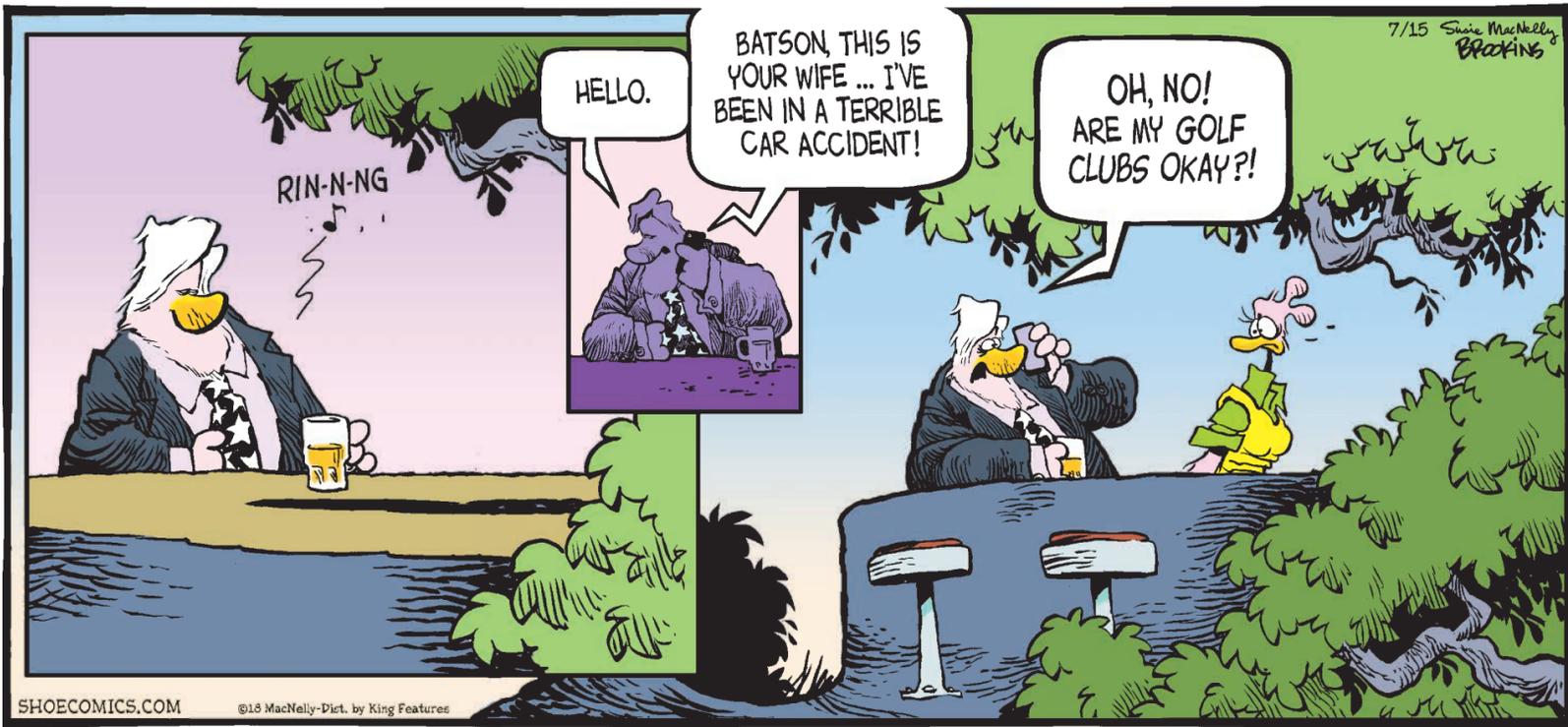


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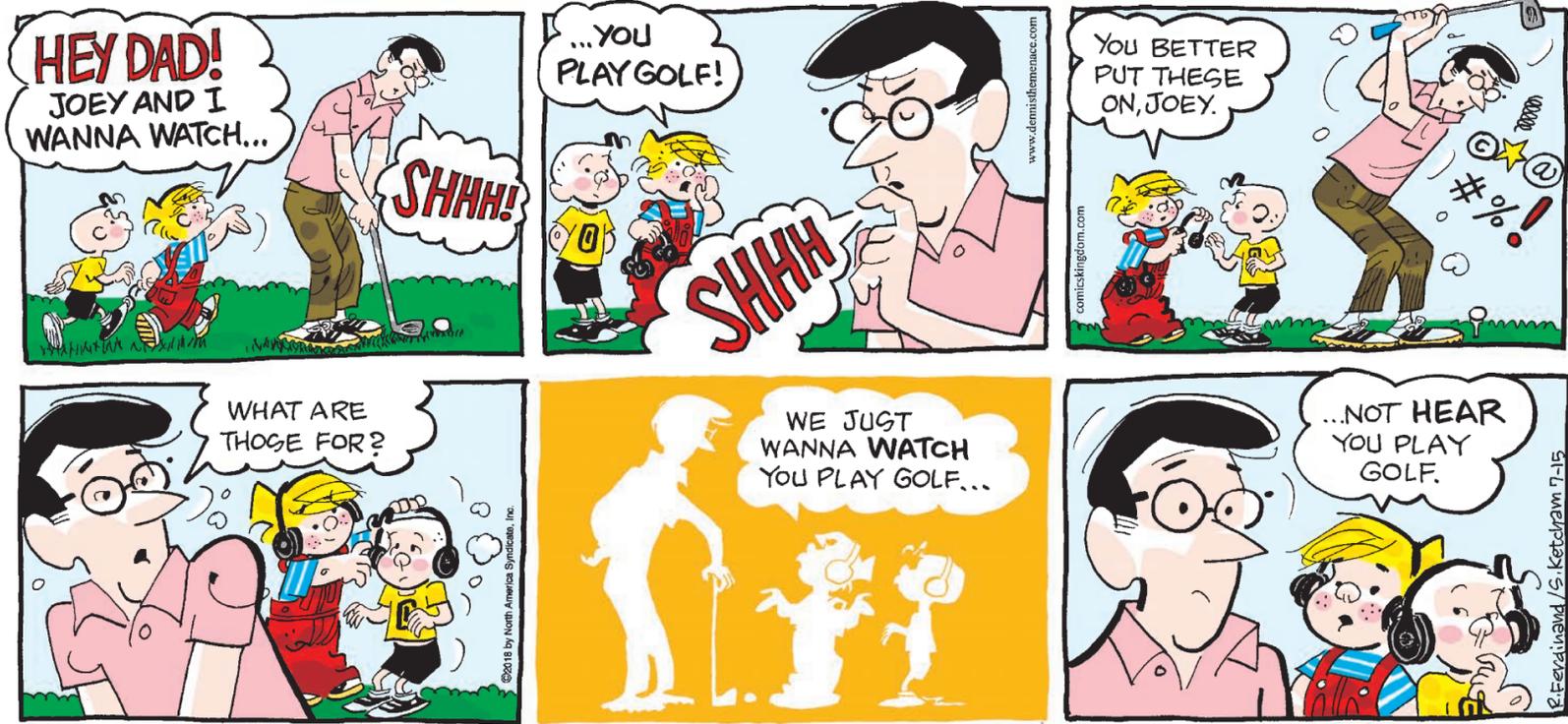
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Senior Living 2018

A lifetime of memories

Covenant Place residents share stories of their past

BY KAYLA ROBINS - KAYLA@THEITEM.COM



Ruth Aycock

because she finally was able to get some sweet tea.

Her favorite trip, though, was a visit to Miami with her husband, George, and three couples for a USC football game in the Orange Bowl. George loved USC. He lettered in baseball there. They went even though she was eight months pregnant and joked that one of the women they went with was a nurse, so if she went into labor in the stadium she would be in good hands. "We had the most wonderful time."

George lived at Covenant Place from its opening in 1994 until his passing in 2001. Ruth moved there in 2011, and people asked if she was making a mistake. But she had already known the place from when her husband was there. "I just feel like I'm back home."

In 1983, she traveled to Europe to get a first-hand experience of the subject matter she was teaching to students. Other than spending two nights each in Rome, Paris and London, she traveled to a different country every night for two weeks. She liked going to London last



Nancy Guthrie

Being a teacher with summers off, she has traveled to 48 countries, all over Europe, several in South and Central America, to Morocco, China and Russia were the most interesting because of the "beautiful things and the vivid history." The most beautiful and quiet place was Bermuda. She loved being set up with host families for dinners because she learned about the real sense of their culture and the actual people who lived in each place.

She moved to Covenant Place with her husband about three months ago. They're both in their late 80s. "It's a blessing to have someone for so long."



Mary Cunningham

because "we were just so crazy about each other." Being at Trinity Methodist Church in Sumter was one of their favorite churches. After 40 years of marriage, her husband died at age 61.

She is now 104. She has lived at Covenant Place since it opened in 1994. She doesn't take prescriptions. She just "goes to bed and eat what I want to."

She said she has had a lot of loneliness all these years without her husband, but she has had a good life, too. She traveled to 23 countries after her husband passed. "I've found people are good basically wherever I've been." She still listens to Trinity's Sunday service over the radio. She helped plant all the flowers and bushes and trees at Covenant Place and loves gardening. "I've had a lot of different experiences here, and they've all been good."

She has lived all over the state because her husband was with the Methodist Church. They met in high school and married three years later



Maria Beinder

Born in Brazil in 1936 to a Brazilian-German mother and German father, her family moved back to Germany in 1939. The youngest of "a lot of kids," she remembers her childhood being full of "bombs falling, being scared, hungry." She went back to Brazil in 1948 and moved to the United States with three children under the age of 5 in 1965. Her husband had already moved. After having to begin earning a living at age 13, move to a new country without knowing the language and being separated from family throughout her childhood, she said "my dream was fulfilled. My kids grew up in one place, went to school together."



Barbara Ellis

She did not leave Louisiana until she got married. Her husband graduated from West Point and the Air Force Academy, and after that they lived in 11 states and Germany. He went overseas four times and flew all the planes the Air Force had. His last assignment was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. "The people of Sumter have always been so good to the military."

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A home away from home

Sumter Senior Services is an inspiration for many older adults looking for company

BY BRUCE MILLS
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It's a place with a heart for senior citizens in Sumter County.

It offers three community centers that are filled with laughs, arts and crafts, prayer, a hot meal served daily and board and card games, and don't forget about the Bingo.

It's Sumter Senior Services, also known as the Sumter Council on Aging, and this year marks its 50th anniversary.

The service agency for seniors 60 and older has three sites in Sumter – its main facility and largest center in the downtown area at 119 S. Sumter St. and satellite sites in the western (Wedgefield) and eastern (Shiloh) portions of the county.

On a typical day when all three sites are open, about 130 seniors congregate within their halls and “fun areas,” often just to get away from the isolation of living at home alone.

If a senior living in the City of Sumter doesn't have a way to the downtown site, the regional bus transit system – Santee Wateree RTA – will pick them up and drop them off at the center and also return them home later in the day.

Sumterite Betty Willis said she has been coming to the downtown site for about 10 years and that she loves everything about it.

“That's the games, fun, food and Bingo,” Willis said. “Everybody here is friends, and we do whatever we can do to help one another.”

Annie Pearson was a little more quiet and reserved than Willis, but she shared similar sentiments.

“It's a nice place to come to get me out of the house,” Pearson said.

Shirley Potts might be the agency's longest continually served senior. She has been visiting the

center regularly since 1991.

She suggests one of the county agency's three sites to all area seniors, especially if they live by themselves.

“When you sit in your house alone and just stare at the walls, your mind gets tangled up,” Potts said. “No, I am not going to sit there. I love to get out and enjoy people. I advise no one to sit in their house and die – not unless they have a heart attack. I am going to struggle myself and get out, and I am going to thank God for every day I can be here.”

The agency also reaches more seniors in the community through coordinating a local Meals on Wheels program for home-delivered meals for seniors who qualify.

According to the agency's executive director, Dana Strock, about 174 hot meals are delivered by volunteer drivers to seniors at their homes in the City of Sumter daily Monday through Friday. Volunteer drivers also deliver a week's worth of frozen meals to dozens of county residents each weekday.

That totals to delivering about 2,000 meals per week to seniors in Sumter, according to Strock.

And it's more than just a meal for those seniors, she said.

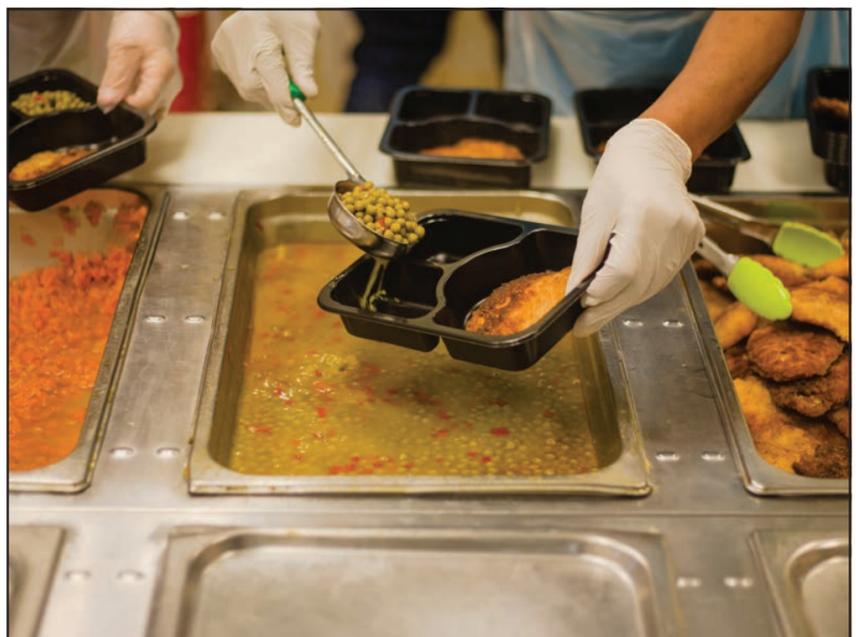
“Meals on Wheels is more than delivering a meal,” Strock said. “It's about checking on that senior. You may be taking them a hot or a frozen meal that day, but you may also be opening a soda for them or opening their blinds for them. You will probably be the only face they see that day.”



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Volunteers pack meals that will be delivered to homebound seniors through the Meals on Wheels program.



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Fred Grabeel, left, and Robert Moore Jr. say they start each day playing pool together in a recreational area at the downtown site.



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Sisters supporting sisters, one health journey at a time

Keep motivators in your life to stay healthy

BY KIMBERLY SOUTH
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Ernestine Jackson and her sisters, Linda and Henrietta, are like many sisters who spend a lot of time together. They talk for hours, shop, cook and can count on each other in times of need. But, most recently for these three ladies,

it's about sharing more than just conversations. They are counting on each other to stick to their healthy lifestyles. Despite thinking they were healthy, their health indicators revealed one of them was not.

"I never knew anything about high cholesterol until I was older," Jackson said. "I always had been active, and I exercised. But, when I got screened and saw that my cholesterol was high and my HbA1c was outside of a normal range, I knew I needed to change something."

Jackson began Palmetto Health's Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) in 2014 and four years later is a shining example of healthy living. She attributes her success to not just the supportive team at Palmetto Health but also to her family — especially her sisters.

"My numbers are back on track," Jackson said. "I exercise three days a week, and my sisters are there not just supporting and encouraging me, but they are doing classes and going through the diabetes program, as well."

She said she was motivated by knowing she was making good decisions about preventing chronic diseases and stroke, as she has family history of diabetes and stroke. She knew that doing nothing wasn't an option. Even with the support, however, it's easy to get off track.

"I like being around people who are motivated like my sisters," Jackson said. "Don't think you can manage this by yourself. Have someone or a team of people hold you accountable and remind you of what needs to be done."

Joshua Peake, program manager for Palmetto Health's DPP, said accountability is a major part of successful completion of the program and continuing a healthy lifestyle.

"We are here to teach them and show them

the tools they need," Peake said. "The curriculum we use is part of a national partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It walks participants through a six-week program that explains nutrition, physical activity and motivation. But, the key to this, to any program, is how you can sustain the lifestyle. Motivation is very important."

Jack-son and her sisters continue to be involved in healthy lifestyles, including weekly exercise classes. If you need to get motivated on a healthy lifestyle, Jackson said, it begins with

the health screenings.

"It's about getting involved. Start with a screening and then get introduced to other helpful programs," Jackson said. "And most important, know who your motivators are, and keep them near. Surround yourself with people that care about you."

Palmetto Health offers DPP in Columbia but also is considering a program in Sumter.

For those who have been diagnosed with diabetes, Palmetto Health Tuomey offers a course to help you take control of your disease. The free course is held over two two-hour sessions and offers general information for diabetics and their families to simplify disease management and control. Call (803) 774-8680 or (803) 774-8678 for more information or to register for upcoming dates.

Also on the Sumter campus, you can take a variety of free health education classes, smoking cessation programs and health screenings. Free diabetes and prostate screenings are held every third Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Classroom 1 at the hospital, 129 N. Washington St.

This summer, look for our mobile health unit in your neighborhood at the following events. Free health screenings include breast, cervical and diabetes screenings, mammograms and BMI/body fat assessments. For more information and to register, call 803-774-CARE (2273).



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Ernestine Jackson, left, poses with her sisters, Linda and Henrietta.

Want the secret to graceful aging? Get moving.

Slow negative aging effects with routine moderate activity

BY MISSY CORRIGAN
SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM



MISSY CORRIGAN

The process of aging varies widely from person to person, but we all naturally lose some

of the functionality we had in our younger years. Though you can't prevent yourself from aging, you can slow down its effects by adopting and maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle. We know regular physical activity plays a critical role in health, but even just a moderate amount of exercise has been shown to have significant health benefits, especially for adults 50 years and older.

It's common for individuals to slow down and become more sedentary with age. When this happens, range of motion, strength and functionality begins to decline. Without function, the ability to perform activities of daily living become overwhelming, leaving us dependent on others for assistance. When we stop moving altogether, the once simple daily task of vacuuming, walking to the mailbox or getting dressed becomes more difficult.

Fortunately, we can minimize this with strength training and revive muscle tissue by focusing on functional training. To improve the function of the entire body, you must perform exercises that challenge the muscles and joints. Functional exercise focuses on the moves we do in everyday life, like a squat to sit down or a shoulder press to put some-

thing up on a high shelf. By training the way we move, the muscles work together, which can help reduce risk for injury and restore function.

Regular stretching is also needed for mobility to make sure we can move more comfortably through activities with little to no physical limitations. In addition to stretching, yoga and tai chi are excellent forms of exercise that assist in mindful and purposeful movement while releasing tension in muscles and joints, improving overall flexibility and range of motion.

Exercise also helps boost brain power and slow cognitive decline. Aerobic exercise such as brisk walking increases blood flow to the brain, which helps its ability to process information and increase memory.

According to the American Council on Exercise, though many over the age of 50 are sedentary, the number of senior adults regularly engaging in physical activity is growing. Senior adults are more engaged than ever, traveling the world and finding creative ways to stay active. To reap the benefits of physical activity, aim to be physically active four-five days a week for at least 30 minutes. Leave the couch behind, grab a friend or a group of friends and get moving today!

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Hans Hammond suffered a stroke and has been receiving care at Palmetto Health.

Neuroscience ICU provides 'angel-like' care for stroke patient

BY WILLIAM COOKE
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On Jan. 13, 57-year-old Hans Hammond had just enjoyed lunch at a restaurant and was driving back to his home in Camden when suddenly he lost control of his arms and legs.

"It was like a light switch," Hammond said. "Everything shut down."

Luckily, he was able to pull over to a parking lot and somehow was able to stop the vehicle. Several people came to his aid, including one man who recognized what was happening and said, "Somebody call EMS, this man is having a stroke."

Hammond said he remembers thinking he couldn't possibly be having a stroke. To him, a stroke was something to do with his heart, and he felt no pain in his heart.

"I wanted to talk," he said, "but I couldn't."

Hammond was airlifted by helicopter to Palmetto Health Richland. During the flight, he was able to communicate with the emergency medical technicians (EMTs) by uttering simple numbers.

"I'm a truck driver, so I was able to get out numbers like '10-4.' Basically, I could get them to understand 'yes' and 'no.'"

At Palmetto Health Richland, the stroke team gave him a special medicine (tPA) that breaks down clots in arteries to restore the flow of blood. Hammond also needed surgery to remove what remained of the clot. He was in the Neuroscience Intensive Care Unit (NSICU) for five days.

"I had a severe stroke, and yet I could walk after 24 hours, which the nurses say is nearly impossible," he said. "I'm actually back to driving after only two months."

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He said he remembers the care he received as being "angel-like. It was like angels were taking care of me."

The impact of the stroke on Hammond's life has been tremendous.

"I quit smoking after being a pack-a-day smoker for over 40 years," he said. "I used to try to be a Superman, and now I know I'm just human."

In the aftermath of the stroke, Hans has been physically limited, though he remains positive.

"Bluntly, they told me it wasn't going to be the way it was, but everything I do have is a blessing. I used to run at least a mile day; now I'm happy just to walk a couple of hundred feet. I know it makes no sense, but I am happy. I'm proud of the accomplishments I am now making," he said.

Hammond describes himself as a happy single guy.

"My wife died 30 years ago," he said. "I had the best wife there is."

Now, when he isn't driving a truck, he likes to concentrate on his hobby, which is riding around the country on his motorcycle. Recently, he drove to Daytona Beach in spite of his limitations.

"I had been there a couple of times before, but this time ... just the experience of being able to do it and of being alive, if that makes any sense, was incredible."

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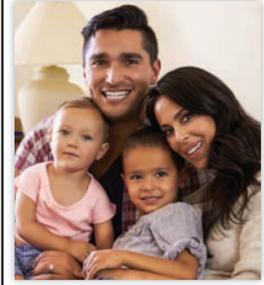
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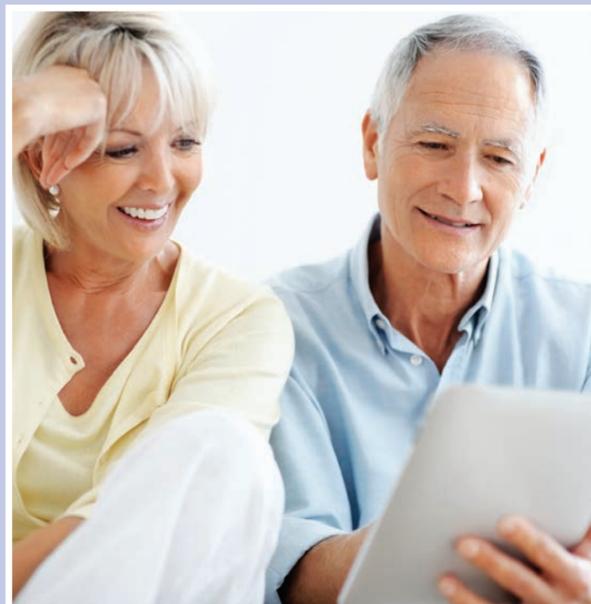
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