

City, other entities, hit with lawsuit

City truck hit house off McCrays Mill in November

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Though no one has been charged after a City of Sumter vehicle crashed through a house off McCrays Mill Road in November, the homeowners are waiting the outcome of another

case after filing a lawsuit against the city and other entities for damages. The homeowners filed the complaint against the city, the driver, Sumter County and the South Carolina Department of Transportation in March, about three months after two family members were sent to the hospital be-

cause of the collision. According to the traffic collision report from South Carolina Department of Public Safety, the truck — a 2017 Dodge — went off the right side of the road and crashed through a chain link fence in the backyard before crossing the yard and going through the house. When first responders arrived, the truck was inside the house — the front of the truck was sticking out of

the residence. The collision report states the driver had an unidentified “medical issue” that caused him to go off the road. The truck was estimated to be traveling about 50 miles per hour, in a 45 mph zone, at the time of the wreck. A representative with highway patrol said the driver of the city vehicle

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New Sumter venue
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LinRan Farm on S.C. 76 in Sumter became a venue for special occasions in 2016 and can accommodate several hundred people. At left, owners Linda and Randy Stokes attend an event at their farm.

LinRan Farm includes picturesque views, pool area and pond for guests

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In 2010, Randy and Linda Stokes' niece decided she wanted to have her wedding on the front lawn outside her aunt and uncle's white, two-story, scenic, small plantation-style home on S.C. 76, just outside Sumter's city limits.

The Stokes' Southern-style 386-acre farm includes their home and two adjacent houses, which are about a half mile off the road. An upscale pool area, complete with a small pool house, sits in the backyard and served as the reception area for the wedding. Behind the pool area is a still 2½-acre pond. Linda Stokes said attendees at the family wedding told her that she and Randy should turn their property into a venue. At the time that wasn't feasible, Stokes

said, because her parents, Bobby and Sudean Hanna, lived in one of the adjacent houses. Another friend had her wedding on the property a few years later, and it went well also, Stokes said. After both her parents were deceased with her mom's passing in 2015, Stokes said she decided to work on the open house by transforming one

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Men to greet students at school through United Way program

BY DANNY KELLY
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The United Way Diamonds Men's Day Wednesday program has teamed up with Sumter School District to help welcome children back to school with a project called Men2School, in which

men will greet children when they arrive back to school on Monday with a hello and a handshake. "Our goal is to have 300 men participate," United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties marketing and communications specialist Megan Ray said. "They will be at elementary,

middle and high schools in the area." United Way is hoping that the project will have a lasting impression on students. "Men have a big influence on students," Ray said. "Fathers and male role models have a significant and positive effect on children's lives."

United Way has been recruiting men at local churches in the area to participate, and a Facebook post about the event has gotten roughly 200 shares to help get the word out. United Way will also have some

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The Sumter Community Concert Band, directed by James H. Mills, will begin rehearsals for its 2018-19 season at 7 p.m. Thursday in the band room at Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St. Those interested in joining the band, who should have previous band experience and be able to read music, need only come to a rehearsal. No audition is required. The SCCB rehearses each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Community band seeking new musicians

Open rehearsal set for Thursday

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

The Sumter Community Concert Band doesn't begin its 2018-19 performance season until Oct. 7, but rehearsals start Thursday, and spokesman Rick Mitchum said musicians with experience in high school or other bands are invited to join the band at its first meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the band room at Patriot Hall.

"There's no audition," Mitchum said. "They just have to have experience and ability to read music and be at least 18 years old. It doesn't matter if they haven't played in a while."

He said anyone who meets those criteria can simply bring

his or her instrument and come to rehearsal. The band even has some of the larger instruments to loan to new members, including a tuba, French horn, bassoon and trombone.

"We need people in all sections," Mitchum said, "especially percussion, and we always need clarinets."

The band, which now numbers in the 40s, noted an increase in attendance during the 2017-18 season, he said.

"We'd like to see even more attend our concerts," he said.

Mitchum, who plays trumpet, is a charter member of the band that started in 1982 with Mark Fisher as its first director. Its debut concert was presented at the Sumter Opera House on Nov. 14 of that year. Since then, seven conductors have led the SCCB in four or five concerts each season. The band's home is now at Patriot Hall, where most of its perfor-

mances are presented.

SCCB musicians come from Sumter, Shaw Air Force Base and various locations in surrounding counties, and the membership itself is diverse, Mitchum said. Among the members are teachers, doctors, farmers, retirees, students, lawyers and others.

James H. "Jimmy" Mills has been the band's conductor since 2004. An Edmunds (Sumter) High School and University of South Carolina graduate with a Master's Degree in Music Education, Mills has extensive experience as director of bands for Chapin middle and high school. His bands received numerous prestigious awards, including two state championships for marching bands and accolades for his symphonic bands, both in the U.S. and abroad.

With memberships including the National Association for

Music Education, the S.C. Band Directors Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Mills is listed in Who's Who Among American Educators and Who's Who in America. He has been honored with the National Band Association's Citation of Excellence and the Sertoma Service to Mankind Award.

Assistant Conductor Joni Mabry Brown was on the founding committee for the SCCB in 1982. She holds a Master's Degree in Music Education from the University of South Carolina. Brown taught at Bates Middle School for almost 30 years, winning many awards with the band, as well as being selected Bates Teacher of the Year and Sumter School District 17 Teacher of the Year.

Other prestigious awards Brown has received include the Scroll of Excellence Award from the Women Band Direc-

tors International Association, Phi Beta Mu's Outstanding Bandmaster Award and the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association. She was inducted into the S.C. Band Directors Hall of Fame and currently performs with the Palmetto Concert Band and the Sumter Community Concert Band.

Brown is director of music ministry at Sumter's First Presbyterian Church.

Current and prospective members of the SCCB are invited to the 7 p.m. Aug. 23 rehearsal in the band room at Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St. Dues are \$15 a year to help to purchase new music for the band.

For more information about the SCCB, visit the website www.sumterband.org or the Sumter Community Concert Band Facebook page. Contact Rick Mitchum at (803) 775-9265.

Stronger Sober or Slammer! campaign in place before Labor Day

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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South Carolina Department of Public Safety kicked off its annual Sober or Slammer! campaign on Wednesday with a more direct message about the possible results of impaired driving — "Drink. Drive. Die" — ahead of heavy Labor Day travel.

The department's straight forward campaign message intends to show the real results of bad choices made behind the wheel, emphasizing the fact that on average, 300 South Carolinians die each year as the result of impaired driving.

As this summer draws to a close, preliminary data from the state public safety agency shows 212 people have already died traveling South Carolina roadways compared to 194 motorists during the same time in summer 2017. Since January, a total of 610 people



have died on state roadways compared to 615 last year at this time.

In the weeks prior to Labor Day weekend — one of the most heavy travel days during the summer — state and local law enforcement agencies plan to intensify efforts to crack down on drunken driving and reduce DUI-related traffic deaths.

"In a world where information is abundant and fast-paced, law enforcement must be increasingly direct in getting the public's attention about danger-

ous and deadly driving behaviors," said SCDPS Director Leroy Smith. "Travel is historically heavy on Labor Day weekend as people celebrate the last long weekend of summer."

The department of public safety is asking the public to assist troopers and other law enforcement officers by calling *47 to report suspected impaired drivers, said Col. Chris Williamson, South Carolina Highway Patrol commander.

"Some of the signs of an impaired driver include: driving erratically, weaving in and out of lanes, driving too fast or too slowly, and crossing the center line or drifting off the roadway," he said.

The Sober or Slammer! DUI enforcement and education efforts — which began on Friday and will continue through Labor Day on Sept. 3 — will launch new, more effective graphics, featuring a DUI-related collision with a

motor vehicle taking the form of a crushed can. This graphic will be featured on a variety of platforms including billboards, gas station graphics, social media and online advertising.

The graphics feature two messages — "Drink. Drive. Die." and "Dial *47 to report a drunk driver." Radio advertising on both over-the-air and streaming radio services will also complement the enforcement efforts.

The Sober or Slammer! campaign falls under the state department of public safety's Target Zero initiative to end all highway fatalities and is part of the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over crackdown coordinated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The national effort includes state and local law enforcement agencies, and the campaign combines high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

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This photograph taken by Jeffrey Byer, one of Sumter Digital Camera Club's administrators, will be included in the exhibit "The Wonder of Nature" beginning Thursday at The Gallery Upstairs.

Sumter Camera Club works to go on exhibit

BY MELANIE SMITH
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Flamingos, squirrels, Swan Lake-Iris Gardens. These are all part of "The Wonder of Nature," and they'll be on display beginning Thursday, Aug. 23, in Sumter.

Sumter Digital Camera Club was invited by Central Carolina Technical College to display members' photographs focusing on this theme through the end of the year. Visitors will also be able to buy some of the framed photographs from the show to bring a bit of nature into their own homes.

The opening reception will be on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Gallery Upstairs and is open to the public as a free drop-in event.

Denise Robinson, curator of the show, said the theme was one that she and Nancy Byer, one of the club's administrators, talked about choosing to bring something different to the gallery and with an eye toward fall.

Byer said, "We hope that everyone will enjoy seeing some amazing photos by our club of talented photographers."

The local camera club began in 2005, started by Sumter photographer Chris Moore. Club administrators are Nancy and Jeff Byer, John Shreve and Sandy Laney.

Members enjoy taking trips together to local sites to practice their hobby and improve skills and are encouraged to give feedback about posted photos on the group's Facebook page. Members also often help others in the club learn more about the technical aspects of photography.

Some recent trips have included visiting Poinsett State Park to photograph the Perseid meteor shower, capturing night shots at Sumter County Fair, taking in the sights at Fall Family Farm Day at Old McCaskills Farm and more.

The club doesn't collect dues and invites Sumter resi-

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Opening reception for "The Wonder of Nature"

WHEN: Thursday, Aug. 23, 6 to 8 p.m. The show will be open Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., through Dec. 31.

WHERE: The Gallery Upstairs, second floor of Building M500, Central Carolina Technical College

dents with an interest in photography to join through its Facebook page. Search Sumter Digital Camera Club to find the main page.

Robinson said the photographs will be displayed in the college's "The Gallery Upstairs," on the main campus in Building M500, during the college library's hours from Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The show will end Dec. 31.

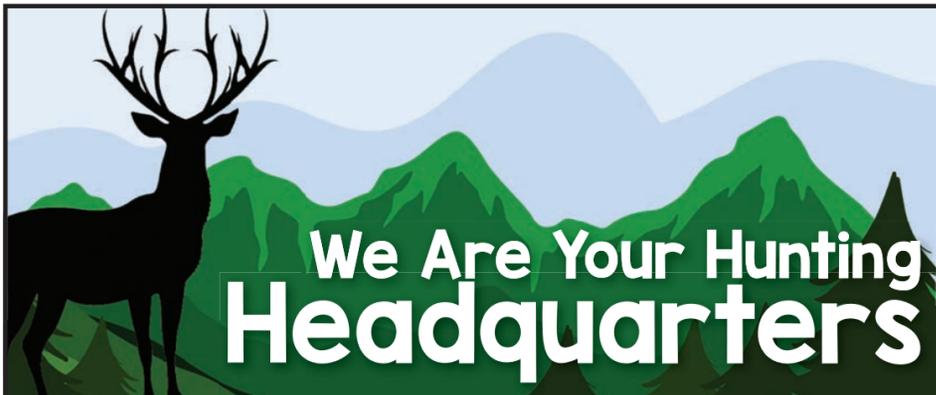
Robinson also said the exhibit wouldn't be possible without Meree McAlister, who helped start The Gallery Upstairs through the Central Carolina Technical College Foundation and a grant from Sumter County Cultural Commission in 2017.

If you'd like to buy a photo at the gallery, contact Robinson at (803) 778-7851 or Nancy Bishop via the library's circulation department, (803) 778-6647, to see whether the photo is for sale through the photographer. Ask for Nancy Bishop.

Robinson said she welcomes people to call her if they're interested in displaying their work at the gallery in the future.

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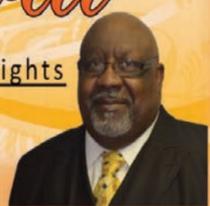
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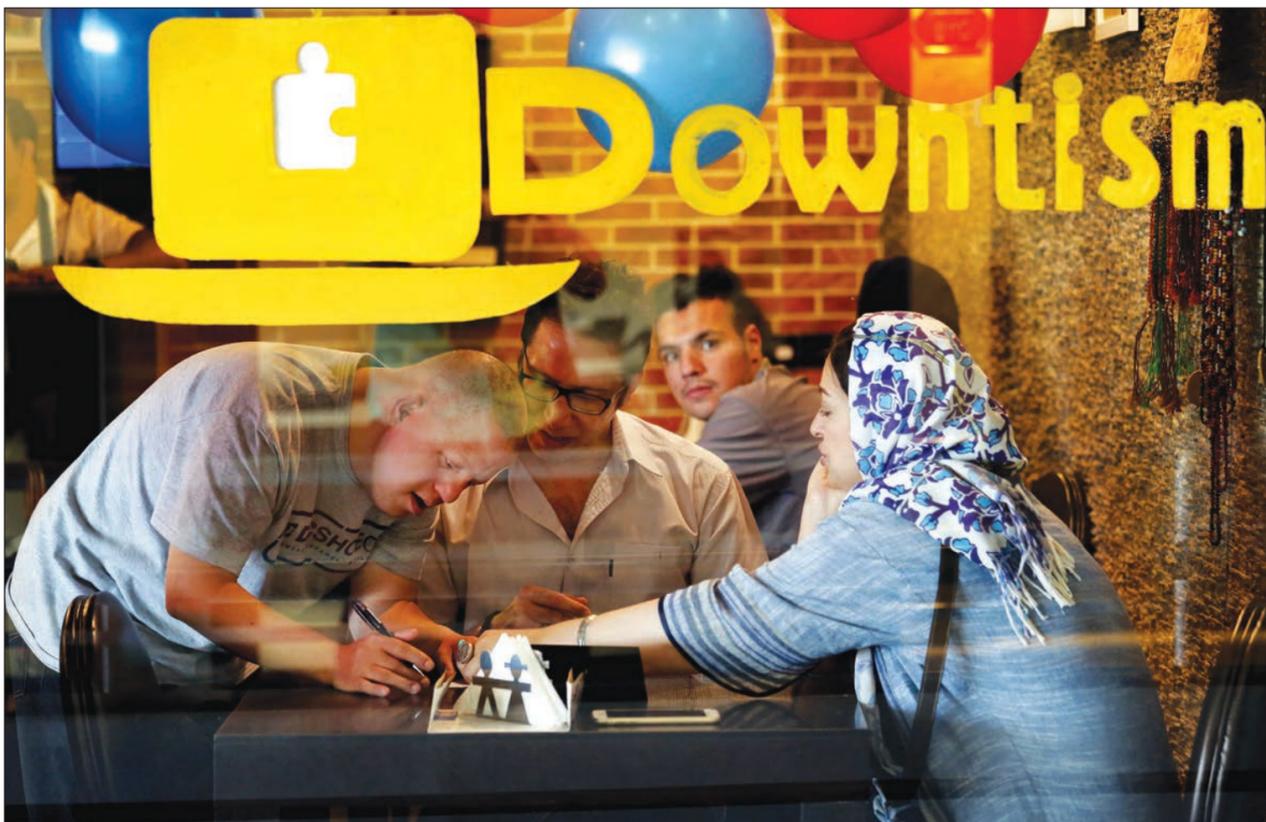
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Cafe staffer Ali Bakhti, with Down syndrome, left, takes an order in Downtism Cafe in Tehran, Iran. The popular cafe in Tehran's bustling Vanak Square, whose name combines "Down" with "autism," is entirely run by people with Down syndrome or autism.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cafe run by staff with Down syndrome, autism raises spirits, combats stigma

BY MOHAMMAD NASIRI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Melika Aghaei's fingers move slowly across the keys of the digital piano as she softly sings a children's song to the delight of the cafe's customers, while Mehdi Khakian takes orders for espressos and lattes.

Located near the bustling Vanak Square in north Tehran, the "Downtism Cafe" stands out from other coffee shops in the affluent neighborhood for its unique staff. All have either Down syndrome, like Aghaei, or autism, like Khakian, and run the entire operation themselves.

Opened only three months ago, the cafe — whose name combines "Down" with "autism" — is bustling.

"All of the people are kind and affectionate toward us," says Khakian, 31. "I invite everyone to come to our cafe and support us. I promise that we will give them very clean and perfect service when they come."

With the restoration of American sanctions that had been suspended under the 2015 nuclear deal, and unemployment at 12.5 percent, jobs are hard to come by in Iran. It's especially difficult for those with disabilities.

'When they are told that it is not their shift, they insist on going anyway and say they just love to be here no matter what.'

AYLIN AGAHI

The 36-year-old musician who opened Downtism

But the cafe not only provides work for those with Down syndrome and autism, but it also shows how capable they can be, said Aylin Agahi, a 36-year-old musician who came up with the idea.

"The goal I had in mind by opening this cafe was to give these guys a role in society," said Agahi, who has taught music to people with disabilities for 17 years and led several concerts with her students around Iran. "I wanted the people to become familiar with them — many people do not have enough knowledge of Down syndrome; here

they get to meet them face to face."

From her initial idea in 2016, she was able to open the cafe on May 1 with the help of 10 of her students' families and some funding from Iran's State Welfare Organization.

Agahi arranged for a month of training with a professional barista, and the cafe started out with 10 staffers. Three months later, it has 40 workers, mostly teenagers and adults in their 20s, who work short, three-hour shifts.

They earn minimum wage and split tips equally at the end of the month.

Unlike many dimly lit cafes, the entrance and walls are covered with bright colors, framed paintings by the staff and balloons. The menu is currently limited to coffee, traditional beverages and cakes, but they are seeking to expand to offer snacks and meals.

At 14, Aghaei is the youngest staff member.

"I work in this cafe as a server," the soft-spoken high school student said. "I play the piano too."

Customer Farzaneh Heidari heard about the coffee shop on social media and gushed about receiving "excellent service."

"I am really pleased to be here and see that people with extraordinary con-

ditions are being given the opportunity to work," said the 28-year-old, who works for a pharmaceutical company. "They are doing their best to prove themselves and show that they are capable of many things if given the chance."

Even in the short time, working at the cafe has done wonders for Aghaei's self-esteem, her mother, Pari Zamani, said.

"To me, it is more than just a job for my daughter, it means more self-confidence for her," said Zamani, a high school physics teacher. "Many children with Down syndrome are pushed into isolation for various reasons and are unable to make friends, but here everyone's in the same situation."

Agahi said other families of younger staffers have also noticed huge changes, with them now eager to get out and go to work instead of preferring to stay at home.

"Sometimes parents of these kids send me photos late at night showing them having neatly prepared their shoes and work uniforms to go to the cafe the following day," she said. "When they are told that it is not their shift, they insist on going anyway and say they just love to be here no matter what."

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The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Col. and Mrs. William Mervin Crabbe of Summerville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raymond Swain of Albany, California. She graduated from Wilson Hall in 2009 and from Clemson University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business-Marketing. She is

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The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Claxton Hoyt and Mrs. George Harold Furse Jr. and the late Mr. Furse, all of Manning. He graduated from Laurence Manning Academy in 2009, from Clemson University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2016 with a Juris Doctor. He is employed as assistant solicitor in the 2nd Judicial Court in Aiken.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 6, 2018, at Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston.



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| <p>2602 HWY 260 \$135,000- Great House - Great Price sitting on 1.66 acres just outside Manning's City Limits. Large kitchen w/ eat-in breakfast dining. Huge Great Room with vaulted ceilings/exposed beams & gas log fire. 3 bedroom bedrooms w/ direct bathroom access from each one. 2nd variables in Master Bath w/ tub & separate shower. Storage shed, Roof & HVAC only 5 years old. Southern style front porch for afternoon relaxing. Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p> | <p>59 PATHFINDER \$223,000-4 bedroom, 3 bath in Deerfield! Beautifully landscaped, fenced backyard with back patio, cozy living room with brick fireplace. Walking distance to Wilson Hall and Patriot Park. Over 2800 sqft, 2 car garage. Alice drive school district. Call Adrianna 803-406-5609</p> | <p>4220 EXCURSION DR \$185,000-Brick exterior, clean nice home located in Linwood Plantation-Dal-jell. Nice laminate floors, granite countertops, stainless appl., all bedrooms are located on the same floor, bonus room is over garage. This home has a large screen in back porch, with a huge fenced backyard backing to woods and no neighbors! A gem! Must see it! call Pamela 702-266-7450</p> | <p>340 BAGNAL DR. \$52,000-Investment Property! Call Adrianna 803-406-5609</p> | <p>517 SIERRA ST \$115,000-Great Buy and great investment property! Currently leased month to month. Large kitchen with walk in pantry. Occupied but easy to show. Call Renee 803-491-8023</p> | <p>855 CORMIER DR \$240,000-Tons of space! 5 bed rooms, 3.5 Baths, Sparking spaces, 2 car garage, fenced backyard with workshop/shed, all hardwood floors. Call Pamela 702-266-7450</p> |
| <p>220 W. FULTON ST. \$25,000-Investment property! Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p> | <p>3850 VINCA STREET \$150,000- Beautiful, well maintained home in Wintergreen Subd. Just outside Shaw AFB. Wonderful wood lam flooring - living areas, carpet - hrs, ceramic tile -baths, Dining rm. Stainless appliances (11 to come) and washer/dryer. Open, split floor plan, Spacious master bedroom- master bath has double vanities/soaker tub/shower. Tey're living in family room w/ gas log fireplace. Large Fenced 8-yard w/patio. Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p> | <p>2905 FOXCROFT CIRCLE \$189,900-Fabulous 4 bedroom 2 bath split plan home with 2016 sqft of living space. Covered back porch, fenced yard fireplace. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900</p> | <p>15 DANNY CT \$69,000- 2 bedroom 1 bath home Located in a Quite Cul-De-Sac Right off of Bethel Church Rd. Large yard at .7 acres! Call Adrianna 803-406-5609</p> | <p>1741 MOSSBERG DR \$156,000- Lots of space at a great price! Located in a desirable neighborhood, with a playground and family/military friendly. Home includes all appliances, seller just want to sell it! Call Pamela 702-266-7450</p> | <p>1106 PAULINE DR. \$88,900-Nice large bedroom, kitchen with wall oven, range top, family room with wood burning fireplace is leading to covered patio. Two outside storage buildings. In excellent condition!! Nice home. Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p> |
| <p>3140 GEORGIA ST \$85,000-3 bedroom brick home on large lot available! Nice deck in back, perfect for outdoor grilling and entertainment. Great Price for a nice house. Cabinet to Shaw AFB! Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p> | <p>840 WEEKS STREET Priced to sell AS IS! Investors welcome! Bring all Offers! Needs TLC. Tenant rights apply. \$55,000 Call Jennifer Hannibal Felder @ 803-757-8062.</p> | <p>39 S. PURDY ST. Cute colourful home has 2 bed 1 bath, 1300 sqft, close to historic downtown. A must see!! \$38,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961</p> | <p>6700 HIDDEN HAVEN Fabulous 4BR/2.5BA home in Beech Creek. Hdw flooring, granite countertops, stainless appl., 9'ceilings, sprinkler system \$277,700 Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p> | <p>2370 ADDISON DR \$124,900-3 bedrooms 1 bath over 2000 sqft. New carpets and fresh paint throughout this brick home. Priced to sell! This home sits on 2.3 acres of lush land complete with fig trees, blueberry bushes. Located just off HWY 15 North on Addison Ave. Call Adrianna 803-406-5609</p> | <p>100 NAUTICAL DR. \$329,340-a split floor plan with 5BR/3.5BA and master suite downstairs. Gorgeous two story entry is connected to the formal dining room with coffered ceilings 3 car garage. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p> |
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900 Andiron Drive - 1.34ac beautiful wooded lot - priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409\$64,900

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3650 Broad St. 7.2 acres west of Loring Mill Rd. Priced to sell. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409

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2820 Watermark Dr - 2.24 acres, fabulous ready to build lot backing to trees/woods! There is some topography here! This isn't your boring lot call Susan Weston 803-464-5900\$15,000

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636 W. Liberty St.-\$9,500-Small Commercial lot. Call Mack 803-491-5409

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555 Brushwood Dr. \$88,784-Located in Sumter west development off Patriot Parkway. The lot is .9 acres, Ideal for office site. Call Mack 803-491-5409

585 Brushwood Dr. \$80,892-Located in Sumter west development off Patriot Parkway. The lot is .82 acres Ideal for office site. Call Mack 803-491-5409

690 Brushwood Dr. \$79,000-Located in Sumter west development off Patriot Parkway. The lot is .8 acres Ideal for office site. Call Mack 803-491-5409

665 Constitution Dr.-\$61,000-This site is .61 acres and is ideal for office space. Call Mack 803-491-5409

3026& 3040 Broad St.-\$695,000 This site is 2.81 acres at the corner of Broad St. and Stamey Livestock rd. Signalized intersection. This site is ideal commercial site. Call Mack 803-491-5409

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large bedroom into a bridal room and see about turning the property into a venue in 2016.

Last year, she got permitted to host events for the public and officially named the farm "LinRan" Farm (short for "Linda" and "Randy.")

Weddings and wedding receptions have been the most popular events held at LinRan to date: eight weddings last year and at least 10 are already on the books for this year, Linda said.

The Stokeses said they are also open to hosting other events at their farm, such as rehearsal dinners, family reunions, corporate or social events and other special occasions.

With its various amenities and scenic backcountry views, the Stokeses say LinRan can accommodate every type of gathering — from a country-style pig-pickin' to a formal wedding reception.

Linda says the venue can accommodate 250 to 300 people, and for events she can provide up to 200 chairs and 18 tables, which include an assortment of round, rectangle and cocktail tables.

As far as wedding events, Linda said she charges the same flat rate to families whether they hold one event at LinRan or all three — rehearsal dinner, wedding and reception. That rate is \$250 to hold a date and \$2,000 payable one month before the event.

"I think it's best rate for a venue around," Stokes said.

Stokes is quick to point out though when a bride-to-be comes out to visit LinRan, she doesn't deliver a fancy sales pitch or try to recommend it.

"I just say, 'It's your day; I want you to be happy; it's your decision,'" Linda said.

"And I just give them my information. And if they decide to use us, we're tickled to death, and we'll try to help them."

LINRAN FARM

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LAWSUIT FROM PAGE A1

will not be charged because a medical condition caused the wreck to happen.

Two people — a man and his child who was 2 at the time — were inside the house when the vehicle struck and were transported to the hospital for their injuries.

Estimated damage to the vehicle is \$25,000, and estimated damage to the residence is about \$60,600, according to the collision report.

Though the investigation of the wreck has ended, Mity manager Deron McCormick said he could not comment on the collision because of the pending lawsuit.

The lawsuit from the homeowners alleges the city, the driver and the two other entities are at fault for the collision because of negligence regarding the hiring of the driver and the lack of supervision of his health; the driver's negligent actions; and a failure to prevent the collision by installing safety devices along the roadway.

The plaintiff's complaint states there were no barriers, guardrails or other protective devices along McCrays Mill Road at the time of the wreck despite other collisions happening in that general location prior to Nov. 27, 2017.

Just before 10:30 a.m. that Monday morning, the plaintiff was sitting on the couch and watching television with his child in the family room when the city truck crashed through the house, "severely injuring" them both, according to the complaint.

As a result of the collision, the plaintiff is claiming the following injuries and damages: permanent loss of function; permanent scarring and disfigurement; money spent for medical care, both present and into the future; and time



A City of Sumter vehicle crashed into a home off McCrays Mill Road in November.

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and wages lost from gainful employment. The plaintiff's wife is also claiming damages because of her husband's reported injuries and damages.

In the complaint, Sumter County and SCDOT are accused of "negligence and recklessness in the construction, maintenance, and design of the roadway" for multiple things including failure to install a guardrail and failure to reduce the speed limit after previous wrecks at that location of McCrays Mill Road.

"The governmental defendants had both actual and constructive notice that vehicles had left McCrays Mill Road and struck residences near [the plaintiff's] home before his home was demolished, both because of traffic collision reporting and because concerned citizens had complained of the apparent danger posed by the roadway and topography where these incidents had occurred," states the complaint.

The complaint states the city was negligent for hiring the driver without certifying that he was fit to operate the vehicle, if his health was ever screened, and for not monitoring his health after he was hired.

In its answer to the homeowner's complaint, the City of Sumter denied those allegations of negligence. The city also denied the driver of the truck was negli-

gent in his duties leading up to the wreck and denied the plaintiff's claim that his injuries and damages are a result of its employee's actions.

"The driver of [the City of Sumter's] vehicle suffered a sudden and unforeseeable loss of consciousness immediately prior to leaving the roadway and striking the house in question," states to the city's answer.

In July, both the plaintiff and defendants agreed to dismiss the driver from the suit without prejudice.

Sumter County denied allegations from the plaintiff that the government neglected its responsibility to make the roadway safe for travel because of the lack of safety devices and for not reducing the speed limit in the area. The county also stated the negligence of "another defendant" of the lawsuit may be responsible for the damages and injuries of the plaintiff, according to the county's answer to the complaint.

SCDOT denied allegations of negligence for approving the design of the roadway and for not installing safety devices along the portion of McCrays Mill Road where the plaintiff's house is located. The state agency also denied claims that the condition of the roadway contributed to the wreck.

Each entity involved demanded a trial by jury.

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From left are Bella Watts, Celeste Watts and Shanann Watts.

More details in family killings expected next week

FREDERICK, Colo. (AP) — Colorado authorities prepared Friday to file formal charges against an oil and gas worker accused of killing his pregnant wife and two young daughters inside their suburban home, then dumping their bodies on his employer's property.

Police said the mother, Shanann Watts, was found dead on property owned by Anadarko Petroleum, one of the state's largest oil and gas drillers, where 33-year-old Christopher Watts worked as an operator. Investigators found what they think are the bodies of 4-year-old Bella and 3-year-old Celeste nearby on Thursday.

The operator position generally charges employees with routine visits to oil fields, checking on the status of wells, maintaining the equipment and fixing any issues.

Watts was fired on Wednesday, the same day he was arrested, the company said.

Police have not released any information about a motive or how the three were killed.

Details about what led police to arrest Watts late Wednesday night on suspicion of three counts apiece of murder and tampering with evidence are likely to be revealed next week.

Prosecutors also will ask a court to unseal the affidavit for Watts' arrest after filing formal charges, due by Monday afternoon, said Krista Henery, a spokeswoman for district attorney Michael Rourke.

Henery declined to answer questions Friday about whether the mother and daughters' bodies were found or whether police still are processing that scene.

PROGRAM

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important men from its organization participating in the project on Monday.

"Our Men's Day Wednesday lead recruiter Napo-

leon Bradford will be at Wilder Elementary School, and our program director Melanie Dees will be at Millwood Elementary School," Ray said.

Principals from each school are aware of the Men-2School welcome back pro-

gram. If men would like to participate, they can simply go to their closest school and greet students outside of the building as they get off the buses.

For more information on the program, visit www.uwaysumter.org.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Drivers need to be aware that children are walking and biking to school.
- Drivers should slow down in areas designated as school zones (25 mph when sign is flashing).
- Students need to navigate crosswalks correctly.
- Students and parents need to follow stop signs properly.
- All traffic regulations should be followed.
- Resource officers will be out the first week to make drivers aware that students have returned.
- Sumter School District has pick-up and drop-off times, as well as school start and end times.
- Parents need to be aware that it will take longer to get to school once school starts.
- Be patient, and don't let road rage take over.

Public information officer for Sumter Police Department Tonyia McGirt and Sumter County Crime Prevention Staff Sgt. Luke Hall contributed to this report.

BUS SAFETY

- While waiting for the bus, stay at least 10 inches away from the road.
- Wear light-colored clothing and reflective accessories so the bus driver and other motorists can see you.
- Don't run or play at the bus stop.
- Pay attention to moving traffic.
- Put away distracting objects (phone, music players, video games) until it is safe to use them.
- Be on time at the bus stop.
- Never distract the bus driver.
- Keep the bus aisle clear at all times.
- When on the bus, talk quietly, sit properly, and respect those around you.

Sumter School District Executive Director of Communication and Community Engagement Shelly Galloway and the South Carolina Department of Education contributed to this report.

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COMMENTARY

Cardinal Wuerl must go after reports of abuse

WASHINGTON — In 1972, Pope Paul VI warned that “the smoke of Satan has entered the Church of God.” We see that smoke throughout the report from a Pennsylvania grand jury, which alleges that more than 300 priests abused more than 1,000 children in six Pennsylvania dioceses — including 99 priests from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, which was led for 18 years by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, now archbishop of Washington.

How bad was the abuse? The report notes that “during the course of this investigation, the Grand Jury uncovered a ring of predatory priests operating within the [Pittsburgh] Diocese who shared intelligence or information regarding victims as well as exchanging the victims amongst themselves. This ring also manufactured child pornography ... [and] used whips, violence and sadism in raping their victims.” According to Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, one victim, a boy named George, “was forced to stand on a bed in a rectory, strip naked and pose as Christ on the cross for the priests. They took photos of their victim, adding them to a collection of child pornography which they produced and shared on church grounds.” Abusing a child while mocking the Passion of Christ is truly diabolical.

Wuerl, who served as the bishop of Pittsburgh from 1988 to 2006, did discipline some priests — and even went to the Vatican to fight an order that he reinstate one. But the grand jury also wrote that he reassigned other predator priests — including the one who “groomed” George and introduced him to the ring that photographed him. In at least one case, Wuerl required a victim to sign a “confidentiality agreement” barring him from discussing his abuse with any third party as part of a settlement.

That is a coverup. In addition, the grand jury also wrote that under his leadership the diocese failed to report allegations of abuse to law enforcement, advocated for a convicted predator at sentencing and then provided a \$11,542.68 lump-sum payment to the disgraced priest after his release from prison.

The grand jury report comes on the heels of the sickening accusations that Wuerl’s predecessor as Washington archbishop, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, sexually abused seminarians and young priests and spent nearly 20 years molesting a young boy, the first person he baptized, beginning when the child was 11.

After the McCarrick allegations, Wuerl declared, “I don’t think this is some massive, massive crisis.” Excuse me,

Your Eminence?

It is a massive, massive crisis. How was McCarrick allowed to rise through the hierarchy despite the countless warnings to both his fellow bishops and the Vatican that he was a sexual predator? Who knew? Who helped him? The same conspiracy of silence that allowed sexual predators to flourish in Wuerl’s Pittsburgh diocese for decades also allowed McCarrick to become, until just a few weeks ago, one of the

most powerful American cardinals, even in retirement. This is not just a matter of getting rid of a few bad apples. There is a ring of abusers and their enablers in the Catholic hierarchy that must be rooted out. Every report of abuse that was overlooked or ignored, every abuse that was covered up with a nondisclosure agreement, must be exposed. The bishops and cardinals who ignored or covered up abuses are complicit and must be removed. The church must be cleansed and the conspiracy of silence ended.

The only way to do this is through an independent investigation. The church has proved itself incapable of self-investigation and self-policing — which is evidenced by the fact we are just learning new details of the horrific extent of abuse from a grand jury 16 years after the scandal first erupted. My American Enterprise Institute colleague Michael Strain has recommended bringing back former Oklahoma governor, federal prosecutor and faithful Catholic Frank Keating to lead the investigation.

In 2003, Keating resigned from a lay-member church-appointed board looking into abuse after he refused to apologize for comparing the cover-up by the bishops to the Mafia. That makes him precisely the right man for the job. The bishops not only failed the victims, but have also scandalized the church, undermined its teaching authority and driven countless people away from Christ. How many failed to go to confession, or left the sacraments, because of their actions — or their failure to act? We will never know. But they should heed Mark’s Gospel, where Jesus warns, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” This must be a time of repentance. Repentance requires accountability. And accountability requires resignations — starting with Wuerl’s.

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COMMENTARY

Can America ever come together again?

If ex-CIA Director John Brennan did to Andrew Jackson what he did to Donald Trump, he would have lost a lot more than his security clearance.

He would have been challenged to a duel and shot.

“Trump’s ... performance in Helsinki,” Brennan had said, “exceeds the threshold of ‘high crimes & misdemeanors.’ It was ... treasonous.”

Why should the president not strip from a CIA director who calls him a traitor the honor and privilege of a security clearance? Or is a top-secret clearance an entitlement like Social Security?

CIA directors retain clearances because they are seen as national assets, individuals whose unique experience, knowledge and judgment may be called upon to assist a president in a national crisis.

Not so long ago, this was a bipartisan tradition. Who trashed this tradition? Was it not the former heads of the security agencies — CIA, FBI, director of national intelligence — who have been leveling the kind of savage attacks on the chief of state one might expect from antifa?

Are ex-security officials entitled to retain the high privileges of the offices they held, if they descend into cable-TV hatred and hostility? Former CIA chief Mike Hayden, in attacking Trump for separating families of detained illegal immigrants at the border, tweeted a photo of the train tracks leading into Auschwitz.

“Other governments have separated mothers and children” was Hayden’s caption. Is that fair criticism from an ex-CIA director?

Thursday, *The New York Times* decried Trump’s accusation that the media are “the enemy of the people.” “Insisting that truths you don’t like are ‘fake news’ is

dangerous to the lifeblood of democracy. And calling journalists ‘the enemy of the people’ is dangerous, period,” said the *Times*.

Fair enough, but is it not dangerous for a free press to be using First Amendment rights to endlessly bash a president as a racist, fascist, sexist, neo-Nazi, liar, tyrant and traitor?

The message of journalists who use such terms may be to convey their detestation of Trump. But what is the message received in the sick minds of people like that leftist who tried to massacre Republican congressmen practicing for their annual softball game with Democrats?

And does Trump not have a point when he says the *Boston Globe*-organized national attack on him, joined in by the *Times* and 300 other newspapers, was journalistic “collusion” against him?

If Trump believes that CNN, MSNBC, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* are mortal enemies who want to see him ousted or impeached, is he wrong?

We are an irreconcilable us-against-them nation today, and given the rancor across the ideological, social and cultural chasm that divides us, it is hard to see how, even post-Trump, we can ever come together again.

Speaking at a New York LGBT gala in 2016, Hillary Clinton said: “You could put half of Trump’s supporters into what I call the basket of deplorables ... racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, Islamophobic ... Some of those folks ... are irredeemable, but ... they are not America.”

When Clinton’s reflections on Middle America made it into print, she amended her remarks. Just as Gov. Andrew Cuomo rushed to amend his comments when he blurted at a bill-signing ceremony: “We’re not going to make America great again. It was never that great.” America was “never that great?”

Cuomo’s press secretary hastened to explain, “When the president speaks about making America great again ... he ignores the pain

so many endured and that we suffered from slavery, discrimination, segregation, sexism and marginalized women’s contributions.”

Clinton and Cuomo committed gaffes of the kind Michael Kinsley described as the blurring out of truths the speaker believes but desperately does not want a wider audience to know.

In San Francisco in 2008, Barack Obama committed such a gaffe.

Asked why blue-collar workers in industrial towns decimated by job losses were not responding to his message, Obama trashed these folks as the unhappy losers of our emerging brave new world: “They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren’t like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations.”

These clingers to their Bibles, bigotries and guns are the people the mainstream media, 10 years later, deride and dismiss as “Trump’s base.” What Clinton, Cuomo and Obama spilled out reveals what is really behind the cultural and ideological wars of America today.

Most media elites accept the historic indictment — that before the Progressives came, this country was mired in racism, sexism, homophobia and xenophobia, and that its history had been a long catalog of crimes against indigenous peoples, Africans brought here in bondage, Mexicans whose lands we stole, migrants and women and gays who were denied equality.

The people who cheer Trump believe the country they inherited from their fathers was a great, good and glorious country, and that the media who detest Trump also despise them.

For such as these, Trump cannot scourge the media often enough.

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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PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Monday, 9:30 a.m., Council Chambers

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

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

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

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

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

GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Wednesday, noon, chamber office

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Wednesday, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Short trips, inspirational events or

venues, or a gathering of friends or relatives will open your mind to new possibilities. Listening to what others have to offer will spark ideas regarding your own life, love and future decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make change count. Don't act on impulse. Plan your actions and make your life better. Be open to suggestions, but don't feel obligated to do what others say. Stick to whatever makes you feel comfortable. Learn from experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Talk, socialize, participate and take action. Get physically involved in what you want to see happen. Project your ideas, and share a detailed plan that will encourage others to pitch in and help. Personal improvements are doable and will be rewarding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for something different to occupy your day. A new challenge or an event that educates you regarding cultures you haven't experienced in the past will be enlightening and change your perspective on how you live moving forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved in events that require intelligence and that challenge you to be better. Bring emotional matters to the forefront and make suggestions and changes to ensure things run smoothly in your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn from mistakes. Don't share personal information with just anyone. Someone will use your private information to unsettle your relationship with someone you care about. Protect your assets, personal life and reputation. A change of

scenery will do you good. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Short trips, volunteer work, reunions and events that bring you in touch with old friends are favored. You'll gain insight into your personal situation by listening to what others share about lifestyle, relationships and goals. Avoid demanding individuals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have difficulty saying no to someone enticing you to take part in something that sounds inviting but risky. When in doubt, take a pass and be an observer. You are better off doing your own thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pour your heart into what matters most to you. Don't let anyone use emotional manipulation to push you in a direction that isn't in your best interest. A romantic plan will improve your personal life. Physical improvements will boost your morale.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A steady pace will get you where you want to go. Don't feel you have to take on too much, lowering your chance to achieve your goal. Building on solid ground will ensure you end up with what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Partnerships are key. Share your thoughts; you'll come up with workable ways to overcome any differences that challenge you. Compromise is favored over taking on too much. Romance will help ease stress and cement your relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen carefully. Someone will exaggerate a situation, an offer or details in order to grab your interest. Don't react without finding out the facts. A unique opportunity is apparent, but it has to be on your terms. Negotiate on your own behalf.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperature ranges, and chance of rain percentages.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

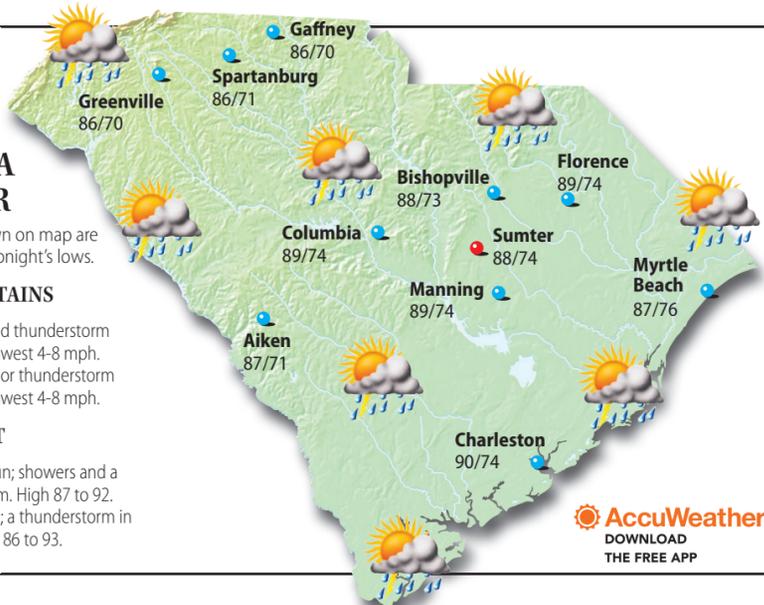
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: A shower and thunderstorm around. Winds southwest 4-8 mph. Monday: A shower or thunderstorm around. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Periods of sun; showers and a heavier thunderstorm. High 87 to 92. Monday: Some sun; a thunderstorm in northern parts. High 86 to 93.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date).

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:46 a.m., Sunset 8:04 p.m., Moonrise 3:12 p.m., Moonset 1:05 a.m.

Table with 4 columns: Full, Last, New, First. Includes moon phase icons and dates (Aug. 26, Sep. 2, Sep. 9, Sep. 16).

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists rivers like Black River, Congaree River, Lynchies River, Saluda River, Up. Santee River, Wateree River.

TIDES

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

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Wash., DC.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, Cape Hatteras, Charleston, Charlotte, Clemson, Columbia, Darlington, Elizabeth City, Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Florence, Gainesville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Goose Creek, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Hilton Head, Jacksonville, La Grange, Macon, Marietta.

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

MONEY TALKS: In denominational order by S.N.

ACROSS

- 1 Recital selections
5 Predatory dolphins
10 Major muddle
15 Slice (off)
18 Floors it
19 Abundant source
20 Mexican fast food
21 Quebecer's water
22 "Please share the ideas with me"
26 Dean's list qualifier: Abbr.
27 Contractual details
28 ___-day (vitamin dose, often)
29 NFL team previously from St. Louis
30 Grasp, as ice cubes
32 SSA IDs
33 Decides to

73 Dine on 74 73

Across, in Germany

- 75 Topper
78 Sore spot
79 Edison adversary
81 High-tech debut of 2007
84 Seat of intuition, so to speak
85 ___ favor (please, to Ruiz)
86 "Can you help me with the parking meter?"
94 Rhineland region
95 Feeling of fury
96 Walk-___ (small roles)
97 Cook less than needed
98 Fall into ___ (get caught)
100 Book after Job
103 Afire
104 MacArthur, to his friends
105 Appetite
107 Prayer pronoun
108 Got by somehow

110 Water cooler

DOWN

- 1 Japanese Winter Olympics city of 1972
2 Fiji's region
3 Novelist Deighton
4 "___ that's something!"
5 Designed for dune driving
6 Innkeeper's inventory
7 Mongrels
8 Imprecise quantity
9 Waited patiently
10 Throat culture finding
11 Swimming pools
12 Cry in Cologne
13 Put something over on
14 Everyday
15 Normandy port
16 Breakfast fare
17 Kitty cats
18 Motley
23 Gossip collectors
24 One less than dos
25 Language that gave us "democracy"
31 Unconventional architect
33 No ___ qua non
37 Change for a C-note
38 More musty
40 Designer Claire-borne
43 Ex of Donald
44 Poetic frequency

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for clues.

- 45 Sch. with a Providence campus
46 Relinquished formally
50 West Point newcomer
51 Illumination measures
52 S&L clients
53 Touch lightly
56 "I'll take that as ___"
57 Does nothing
58 Best-case
59 Dasher's driver
61 Cousteau's sea
62 ___ Paulo, Brazil
63 Chicago star
64 Jamie Foxx's Oscar film
66 Salt Lake City athlete
67 Sound-related
68 Chinese New Year parade regulars
69 Brings upon oneself
70 Conductor from India
75 Presidential nickname
76 Director Lee
77 Where golfers begin
79 Loathsomely one
80 Wasn't accurate
82 ___ Beta Kappa
83 Instrument associated with Ireland
85 Gave up the ball
86 Rich sponge cakes
87 Guys on a crew team
88 Assist with the ropes
89 Instigates
90 Told a joke
91 The Bard's Trojan prince
92 Assist with the ropes
93 Will with a way
94 Extreme cruelty
99 Respect, in current slang
101 Light-dawning remark
102 Floral necklace
103 Unstructured
106 Being, in Bordeaux
108 Lower-left PC key
109 Quarters for students
112 Chicken ___ (childhood ailment)
113 Nat ___ (America's friend)
114 Baseball great
The L.A. RAMS (29 Across) are the only team to have won NFL champion-

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid for Saturday's crossword answers.

SUDOKU

9x9 grid for Saturday's sudoku puzzle.

JUMBLE

GOUGE GUPPY NOODLE SQUASH When it came to tilling the soil by hand, he was — GUNG "HOE"

PREP FOOTBALL



Still not enough

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood quarterback Joshua Simon () dives for extra yardage during the Knights' 59-47 loss to West Florence on Friday in the regular-season opener for both teams at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell.

Without Bradley, Crestwood puts up big numbers, but loses 59-47

BY DANNY KELLY
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DALZELL — The Crestwood High School football team scored 47 points in its season-opening game against West Florence on Friday de-

spite not having starting quarterback Anthony Bradley in the lineup because of his arrest for armed robbery. Still, it wasn't enough. WF scored 59 points in an absolute shootout at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium.

Bradley was arrested and charged with armed robbery due to a July 25 incident. Sumter School District determined on Thursday afternoon that Bradley could not play against West Florence. He did play in the Sumter

County Football Jamboree last week.

Crestwood head coach Roosevelt Nelson was unavailable for comment following the game.

West Florence scored on the very first play of the game.

Running back Ailym Ford took the opening kickoff 85 yards to the house for six points. West Florence tacked on an extra point to make it 7-0 early.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Gamecocks rally past Rock Hill 33-23

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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When Sumter High School quarterback Ontra' Harvin fumbled the football with Rock Hill recovering at the Gamecock 6-yard line, it looked as though disaster was about to befall SHS.

Sumter was trailing 17-10 and had done little to nothing to slow down the Bearcats up to that point. A 14-point deficit at halftime appeared to be a certainty.

Then in stepped O'Donnell Fortune.

The Gamecock defensive back intercepted a pass in the end zone, and SHS went on to drive 80 yards for a touchdown, convert on a 2-point attempt for an 18-17 halftime lead. It rode that momentum in the second half all the way to a 33-23 victory at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field.

"That was just such a huge play," said Sumter head coach Mark Barnes, who opened his fourth season on Friday. "We were certainly in danger of going down two touchdowns, but we make that play and take it back down and score. That really helped turn the game."

After a lightning delay of 1 hour, 20 minutes, following the completion of a 10-10 first quarter, Rock Hill scored to go up 17-10.

Harvin was rolling out with the ball in one hand when his knee jarred the ball loose. RH fell on it at the 6. A penalty moved Rock Hill back to the 11 when quarterback Hayden Jackson tried to throw a fade pass. Fortune pulled it to kill the drive as Sumter took over at its 20.

SEE SHS, PAGE B5



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Sumter running back Jonathan Henry (26), shown running in the Sumter County Football Jamboree, ran for 171 yards in the Gamecocks' 33-23 victory over Rock Hill on Friday at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

PREP FOOTBALL

Manning tops Scott's Branch 28-0 in game called by storm

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

SUMMERTON — Wet bulb delay? No. Lightning? Oh yes, and plenty!

The Manning and Scott's Branch High School varsity football teams started their season opener at Spann Stadium right on time Friday, avoiding any wet bulb delay, and made it through about a full half before lightning was spotted near the stadium and school.

A lightning delay began at 8:24 p.m., with 2:41 left in the first half and the Monarchs holding a 28-0 lead. As it became apparent that the lightning was not going to let up and was indeed intensifying, Manning's Keith West and Scott's Branch's Brian Smith, who both serve as head football coach and athletic director for their respective schools, made the decision at about 9 p.m. to call the game, with the Eagles conceding the win to Manning.

"It's a non-region game, so it doesn't affect standings or anything, and it's best to keep the players safe," Smith said.

"We've both got games next (week), so we didn't want to bring them back on a Saturday and do it all over again. It's best to call it a game and move on."

SEE MANNING, PAGE B5

USC FOOTBALL

Carolina building running game around trio

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Rico Dowdle is healthy again, and first-year offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon is installing a quick-paced attack.

South Carolina has reason to believe its rush game might rebound this season after a couple down years.

Dowdle, the team's top rusher in 2016, is back, along with A.J. Turner and Ty'Son Williams. The Gamecocks also have taken to McClendon's run-pass option — opening holes that have not been there the past couple of years.

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South Carolina running back Ty'Son Williams (27), a former Crestwood standout, is part of a trio of running backs that the Gamecocks hope will lead to an improved running attack.

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WEST

PRO GOLF

Snedeker leads Wyndham with play held up because of weather

BY JOEDY MCCREARY
The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Brandt Snedeker is bracing for a long last day at the Wyndham Championship.

Snedeker held a three-stroke lead Saturday when the third round was suspended because of severe weather. He was 16 under for the tournament with 11 holes left in the round at the final event of the PGA Tour's regular season — and is preparing for the grind of playing 29 holes.

Snedeker says he's had a few 36-hole days on tour and hopes his adrenalin takes over when he plays the back nine for the final time.

"I've got to be really smart about making sure I'm staying hydrated and more than anything else, making sure I don't have any mental lapses," Snedeker said. "Kind of the hardest (thing) to do when it's hot, humid, you're out there all day. The physical side, we're used to. Just, you mentally get fatigued and fried make some mistakes. The key for tomorrow — make sure I don't do that."

Brian Gay was 13 under through 12 holes, and Trey Mullinax, Keith Mitchell, C.T. Pan and D.A. Points were another stroke back at varying stages of their rounds.

Thirty players were still on the course when play was halted during the mid-afternoon with thunder booming and a threat of lightning.

After a 3-hour, 23-minute delay, organizers chose to hold things up overnight and resume the round at 8 a.m. Sunday. They said they expect the final round to begin in the late morning, grouping the players in threesomes starting from both the first and 10th tees.

When the tournament restarts, Snedeker — who opened with a 59 to become the first tour player this year and just the 10th ever to break 60 — will look to keep himself in position to contend for his ninth victory on tour and his first since the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open.

He said his target final score is 22 under — Henrik Stenson's tournament-record score from last year — because "I think it's hard for other guys to get there."

Snedeker, the 2012 FedEx Cup champion, won the tournament in 2007, the year before it moved across town to par-70 Sedgefield Country Club.

Snedeker's final 11 holes of the round could wind up being telling: In seven of the 10 previous years since the tournament's move to this

course, the third-round leader or co-leader has gone on to win.

And every leader who finished the third round here at 16 under or better has wound up winning, including Stenson (16 under) last year and Si Woo Kim (18 under) in 2016.

"I'll kind of do what I have to do to finish the third round, reassess what's going on, where I am in relation to everybody else and what may be happening, and then kind of go to my fourth round with a new strategy," Snedeker said.

Snedeker started the day off strong, rolling in a 60-foot chip for birdie on the par-4 second hole, then pushed his lead to three strokes with a birdie on No. 5 that moved him to 16 under. But after he sank a short par putt on the seventh, thunder boomed and the horn sounded to stop play.

Gay was 12 holes into a second consecutive strong round when the delay struck. After shooting a 63 in the second round, he had four birdies and an eagle on the par-5 fifth hole. He placed his 200-yard second shot 10 feet from the flagstick and sank the putt.

His Sunday will start in the intermediate rough on the 13th, some 130 yards from the flagstick.

"It will be a short night and back out early," Gay said.



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Brandt Snedeker watches his putt on the first hole during the third round of the Wyndham Championship on Saturday in Greensboro, N.C. Snedeker is in the lead in the rain-delayed event.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

7 a.m. — Professional Golf European PGA Tour Nordea Masters Final Round from Gothenburg, Sweden (GOLF).

8:30 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester City vs. Huddersfield Town (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9 a.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Double-Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. — Seoul vs. Matamoros, Mexico (ESPN).

11 a.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Double-Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. — Staten Island, N.Y. vs. Houston (ESPN).

11 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester United vs. Brighton & Hove Albion (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

Noon — Youth Baseball: Junior League World Series Championship Game from Taylor, Mich (ESPN2).

1 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Double-Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. — Arraijan, Panama, vs. Kawaguchi, Japan (ESPN).

1 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. — Massachusetts vs. Delaware (ESPNU).

1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wyndham Championship Final Round from Greensboro, N.C. (GOLF).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Toronto at New York Yankees (TBS).

1:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Colorado at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

2 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Double-Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. — Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., vs. Honolulu (ESPN).

2 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Women's Championship Match from Cincinnati (ESPN2).

2 p.m. — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series ABC Supply 500 from Long Pond, Pa. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wyndham Championship Final Round from Greensboro, N.C. (WLTX 19).

3 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Dick's Sporting Goods Open Final Round from Endicott, N.Y. (GOLF).

4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's Championship Match from Cincinnati (ESPN2).

4 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. — Massachusetts vs. Delaware (ESPNU).

4 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Columbus at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

4 p.m. — Horse Racing: Summer Colony Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).

4:30 p.m. — Amateur Golf: U.S. Amateur Championship Championship Match from Pebble Beach, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).

5 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Indy Women in Tech Championship Final Round from Indianapolis (GOLF).

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets vs. Philadelphia from Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN).

7 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Portland Open Final Round from North Plains, Ore. (GOLF).

7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Washington at Minnesota (ESPN2).

7:30 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: American

Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. — Nevada vs. Idaho (ESPNU).

7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: D.C. United at New England (FOX SPORTS 1).

8 p.m. — Amateur Gymnastics: U.S. Championships from Boston — Women's Competition (WIS 10).

MONDAY

10 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Semifinal Match from Vannes, France (FOX SPORTS 2).

11 a.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Consolation Game from Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN).

1 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN).

1:30 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Semifinal Match from Vannes, France (FOX SPORTS 2).

3 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN).

3 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Liverpool vs. Crystal Palace (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Semifinal Game from Shelby, N.C. (ESPNU).

4 p.m. — Evan Shioman Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).

6 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN2).

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

7 p.m. — American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Semifinal Game from Shelby, N.C. (ESPN).

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

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Boston or Atlanta at Pittsburgh (MLB NETWORK).

8 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Elimination Game from Williamsport, Pa. (ESPN2).

8 p.m. — NFL Preseason Football: Baltimore at Indianapolis (ESPN).

10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Los Angeles Dodgers or Houston at Seattle (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Boston | 87 | 36 | .707 | — |
| New York | 77 | 46 | .626 | 10 |
| Tampa Bay | 62 | 60 | .508 | 24½ |
| Toronto | 55 | 68 | .447 | 32 |
| Baltimore | 37 | 86 | .301 | 50 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Cleveland | 70 | 52 | .574 | — |
| Minnesota | 58 | 63 | .479 | 11½ |
| Detroit | 50 | 73 | .407 | 20½ |
| Chicago | 45 | 76 | .372 | 24½ |

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|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Kansas City | 37 | 85 | .303 | 33 |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston | 74 | 49 | .602 | — |
| Oakland | 74 | 49 | .602 | — |
| Seattle | 70 | 53 | .569 | 4 |
| Los Angeles | 62 | 62 | .500 | 12½ |
| Texas | 55 | 69 | .444 | 19½ |

FRIDAY

N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 5, 7 innings
Cleveland 2, Baltimore 1
Boston 7, Tampa Bay 3

Texas 6, L.A. Angels 4
Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 5, Detroit 4

Oakland 4, Houston 3, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 11, Seattle 1

SATURDAY

N.Y. Yankees 11, Toronto 6
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 2

Oakland 7, Houston 1
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

Tampa Bay (TBD) at Boston (Sale 12-4), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Borucki 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Happ 13-6), 1:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Cashner 4-10) at Cleveland (Clevinger 8-7), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (TBD) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 5-7), 2:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Fillmyer 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-9), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 8-7) at Texas (Colon 7-10), 3:05 p.m.

Houston (Verlander 11-8) at Oakland (Manaea 11-8), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-5) at Seattle (Elias 2-0), 4:10 p.m.

MONDAY

Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Atlanta | 68 | 53 | .562 | — |
| Philadelphia | 68 | 55 | .553 | 1 |
| Washington | 62 | 61 | .504 | 7 |
| New York | 53 | 69 | .434 | 15½ |
| Miami | 48 | 76 | .387 | 21½ |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Chicago | 71 | 50 | .587 | — |
| Milwaukee | 68 | 56 | .548 | 4½ |
| St. Louis | 67 | 56 | .545 | 5 |
| Pittsburgh | 61 | 62 | .496 | 11 |
| Cincinnati | 53 | 69 | .434 | 18½ |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Arizona | 68 | 55 | .553 | — |
| Colorado | 66 | 56 | .541 | 1½ |
| Los Angeles | 66 | 57 | .537 | 2 |
| San Francisco | 61 | 62 | .496 | 7 |
| San Diego | 48 | 77 | .384 | 21 |

FRIDAY

Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 1, Pittsburgh 0

Washington 8, Miami 2
Cincinnati 2, San Francisco 1, 11 innings
Colorado 11, Atlanta 5

St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 2
Arizona 9, San Diego 4
L.A. Dodgers 11, Seattle 1

SATURDAY

N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

Miami at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.

San Francisco at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.

Arizona at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY

San Francisco (Suarez 4-8) at Cincinnati (Castillo 6-10), 1:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Quintana 10-9) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 9-9), 1:35 p.m.

Colorado (Marquez 10-9) at Atlanta (Sanchez 6-3), 1:35 p.m.

Miami (Lopez 2-3) at Washington (Gonzalez 7-9), 1:35 p.m.

Milwaukee (Chacin 12-4) at St. Louis (Gant 5-4), 2:15 p.m.

Arizona (Greinke 12-8) at San Diego (Kennedy 0-2), 4:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-5) at Seattle (Elias 2-0), 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-8) vs. Philadelphia (Pivetta 7-9) at Williamsport, Pa., 7:10 p.m.

MONDAY

Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TRANSACTOINS

SATURDAY

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed LHP Chris Sale on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday, Aug. 15. Recalled RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket (IL).

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated RHP Antonio Senzatela from the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Pat Valaika to Albuquerque (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated RHP Hunter Strickland from the 60-day DL. Transferred INF Pablo Sandoval to the 60-day DL.

SPORTS ITEMS

3 tied for lead at rain-delayed LPGA event; middle school jamboree set

INDIANAPOLIS — Jin Young Ko moved into a three-way tie for the lead after shooting a 6-under 66 in the rain-delayed completion of the second round at the Indy Women in Tech Championship.

About half the field returned to the course Saturday morning to finish the round. Ko joined Lizette Salas and Sung Hyun Park at 13 under for the tournament. Amy Yang is one shot back after shooting an 8-under 64. Ko, Park and Yang are all from South Korea.

Four players, including Americans Danielle Kang and Angel Yin, are two shots behind. Yin completed her second round Saturday morning with a 69. Caroline Hedwall of Sweden finished with a 68 to join a group at 11 under.

The third round is scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL JAMBOREE SCHEDULED FOR AUG. 25

A middle school football

scrimmage jamboree will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell beginning at 9 a.m.

There will be two scrimmages going on simultaneously on the playing field. Each team will receive 12 plays and a sustained drive in the 30-minute scrimmages.

There will be 12 schools involved, including local schools Alice Drive, Bates, Chestnut Oaks, Ebenezer, Furman, Hillcrest, R.E. Davis and Scott's Branch. Each team will have three

scrimmages, and there will be 18 scrimmages in all.

Tickets are \$5 per person.

EAST FIELD

9 a.m. — R.E. Davis vs. Hillcrest
9:32 a.m. — Ebenezer vs. Scott's Branch

10:04 a.m. — Chestnut Oaks vs. Howard
10:36 a.m. — R.E. Davis vs. Scott's Branch

11:08 a.m. — Hillcrest vs. Howard
11:40 a.m. — Chestnut Oaks vs. Furman

12:12 p.m. — Hillcrest vs. Scott's Branch
12:44 p.m. — Ebenezer vs. Howard

1:16 p.m. — R.E. Davis vs. Chestnut Oaks

WEST FIELD

9 a.m. — Alice Drive vs. Southside
9:32 a.m. — Bates vs. Kelly Mills

10:04 a.m. — Furman vs. W.J. Clark
10:36 a.m. — Alice Drive vs. Kelly Mills

11:08 a.m. — Bates vs. W.J. Clark
11:40 a.m. — Ebenezer vs. Southside

12:12 p.m. — Alice Drive vs. W.J. Clark
12:44 p.m. — Bates vs. Southside

1:16 p.m. — Furman vs. Kelly Mills

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL '18

Redshirt freshmen ready for action after year-long wait

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

Redshirt freshmen are becoming less common as more players contribute straight out of high school. They still can have an impact, though.

That's particularly true on the offensive and defensive lines, where players regularly need that extra year to gain the physical strength necessary for the college game.

Southern California defensive tackle Jay Tufele has shown this summer how much he's benefited from that time in the gym.

Tufele arrived on campus as the nation's No. 3 defensive tackle and No. 39 overall prospect in his class, according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports. One year later, he's a likely starter who should play a vital role on USC's defense.

USC coach Clay Helton said last weekend Tufele has had "the best camp of anybody."

Some other redshirt freshmen who could make a major impact this season:

**NOTRE DAME WR/RB
JAFAR ARMSTRONG**

Notre Dame technically doesn't label any of its players as redshirt freshmen, but Armstrong fits the profile as a sophomore who didn't play a down last season. Armstrong signed with Notre Dame as a receiver but started working more in the backfield this spring and has impressed. Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly has cited Armstrong's versatility while comparing him to Theo Riddick, a former Irish running back now with the Detroit Lions. Armstrong could get a featured role in a Notre Dame rushing attack that's unsettled following the departure of Josh Adams and the dismissals of CJ Holmes and Deon McIn-tosh.

**PITTSBURGH CB
PARIS FORD**

Ford could end up contributing for the Panthers in a variety of ways. Although Ford figures to make his biggest contributions in the secondary, he also could emerge as one of Pitt's top return men and may even make some cameos on offense. Ford scored 22 touchdowns in five different ways — runs from scrimmage, receptions, interception returns, punt returns and fumble returns — while starring for Steel Valley High School in Pittsburgh.



Georgia offensive lineman Isaiah Wilson celebrates a Georgia win over Auburn in the 2017 Southeastern Conference championship game in Atlanta. Wilson has been working with Georgia's first-team offense at right tackle for much of preseason camp as the Bulldogs attempt to replace New England Patriots first-round draft pick Isaiah Wynn, who was the starting left tackle last season.

AP FILE PHOTO

**MARYLAND QB
KASIM HILL**

Hill played three games last year and went 18 of 21 for 230 yards with no interceptions before tearing his anterior cruciate ligament and sitting out the rest of the season. Hill is back and competing for the starting spot with sophomore Tyrell Pigrome, who also tore his ACL last season. Other Big Ten redshirt freshman quarterbacks competing for starting spots include Minnesota's Tanner Morgan and Nebraska's Tristan Gebbia.

**FLORIDA STATE WR
TAMORRIION TERRY**

Whether Deondre Francois or James Blackman wins Florida State's quarterback competition, the Seminoles could use more playmaking receivers. Florida State's top returning receiver is Nyqwan Murray, who has been working his way back from a knee injury that occurred in

spring practice. Terry's impressive performance in preseason camp suggests he could fill a need and emerge as one of Florida State's top weapons. Terry had 129 yards receiving and a touchdown in Florida State's spring game.

**LOUISVILLE RB
COLIN WILSON**

Louisville's offense could focus more on the running backs now that 2016 Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Lamar Jackson has moved on to the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. That could put more of a spotlight on Wilson as he attempts to make a triumphant return from a torn ACL. Wilson rushed for 69 yards on six carries in three games last season before getting hurt, enabling him to take a medical redshirt.

**GEORGIA OT
ISAIAH WILSON**

Wilson has been working with

Georgia's first-team offense at right tackle for much of preseason camp as the Bulldogs attempt to replace New England Patriots first-round draft pick Isaiah Wynn, who was the starting left tackle last season. Andrew Thomas, the starting right tackle last season, has moved over to the left side this year. Wilson was rated as the nation's No. 16 overall prospect in his high school class according to the 247SportsComposite.

EXTRA POINT

- Six more redshirt freshmen who could make an impact this season:
- Justin Broiles, S, Oklahoma
 - Terrell Cooper, DL, TCU
 - Abraham Lucas, OT, Washington State
 - Scott Nelson, S, Wisconsin
 - Randall St. Felix, WR, South Florida
 - Austin Williams, WR, Mississippi State

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"This is certainly going to help our run game," coach Will Muschamp said.

Running the ball has been an issue since Muschamp arrived after the 2015 season.

The Gamecocks were 13th out of 14 Southeastern Conference teams two seasons ago, averaging just less than 135 yards a game. That number dropped last season to 122 yards, with Dowdle missing five games after breaking his leg at Tennessee.

Dowdle, a junior tailback,

returned for the Gamecocks' Outback Bowl win over Michigan, providing a spark with 45 yards on six carries.

Running backs coach Bobby Bentley said last year's rotation was largely due to injuries.

"Somebody asked me why we rotated so much," he said. "We didn't rotate. It was who was the healthy guy. I don't want to rotate. I want a dominant guy."

Dowdle has performed this summer like someone who wants to dominate. Dowdle

said he is confident South Carolina's running backs can be a force in the SEC.

"You can see the difference," he said.

McClendon wants to get off more snaps with his up-tempo attack, and he thinks that will make the run game more effective. The Gamecocks ran the ball only 405 times last season, fewer than all other SEC teams besides Florida and Vanderbilt.

With quarterback Jake Bentley and effective receivers in Bryan Edwards, Deebo Samuel and Shi Smith, Dowdle said South Carolina's threats on the outside also

could open some space for the running backs.

"A.J.'s made Ty'Son better, Ty'Son's made A.J. better. They've made me better," Dowdle said.

Bobby Bentley, Jake Bentley's father, used a no-huddle, fast-paced offense when he was one of South Carolina's top high school coaches. The Gamecocks also have benefited from having former all-SEC tailback Marcus Lattimore as the team's director of player development for life skills.

"It all makes everyone work harder and want to improve," Bentley said.

Dowdle's optimism also comes from feeling good, Bobby Bentley said.

"He's healthy. He looks better. He's faster," Bobby Bentley said. "That's what's exciting to coach."

Dowdle also said the offensive line is improved. The Gamecocks were in the bottom of the league in sacks allowed in 2015 and 2016. Their numbers improved a year ago and, according to Dowdle, should take another step forward this fall.

"They are opening holes that had not been there before," he said. "They're getting better."

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Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey (22) runs for a touchdown against the Miami Dolphins in the first half of the Panthers' 27-20 preseason win on Friday in Charlotte.

McCaffrey's 71-yard TD highlights Panthers' 27-20 win over Dolphins

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — The Panthers are looking to find ways to get the ball into Christian McCaffrey's hands as much as possible this season.

It's easy to see why. The second-year back had 120 yards from scrimmage in the first half, including a 71-yard touchdown run as Carolina defeated the Miami Dolphins 27-20 Friday night in a preseason game.

McCaffrey had 92 yards rushing on five carries and caught four passes for 28 yards for Carolina (2-0). Panthers coach Ron Rivera recently said he wants to get McCaffrey "25-30 touches" per game this season and find ways to get him the ball in space.

On the second play from scrimmage, McCaffrey slipped through a big hole up front and then shifted to another gear outracing several defenders to the end zone.

"I saw a heck of a gap," McCaffrey said. "The offensive line did a great job. ... It's just my job to hit the hole, find the crease and go. It was a great play."

It's the type of big play the Panthers were missing from McCaffrey last season — his longest carry went for 40 yards — and one of the reasons offensive coordinator Norv Turner was brought in to replace Mike Shula.

Rivera said the Panthers have always believed the 5-foot-11, 205-pound McCaffrey has what it takes to run between the tackles based on what he did at Stanford.

"We feel like he has the kind of quickness that he can pop one and make something happen," Rivera said. "So we are very comfortable and confident with what we think he can do."

Cam Newton overcame an early interception and two sacks by Robert Quinn to finish 9 of 12 for 89 yards, including a 27-yard touchdown pass to speedy rookie tight end Ian Thomas to give Carolina a 13-9 lead before exiting near the end of the first half.

Miami quarterback Ryan Tannehill was an effective 14 of 17 for 100 yards despite playing without wide receivers DeVante Parker and Kenny Stills, but the Dolphins (0-2) struggled to finish drives and settled for three field goals in the first half. Kenyan Drake had 54 yards rushing on eight carries.

"We're moving the ball but we're getting field goals," Dolphins coach Adam Gase said. "We had a great opportunity after a turnover to put it in the end zone and we didn't do it; we had negative plays (and penalties). We have a lot of things to clean up."

Gase did like what he saw out of the Dolphins pass rush, particularly from Quinn.

"That was one of our problems last year when we came here," Gase said. "We couldn't get the quarterback down. I

thought the guys harassed (Newton) and did a good job of causing some pressure."

Miami's only touchdown came with 29 seconds left when fourth-string quarterback Bryce Petty scored on a 15-yard run.

THOMAS TIME

For Carolina, Thomas could be Carolina's next big producer on offense.

He's been having a good

training camp and the 260-pounder showed impressive speed catching a pass from Newton on a crossing route and turning up the right sideline with a head of steam and racing to the end zone untouched.

"It felt good knowing that my teammates had confidence in me in running the play and showing the fans what they can expect for the season," he said.

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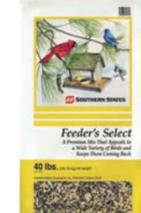
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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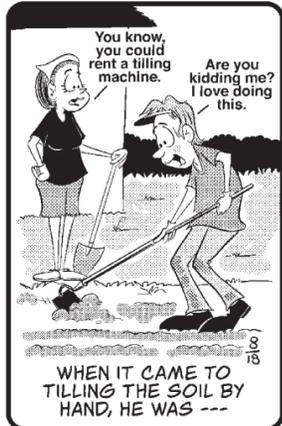
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Yesterday's Jumbles: THEME SLYLY PULPIT INJURE
Answer: She needed a blood transfusion. Luckily, the patient's boyfriend was — JUST HER TYPE

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THE ANSWERS TO THESE PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON TODAY'S DAILY PLANNER PAGE.

PREP FOOTBALL

Big 2nd half propels Cavaliers past Heathwood Hall

BY DANNY KELLY
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BISHOPVILLE — The Robert E. Lee Academy Cavaliers defeated Heathwood Hall 21-7 in their high school football season opener on Thursday at McCutchen Stadium.

The Cavaliers came out of the gate with a slow start but played well in the second half.

"The offensive line was about as bad as it could be in the first half, but they got better as the game went on," Robert E. Lee head coach David Rankin said. "We have to do a better job of getting the ball to the quarterback (on snaps) and blocking."

Multiple botched snaps plagued the Cavaliers in the first half, resulting in chunks of lost yardage.

Heathwood Hall opened up the scoring in the first quarter with a 17-yard touchdown from running back Ronnie Porter to make the score 7-0.

The Cavaliers tried to get back in the game late in the first half with an interception from defensive back Keaton Price, but the offense was unable to take advantage of the turnover before intermission.



RANKIN

"The defense played well," Rankin said. "They were lining up right every time."

The Cavaliers turned it on offensively in the second half.

Quarterback Jet Smith found wide receiver Jordan Hodge early in the third quarter for a 16-yard strike to knot up the score at 7-7.

"We broke in a new quarterback and four new offensive linemen," Coach Rankin said.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Cavaliers took the lead on a 15-yard touchdown run from running back Hunter McGee to make the score 14-7.

After an interception from defensive back Patterson Saverance later in the fourth quarter, Robert E. Lee padded its lead with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Smith to tight end Blane Hopkins, making the score 21-7.

The Cavalier defense sunk its teeth into the Highlander offense late in the game. The Cavaliers forced the Highlanders to turn the ball over on downs twice in the latter stages of the fourth quarter, capped off by a big sack from linebacker Jon Brannon to give the Cavaliers the ball back for good.

The Cavaliers ended the game in victory formation, with a quarterback kneel from Smith putting a ribbon on Robert E. Lee's first win of the season.

"We settled down and hung in there," Rankin said, "We had guts. We could've rolled over and died, but we didn't; we played hard."

The Cavaliers will play host to Pee Dee Academy on Friday.

KNIGHTS

FROM PAGE B1

Crestwood answered with a touchdown of its own, a 1-yard quarterback keeper from stand-out wide receiver Joshua Simon, who took over behind center in the absence of Bradley. A blocked extra point would leave Crestwood trailing 7-6.

Later in the quarter, Crestwood found paydirt again with a 20-yard burst from running back Damontae Furman. Simon tried to run for a 2-point conversion, but he was unsuccessful, leaving the score at 12-7.

West Florence tacked on a 26-yard field goal later in the quarter to make the score 12-10.

Furman scored again in the second quarter to extend Crestwood's lead to 19-10 with a 1-yard run up the middle.

Bad weather moved in right after this, causing a delay of roughly one hour due to lighting.

When both teams took the field again, Ford got West Florence back in the game with a 54-yard touchdown run to close the gap to 19-17.

Later in the quarter, West Florence quarterback Cooper Wallace fumbled and Crestwood defensive lineman Parris Lowery recovered it, giving Crestwood the ball at West Florence's 32-yard-line. Crestwood took advantage

of the turnover with another touchdown, a 12-yard run from Furman, his third of the game to make the score 26-17.

However, West Florence wouldn't go away. On a big fourth down, Wallace ran for a 50-yard touchdown to cut the Crestwood lead to 26-24.

West Florence would then come up big on the defensive end. Simon threw a pass that was intercepted by West Florence's Nykelius Johnson in the end zone.

West Florence took advantage of the turnover. Wallace found Sharrod Simmon for a 44-yard touchdown to give West Florence a 31-26 lead just before the half.

Crestwood came out strong in the third quarter. A blocked punt set up Furman's fourth touchdown of the game, a 17-yard scamper. Furman then took the 2-point conversion in himself to give Crestwood a 34-31 lead.

However, West Florence came back with a touchdown of its own, a 3-yard toss from Wallace to tight end Dylan Snyder to give West Florence a 38-34 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Crestwood regained the lead on Furman's fifth touchdown of the game, a 35-yard run to give make the score 41-38.

West Florence came right back with a 17-yard run from Ford, his third touchdown of the game, to make it 45-41,



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood quarterback Joshua Simon (6) tries to get outside during the Knights' 59-47 loss to West Florence on Friday at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell.

West Florence.

A few plays later, a costly fumble by Simon that was recovered by West Florence would come back to bite Crestwood. West Florence marched down the field and capped off an impressive drive with a 3-yard touchdown from Ford, his fourth of the game, to make the score 52-41.

However, Crestwood answered with an 11-yard touchdown run from Simon. Simon tried to take it in again on a 2-point conversion attempt, but failed, leaving the score at 52-47.

West Florence added to its lead with yet another touchdown run from Ford, his fifth of the game, for the final 59-47 score.

SHS FROM PAGE B1

"I just said, 'Thank you, O'Donnell,'" laughed Harvin. "That play was certainly on me. I'm just glad we were able to get the ball back and then get it in the end zone."

The Gamecocks went 80 yards in 10 plays with running back Jonathan Henry scoring from five yards out with 1:04 left in the first half to make it 17-16. SHS was lined up to kick the extra point, but when the ball was moved up due to Rock Hill being off-sides, Barnes decided to go for 2. He gave the ball to Henry, who ran it in to give Sumter an 18-17 halftime advantage.

That turnover turned things around for the Sumter defense. It stripped Jackson of the football as he scrambled on the first possession of the second half. Jason Oelze recovered at the Bearcat 41.

Sumter needed just four plays to get in the end zone. Henry broke off runs of 10 and 12 yards before Harvin completed a shovel pass to wide receiver

Tony Dinkns-McCall for 13 yards and a first down at the 6. Henry scored on the next play to make it 24-17. Sumter went for two points again with Antonio Roach, who normally plays linebacker, lining up in the wildcat. He took the snap and stepped like he was going to run but instead through to Eric Watts for the two points to make it 26-17 with 7:08 left in the third quarter.

The Bearcats didn't go away easily though thanks to a Sumter turnover. Harvin made a bad pitch that RH recovered around midfield. Rock Hill got into the end zone on a 3-yard run by running back Nari Gather with 11 seconds left in the third quarter. However, placekicker Colin Muschik missed the extra point, leaving the score at 26-23.

With a quick possession allowing Rock Hill the possibility of getting the ball back with plenty of time to win the game, the Gamecocks went on a long -- in time -- scoring drive. The drive itself was only 57 yards, but it took 12 plays and ran 6 minutes, 48 seconds, off the clock.

"I was checking the plays too much early in the game," Barnes said. "I just decided that we needed to run the plays and see if they could stop us."

Ten of the plays were runs with only two passes, but they were big plays. On third down and 13 from the RH 30, Harvin connected with Tylee Craft for a 12-yard gain. That set up a 4-yard run by Henry on fourth and 1 for a first down at the 14. Then on fourth and 8 from the 12, Harvin rolled to his right, turned and threw to a wide open Henry for a touchdown. Dyson Roberts' extra point made it 33-23.

"Ontra' played really well," Barnes said. "He made a lot of big plays in the passing game. He did a really good job leading the offense."

Sumter secured the victory when Roach broke up a pass and defensive back Shaun Parker intercepted it.

"I'm really happy with the way we played tonight," Barnes said. "To me, we didn't play like it was a first game, and neither did they (Rock Hill). That's a good team, and we had to play well to beat them. Except for about a 5-minute stretch, I thought we played

pretty well."

It didn't take Sumter long to get on the scoreboard. On the first play of the game, wide receiver Tony Dinkns-McCall went streaking down the sideline. Harvin hit him on the run about 30 yards down the field, and Dinkns-McCall went the rest of the way for a 90-yard TD pass.

Rock Hill came back with a 6-play, 80-yard drive with running back Noah Thompson finishing it with an 80-yard run. Roberts and Muschik traded field goals -- Roberts booting a 42-yarder and Muschik a 33-yarder -- to leave the game tied at 10-10.

Rock Hill looked as though it would run the ball with ease based on the first quarter. However, after the lighting delay, Sumter seemed to come out with a different attitude from the locker room -- even though it did go down 17-10.

"We came back out with a little bit of a chip on our shoulder," Harvin said. "We stepped up on offense and started making plays."

Henry rushed for 171 yards on 32 carries.

MANNING FROM PAGE B1

Both teams hit the road in the coming week, with Manning facing a quick turnaround playing Thursday in Florence against Wilson. Scott's Branch travels to Turbeville on Friday to take on another Clarendon County rival, East Clarendon.

"You could just tell it was not going to stop. It was one of those stationary fronts. It was lightning every two seconds and it just kept popping and kept popping and kept popping," West said of the circumstances leading up to the call of the game. "We knew, and I talked to the coach (Smith) about halfway through and he said if it keeps on another 15 minutes they'll just concede it and give

us the win. There was no point in getting any of our guys or their guys hurt on a night like tonight."

In what amounted to about the same amount of playing time that the teams would have seen in a preseason scrimmage, MHS took charge from the start. It took just four plays for the Monarchs to drive 70 yards after taking the opening kickoff. Quarterback Jack Owens aided the drive with both his arm and his feet, passing to Corey Graham for 28 yards and running for a total of 21 yards on the drive's final two plays, including 16 yards for the score. Placekicker Mason Dingle drilled the first of four successful PAT kicks for the Monarchs, mak-

ing the score 7-0 with just 1:42 off the first quarter clock.

Defense played a major role in the second MHS score as Dierell Parker intercepted an Amonte Brown pass and returned it 24 yards to the SB 28. Owens gained half the yardage to the goal line on a 14-yard pass Aaron Smith and Darias Williams pounded it in from the 1 four plays later, pushing the Monarch lead to 14-0 with 7:30 on the clock.

As the saying goes, sometimes the best defense is a good offense, and that was the case for SB as the Eagle offense ran out the remainder of the quarter to temporarily halt Manning's offensive charge. SB moved from its 31 to as deep as the Monarchs' 21 in a 15-play drive that would end on the first play of the second quarter with a fumble

that MHS would recover at its 34.

Once again it was Owens who led the way, this time rushing for 10 yards and a first down to open the drive and then passing to Williams for 29 yards to set up a 14-yard scoring pass to Smith on a 5-play drive. Owens scrambled left, drawing the defenders toward him, and then lofted the touchdown pass to Williams in stride.

Another Eagle fumble, this one on a mishandled snap by Brown, set up MHS at the SB 35. A 27-yard completion from Owens to Graham got the Monarchs down to the 8. Three rushes and an incomplete pass to Williams in the end zone netted three yards, setting up a 4th-and-goal at the 5. Owens tried to run on fourth and was bottled up at

the line, turning the ball over on downs.

The Eagles could not manage a first down and gave the ball back to the Monarchs at the SB 36 after a 24-yard punt. It took seven plays for MHS to put the final score on the board, with a fourth-down pass interference call against SB pushing the ball halfway to the goal at the 12. Owens rushed for five yards to set up a 7-yard scoring pass to Smith for a 28-0 MHS with 3:11 to go in the half.

SB took over at its 25 after the ensuing kickoff and managed one play, a 2-yard Alexander Keitt run, before the delay and subsequent call of

PREP SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Varsity and JV Volleyball
Williamsburg at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Orangeburg Prep, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

Varsity Girls Tennis
Manning at Sumter, 5 p.m.
Varsity and JV Tennis
Carolina at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Lee Central at Wilson, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Brookland-Cayce, Hartsville at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4:30 p.m.
The King's Academy at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at North Central, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Varsity Cross Country
Thomas Sumter in General Invitational, TBA
Varsity Girls Tennis
West Florence at Camden, 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Crestwood at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.
B Team Football
Robert E. Lee at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Thomas Sumter in Camden Invitational, TBA
Varsity Football
Manning at Wilson, 7:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity Football
Sumter at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
Lake City at Lakewood, 6:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 7 p.m.
B Team Football
Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 5 p.m.
Timmerman at Clarendon Hall, 6 p.m.
Middle School Football
Thomas Sumter at Conway Christian, 6 p.m.
Varsity Girls Tennis
Laurence Manning at Hammond, 4:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Tennis
Cardinal Newman at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball
Central at Lee Central, 5 p.m.
Lake City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Varsity and JV Volleyball
Sumter, A.C. Flora at Westwood, 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4:15 p.m.
Hammond at Laurence Manning, 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Varsity Football
Crestwood at Sumter, 7:30 p.m.
Lakewood at Lake City, 7:30 p.m.
Lee Central at C.E. Murray, 7:30 p.m.
Scott's Branch at East Clarendon, 7:30 p.m.
Heathwood Hall at Wilson Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Augusta Christian at Laurence Manning, 7:30 p.m.
Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Spartanburg Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Beaufort Academy, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Varsity Cross Country
Sumter in Skyhawk Invitational (at Hammond in Columbia), 8 a.m.
Wilson Hall at Camden, TBA
Varsity Swimming
Wilson Hall, Thomas Sumter in Newberry Invitational, TBA

MORE TO THE STORY

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PRO BASEBALL

Desmond, Freeland pace Rockies' easy win over Braves

BY GEORGE HENRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Kyle Freeland commanded all four of his pitches and had his slider working especially well.

It's been a smooth ride for the left-hander since mid-June.

"I've been trying to hold that feeling and keep on going with that," Freeland said. "See how long I can ride it out."

Ian Desmond tripled and drove in five runs, Freeland pitched six strong innings and the Colorado Rockies coasted to an 11-5 win over the Atlanta Braves on Friday night.

The Rockies have won six of seven, and they're 28-14 since June 28, tops in the NL over that span. And they've done it without the benefit of many blowouts: Friday's game snapped a franchise-long, 25-game streak in which the Rockies scored six runs or fewer.

"I think at this time of year you want to be playing good baseball, and we are," Desmond said. "We believe in what we can do, and it's a good feeling to have at this point."

Sean Newcomb struggled for his second straight start as Atlanta's NL East lead dropped to one-half game over Philadelphia. Colorado began the night 1½ games out of the West lead.

Ronald Acuna Jr. reached on an infield single in the first against Freeland and scored



Atlanta right fielder Nick Markakis catches a fly ball by Colorado's Trevor Story during the Braves' 11-5 loss on Friday in Atlanta.

on a sacrifice fly, but that was all Atlanta could muster against him.

Freeland (11-7) gave up three hits and four walks and struck out four, improving to 5-1 with a 2.20 ERA over 12 starts since June 16. Freeland's 2.96 season ERA leads all NL left-handers with enough qualifying innings.

"We're seeing a pitcher grow up before our eyes, which is great," Colorado manager Bud Black said.

Newcomb (10-6) struck out

Freeland to escape a bases-loaded jam in the second, but he wasn't as fortunate with bases full in the third as Desmond tripled into left-center to make it 3-1.

Desmond helped get the Rockies on the board again in the four-run sixth. He singled, stole second and scored on Chris Iannetta's single. Charlie Blackmon's two-run triple chased Newcomb, who gave up nine hits, seven runs and three walks in 5½ innings.

Newcomb had gone 8-1 with a 2.27 ERA in 14 starts following an Atlanta loss, but he was coming off a no-decision last Sunday against Milwaukee in which he gave up five runs and a single-game career-high 12 hits in four innings.

"It just seemed like it was a struggle for him from the get-go," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "He's going to have games like that. He's not perfect. He'll have to get through it, regroup and get

ready for the next one."

The Braves have lost 21 of their last 28 games against the Rockies, including eight of the last 10 in Atlanta.

Dansby Swanson had an RBI double for Atlanta in the seventh. DJ LeMahieu added an RBI single and Desmond had a two-run single in the eighth.

LeMahieu drove in a run off Charlie Culberson, a utility man making his first career pitching appearance, in the ninth. The Braves added three runs in the bottom half of the inning.

STREAK INTACT

Acuna was credited with a hit in his first at-bat even though shortstop Trevor Story fielded the hard grounder and threw wildly to first. Acuna has reached safely in eight straight plate appearances leading off a game, with three homers, two singles, one walk and a hit by pitch over that span.

STRUGGLING

Adam Duvall went 1 for 4 and stranded two runners in eighth. He's hitting .120 in 25 at-bats since Atlanta acquired him in a trade with Cincinnati last month.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Braves: LHP Max Fried began a rehab assignment Friday for Triple-A Gwinnett, allowing three earned runs in 4½ innings. He's been out 11 games with a left groin strain.

MLB ROUNDUP

Yankees beat Blue Jays 11-6; Athletics tie for AL West lead

NEW YORK — Giancarlo Stanton hit one of New York's four homers, Luis Severino struck out eight in five innings and the Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 11-6 on Saturday.

Didi Gregorius, Miguel Andujar and Greg Bird also connected as New York moved 31 games over .500 for the first time since 2011. Andujar had three hits and three RBIs, and Gregorius also drove in three runs.

ATHLETICS 7
ASTROS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Trevor Cahill pitched one-hit ball for seven shutout innings and the Oakland Athletics, far behind in the AL West standings earli-

er this summer, tied Houston for the division lead by beating the Astros 7-1 Saturday.

ORIOLES 4
INDIANS 2

CLEVELAND — Alex Cobb pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in five years, and the Baltimore Orioles snapped Cleve-

land's six-game win streak with a 4-2 victory over the Indians on Saturday.

Cobb (4-15), the major league leader in losses, struck out three and walked one in his fourth career complete game. The right-hander threw 100 pitches, 69 for strikes, while going the distance for the first time since Aug. 31, 2013, for Tampa Bay against Oakland.

OBITUARIES

ELAINE R. GETTYS

Elaine Rabon Gettys, 95, widow of Walter Lathan Gettys, died Saturday, Aug. 18,

2018, at the home of her daughter, Lori Horton.



GETTYS

Born in Kershaw, she was a daughter of the late Hampton Rabon and Boydie Sanders Rabon.

Mrs. Gettys was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Jackson (Joseph) and Lori Horton all of Sumter; four grandchildren, Michael Gene (Buddy) Horton Jr., Ashley Rabon Reddick (Jason), Holly Jackson Garrity (Tim) and Katie Jackson Atolli; six great-grandchildren, Elaine Marie (Ellie) Horton, Mary Katherine Garrity, Margaret Lynn Garrity, Timothy Edward Garrity, Danielle Katherine (Ellie) Atolli, Jackson David Atolli, numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Pastor Leon Winn officiating.

The family will receive friends following the graveside service at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Joe Jackson, 403 N. Purdy St.

Memorials may be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 211 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC 29150; the Tuomey Foundation, 102 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150; or to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 1019 Ebenezer Road, Lugoff, SC 29078.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory is

in charge of the arrangements. 803-775-9356.



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FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

JAMES E. MCCOY

James E. McCoy, 67, husband of Pastor Fannie L. McCoy and son of the late Hazzie McCoy and Pauline Sutton, was born on April 8, 1951, in Florence. He departed this life on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at his residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 1760 Geddings Road, Manning, SC 29102.

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

EUGENE D. MCBRIDE

Eugene Dennis McBride, 63, died on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter. He was born Jan. 15, 1955, in Sumter to the late Elder Cleveland Sr., and Gertrude Balls McBride and the stepson of Evangelist Dorothy C. McBride.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 1060 Morris Way Drive, Sumter.

HERBERT JAMES SR.

Mr. Herbert James Sr., husband of Farinnee Ann James and son of the late Frank and Cammie James, was born on July 21, 1948, in Harlem, New York. He entered eternal rest on Aug. 14, 2018, at his residence in Sumter.

Known as Herb by many of his friends and loved ones, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, who accepted Jesus Christ early in his life. In his early years, he was a member

of Antioch U.M.E. Church in Rimini, where he was a member of the choir. He received his education from the New York City public school system and also attended Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter.

Mr. James joined the U.S. Army and was able to travel the world including a combat tour in Vietnam. After honorably serving his country during a time of war, he worked as a police officer and a taxi cab driver in New York City. With these occupations, along with his desire to provide for his family, it gave him the ability to find respectable professions in South Carolina and New York City.

He leaves to mourn in his passing: a loving wife, Farinnee Ann James, 14 devoted children: Sherika Brown (Les Brown), Herby Rahiem James (Erica Void), Karandall Mack, Tomeka Thames, Damond Payne (Valencia Payne), Adrienna Merritt, Latachia Lee James (J.C. Oliver), Dolores Ann James (Willie Anderson), Evangelist Cammie White (the Rev. Andre White), Herbert James Jr., (Alisha Michelle James) and Hakeem Taja James; two brothers Frank James and Lenwood James Logan; a sister, Delores Simms; an uncle, Sydney Burke Jr.; an aunt, Eartha Lee Davis (Dea. Reuben Davis); and a brother-in-law, Corey Merritt; 32 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold James and Clarence James.

His funeral service will be held at noon on Tuesday in the Chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc., 623 Manning Ave., Sumter, with Pastor Linda Simmons, officiating.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 1231 Spruce Lane, Sumter.

The staff of Sumter Funeral

Service Inc., is in charge of arrangements.

LOUELLA S. HOLLIDAY

Louella Sweatte Holliday, 79, widow of William Holliday, departed this life Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, in the privacy of her home. She was born on Aug. 20, 1938, in Sumter County to the late Calvin and Phoebe Lou Walters Sweatte.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 1157 Marlborough Drive, Sumter.

Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

SHON D. INGHAM

DALZELL — Shon Dale Ingham, 35, died on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com to view the obituary and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



THOMAS H. MORRIS

Thomas Houck Morris, 57, husband of Lisa Albert Morris, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018, at Blue Ridge of Sumter.

Born March 31, 1961, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Stonewall Jackson Morris and the late Carolyn Bryant Morris. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Providence Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Joseph Morris (Jessica) and Henry Morris, all of Sumter; three granddaughters, Laura, Briannah and Chelsea; three brothers, Lee Morris (Cathy) of Georgia, Tony Morris (Kay) of Manning and Johnny Morris of Sumter; two sisters, Linda Morris and Janice Morris McCathern (Ralph), both of Sumter; and a number of

nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Lenny Morris.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Providence Baptist Church with the Rev. Pete Mixon and the Rev. Wayne McElveen officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Evans, Carroll Harrington, Jeremy Ridgeway, Frank Earles, Russ Elmore and Neal Welch.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to Providence Baptist Church, 2445 Old Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org.

PATRICIA L. LOWERY

SUMMERTON — Patricia Lloyd Lowery, 65, wife of Kenneth Lowery, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon in Manning. She was born April 30, 1953, a daughter of the late Willadene Lloyd.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1947 Lula Road, Summertown.

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

CYNTHIA H. ROBINSON

PETERSBURG, VA — Mrs. Cynthia Huggins Robinson, 47, the wife of Mr. John Robinson, departed this life on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at Southside Medical Center, Petersburg, Virginia.

She was born Feb. 12, 1971, in Sumter, to the late Sherman and Thelma Addison Huggins.

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

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THE COSTS OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

A new survey by HomeAdvisor talked to 400 recent homebuyers about the first year. It found:

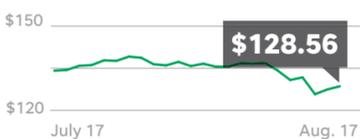
- Emergencies included blocked toilet or drain (31 percent), heating or AC failure (21 percent) and a water leak (20 percent).
- 47 percent of new homeowners painted the interior of their homes in the first year.
- 51 percent underbudgeted time needed to finish projects; 53 percent spent more than expected.

ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

Tiffany & Co.

TIFFANY & CO. Shares of iconic jewelry store operator Tiffany & Co. had a rough Wednesday over investor worries about company plans to renovate its flagship store in New York.



Macy's

Shares of department store stocks, including Macy's, were down over concerns that gross margins would be slightly lower in the second half of the year.



Applied Materials

Semiconductor maker's current-quarter forecast for profit and revenue was lower, possibly signaling a slowdown in a two-year-long boom.



Tesla

TESLA Shares of electric-car maker fell sharply Friday after the release of a concerning newspaper interview with CEO Elon Musk.



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40% of adults admit they have tapped into their savings to pay for something they really wanted but didn't absolutely need.

SOURCE: Country Financial survey of 1,003 adults
JAE YANG, PAUL TRAP/USA TODAY

Borrow money without being bamboozled

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Do some research to find good lender

Amrita Jayakumar
NerdWallet

When was the last time you heard someone raving about their lender?

If it's been a while, there may be a good reason for that: Predatory lending practices do exist. But if you know what to look for, it's possible to find a bank, credit union or online company you can trust.

Here are the attributes of a lender that won't rip you off:

■ **Clarity:** Does the company drown you in financial jargon, or does it explain things in plain English? A good lender clearly spells out how to qualify, what the loan terms are, how the application process works and what happens if you run into trouble making payments. If you encounter a confusing website or a vague customer service representative, that's a red flag.

■ **Transparency:** Do you need detective skills to hunt down the cost of your loan? "A good, honest product will tell you what the cost is going to be," says Lauren Saunders, associate director at the National Consumer Law Center, a Boston-based consumer advocacy organization. All lenders have to disclose the annual percentage rate — the sum of interest and all fees — on a loan, but good lenders go a step further to break down upfront charges, late fees and the total cost of the loan in dollars.

■ **Affordability:** All reputable lenders pull your credit information, check

your current debt and ask for your income to see whether you can afford to repay the loan. A good lender gives you a loan amount that closely matches your financial need, says John Thompson, chief program officer at the Center for Financial Services Innovation, a Chicago nonprofit research organization. Your loan offer should fall into the Goldilocks zone: Too much money makes it unaffordable; too little forces you to borrow again.

■ **Trustworthiness:** The best way to identify a reputable company is to learn about others' experiences through online searches and by asking friends and family. Good lenders should have positive reviews from independent consumer advocacy websites or product comparison websites, along with strong user testimonials on social media websites. In addition, they should not have regulatory fines from government agencies such as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau or the Federal Trade Commission.

■ **Rewards good behavior:** A good lender reports your payments to the major credit bureaus. This helps your credit scores if you pay on time and hurts them if you do not. By reporting your payment activity, the lender lets you build your credit, which can give you access to cheaper financial products in the future.

Now that you know how to spot a good lender, shop around to see where you can get the lowest rate to save money on your loan.

Freezing your credit will soon be free

Burden of paying for protection will end soon

David Lord
Credit.com

If you've ever stepped into the ring with an identity thief, you are probably familiar with a credit freeze. Credit freezes are an incredibly helpful line of defense in protecting your credit, but like everything else good in life, these measures don't always come free.

Fortunately, Congress is changing that. Read on to learn about credit freezes and how government mandates will soon make them free.

■ **What is a credit freeze?** A credit freeze is a nifty little tool that allows you to block any agency from checking your credit, making it impossible for impostors to open any line of credit under your name. If your credit has a freeze on it, you'll be notified if someone even attempts to open a line of credit using your information.

While there isn't a credit penalty associated with a credit freeze, it could set you back as much as \$20 to freeze and unfreeze, depending on what state you live in. That may seem like a small price to pay to protect your identity in times of panic, but for someone already in a debilitating financial situation, it can be a source of stress. And freezes need to be placed with each of the big three credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion), which triples costs for users.



SHUTTERSTOCK

■ **Congress takes action:** On May 22, Congress passed a bill that included the provision to make credit freezes free. This was the result of mounting pressure by the public following the 2017 Equifax breach, which increased the need for credit freezes among the thousands affected by the breach.

Beginning Sept. 21, users can freeze and unfreeze their credit at their leisure. This will allow people to keep their credit frozen and request a "thaw" only when they plan to apply for a new loan, mortgage or credit card. Users will apply for freezes by going directly to each of the big three's websites. The credit reporting agencies will be required by law to implement the freezes within one business day, eliminating downtime in emergency credit situations.

The bill also allows parents to freeze credit on behalf of their kids under 16. Because they have less credit and fewer reasons to use it, their financial history isn't as tightly monitored.

Making credit freezes free makes sense. They can help protect us from identity theft and assure us that our financial information is safe, a security that should be accessible for all.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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| Dow Jones industrial average ▲ 1.4% week ▲ 1.9% month ▲ 3.9% 3 months | S&P 500 ▲ 0.6% week ▲ 1.2% month ▲ 5.1% 3 months | Nasdaq composite index ▼ 0.3% week ▼ 0.5% month ▲ 6.3% 3 months | Wilshire 5000 ▲ 0.5% week ▲ 1.0% month ▲ 5.1% 3 months | Gold Ounce, Comex ▼ 2.9% week ▼ 4.2% month ▼ 8.9% 3 months | Oil Light sweet crude ▼ 2.6% week ▼ 4.2% month ▼ 7.6% 3 months | Coffee ▼ 5.4% week ▼ 3.3% month ▼ 11.2% 3 months | Lumber ▲ 13.9% week ▼ 5.5% month ▼ 24.3% 3 months |
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PERSONAL FINANCE

Use 529 money to pay for tuition, not to repay loan debt

Dear Pete: My daughter (only child) just started her senior year of high school. When she was born, I opened a 529 plan for her. I now have about \$60,000 in the account. I mentioned to a friend that after all these years of saving, I would have to crack open that 529 plan next year. The friend suggested that I have my daughter take out student loans in her name to cover her college expenses and allow the 529 plan to continue to grow while she is in college. The friend said the student loans, if in my daughter's name, would have the interest deferred until she is out of college, at which point we could then use the 529 plan to pay off/pay down the student loans. As with any decision, there are always positives and negatives. So what are the potential pitfalls of doing this? – Steve



Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

I once had a friend show me a foolproof strategy for winning at roulette. Turns out it wasn't foolproof. Friends are funny like that. They care about you, they want to help you and, in the spur of the moment, their advice can seem reasonable, even smart. And when it comes to financial advice, there's no shortage of well-intending people.

In this particular case, your friend's advice won't take you to the promised land. It's more likely to leave you in Oopstown.

Problems with risk, time horizon

Taking on student loan debt so your 529 account can grow for a few more years and then using the larger 529 account to pay off the loans doesn't work

In your scenario, two of three stars are out of alignment: Your time horizon is too short, and the reward isn't worth the risk.

for two very distinct reasons. The first is related to risk and time horizon. The second is basically that "you can't do that." It's worth looking at both reasons, despite the fact that the second reason makes the first reason moot.

Sometimes risking what you have in order to secure something better isn't such a great idea. In this case, you'll be borrowing money for four years to cover an expense, risking the capital you already hold to cover the expense and then praying your investment increases so you can pay off your newly acquired



529 plans, sponsored by states, state agencies or educational institutions, are good ways to save. GETTY IMAGES

debt. Whether or not your daughter is charged interest on her student loan while in school is irrelevant. The bigger issue is you could end up with less money four years from now if one of the longest bull markets in history runs out of steam.

Sometimes this tactic is reasonably appropriate. Sometimes it's wildly risky. All the stars have to align for it to make sense. The debt has to be at a low interest rate, the time horizon has to be long enough for the growth vehicle to fight through possible growing pains, and the reward has to be better than the risk. In your scenario, two of three stars are out of alignment: Your time horizon is too short, and the reward isn't worth the risk.

A much bigger problem

You can't use a 529 college savings account to pay off student loans. Well, technically, you can. But you'll also pay taxes on the withdrawal and be forced to pay a penalty. Student loan payments are not a qualified reason for withdrawal. You can use a 529 plan to pay for tuition, fees, room and board, books, computers and a menagerie of other college-related expenses without tax implications or penalties. But not student loans.

Here's the good news: 18 years ago you had the wherewithal and resolve to open and then fund a college savings plan for your daughter. Enjoy the feeling that will come with using it to pay for tuition and other direct college expenses.

But don't go down the path your friend suggests. And if you ever encounter my friend with his foolproof roulette strategy, run.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

This new Alexa 'skill' could thwart burglars

Now, fake conversations can play while you're out

Ryan Suppe
USA TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO – Homeowners have always come up with clever ways to scare away potential burglars. They leave the television on while they're away, install dummy cameras or plant the classic "BEWARE OF DOG" sign in the front yard, even though it's just a teacup poodle in the backyard.

A new "skill" for Amazon's Echo smart speaker takes things a step further: Away Mode attempts to trick potential burglars into thinking somebody is home by playing long audio clips that sound like real – albeit absurd – conversations that could be happening inside.

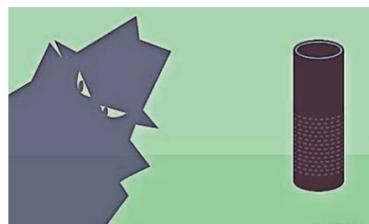
The skill, created by Hippo Insurance, a San Francisco-based home insurance company, includes about a half-dozen conversations. Users can ask Alexa to play Away Mode, and it will play recorded conversations, such as a couple breaking up while trying to watch TV, a frustrated mom explaining to her daughter how to assemble IKEA furniture over the phone, or two guys talking about what makes them unique because they want to start a podcast.

The idea was to come up with "funny but somewhat common conversations that happen in a home," says Andrea Collins, head of brand marketing at Hippo Insurance.

Hippo came up with topics for the skits and partnered with a public relations agency to recruit the talent, which includes comedy writers from popular television shows and clubs.

"It's like that scene from 'Home Alone,' except instead of cardboard cutouts, it's insufferable conversations written by the writers of 'SNL' ('Saturday Night Live'), 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia' and 'UCB' ('Upright Citizens Brigade'), the Away Mode description on Amazon.com says.

The idea might seem silly, but one



Burglars prefer an easy target. HIPPO

veteran police officer says it could successfully deter burglars.

Throughout his 30-year career, Jim Bueermann, a retired police chief from California and current president of the non-profit Police Foundation, advised people to leave the radio or the television on, park a car in the driveway and have a friend pick up the mail and newspaper during a vacation.

"It's what we call hardening the target," he said. "Most burglars don't want you to see them. They want to get in, steal your stuff and get out."

But don't get too complacent. Dedicated burglars will eventually realize they've been tricked, he said.

"If I'm a burglar and I'm nervous enough, I'll sit there and listen and figure out it's a radio or a TV," he said.

But a device that can create an illusion that people are talking inside?

"Theoretically it's a good idea," Bueermann says. "If this thing mimics real conversation, it's much more likely to trick the burglar into believing somebody is home."

A similar skill available on the Echo is called Burglar Deterrent. Users can ask Alexa to play a clip of pots and pans banging around in the kitchen or vacuum sounds in the living room.

Home Away isn't meant to be a serious security tool, Collins says. She hopes the ridiculous skits will get people thinking about home security, but she doesn't want people to rely on Away Mode to keep their home safe.

"It's a humorous, engaging way for people not only to view home security but to talk about it," Collins said.

EARNING A LIVING

Women should bring stats, stick to facts in raise talks

Maurie Backman
The Motley Fool

You'll hear a lot in the news about how women continue to suffer from the ever-frustrating wage gap. It's said females only earn about 75 to 80 cents for every dollar earned by their similarly qualified male counterparts, and that speaks to a gross inequality that has plagued the workforce for years.

But new data from Credit Loan reveals that in addition to earning less money from the get-go, women are also statistically less likely to be granted raises upon asking. In a recent study, 13.3 percent of men who asked for more money at work got exactly what they wanted. Meanwhile, 12.7 percent got some sort of salary boost, albeit not the ultimate number they were hoping for.

Things didn't shake out as well for women, however. Among those who asked for raises, only 9.1 percent got what they wanted, while 9.5 percent got a smaller increase than requested.

All told, a greater percentage of men got a raise in some shape or form, which means women need to step up their game when it comes to negotiating for more money. Here's how.

1. Go in armed with research

It's one thing to claim you deserve more money, but another to prove to your manager that you're statistically underpaid. Therefore, if you dig up research showing that the average person with your job title makes more money than you do, your boss will have a harder time saying no to you. There are plenty of online resources that can help with this sort of research, but you may want to start with job site Glassdoor – it has a "Know Your Worth" tool that lets you compare salary data by region and job description.

2. Talk up your contributions

Helpful as it is to show that other people in your field are making more

money than you are, you should also be ready to prove to your boss why you deserve top dollar. Before you sit down to negotiate more money, come up with a list of the ways you've made a meaningful impact at your company. Talking specifics is a good way to build your case, so prepare those points in advance of that conversation.



It's important not to get emotional when talking about compensation. GETTY IMAGES

3. Exude confidence

Women are often pegged as emotional when tough conversations need to be had. So rather than approach that discussion from a place of desperation or anger, do it from a place of confidence. The more self-assured you come off, the greater your chances of getting what you want.

4. Don't play the gender card

It's easy enough to point a finger at your employer and demand earnings equality. But unless you can definitively prove your company consistently pays male employees more than females, this is a very dangerous angle that could come back to bite you.

Remember, there are plenty of industries in which women typically earn more than men, so don't assume that your current salary has anything to do with your gender. Instead, focus on the data you collect and the unique skills you bring to the table.

Make your college spending money last

Road to being disciplined starts with a budget

Anna Helhoski
NerdWallet

“Why am I running out of money?” That’s the question students ask most when they visit the student money management center at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia.

“When I ask them about a spending plan or a budget, they’ll typically say, ‘Yeah, I know what I spend my money on,’” says the center’s coordinator, Jean Cyprien. “But when I show them a spreadsheet with different categories for spending, they’ll say, ‘Wow, I didn’t realize I was spending that on eating out’ or ‘I forgot about that music app that I’m paying for.’”

You may have income from a part-time job, or you may start the semester with a lump sum. No matter your source, you have to make your spending money last all semester.

Here’s how to do it.

Set expectations with parents

Before school starts, have a conversation with your parents about who’s paying for what.

“You don’t want to be in a situation where it’s kind of up in the air,” says Philip Schuman, senior director of financial literacy at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. “Having that first initial conversation will help go a long way toward having students become more financially independent from their parents.”

For example, your parents may agree to cover tuition and supplies, but you’ll have to pay for living expenses.

Separate needs and wants

Paying for your wants shouldn’t come at the expense of your needs. To prioritize spending, start with a list of expenses you are certain of during the semester, such as a trip home at Thanksgiving or filling your car with gas every two weeks.

Subtract those expenses from the amount of money you have for the semester. What’s left is your discretionary spending money.



Before you say goodbye, have a clear idea of what parents are paying for and what students will be picking up. GETTY IMAGES

Now divide that remaining amount by the number of weeks you need to cover. For example, if you have \$800 available over a 15-week semester, that’s a little over \$50 a week you could spend.

Use leftover financial aid wisely

If you use student loans to pay for college, there may be remaining funds you can use for personal expenses after covering tuition and fees, as well as room and board.

But avoid spending loan money on nonessentials like streaming services, vacations or delivered food. Paying for those expenses with financial aid can be costly, since you’ll have to pay back the money you borrow, with interest.

Find a tracking tool you’ll use

There are endless ways to track spending, including phone apps, online budgeting worksheets, an Excel spreadsheet or a paper and pen.

It doesn’t matter what tool you use,

Paying for your wants shouldn’t come at the expense of your needs.

so long as you find something that works for you, college budgeting experts say. If maintaining an Excel spreadsheet isn’t your thing, try an app that links to your bank account.

Tracking your money can help you make smarter spending choices.

“You’ve got to take responsibility to say, ‘I can’t go out and spend money to go to the bar or pizza place, because I’m not going to have enough money for the books that I need,’” says Katie Ross, education and development manager for American Consumer Credit Counselor, a nonprofit organization.

What to do if you slip up

Overspending is probably going to

happen. You might budget \$50 a week, but one weekend you end up spending double or triple that amount.

You don’t necessarily need to work more hours at a part-time job or send an SOS to your parents to get back on track. Instead, adjust your budget. There are two effective ways to do it:

■ **Stop spending:** Plan to skip a few weeks of spending to stick with your current budget. If you spent three weeks of your allotment in one weekend, for example, then curtail spending for two weeks.

■ **Start over:** Add up all of the money you have left for the semester and divide by the number of weeks left. This is the new amount available to spend each week.

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Your retirement strategy may need rethinking



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Retirees have long strived to live off the dividends and interest income from their investments and avoid dipping into their principal.

But in this low-interest-rate world, it’s become harder for retirees to support their standard of living in retirement with the investing-for-income-preserve-principal approach. That’s why investment advisers are increasingly suggesting that retirees now use the total-return approach.

That’s the practice of generating income from dividends and interest income, and dipping into principal. With this approach, retirees would sell their assets (stocks, bonds and cash) to meet their income needs. And by doing so, retirees are able to use all the tools in the toolbox to generate income, not just dividends and interest.

First, let’s look at the traditional investing-for-income investment strategy:

■ **Advantages of investing for income:** When investing for income, there’s just the singular goal of creating a fixed-income portfolio that will allow retirees to generate enough income in retirement to reach their needs, says Brad Ledwith, a certified financial planner with Ledwith Financial Wealth Management. “Because we have a singular focus, we aren’t as concerned with ‘beating the benchmark’ and taking on too much risk,” he says.

■ **Disadvantages of investing for income:** It can be difficult keeping your “eye on the ball” when the assets in the investing-for-income portfolio aren’t doing well, says Ledwith.

“For example, there have been three or four times in the last 20 years that municipal bonds have taken a short-term ‘hit’ and the retail clients tend to get a little spooked,” he says. “When an income investment loses more than 5 to 7 percent over the course of a quarter, clients can lose focus – even though

Not touching principal isn’t always possible, so some suggest new approach



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“The pros of investing for total return are the model portfolio theory suggests that as we add assets to the portfolio we are reducing risk and increasing return.”

Brad Ledwith, certified financial planner

they are aware that they are investing in income-producing products.”

Here’s how total-return investing is different:

■ **Advantages of total return:** In the saving-for-retirement phase, financial advisers help their clients invest a portion of their paychecks to build a nest egg, says Marguerita Cheng, the chief executive officer of Blue Ocean Global Wealth. “During the distribution phase of retirement, however, clients will need to convert this nest egg into a paycheck,” she says. “Clients need their investments to create income.”

Just focusing on interest income from bonds and CDs or dividend income from stocks may not generate enough to maintain one’s standard of living. For instance, the yield on iShares Core U.S.

Aggregate Bond ETF was just 2.46 percent on Aug. 9 and the yield on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust was 1.7 percent on Aug. 7. Advisers have historically suggested that retirees can safely withdraw 4 percent from accounts earmarked for retirement. But they said so when interest rates and dividend yields were much higher than today and retirees didn’t have to dip into principal to safely withdraw 4 percent from their nest egg.

According to Ledwith, investing for total return brings a lot more “benchmarking” into play. “Clients want or think they want to ‘beat the benchmark,’” he says. A benchmark might be the S&P 500, for instance.

“The pros of investing for total return are the model portfolio theory suggests that as we add assets to the portfolio we are reducing risk and increasing return. This benefits the client tremendously because they are exposed to certain upticks in certain asset classes.”

■ **Downsides to the total return approach:** “The cons of investing for total return in retirement is that some clients don’t want to ‘play the market,’” says Ledwith. “Their risk tolerance is a hair above certificates of deposit or CDs and

sometimes advisers want to convince these folks that a total return portfolio is the best way to achieve their goals. When the markets make a downturn for a quarter or two these folks tend to want to sell out, as their risk tolerance isn’t matched with their goals.”

■ **Putting things in perspective:** To be sure, Cheng says retirees may prefer and feel more comfortable with the investing-for-income approach because, in their mind, they are retired and need their assets to create income and they don’t want to tap into principal.

“But advisers may prefer total return because there may come a point in time – every situation is different – when the client may have to tap into principal. The important thing to note is that there are different sources of income: interest income from cash, income from bonds, dividend income and capital gains.”

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REFLECTIONS

Noted historians preserve Sumter's past

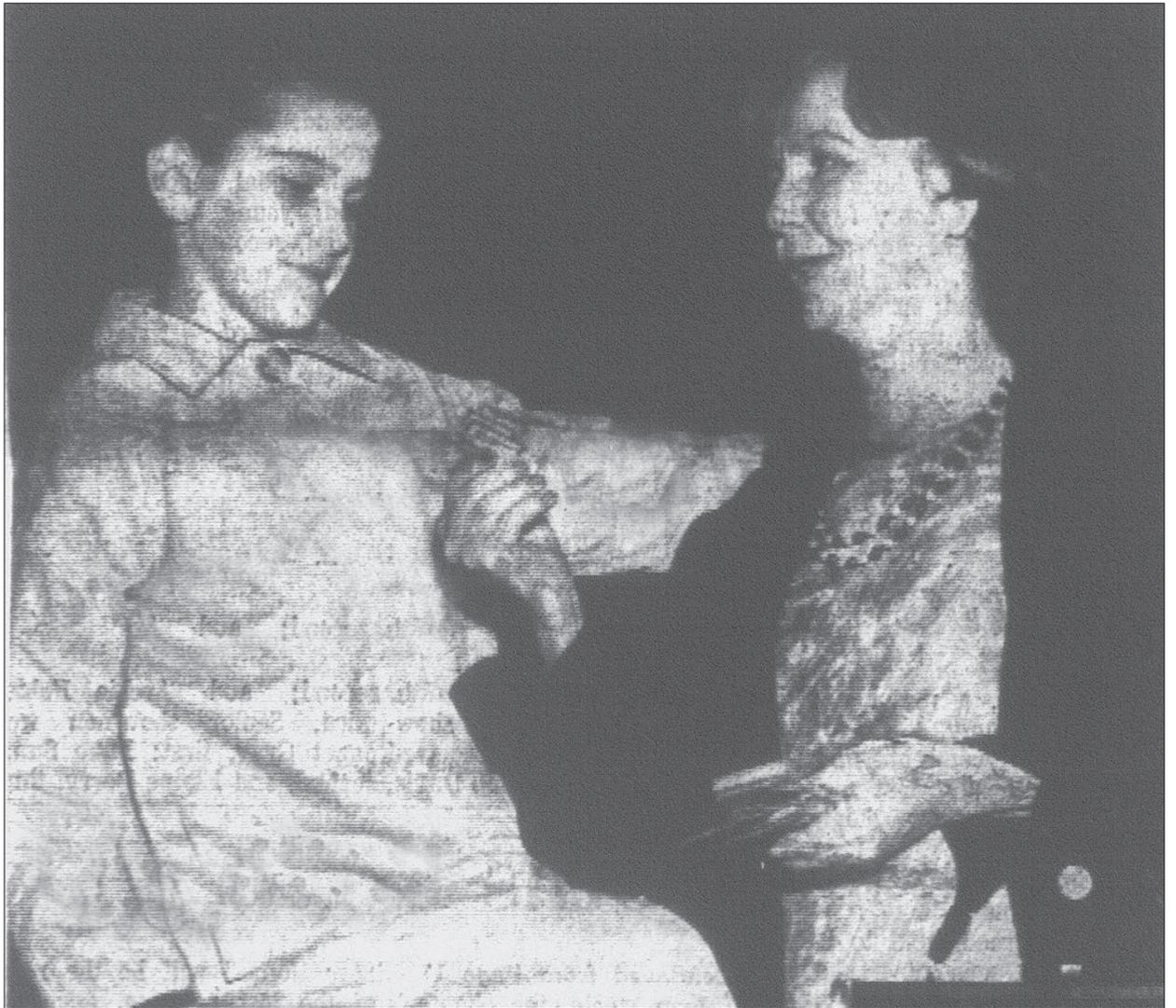
2-part series focuses on those who helped record early history, accomplishments

Reflections focuses on five historians of Sumter County: Dr. Anne King Gregorie, Myrtis Osteen, Cassie Nicholes, Portia Myers and W. Ashby "Bubba" McElveen. Residents of the Sumter community owe these individuals a debt of gratitude for recording and preserving local history. Because of their efforts, the early development of Sumter and the accomplishments of its citizenry are remembered.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

This two-part article includes short biographical sketches and photos of each historian. The information and photos utilized were secured from *The Sumter Item* archives and the general public.



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Myrtis G. Osteen, an active member of the Sumter County Historical Society, made a little history for herself in 1967 after winning one of two cars given away at Sumter County Fair. "It's the last thing in the world I expected," she said. She is seen here with Debbie Justice, who drew the winning number. Debbie also drew a winning number at the previous year's fair. Osteen's car was a 1967 blue two-door Ford.

Dr. Anne King Gregorie Author: *The History of Sumter County*

Dr. Anne King Gregorie, born May 20, 1887, in Savannah, Georgia, was the daughter of Ferdinand and Anne Palmer Porcher Gregorie. She graduated from Winthrop College, attended the University of California and later enrolled at the University of Wisconsin where she received a master's degree. Dr. Gregorie later earned a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, becoming the state director of the Historical Records Survey conducted from 1936 to 1941. This position made her responsible for knowing and describing the history and function of every department of state and county government.

A library board created in Sumter had the expressed intent of recording the history of Sumter County and its inhabitants. The board was challenged to find an individual "qualified by experience in historical research and to enlist the interest of that person in the undertaking and completing this research. The choice fell upon Dr. Anne K. Gregorie, a curator of the South Carolina Historical Society, who had taught history at the University of South Carolina, Arkansas College and Alabama College. Trained in methods of historical research, she was selected because she authored the only full-length, factual biography of Gen. Thomas Sumter, based on several years' work chiefly in unpublished records; it was felt that she had already acquired good experience for work on the history of the county." The end result was *The History of Sumter County*, an account of the history of the county from "colonial times to the late 1940's." Dr. Gregorie was credited with other works including "Notes on the Sewanee Indians" and "Indian Remains of Christ Church Parish."

Dr. Gregorie died in a Charleston hospital in December of 1960, and funeral services were held at Christ Protestant Episcopal churchyard with the Rev. Michael Ollie officiating.



Myrtis Osteen

Myrtis Osteen Guardian of Sumter's historical records

Mrs. Osteen, born in Colleton County, was the daughter of Harry and Phamie Carter Ginn. She spent the majority of her life in Sumter County. She died Sept. 12, 1990, at Richland Memorial Hospital at the age of 80. She married Heyward W. Osteen and became "well known as a leader in local historical circles." According to several Sumterites, she was an outspoken proponent of the preservation of Sumter County's history. Robert Moses, who met Mrs. Osteen in 1945, remembers her as an "extra modest person who never wanted to take the limelight." According to Sherman Smith and Kay Teer, "there was no project too large or too menial for her." After retiring from the National Bank of South Carolina, Mrs. Osteen was named Sumter County historian in 1988. "She was a charter member of the Sumter County Historical Society, a life member of the Society Board and the Sumter County Historical Commission." Her efforts were instrumental in founding the Professional Women's Club in 1952. Several Historical Society members noted that "books pertaining to Sumter's history will be kind to her because she made them possible."

Top student bond salesman honored; 'Blue Fog' plays at Halloween Dance

75 YEARS AGO — 1944
March 11 — 17

• Second Lt. James Alvin Grumbles, whose name was deleted from the War Department's "missing in action" list recently after his parents had been notified that he had failed to return from a mission over Europe, is in the city on leave. Lt. Grumbles has been stationed at an English base from which he piloted a four-motored bomber. The Sumter flier entered the service with the local National Guard unit, later transferring to the Air Force for cadet training.

• AAF Instrument Instructor's School, Bryan, Texas, Lt. Simon K. Rowland has been assigned to Bryan Army Air Field. He was previously stationed at Marana MAAR, Marana, Arizona. A graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Lt. Rowland received his original commission May 31, 1941.

• Julius Samuel Brody has been promoted to the rank of captain, his parents have been informed in a letter from Col. Allison F. H. Scott, commanding officer of Camp Cooke, California, where Capt. Brody is stationed. In his letter, Col. Scott said that "through his untiring effort and loyal support, Capt. Brody has contributed his part in making our group an outstanding unit." Capt. Brody is a graduate of Sumter High School and attended the University of South Carolina. He entered the Army on April 1, 1942, as a private and received his commission in January 1943. He is president of radio station WFIG Inc.

• "South Carolina's top student bond salesman" is the title claimed for Nancy Phifer by her classmates at the junior high school in Sumter. As proof, her friends point to her record of having sold over \$22,000 in Series E Bonds during the past two campaigns, her "prospect list," her sale of 170 different bonds to 50 persons in the last campaign and to her record of having been winner of awards for the girl selling most bonds in both of the drives in the schools this year.

• The city is feeling the effects of the draft as much as are private companies, and the job of replacing employees who have gone into the service is no less easy for Sumter than for proprietors of local firms. Council members said at their meeting that full police and fire department forces have been maintained only because it has been possible so far to obtain deferments for employees in vital positions.

• A \$5,000 check, Sumter's share of the state motor vehicle license fee which is divided among counties and municipalities, will be received in Sumter soon, Mayor F. B. Creech told members of city council at a meeting yesterday. The mayor said he had been informed by State Treasurer Jeff Bates that the checks would be issued in the near future.

• F. J. Suhrstedt, referee at the South Carolina Class A basketball tournament recently held at Sumter High School, has written Superintendent William Henry Shaw of the city schools praising the good sportsmanship at the event. Mr. Suhrstedt, who is connected with the Lancaster schools and a graduate of The Citadel, wrote in part: "I am of the opinion that everything was just about perfect and your school was the perfect host to

a fine group of young men who conducted themselves as gentlemen and true sports throughout the tournament."

• Pfc. Pete Way, 25, of Summerton was killed in action fighting in Italy, his family was notified by the War Department telegram. The date of his death was not listed. Private Way, a member of the 509th parachute infantry, a unit which has been overseas nearly two years, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Way of Summerton. His only brother, Woodrow Way, was taken prisoner in the North African campaign. Before his shipment overseas, Private Way served at Fort Bragg and a post in Macon, Georgia.

• A 100,000-gallon water tank supplying the major industrial section of the city was completed two weeks ago and is already in use, City Manager J. A. Raffield told members of City Council at a meeting. The project, one which council has wanted to undertake for a long time in order to afford better fire protection for its industries, was completed at a cost of approximately \$16,500. The steel tank, 139 1/2 feet high from ground to top, is located directly across Fulton Street from the Capitol Furniture Manufacturing company. Twelve 220-foot piles topped by 15 yards of concrete are at the base of each of the steel legs which support the tank. Rising from the ground to the center of the tank is a 36-inch riser pipe.

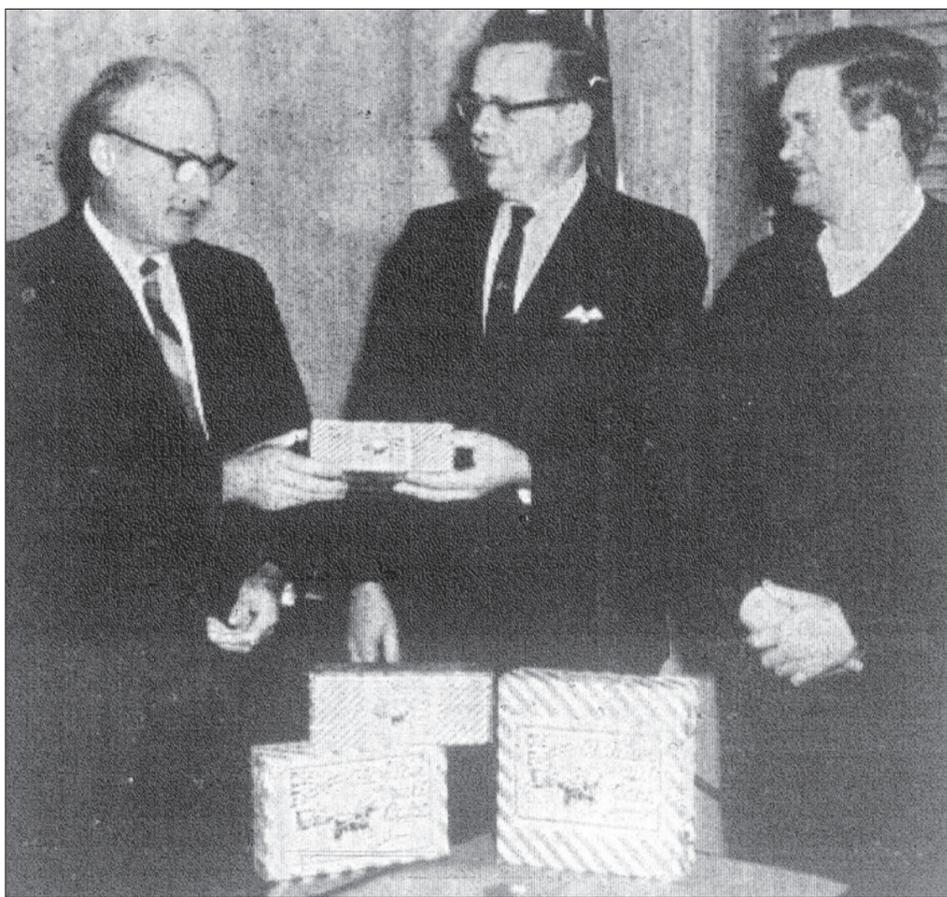
• Chief Warrant Officer Robert H. Simpson promises an evening of diversified musical entertainment when he leads his Shaw Field band in the Red Cross concert at Edmunds High School. Besides the usual stirring "brass band" numbers there will be a mystery offering, the "Bottle Symphony." A new quartet, the Muses, will make their debut. This group is made up of bandmen who arrange and record the various squadron songs at the field. Other features of the concert will be a saxophone sextet and a trumpet trio.

• Buildings destroyed in three large fires here recently are being reconstructed by the H. Brody Trust Fund, Korn Industries and Brooklyn-Cooperage. After a delay during which negotiations were made for allotments of materials from the War Production Board, work is going ahead on the two-story Brody building, corner of Main and Hampton. A fire on Aug. 12 destroyed radio station WFIG, Mitchell's Drug Store, the Little Star Grocery Store, the office of Dr. C. H. Andrews, the Sumter Barber Shop and a storeroom, all of which were housed in the Brody building.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968
Nov. 11 — 16

• Two players from the Sumter area will be among the squad members in the upcoming Shrine Bowl game in Charlotte. Chuck Mimms, a slashing runner from Bishopville, and Scooter White, the man with the big kicking foot, were selected to appear in the contest. The North-South game which puts strong runners on the field so the weak may walk is an annual affair and a great honor for the players participating.

• Multi-talented Beverly Wolff, singer, trumpeter, pianist and an "expert juggler in family affairs," says it feels "just grand to be back in Sumter." Miss Wolff, a mezzo-soprano, will perform



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1968 — Mayor Robert E. Graham, left, buys the first fruitcake to kick off the annual Sumter Civitan cake sale. Civitans Don E. Ague, center, and Lester McDaniel make the first sale to him.

tonight for the Sumter-Shaw Community Concert Association series, which will begin at 8 o'clock in the Edmunds High School auditorium. Miss Wolff — Mrs. John Dwiggin in married life — said the music will be varied with some arias and a German lieder, but most of it will be in English.

• Bishopville Coach J.W. Jones today noted that Mullins, opponent in a state AA clash, has a real fine club. "According to our scouting reports, Mullins must have a real tough ball team," Jones declared. The Dragons will be shooting for their 11th-consecutive victory after ramming past 10 foes during the regular season to claim the 6AA Conference crown.

• Park benches long have had the reputation as romantic meeting places — but ice skating rinks, no. Yet, if it hadn't been for a chance meeting on ice in a Moscow skating pavilion, Nila Magidoff, the guest speaker of the Sumter Executive club, and heroine of the book called "Nila" written by Willie Snow Etheridge, wouldn't be here to address the club at its dinner meeting at the American Legion Home.

• The Sumter Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament is beginning to take shape, Coach Charlie Hodgkin said. The seven visitors have already been signed. Planning to participate in the tournament are Florence, Lancaster, Camden, Hartsville, Bishopville, Hillcrest, Cardinal Newman and Edmunds. Cardinal Newman is the defending champion of the affair while Hillcrest won the tournament in 1966. Hodgkin said pairings have not yet been drawn up.

• The annual Civitan Fruit Cake Sale has started with the selling of a cake to Mayor Robert E. Graham. The Civitans have sold Claxton Fruit Cakes in Sumter for more than 10 years. Selling of Claxton Fruit Cake is the club's major fundraising project for helping with their project of aid to disabled children. Through the years, Civitans through their cake sales have distributed some \$11,000 to aiding children of Special Education classes.

• Shaw Junior High held its annual Halloween Dance recently. The dance was sponsored by the Student Council and the Honor Society. Music for the evening was provided by the ever popular "Blue Fog." A marvelous time was had by all who attended. Nov. 15 will be an extremely exciting day for everyone. The Intramural Football Classic will be held on the school grounds. The second-period Bears, winners of the intramural football games, will be up against the All-Stars.

• Sixteen owners and employees of small businesses in Sumter have completed a se-

ries of lectures on small business administration at Sumter. "These lectures proved very favorable and will be repeated with the addition of advanced lectures," according to Jim Morgan, coordinator of Industrial Training at TEC. Persons who completed the first series can go on to an advanced series on small business administration starting the first of the year. Also at this time the first series will be repeated.

• Sumter responded generously to the recent appeal from the Sumter County Mental Health Association for plants and shrubbery to be used in a therapy project at Craft-Farrow State Hospital. Mrs. Myrtis Logan, local volunteer chairwoman, who was in charge of the project, has expressed gratitude to all those who participated. A panel truck furnished by Bill Boyle for transporting the plants was filled, and Mrs. Logan also filled the trunk of her car.

• Edmunds High School's jayvees turned back a stubborn Manning Junior Varsity team at Memorial Stadium to claim their 20th-straight victory during the past three years. After allowing explosive Edmunds to tally 26 points in a span of 20 minutes, Manning sliced its deficit to 13 points before the Baby Birds put the game out of reach. The Baby Birds first drove to the Manning 20-yard line before fumbling and finally began the opening scoring drive on their own 35-yard line.

• The 1968-69 school year well on the road puts the Junior Air Force ROTC Unit at Edmunds in its third year of existence and a year that should prove its real purpose. Now designated as a wing with total enrollment standing at 340, we are fortunate to have added three new instructors: Maj. James Smith (ret.), AEI instructor; Maj. Pete Briggs (ret.), AEII; and Sgt. Arthur Pellerin, supply; along with Maj. Walter Gerald (ret.) and Sgt. Arthur Tracey (ret.), both from previous years.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993
Aug. 13 — 19

• The manager of Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s Sumter plant described its 445 employees as cautiously optimistic following the announcement that the plant would be sold. Glenn Hesselbart said he had talked to all employees in small groups about the pending sale of Westinghouse's distribution and controls business unit to the Cleveland-based Eaton Corp. The unit to be sold employs 12,500 people at six plants and facilities in seven countries. Besides the Sumter plant, the unit has three other facilities in South Carolina — a plant in Greenwood, a distribution center in Spartanburg and a ware-

house in Charleston.

• Shannon Faulkner, turned down once by The Citadel after the all-male military college discovered her gender, will now get to attend day classes at the school courtesy of a federal judge's order. U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck ordered The Citadel to let Miss Faulkner attend previously all-male day classes, though she will not be part of the all-male Corps of Cadets military training program. The 19-year-old from Powdersville sued the state-supported military training college after The Citadel revoked her admission once it realized she was a woman. She had deleted her gender from her high school transcripts. "This is something I really wanted. I don't think I would have gone this far just to prove something," Faulkner said.

• Sumter P-15's head coach Wallie Jones gave his players one day off following their victory over Irmo in the American Legion baseball state championship series. The P-15's have been practicing diligently in preparation for their third-consecutive appearance in the Southeast Regional. No one is complaining, though, because the players realize that Sumter is one of a select few teams still possessing a reason to practice. And no one is happier to be committing his evenings to the rigors of baseball practice than Brian Boykin, one of five seniors on the Sumter squad.

• A last-minute infusion of money will help complete Mayesville's long-awaited sewer system, which should be up and running in two weeks, say town officials. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded Mayesville a grant of \$86,400 and a \$39,600 loan to top off the \$2.4 million project, which ran short of funding as it neared completion earlier this month, said Mayesville's clerk/treasurer, Bill Rhodes. "We ran a little bit short of money because we had to cut up a few more roads than we thought," Rhodes said. "The highway department, of course, wants those roads back the way they were, so the money's mostly for paving."

• Hunting season is upon us. Bow hunting season is open in Williamsburg and Clarendon counties now. Tree stands are used by the majority of hunters. Tree stand safety is in the hands of the hunter. Wooden stands need to be inspected for rot, and metal stands need to be checked for rust. The fall which results from either type of stand failing is probably at least 20 feet. Most falling accidents can be avoided by the use of a safety belt. Buy a belt that will do the job. They come in a variety of styles. Also use a haul line to bring your gun up to the stand. Your safety is in your hands.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Philip M. Tremblay and Heather Renee Healon**
- **River Lee Williams and Jennifer Rose Albertson of Stevensville, Maryland**
- **Dwain Milton Kerr and Lisa Ann Jacoby, both of Dalzell**
- **Robin Alan Fralix and Betty Ann Dubose**
- **Paul Burroughs III and Martha Green of Forest Park, Georgia**
- **Joshua Dean Compher and Jessica Reis Hill of Colorado Springs, Colorado**
- **Gabriel Thomas Clinton of Wedgefield and Emilie Hasell Edmunds of Columbia**
- **John Leon Sanders and Bawana Veletta Ogburn**
- **Michael David McCombs and Kristina Jones Griffin**
- **Joshua Matthew Denis and Diamante Lismarie Ortiz**
- **Edward Joseph Copeland III and Johanna Lucille Fennell**
- **Randy William Durham Jr. and Candace Ranea Hudson**
- **Benjamin Gregory Harm of San Antonio and Krystle Anne Blanchette**
- **Kevin Mitchell Yonson of Dalzell and Jennifer Michelle Ray**
- **Thomas James Harris and Yvonne Smith**
- **Mario Kiyoshi Batalona Espino of Dalzell and Courtney Fumie Kaleikaumaka Mundon of Rohnert Park, California**
- **Thomas Lancolette Dew and Bridget Ann Gremm**
- **Alfreda Brown and Vonda Elaine McCrea**
- **Matthew Joseph Stopka and Jessica Helen Rizzi**
- **Darren Thomas Pringle and Marida Terricka Daise**
- **Dewayne Ansel Gleaton and Ethel Harvin**
- **Austin Lynn Willey and Bridgette Renee Kuhl-Ream**
- **Fredga Eugene Green and Sherika Nicole Smith**
- **Keith Anthony McDonald and Crystal Shannel Chatman**
- **Charles Patrick Cothran and Nicole Renee Estridge**
- **Joshua Michael Beaudry and Selena Marie Padilla, both of Dalzell**
- **Matthew Ryan Terrell and Erin Michelle Carson, both of Dalzell**
- **Robert Anthony Oliver and Kerri Marie Blackmon**
- **Michael Carl Lear and Tracey Lynn Lear**
- **Richard Daniel Huggins and Alicia Lynn Bryant**
- **Zavier Alexis Archie and Areil Makalia Lundy**
- **William Zachary Benner and Christina Nichole Hutcherson**
- **Paul Pratt and Mary Ann Dixon, both of Eutawville**
- **Lance Rashad Sherrod and Samaria De Aune Janae Chisolm of Carrolton, Alabama**
- **Robert Rayshaud Andrews and Bria Shanae Farmer**
- **Stephen Jerald Douglas Dworak and Lina Maria Duque**
- **Justin Matthew Brown and Kayla McKiven Davis**
- **Akshey Sood of West Columbia and Neha Jaggi of Atlanta**
- **Zachary Robert Stevenson of Many, Louisiana, and Brittney Paige Armstrong of Shaw Air Force Base**
- **Alexander Mark Hopeland and Sarah Elizabeth Miles**
- **James Kenneth Lazas of Ashland City, Tennessee, and Emma Katherine Williams**
- **Frank Tilford Wright and Latoya Denise Harrison**
- **Joseph Derrell House and Treyha Teaira Webb**
- **Sean Alexander Blanton and Savannah Rose Daniel**
- **Kenric Tirrell Luckey and Camara Denise Holmes of Elliott**
- **Wendy Ailyn Corona of Shaw Air Force Base and Veronica Kecia Lane Zavala of Altus, Oklahoma**
- **Leroy Todd III and Chelsie-Layne Ravae Huggins of Alcolu**
- **Raphael Gonzalez and Laverna Denise Adams**
- **James Forrest McGuire and Eva Michelle Driggers**
- **Coalya Jamar Capers and Laporsha Rontifah Dishell Abrams of Salters**
- **David William Heath of Hartsville and Amy B. Bruneio**
- **Robert Levine Leonard and Tracey Lynn Brinson**
- **Brittany Taylor Rose Hillman and Brittany Morgan Watts**
- **Tiana Deloris Josephine Clinton and Monique Raven Eckel**
- **Latroy Colclough and Raityna Chiquierah Earp**
- **Todd Francis Rickabaugh of Columbia and Angela Marie Dietzen**
- **Harvey Sabie Evans and Benita Cecile Duncan**
- **Curtis Drayton and Sherrie Ann Grant**
- **Jesse Trocchia Hathaway and Lindsay Allison Collier, both of New Burn**
- **Zachary Kyle Griffin and Amber Elaine Foxworth**
- **Brandon Nicholas Knight and Rosa Antonette Landino of Springlake, North Carolina**
- **Brant Arthur Rowbotham and Haley Arizona Martel**
- **Joseph David Safford and Karma Joann Poynter**
- **Vincent Troyo Genwright and Lachanda Monique Goins**
- **Anderson Andrew Irwn Jr. and Shantella Juanika Lloyd, both of Statesboro, Georgia**
- **Dannah Sandberg Rutter and Hallie Bree Smith**
- **Thomas Alan Moore and Phyllis Raylene Pellegrini**
- **Ronald Edward Stephens and Virginia Ann Logan**
- **Ylysees Bell and Dimetria Krystal Duffie, both of Wedgefield**
- **Willie James Nelson Jr. and Felicia Yolanda Lewis, both of Rembert**

- **George Vanderveer III and Jalen Roan Waldo**
- **Justin Lorenzo Rivers and Mireille Zarraga**
- **Christopher Keith Richmond and Karsten Rebecka Uphouse**
- **Henri' Raymond Scott and Olympia Latreice Dinkins**
- **Francisco C. Guarneros of Summerton and Thelma Edith Martinez-Lopez**
- **Clarence Antwan Colclough and Laretta Renee Waters, both of Wedgefield**

BUILDING PERMITS

- **Jack H. Abbott and Geneva B. Abbott Trust, owners, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 505 McFaddin Ave., \$9,000 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).**
- **Big Rock Properties LLC, owner, Tim Huffstetler, contractor, 17 Webb Ave. (mobile home, residential).**
- **Land & Mortgage of S.C. Inc., owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 4815 Chanson Lane, \$8,845.75 (concrete slab for future mobile home, residential); Land & Mortgage of S.C. Inc., owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 4825 Chanson Lane, \$8,845.75 (concrete slab for future mobile home, residential).**
- **Michelle Rodriguez, owner, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 4130 Livingwood Drive, \$4,000 (brick underpinning for mobile home, residential).**
- **J. Aaron Dyson Construction LLC, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construct, contractor, 2810 Forest Lake Drive, 1,780 heated square feet and 475 unheated square feet, \$108,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Maplecreek Properties LLC, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 504 McFaddin Ave., \$9,100 (reroof only, residential).**
- **Robert Lee and Syble Y. Gibbs, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 2371 Hunt Club Road, \$4,630 (reroof, residential).**
- **Lisa Ivy, owner, Terry Wayne Sanford, contractor, 222 Lawrence St., \$6,128 (replace windows, residential).**
- **Jeff Staab, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 1435 Morris Way Drive, 572 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (detached enclosed shed for truck / boat, residential).**
- **Felix M. and Gina M. Rodriguez, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 2505 Autumn Terrace, Dalzell, \$5,775 (reroof, residential).**
- **Mitchell A. Monroe, owner, Pelican Pool Service, contractor, 2392 Chinquapin Drive, \$54,549 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Ronny H. and Gayle S. Knight, owners, Carolina Home Improvements, contractor, 38 Miller Road, \$6,800 (remodel existing bathroom, residential).**
- **Land & Mortgage of S.C. Inc., owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4825 Chanson Lane (mobile home, residential); Land & Mortgage of S.C. Inc., owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4815 Chanson Lane (mobile home, residential).**
- **Douglas Sumter LLC, owner, Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers Inc., contractor, 101 N. Wise Drive, \$68,000 (fire alarm in a 49 unit apartment building, commercial); Douglas Sumter LLC, owner, Wayne Automatic Fire Sprinklers Inc., contractor, 101 N. Wise Drive, \$73,800 (NFPA 13R in a 49 unit apartment building, commercial).**
- **Brenda K. Whaley, owner, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 4610 Peach Orchard Road, Rembert, \$3,900 (roof replacement, residential).**
- **Brinda L. Sanders, owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 5505 Borden Road, Rembert, \$15,433.35 (redo roof, stairs, ceilings, floors, walls, HVAC, residential).**
- **Loretta Glisson, owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 5305 Martez Lane, Wedgefield, \$13,066.42 (redo roof, walls, ceilings, floors, HVAC, residential).**
- **Joyce C. and William Strickland, owners, Elvin Terry Osteen dba Terry Osteen Cont, contractor, 3250 Segars Circle, Dalzell, 160 unheated square feet, \$8,000 (build back porch, residential).**
- **Capital Investment Co., owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 109 Carolina Ave., \$3,600 (remove / replace shingles, residential).**
- **Shawn W. Schneider, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 5671 Longview Road, \$4,680 (install new shingles, residential).**
- **Fred Smith Jr., owner and contractor, 1124 Briar Bend St., \$5,000 (residential demolition of leanto on home, residential).**
- **James H. and Carla P. Moore, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 1395 Kings Pointe Drive, \$3,850 (reroof only, residential).**
- **Joshua E. Timmons, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 4557 Bacon Hill Road, Pinewood, 1,260 heated square feet and 900 unheated square feet, \$50,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Larry Wayne Rodgers, owner, Wayne Rodgers, contractor, 3005 N. Main St., \$3,500 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Andrew Hodge, owner, James Geddings dba Geddings Construction, contractor, 4150 Briar Branch Road, 2,271 heated square feet and 977 unheated square feet, \$285,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Stidham R. McGregor (trustee), owner, B. Deas Manning dba Longfield Residential, contractor, 10500 Broom Factory Road, Rembert, \$25,000 (paint, repair and small renovations, electrical and plumbing, residential).**
- **Vernon Holland, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 6815 Fish Road, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).**
- **Esther R. Overstreet, owner, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 40 Cherry Hill Court, \$23,000 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Clayton E. Goss and Andr Williams, owners, Keith Oakley dba R&M Holdings LLC, contractor, 32 Saratoga St., \$24,000 (kitchen remodel / cabinets / sheetrock / lighting, residential).**
- **Heirs of A.R. Donnelly et al, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 212 W. Bartlette St., \$4,800 (remove / replace shingles, residential).**
- **Charles F. and Glenda W. Denny, owners, Frank Sims dba Frank's Roofing, contractor, 20 Bryn Mawr Place, \$7,200 (reroof, residential).**
- **Cheryl A. White, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 16 Edgewood Drive, \$14,810 (remove / replace 16 windows with no change to structure, residential).**
- **Ted L. and Yvonne E. Byrd, owners, 2780 Pintaill Drive, \$10,882 (remove / replace 11 windows with no change to structure, residential).**
- **Gloria Palomino, owner and contractor, 6560 Young St., Rembert, 1,200 heated square feet, \$7,000 (30x40 barn for animals, residential).**
- **James E. and Crystal Witherspoon, owners, Mark Nichols, contractor, 865 Breezybay Lane, \$5,100 (replace nine windows, residential).**
- **Sunnt Patel, owner, Chris Collett dba C&C Remodeling & Repair, contractor, 520 W. Liberty St., \$3,627 (parafit wall install, commercial).**
- **Thomas Sumter Academy, owner, Hunter Builders, contractor, 5265 Camden Highway, Rembert, \$336,000 (renovation / upgrade to three existing science labs, commercial).**
- **Annie Blanding, owner, Randolph Green, contractor, 509 Robney Drive, \$5,800 (remove / replace shingles / repair plywood, residential).**
- **Julia N. Smith Estate, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 5422 Meadow Drive, \$4,800 (reroof, residential).**
- **Henry L. and Carrie Prioleau, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 6745 Moody Road, Rembert, 336 unheated square feet, \$7,200 (add three porches addition, residential).**
- **Jude M. and Theresa M. Blake, owners, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 445 Mallard Drive, \$22,000 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Nathan Maurice Maultsby, owner, Energy Conservation Solutions, contractor, 4770 Cayman St., \$27,552 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Carol Burr Estate, owner, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 6815 Fish Road, Dalzell, \$3,500 (brick underpinning, residential).**
- **Dorothy Evelyn Buckner, owner, James E. Standley, contractor, 2785 Raccoon Road, Dalzell, \$8,500 (vinyl siding installation, residential).**
- **Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 120 Decoy Court, 2,362 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$114,131.10 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 125 Decoy Court, 2,557 heated square feet and 344 unheated square feet, \$116,736.45 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3613 Moseley Drive, 2,557 heated square feet and 344 unheated square feet, \$112,817.73 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3619 Moseley Drive, 3,124 heated square feet and 464 unheated square feet, \$137,589.06 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 130 Decoy Court, 1,739 heated square feet and 415 unheated square feet, \$121,480.69 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3255 Debidue Lane, 2,145 heated square feet and 415 unheated square feet, \$132,382.30 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1833 Ringneck Court, 1,795 heated square feet and 378 unheated square feet, \$96,308.56 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1100 Dewees St., 1,798 heated square feet and 388 unheated square feet, \$132,382.30 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Vijay Patel, owner, Robert Burleson, contractor, 7 Morgan Ave., \$7,400 (install 14 replacement windows and two doors, residential).**
- **Willie Mae Washington, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 46 Webb Ave., \$5,100 (roof and smoke detector, residential).**
- **TNJ LLC, owner, Dylon Graham dba Graham Construction, contractor, 625 Breezybay Lane, 2,400 heated square feet and 700 unheated square feet, \$160,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Sriya Hotels Group Inc., owner, C. Simmons Construction Inc., contractor, 2515 Broad St., \$52,382 (commercial demolition of Oasis Car Wash, commercial).**
- **Courtney F. Geddings, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 4600 Wrangler Trail (mobile home, residential).**
- **James Aaron Dyson Construction, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 3400 Alpenglow Drive, Dalzell, 1,780 heated square feet and 480 unheated square feet, \$107,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Sakia K. Robinson, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 680 Omarest Drive (mobile home, residential).**
- **Elizabeth Perry Estate, owner, Bryan Matthew Byrd dba Byrd Roofing LLC, contractor, 2245 London Road, \$3,500 (residential demolition of brick home, residential).**
- **Bridget Williams, owner, Horace Jenkins, contractor, 2245 London Road (mobile home, residential).**
- **Ellen W. Stevens Estate, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 402 Stewart St., \$9,010 (installing shingles, residential).**
- **Penny Marie Sima (trustee), owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 2885 Foxcroft Circle, \$7,400 (patio room — existing slab and roof, no wall, residential).**
- **Woods Bay Co. LLC, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 5700 Broad St., \$4,000 (change face of freestanding sign — Food Lion, commercial); Woods Bay Co. LLC, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 5700 Broad St., \$7,000 (wall sign — Food Lion, commercial).**
- **Shirley Chandler, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 117 Haynsworth St., \$7,500 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).**
- **Sandra W. McCall (lifetime estate), owner, Sam Avins Construction, contractor, 712 Wren St., \$9,640 (cover soffit and replace 18 windows, residential).**
- **Cynthia Cox Roberson, owner, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 620 Ginhouse Drive, \$19,700 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Tonya T. Mayo, owner, Solcius LLC, contractor, 31 Lemmon St., \$39,984 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Kevin L. and Kaltun Williams, owners, Solcius LLC, contractor, 5560 Pershing Drive, Dalzell, \$42,628 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Continental Tire Sumter LLC, owner, VSC Fire & Security Inc., contractor, 1805 U.S. 521 South, \$48,200 (in-rack sprinkler for calendar roll racks, commercial).**
- **Heritage Historic Properties, owner, Crawford Sprinkler Co. of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 134 N. Main St. (136), \$38,165 (install sprinkler system in offices / sheel space / res area, commercial).**
- **Earle K. and Kathryn Ann Schultz, owners, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 3005 Wise Drive, \$230,000 (fire damage repairs — roof, bracing, interior work, brick, residential).**
- **Marie Ofeldt, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 3840 Quiet Court, 960 unheated square feet, \$14,100 (detached enclosed storage building on concrete slab, residential).**
- **State Tree Service LLC, owner, Stephen Hendrix, contractor, 852 S. Guignard Drive, 320 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (build 40x8 canopy, commercial).**
- **Jeffery A. and Amy M. Hansen, owners, Danny Marshall, contractor, 2710 McCrays Mill Road, \$4,600 (12 vinyl replacement windows, residential).**
- **Victor L. Pearson, owner, Energy Conservation Solutions, contractor, 2895 Janie St., \$29,756 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Lillie Mae Brown et al, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 635 East St., \$6,600 (install metal roof, residential).**
- **Donna A. Dye, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 1505 Poole Road, \$7,500 (reroof, residential).**
- **Frances B. Lyles, owner, Jonathan Brent Waynick, contractor, 2 Conyers St., \$7,800 (new roof, residential).**
- **Jesse McCutchen, owner, Donald Campbell dba Campbell Roofing LLC, contractor, 1340 Oswego Highway, \$7,200 (roofing, residential).**
- **Vincent Harriott, owner, James F. Harris dba JAMG and Co. LLC, contractor, 408 Silver St., \$33,065 (vinyl siding, windows, shingles, HVAC system, rewire, waterline, insulate, residential).**
- **Rosalind R. Ramirez, owner, Chris Collett dba C&C Remodeling and Repair, contractor, 151 Curtiswood Ave., \$6,200 (reroof / shingles, residential).**
- **S.C. Baptist Educational & Missionary, owner, Jo Be Construction LLC, contractor, 100 W. College St., \$90,000 (shower repairs and drains, commercial).**
- **JMJ Homes LLC, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 8 Ramblewood Lane, Wedgefield, 1,900 heated square feet and 550 unheated square feet, \$115,000 (new dwelling, residential); MJM Homes LLC, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 9 Ramblewood Lane, Wedgefield, 2,100 heated square feet and 550 unheated square feet, \$130,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Bradford H. Garris, owner, Hardee Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 3815 Broad St., \$684,779 (new auto repair building — B&C Auto Pros, commercial).**
- **Douglas Sumter LLC, owner, Progress Carolina LLC, contractor, 101 N. Wise Drive, 181 unheated square feet, \$4,200 (wood framed gazebo wrapped with hardi trim, commercial); Douglas Sumter LLC, owner, Progress Carolina LLC, contractor, 101 N. Wise Drive, 330 unheated square feet, \$7,500 (brick tash enclosure with metal gates wrapped with composite trim, commercial).**
- **Johnny Lee and Alva Mae J. Martin, owners, Michael L. Miller, contractor, 2690 Yank Haven Drive, \$3,900 (tear off — re-roof, residential).**
- **April Phillips and Altima Butler, owners, Jon M. Thorne, contractor, 5424 Plantation Drive, \$20,065 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
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- **William E. Lenoir Jr., owner, Watson Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 6855 TB Wright Road, Rembert, \$18,000 (remove paneling, install drywall / update bathroom, refinish floors, residential).**
- **City of Sumter, owner, TEPDB OPCO LLC, contractor, 12 Weatherly Road, \$9,000 (add generator and extend concrete pad, commercial).**
- **Beverly Rhodes, owner, Sears Home Improvement Products Inc., contractor, 136 Morgan Ave., \$4,484.48 (four window replacements, residential).**
- **Alonso Ayded, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 355 W. Foxworth Mill Road (mobile home, residential).**
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- **Arthur H. and Cynthia Nerheim, owners, Ana Laura Jimenez, contractor, 827 Bay Blossom Ave., \$30,600 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Helen B. Hoza Estate, owner, Southern Current LLC, contractor, 2595 Redwood Drive, Dalzell, \$27,500 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **James E. Jenkins, owner and contractor, 1003 Huddersfield Drive, \$3,500 (new soffit vinyl, residential).**
- **Percy B. and Marva L. Mitchell, owners, ARRES Inc., contractor, 3410 Deer Track Circle, Dalzell, \$29,861.15 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Mark E. Hightower, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 202 Mason Croft Drive, \$5,775 (reroof, residential).**

Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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It was a very good day

The long drive was good, and I had time to myself to think about things. Nothing in particular, just whatever popped into my mind. The radio played softly in the background, and I would turn it up occasionally, if a good song came on.

As I approached the main gate, I noticed a work truck approaching with its turn signal blinking, and I thought it must have been on by mistake. But as it passed me, I realized it was slowing down, and in my



Dan Geddings

rearview I noticed it was turning in to one of the gates on the Horseshoe. Then ahead, I saw a lowboy coming with a huge timber skidder that hung off each side of the truck. It was also slowing, and as I turned in to the Clubhouse Road, I looked over my shoulder and saw it turning in to Horseshoe Road behind the work truck.

“Well, they’re coming back for the last of the big timber,” I said out loud to myself.

The new timber company owners had cut most of the remaining timber on the club but had left a couple of areas standing. I knew they would be back, but I was surprised to see them so soon. They had cut a large area around the clubhouse right before turkey season; now they would be cutting the last of the Horseshoe area right before the deer season.

At the gate, I took a few moments to check out the new sign-out box, or kiosk, that my son Clayton and grandson Collin had helped me install. It seemed good and solid, and I was pleased with our work.

The clubhouse road had seen no traffic since the last rain, so I knew that no one else was there. I noticed several corn piles along the road, and the ground was punched with many fresh tracks at each site. I stopped at one to look closer and confirmed that they were made by deer and not feral hogs.

The big clubhouse was dark and cool inside. Everything looked good, and I went back outside to look at the river and the slough behind the skinning shed. The water level was down some from the high levels we had seen a couple of weeks ago.



DAN GEDDINGS / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

A new sign-out box was recently installed at the gate to the Low-country hunt club.

The chufa patches were next on my list, and I was very pleased with their condition. The Jerry Road patch was hit hard by the turkeys right after we planted, but enough seed had survived to make a good stand. The Parler Road patch was next, and I think it is the best stand I have ever grown. The plants are thick and should produce a bumper crop of nuts for the turkeys through the late winter and into early spring.

I had brought a bag of shelled corn and drove over to the Rhodes tract to put some corn out at Mister Bill’s stand. It’s a big box blind overlooking a cotton

field and wood line that borders the Horseshoe. Clayton and I will come back and hunt this stand soon. Next, I drove over to the GP tract and was surprised to see fresh tire tracks at the gate. When I drove in, I encountered Mister Reeves parked in the road. He owns the land on one side of the road, and our timber company landlord owns the other. He’s our neighbor, and I stopped to visit with him for a while. He hadn’t expected to see anyone on a weekday and had stopped in the road to survey his land.

After a few minutes, he pulled over, and I went on to

an area that is designated for a still hunting stand. Currently, there is no stand there, and I will have to install one if I want to hunt this area. I put some corn out and will come back to see if there is enough sign to hunt this spot later. Right now the area is very wet, and the mosquitoes are very bad.

I drove back to the Clubhouse Road and turned onto Middle Road. I turned onto Shoot Yo Leg and drove to the end. I have a path there that crosses a big cut-over to what is left of the Upper Swamp. I had brought my sprayer loaded with herbicide and spot sprayed the new growth along the path. It makes it easier to get across the area in the dark during turkey season. By now it was mid-afternoon and getting hot.

I went back to Middle Road and took Ridge Road down to the River Road. There are food plots all along these roads planted in peas and beans and grain sorghum. They are lush and green. You can see signs that the deer are grazing these plots. At River Road, I checked on the chufa patch there. It didn’t do as good as the others, but it will be enough for that area.

It was too hot to linger, and I drove back to the main gate and locked it behind me. A logging truck pulled over on the main highway and waited on traffic to pass before turning in to the Horseshoe. I sighed and turned onto the highway toward home. I had spent most of the day just piddling around on the hunting club by myself. It was my birthday holiday from work, and it had been a very good day.

Reach Dan Geddings at cdgeddings@gmail.com.

A makeover for milkweed, for the sake of the butterflies

BY CALVIN WOODWARD

The Associated Press

QUEBEC CITY — For generations, North American farmers have despised milkweed and done their best to rid their lands of it.

“I hate to have milkweed in my strawberry field,” Nathalie Leonard says from her farm by the Quebec village of Lac-du-Cerf.

So why does she have 60 acres of milkweed growing on purpose? It’s for the sake of butterflies — the iconic monarchs. And for a chance to turn milkweed into profit.

“Every weed,” she says, “is only a weed because it’s in the wrong place.” Leonard and her partners in Monark, a co-operative of farmers through Quebec and into Vermont, hope milkweed now has found its rightful place in their fields.

Intrigued by the notion of helping to restore the sinking population of monarch butterflies — and persuaded by the stirrings of a new market — these farmers began clearing land or ripping out cash crops and turning precious acres over to a plant they’d previously seen as a nuisance.

The milkweed makeover began when researchers in Quebec transformed the plant’s silky fibers into a high-end insulation material for winter clothing and advanced other commercial uses for it, such as sound insulation and absorption for oil spills. Winter coats stuffed with milkweed fiber reached outdoor retailers in 2016, fetching \$800 or more apiece. The Canadian Coast Guard tried milkweed garb and liked it. And as a side benefit, the distinctive honey from milkweed fields is prized.

Yet the company formed to process and market the fiber collapsed last year, forcing the farmers who grow it to step in and try to make a go of the whole milkweed initiative. They’re on track for perhaps their best harvest in the five or so years since the milkweed experiment began, but where the fiber will go after the fall is uncertain.

The orange-and-black monarchs are wholly dependent on milkweed. The plant is the only host for their eggs and sole sustenance for the caterpillars, which feed on milky secretions from the leaves. Milkweed has been in rapid retreat, crowded by urban development, attacked along roadways and driven from pastoral landscapes by



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University of Vermont agricultural researcher Heather Darby examines flowering milkweed on Roger Rainville’s Vermont farm along the border with Quebec, in Alburgh, Vermont. The milkweed field is ready for the monarch butterfly population migrating north from as far as Mexico.

herbicides that spare resistant corn and soybeans.

A ritual of autumn — cracking the dry pods to watch the seed-bearing white fluff escape and catch the winds — has faded.

But in recent years, as the plight of the monarchs became more pronounced, communities, schools and gardeners began planting patches of milkweed along roads and public buildings and in backyards to give the butterfly a fighting chance. A 2017 study at the University of Guelph in Ontario found there’s nothing more effective in this effort than the all-you-can-eat buffet of a farmer’s field of milkweed — visible from the sky, rooted in rich soil and isolated from traffic and pollution.

When University of Vermont agronomist Heather Darby first heard of Quebec’s initiative, from a man who called

looking for Vermont farmers to join, she was thrown. Milkweed is toxic to livestock — one study says it gives cows “profound depression” on the rare chance they eat it. It’s been a mark of shame on farmlands, a sign of sloppy maintenance.

“Oh gosh, here’s another one of those people with some crazy idea, and he wants farmers to grow milkweed!” she remembered thinking. “But I listened.”

After learning that hundreds of Quebec acres were already under milkweed production, she reached out to farmers in Vermont whom she considered innovators — people who would “want to listen, wouldn’t laugh too hard, might try it out.” Now, more than 100 farmers in Quebec and about a half dozen in Vermont are producing milkweed for Monark, of which Nathalie

Leonard serves as president.

THE PLANT

The ecological and economic promise of milkweed prompted Roger Rainville to convert 50 prime acres of his farm lining the Canadian border to milkweed several years ago.

“This was a whole field, from here to the woods, of just beautiful alfalfa,” he said, gesturing over the dense green crop of purple-flowered milkweed, 3 miles north of Alburgh, Vermont, as he awaited the monarchs on their northern summer migration.

“You get along roadsides, and there’s not much fertility there. I tell farmers, if you’re going to grow this, if you try something new, do it on your best soil,” he said. Farmers from across the U.S. call him to ask how to get going with milkweed.

At Rainville’s farm, Darby waded into waist-high milkweed, bending to sniff tightly knit flowers that she likened to lilacs. The ugly-duckling weed was looking handsome and smelling fine.

“What better opportunity to preserve an insect that’s just so dearly loved by so many people, so globally known,” Darby said, “but also seeing it come together with agriculture in such a beneficial way.”

It takes two or three years after planting for milkweed to flower and produce the pods bursting with fluff. Once established, they can be irreplaceable.

On her Lac-du-Cerf farm, Leonard will have her first harvest this autumn, her second year after planting. She’ll pick the pods by hand because no way has been devised to harvest them mechanically while preserving the long, wide fibers essential for fine clothing, the lucrative end of the market.

It’s a short harvest, about three weeks, making for a labor-intensive, inefficient process, and a bottleneck that producers must overcome if they are to make a milkweed industry take root.

“If we can manage to find a way to harvest at a faster rate, dry it and give it fine quality, then we have no shortage of people who want to buy it,” Leonard said.

“We are really pioneers,” she added. “We could lose it all. That’s how it works. You always need dreamers and people who are stubborn enough to keep going when people say it’s time to stop.”

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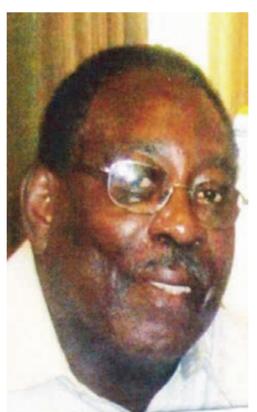
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Information on the project may be

Bid Notices

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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance #18-892

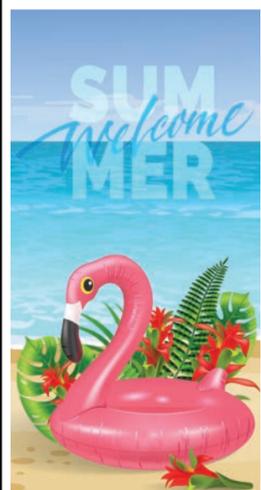
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Sumter County, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, - 6 O'clock P.M., or as soon thereafter as practicable, as said hearing can be convened, in connection with:

An Ordinance To Approve An Intergovernmental Loan Agreement With The South Carolina Public Service Authority To Be Secured By A Mortgage On 20 Acres Of Real Property To Construct An Economic Development Building And Adjoining Building Pad To Attract A Manufacturer To Sumter County.

This public hearing will be held in the Chambers of the said County Council on the third floor of the Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina, or at such other location within the said County as proper notice might specify. The said ordinance can be reviewed or a copy obtained from the Clerk to Council at the Offices of County Council on the third floor of the said County Administration Building. The public is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of August 2018.

The County Council for Sumter, S. C. **James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman**
Sumter County Council
Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to Council



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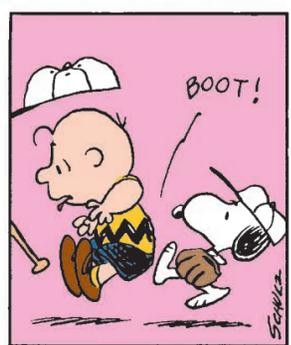
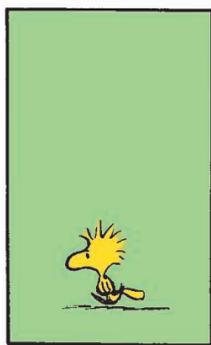
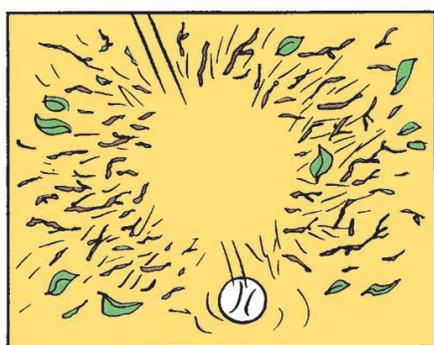
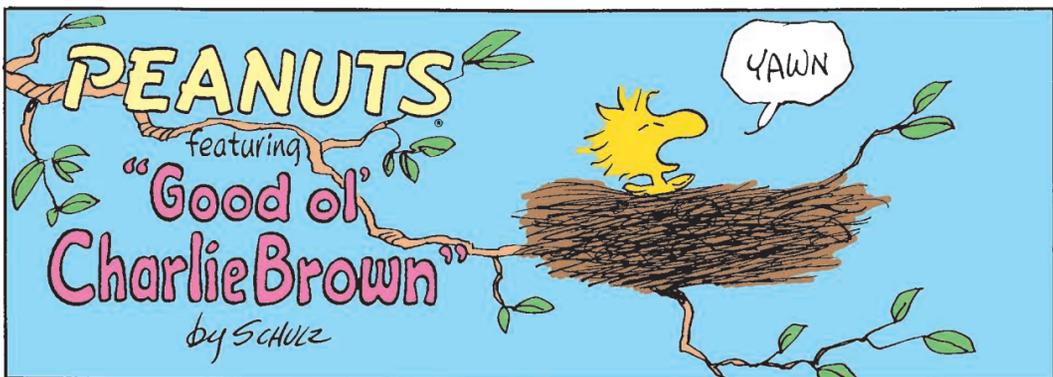
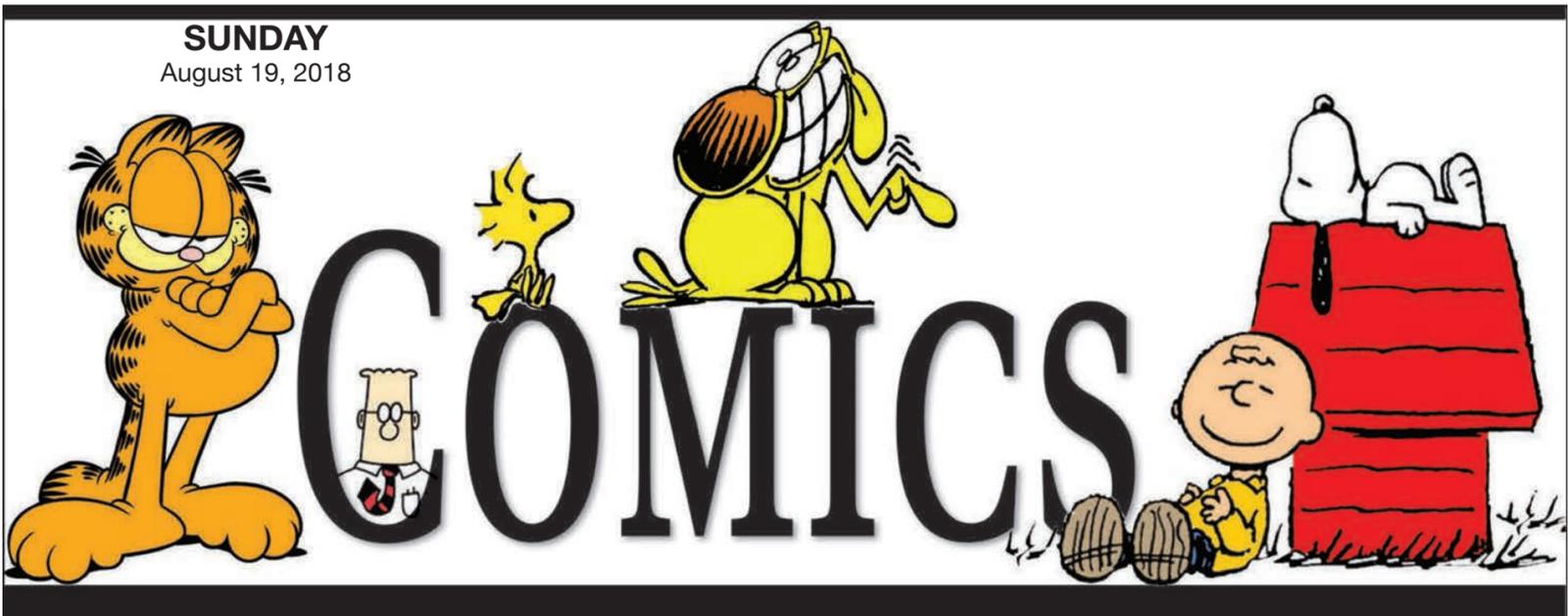
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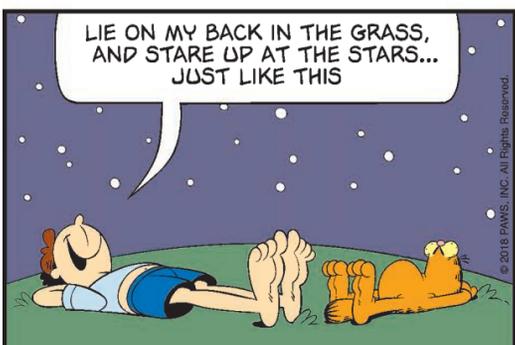
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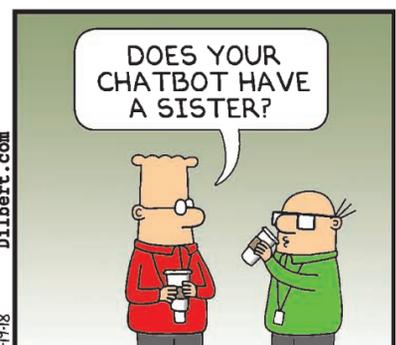
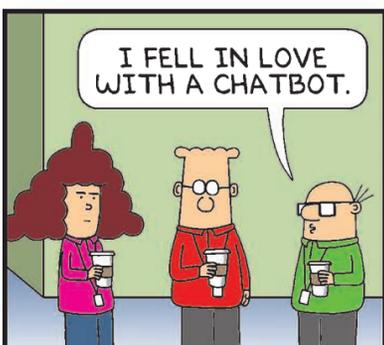
GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



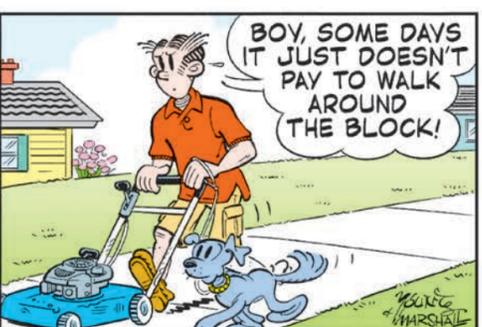
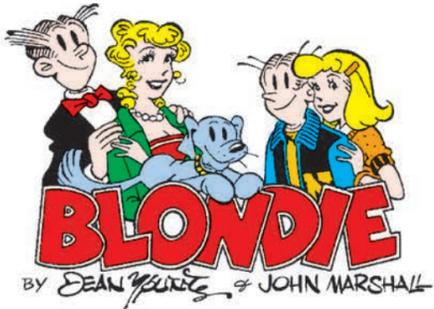
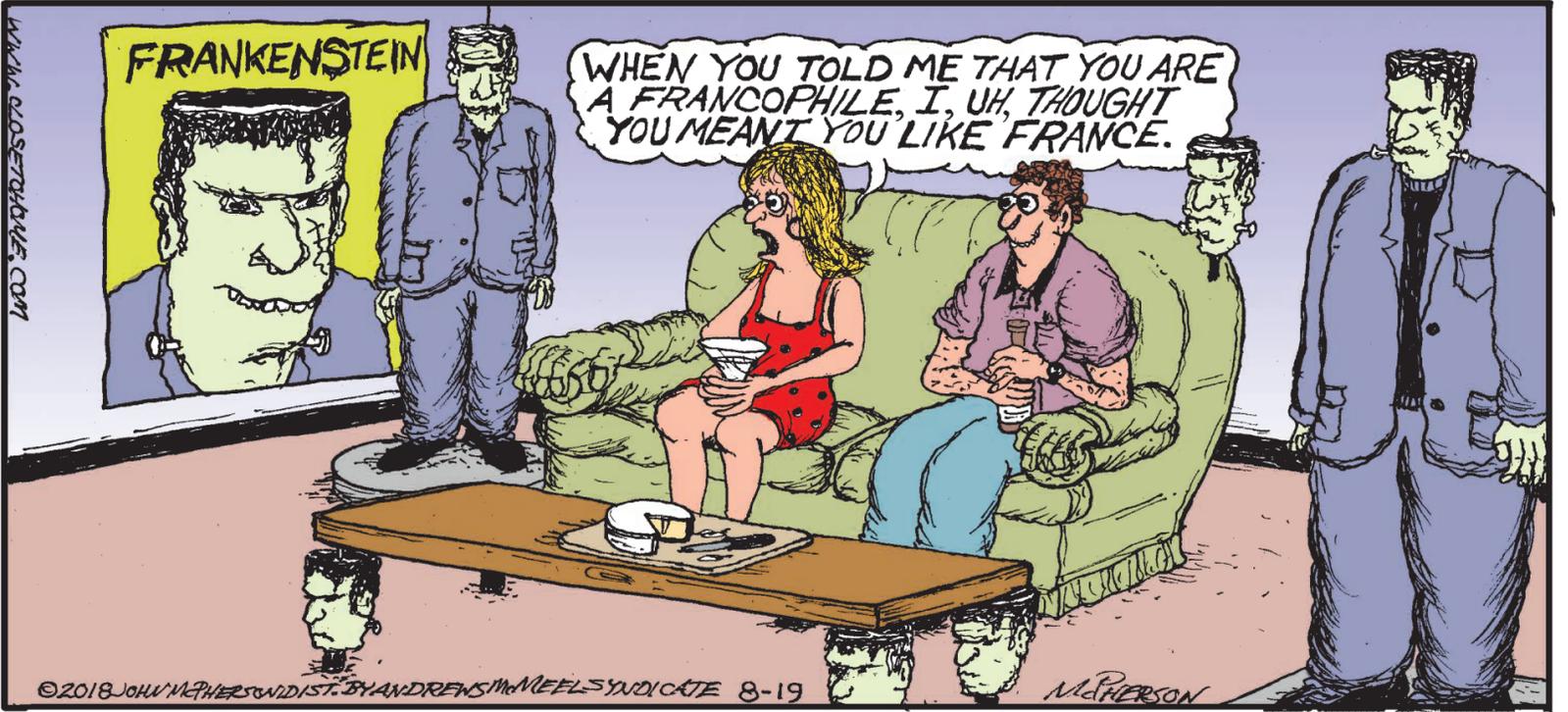
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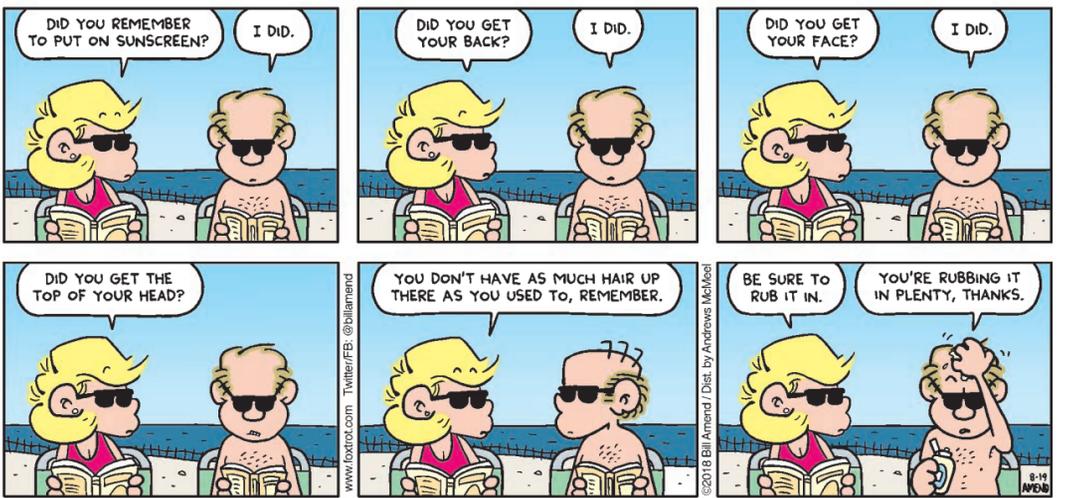
CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN MCPHERSON



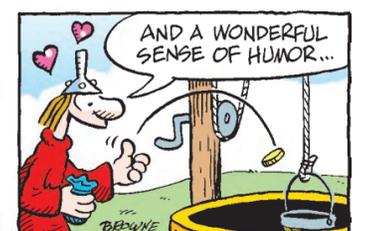
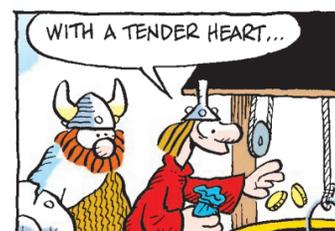
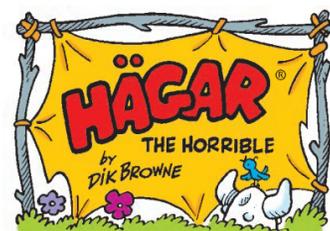
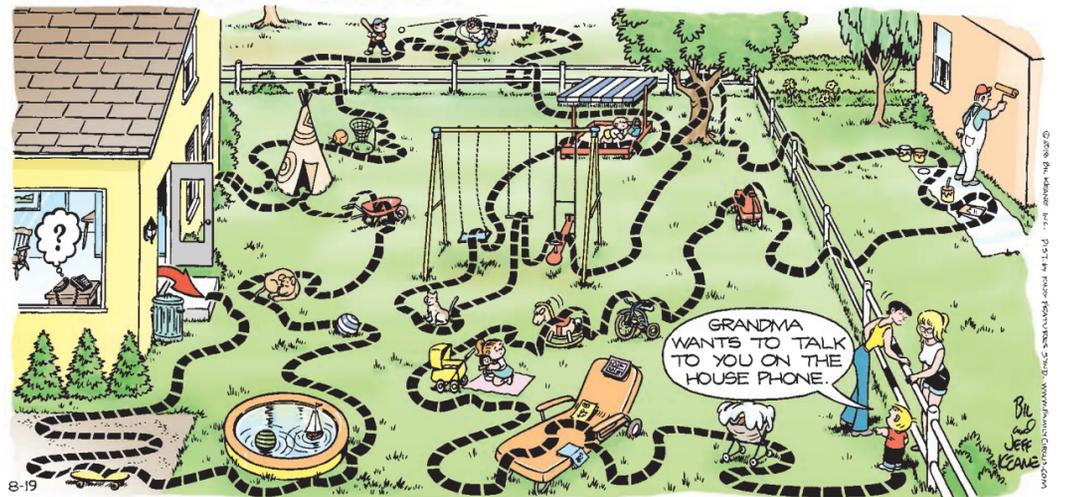
Foxtrot

by Bill Amend



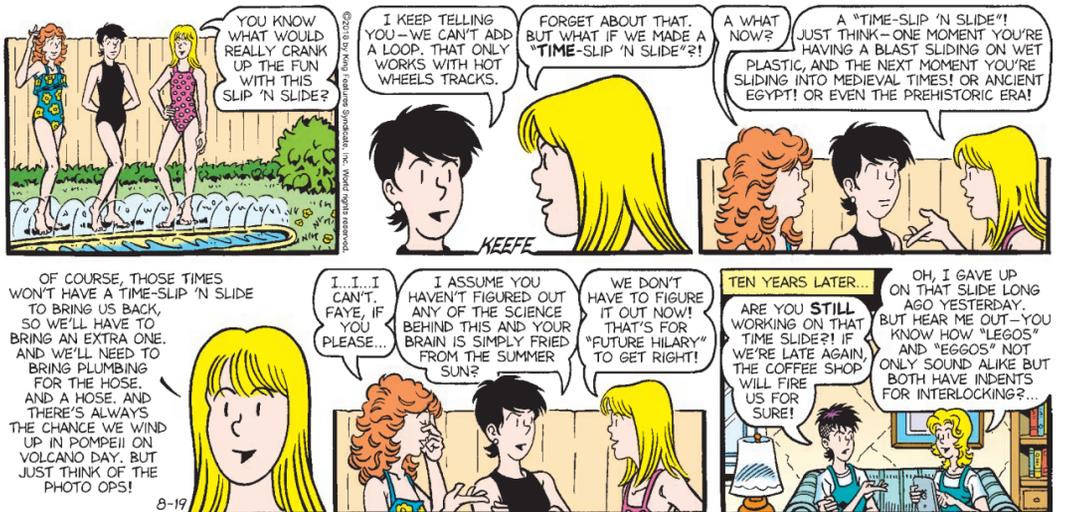
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES

By Foote & Sacko

I BEG YOUR PARDON. IT'S TIME TO WATER THE GARDEN.

FIND 8 THINGS YOU MIGHT SEE IN A GARDEN.

C E G R U H
 R Q R G O B W E E D S
 S H O V E L D M S P H Z E
 M W G E P L A N T S P G P
 B U T T E R F L I E S K E
 C E G R U H O S E F T Z
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 T G V S O I L
 D Q Y S M V
 G R U H O

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Send your riddles and puns to: Doodles, P.O. Box 105, Excelsior, MN 55331

Doodle Zoo

MY DOG USED TO CHASE PEOPLE ON A BIKE... SO I TOOK ITS BIKE AWAY.

DRAW!!

DRAW A FLOWER!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT INVENTION AFTER THE TELEPHONE?
 A. THE SECOND ONE.
 Trevor Peterson, Memphis, TN

Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL BIRDS THAT STICK TOGETHER?
 A. VELCROWS.
 Lilo Rosen, Philadelphia, PA

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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Differences: 1. Mailbag is larger. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Window is missing. 4. Light is lower. 5. Stripe on pants is thinner. 6. Bush is missing.

FRANK AND ERNEST

DOG TRAINING

MOST OF THE CHOICES THE DOGS MADE FOR THEIR BOOK REPORTS ARE LOGICAL... THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CHOSE "CATCH-22."

THE TERRIER, WHO LOVES TO DIG, CHOSE "JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH."

THE BASSET HOUND IS DOING HIS ON "THE HOWLING," AND THE SHAR-PEI PICKED "A WRINKLE IN TIME."

BUT THE DACHSHUND'S CHOICE CONFUSES ME.

EVEN WITH HIS GROUND-HUGGING PHYSIQUE, HE SELECTED "WUTHERING HEIGHTS"!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

GRIMM, IT'S NICE SEEING YOU WATCHING THE LITTLE FISH?

WHAT'S SO INTERESTING?

JUST WAITING FOR THE JELL-O TO HARDEN

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

RAPUNZEL, LET DOWN THY HAIR

NOT TODAY

WHY? HUMIDITY AGAIN?

MY HEAD LOOKS LIKE A JELLYFISH FARM

HAVE YOU SEEN THE HOUSE KEYS?

THEY'RE PROBABLY IN MY PURSE

DIG DIG DIG DIG

MY OLD CURLING IRON!

OH, WOW!... BEEN LOOKIN' FOR THIS!

OKAY, WHAT'S YOUR MAGIC?

FOUND 'EM!

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

LIKE MY UNICORN?

IT'S NOT A UNICORN, IT'S A HORSE WITH AN ICE CREAM CONE ON ITS HEAD.

IT'S A UNICORN. IT'S THE HIGHLIGHT OF MY NEW MAGICAL CREATURE MENAGERIE.

IT'S A DISFIGURED HORSE AND A SPOILED WAFFLE CONE. IT'S A MY LITTLE PHONY.

YOU HAVE NO IMAGINATION.

ACTUALLY, I'M IMAGINING SOME HILARIOUS STUFF I COULD DO WITH THAT FAUXNICORN.

OOO! MORE CONES!

LOOK! IT'S THE MYTHICAL UNIPRINGLE!

OH, PLEASE.

HEY, WHOA, WAIT!

LESS FAMILIAR, YET BETTER LOVED THAN HIS REVILED COUSIN, IT'S... JARJICORN!

YOU'RE BEING—

AND OH NO! A UNIVADER! AND HE WANTS A COCACORN!

NEVER MIND.

ACTUALLY... CAN THE JARJICORN GO INTO THE MENAGERIE? I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE.

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

COACH STARTED ME OUT AT CATCHER, BUT I COULDN'T CATCH FASTBALLS,

SO HE MOVED ME TO THE INFIELD, BUT THIRD BASE WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE PLATE FOR HOT GROUNDERS,

THEN HE TRIED ME A LITTLE FARTHER FROM HOME PLATE, AT SECOND BASE, BUT I STILL COULDN'T HANDLE GROUND BALLS THERE,

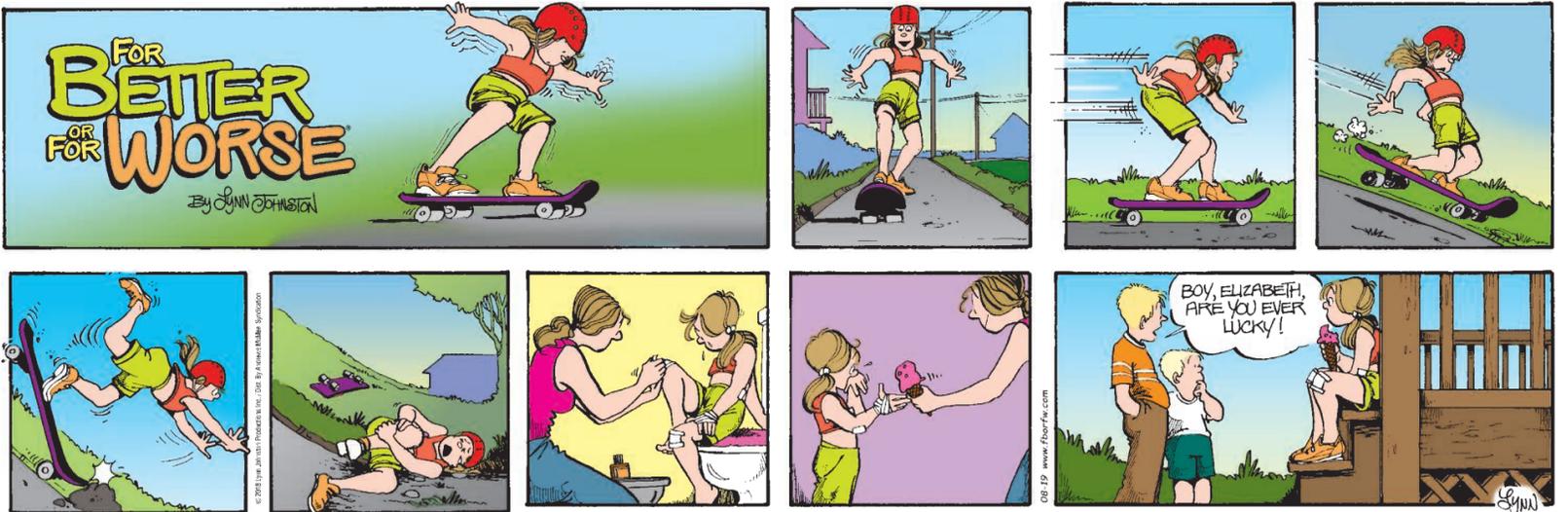
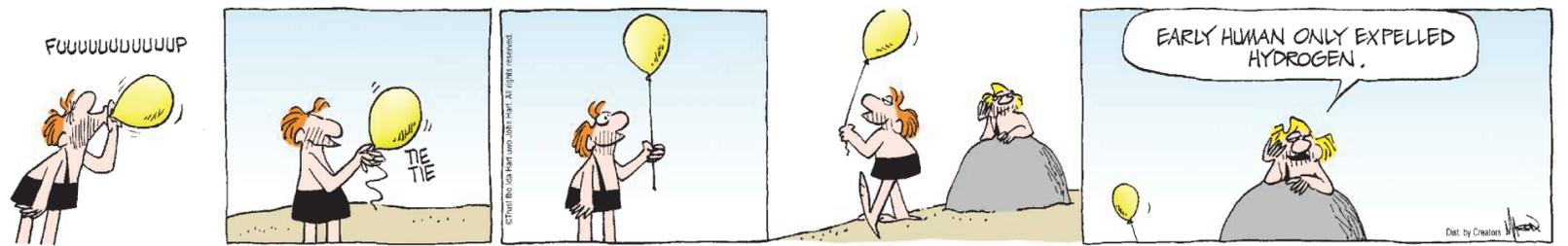
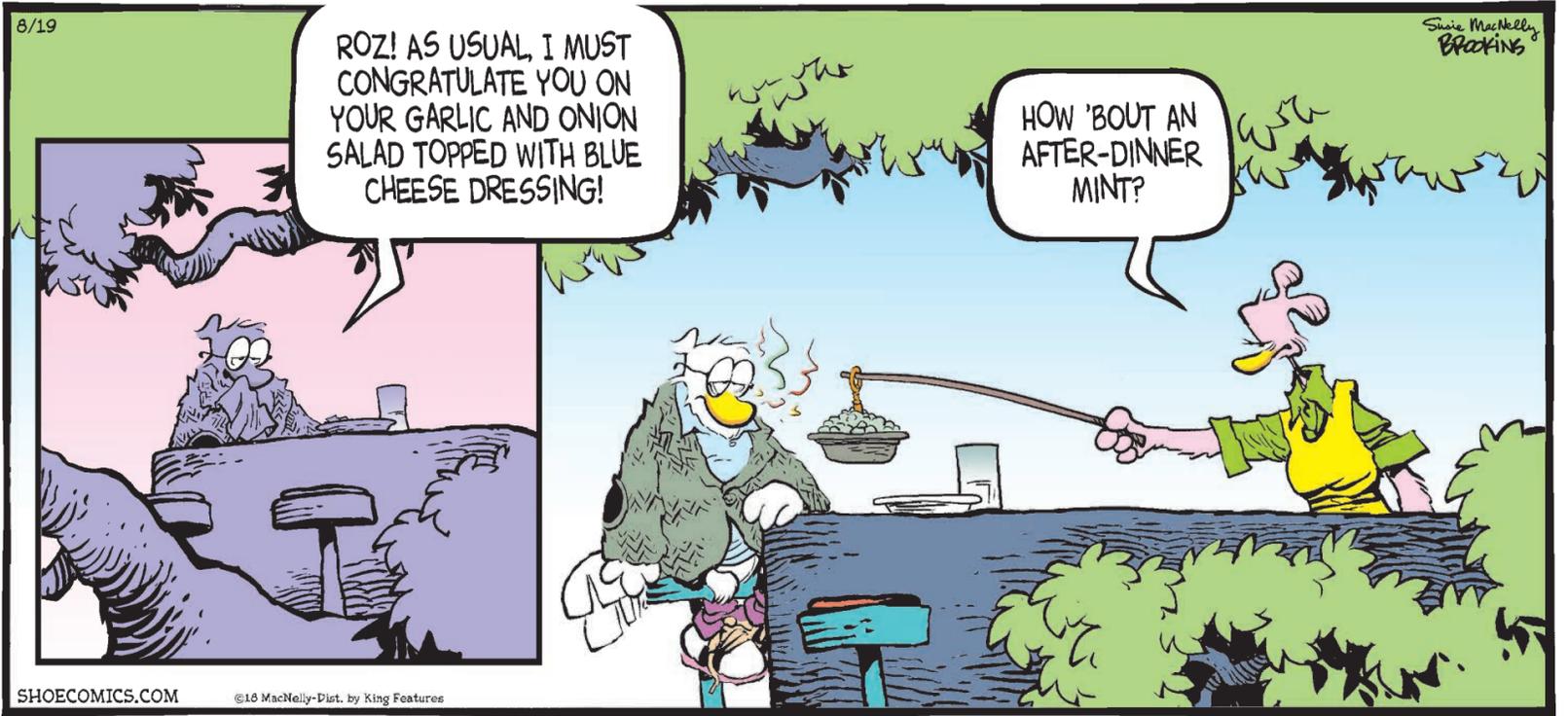
SO COACH PUT ME OUT IN LEFT FIELD, BUT TOO MANY FLY BALLS CAME MY WAY,

NOW, HE HAS ME HERE IN RIGHT FIELD, BECAUSE NOT AS MANY BALLS ARE HIT THIS WAY,

COACH SAYS IF I CAN'T PLAY THIS POSITION, MY NEXT SPOT IS GONNA BE BEHIND THE OUTFIELD FENCE!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

