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**BY BRUCE MILLS**  
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Despite the fact that recommendations for two studies that could affect the future of low-enrollment schools in the district were not presented Monday at Sumter School District's Board of Trustees' meeting, the interim superintendent still thinks those studies have merit and could provide valuable information. Due in part to timing and a mix-up in communication, the school board's Facilities Committee Chairman William Byrd didn't present motions to the full board for a facilities study with an independent consultant to analyze the

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**Science says winter coming later now**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter is coming ... later. And it's leaving ever earlier.

Across the United States, the year's first freeze has been arriving further and further into the calendar, according to more than a century of measurements from weather stations nationwide.

Scientists say it is yet another sign of the changing climate, and that it has good and bad consequences for the nation. There could be more fruits and vegetables — and also more allergies and pests.

"I'm happy about it," said Karen Duncan of Streator, Illinois. Her flowers are in bloom

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*Taking Halloween decorating to a new level*



Lurking not far from the Sumter Cultural Center, denizens of this home at 239 Haynesworth St. have transformed their front lawn into a creepy boneyard, complete with crypts, snakes, spiders, light displays and tombstones inscribed with names of the recently laid to rest. Many of the articles on display were handmade by the main instigator, who resides at the home.

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Hungry customers line up for some Mexican food at Jose's Food Truck at last year's festival.

**Food truck fest fans rejoice: It's back**

Sumter Green chairwoman says event will have 25 choices

**BY IVY MOORE**  
 Special to The Sumter Item

Sumter Green is bringing its Food Truck Festival back to the Sumter fairgrounds, truly "by popular demand," said Lynn Kennedy, chairwoman of the nonprofit organization whose mission is to keep the community's environment healthy — and

beautiful. Kennedy said the first Untapped: Food Trucks and Craft Beer festival, held in March of this year, surprised organizers with its popularity — so much so, Sumter Green decided to have another on Saturday, Nov. 4, from noon to 6 p.m. "People kept asking 'when are you going to have another

one?'" Kennedy said. "We had 16 food trucks in March, and we had a lot more people than we expected. This time, we'll have 25 trucks, so the lines will be shorter, and there will be more choices." The variety of foods offered is extensive, she said,

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## Teal pumpkins make holiday less scary for kids with food allergies

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Born out of one mom's desire to help ensure that children with food allergies would not feel left out on Halloween, the Teal Pumpkin Project, now in its fourth year as a national awareness campaign led by Food Allergy Research & Education, has spread far and wide in an effort to help create a happier, safer Halloween for all.

For millions of children with food allergies and their parents, the Halloween trick-or-treating tradition can sometimes be fraught with anxiety because many candies that are handed out contain major food allergens such as milk, peanuts, tree nuts and wheat. FARE's Teal Pumpkin Project promotes safety and inclusion for all trick-or-treaters by encouraging people to provide non-food treats on Halloween. A pumpkin painted teal, the color for food allergy awareness, signals that children will find a fun, non-food treat that anyone can enjoy.

"One in 13 children in the U.S. has at least one food allergy, and reports show that anaphylactic food reactions have climbed dramatically in recent years," said Lois A. Witkop, chief advancement officer at FARE. "It's clear that food allergies are a serious public health issue that we all must take seriously. The Teal Pumpkin Project provides an opportunity for all of us to show empathy for kids who often feel excluded. We would love to see at least one teal pumpkin on every block — and it's a terrific way for communities to come together to celebrate inclusion."

For Westlake, Ohio, mom Vikki Meldrum, the Teal Pumpkin Project has already provided an unforgettable experience for her and her 4-year-old daughter Lyla. Meldrum spread the word about the initiative among her neighbors, who have now shown their support for the last two years, with at least 30 teal pumpkins in her own neighborhood.

"The Teal Pumpkin Project made the holiday inclusive for kids like Lyla. Teal pumpkins empower her to not only feel safe on Halloween (even with so many allergens present), but also that she is truly a part of the holiday," Meldrum said. "So often we have to bend a typical situation around Lyla's allergies. This movement has allowed Lyla to freely participate, and that is amazing."

Being part of the Teal Pumpkin Project is simple. Supporters can:

- Provide non-food treats for trick-or-treaters;

- Paint a pumpkin teal or buy a teal pumpkin at your local craft store or pharmacy, or print a free sign from FARE's website at [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org); and

- Place your teal pumpkin or sign in front of your home to indicate non-food treats are available.

Launched nationally in 2014, the Teal Pumpkin Project has attracted supporters from 50 states and more than a dozen countries. The campaign was inspired by a local awareness activity conceived by Becky Basalone and run by the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee.

For more information about the Teal Pumpkin Project including resources to help individuals and families get involved, visit [www.tealpumpkinproject.org](http://www.tealpumpkinproject.org). For more information about food allergies, visit [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org).



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Seen is the front entrance to Sumter Fire Department's new headquarters building at the Public Safety Complex on Lafayette Drive.

## Construction of Public Safety Complex running on schedule

### Alice Drive Fire Station rededication set for Monday

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Construction continues at the Public Safety Complex, a \$10.6 million 2016 Capital Penny Sales Tax project, on Lafayette Drive.

The complex will include a 36,000-square-foot police department building and a 21,600-square-foot fire department building with a four-bay garage. The buildings will serve as new headquarters facilities for each department.

City of Sumter Construction Manager Michael Geddings said the construction of both buildings is running on schedule.

The exterior brick work and the interior framing of both buildings are still underway, he said.

Geddings said the exterior of the buildings are nearly complete except for some miscellaneous masonry work while the walls inside the police department building are about 95 percent framed, and the walls inside the fire department are about 30 percent framed.

Crews are also installing electrical wires, plumbing and sprinkler systems in both buildings, he said.

The project is running as planned and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2018, Geddings said.

Nearly three miles away, on Alice Drive, firefighters assigned to Alice Drive Fire Station have returned to their station after about six months of renovations.

Approximately 2,500 square-feet, in the form of additional restrooms and dorms for the male and female firefighters, were added to the station which was originally built in the early 1970s.

The fire station is now large enough to house three crews of six firefighters and three trucks where as it was built for two crews



Seen is the front entrance to Sumter Police Department's headquarters building at the Public Safety Complex.

of four firefighters and one truck, according to Sumter Fire Chief Karl Ford.

In a previous interview, Ford said the renovation project cost about \$700,000 and was funded by the city of Sumter through bonds.

On Thursday, Ford said firefighters were adding the finishing touches to the inside of the building by bringing in furniture and setting up a networking system to make the station more like home.

He said there will be a rededication and ribbon cutting for the fire station on Monday.



The Sumter Fire / Rescue emblem was placed over the front entrance to Sumter Fire Department's new headquarters building.

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# Searches, new questions greet travelers flying to U.S.

BY DON BABWIN AND ALEXANDRA OLSON  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Some were asked their hobbies and packing habits. Others were queried about what they do for a living. There were lines for security interviews and searches of carry-on bags.

The first passengers to travel under new screening measures for U.S.-bound flights were greeted at airports around the world with a wide range of hurdles — some new, some familiar — to clear before boarding their planes.

The Trump administration is requiring that both U.S. and global air carriers adopt enhanced security screening for every flight to the U.S. All travelers — American citizens and foreigners — are subject to the new protocols, which went into effect Thursday.

The new procedures cover all 2,100 flights from across the world entering the U.S. on any given day. But how each airline implements the measures varies, and some of the procedures have been in place before in parts of the world.

While some passengers described tense moments and long lines, there were few reports of major disruptions to global travel. Confusion, however, remains about the new regulations, with airlines describing different methods of implementation and some saying they were granted permission to delay putting them in place until next year.

Todd Gilliland, 40, arrived at O'Hare airport in Chicago from Uganda, where he and his wife run a school for underprivileged kids. He flew to the U.S. from Brussels, where he said he noticed more questions and more security officers than before. He said he got no notice from airlines about the new measures and was taken aback by some of the questions before boarding.

"I got the question of what do you do for a living, and I said what it is your concern and the guy goes, 'You're being difficult.' And I just said, 'Boy, you're being awful rude.' He said, 'You're not being cooperative.' And I said, 'Fine,'" Gilliland said.

But he said the security officer never insisted he answer, put him in another line or took any measures.

At Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel, long-haul carrier Emirates began ques-

tioning passengers about their luggage, liquids they were carrying and where they were coming from. Passengers also had to have their carry-on bags searched, along with their electronics. Air France said it will provide questionnaires for all U.S.-bound passengers to fill out.

Singapore Airlines passengers may be required to "undergo enhanced security measures" including inspection of personal electronic devices "as well as security questioning during check-in and boarding," the carrier said on its website.

Other carriers who announced the new regulations included Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., the airlines of Germany's Lufthansa Group and EgyptAir.

Korean Air Lines Co., Asiana Airlines Inc. and Royal Jordanian said they were given exemptions to implement the new measures early next year.

At Newark Liberty International Airport, in Newark, New Jersey, Alexander Wegner, a German tourist who flew in on a Lufthansa flight, said he was surprised by the nature of some of the questions he received before boarding his flight.

"From my point of view, it was just an inconvenience. It's of no use. Anyone could respond to these kinds of questions. What are your hobbies? Jogging. Oh, OK. That's interesting. What for?"

Chris McGinnis, an international travel consultant with Travel Skills Group, said the new measures were implemented during a traditionally slow period for international travel, making the transition easier. And in some countries where drug trafficking or terrorism is a concern, airlines have long subjected U.S.-bound passengers to security interviews, he noted.

"They are not looking for the right answers. They are looking for suspicious behavior; if you are sweating abnormally, you may be asked for a closer examination," McGinnis said.

What's new is that such measures are now being applied in every country.

"I think a lot of business travelers will be surprised because they are used to a quick pass through the airport," McGinnis said. "My advice would be in the short term to get there a little bit early. But eventually we'll become more accustomed to it."

At Fort Lauderdale, Florida, travelers arriving from the



A traveler, second from left, talks to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official near the exit of the international arrivals terminal at Newark Liberty International Airport on Thursday in Newark, New Jersey. Long-haul carriers are starting new screening procedures for U.S.-bound passengers.

Middle East and the Caribbean said they were accustomed to the security interviews, including whether they had packed their own bags or received gifts.

Swapna Chakrabortui said she was startled when she was told she would have to go through a security interview before boarding her flight in Calcutta, India, but relaxed

when she realized it applied to everyone.

"First I was a little bit scared, but then I thought it's OK because it's for a good reason. It's not a harassment," she said.

In March, U.S. officials introduced the laptop ban in the cabins of some Mideast airlines over concerns Islamic

State fighters and other extremists could hide bombs inside of them. The ban was lifted after those airlines began using devices like CT scanners to examine electronics before passengers boarded planes heading to the U.S. Some also increasingly swab passengers' hands to check for explosive residue.

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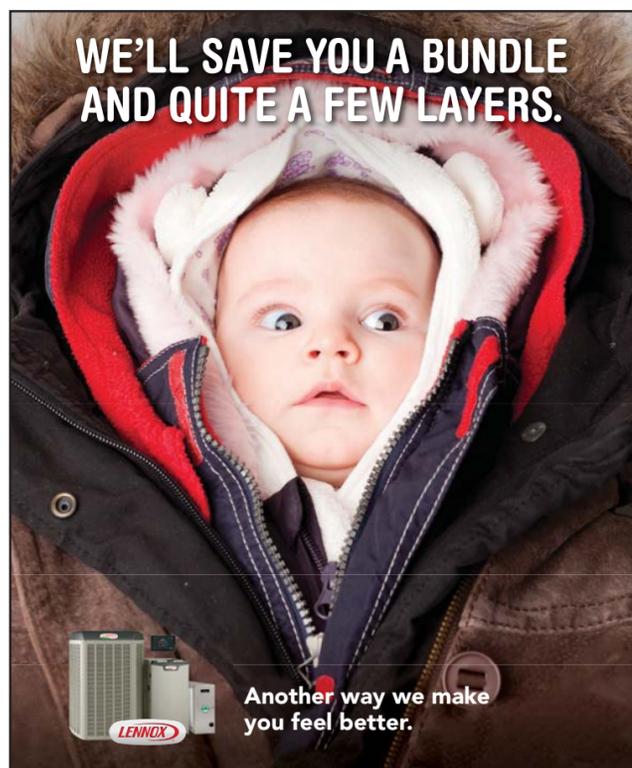
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## Concert sure to be a joyful noise

### Homegrown show will benefit Sounds of Grace music ministry

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Item

The label “homegrown” is a sign of quality and pride for many products. Kipper Ackerman, harpist and vocalist who founded the music ministry Sounds of Grace, thinks the same is true of music — at least in the Sumter community. So the Nov. 2 concert featuring local musicians is proudly titled Homegrown.

For several years now, Ackerman has been performing in locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, classrooms and other venues to fulfill the mission of the 501(c)3 nonprofit Sounds of Grace. That mission is “to bring peace and healing through music by placing musicians in classrooms for those with special needs,” as well as in other settings, such as hospitals, where comfort is needed.

Sounds of Grace presents two benefits a year, with funds raised going toward upkeep of instruments, transportation and other essentials to enable Ackerman and other volunteer musicians to continue playing for those whose need for peace might not otherwise be met.

As she says, “When music fills the quiet, it brings a peace over the heart, delivering a message that words sometimes can’t.”

Thursday’s concert is just the second in the Homegrown series, Ackerman said, and it fulfills two purposes: the fundraiser for Sounds of Grace as well as providing an opportunity for the musicians to entertain.

“It’s also uplifting for us to

play for an audience — hopefully a full house!” she said.

While the Homegrown concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sumter Opera House, this year’s fundraiser will feature a separate event at 6 p.m., also Thursday, Nov. 2, in the City Centre adjacent to the Opera House.

“It’s a special event (for) our most supportive friends of the Sounds of Grace,” Ackerman said. Featuring heavy hors d’oeuvres, beverages, live music and a silent auction, the \$50 ticket price also includes admission to the Homegrown concert. Call (803) 491-5514 to purchase tickets, which can be picked up at “will call” on the evening of the event.

Items included in the silent auction include artwork by Grainger McKoy, the late Ray Davenport, Bryan DuRant, Amanda Cox, Lynn Bolen, Connie Brennan, Lyn Sherrill, Laura Cardello, Mike Bond and others.

Music for the special event will be provided by From the Morning, the duo of Kevin Jarvis and Ashley Holloman.

Guitarist and vocalist Jarvis will perform with singer Allie Nance during the Homegrown concert, which follows.

Returning performers for Homegrown include Kipper and Curt Ackerman, Hank Edens, Sounds of Grace board member Paul Frey, who will join Kipper for a duet, accompanied by Mark Burns on piano; Mark Mitchiner and Tripp Boykin, known as Hints and Allegations, who are also members of the rock band Chief Complaint. Jay Hodge and Jeff Wilson will also perform with them. Sonny Jones

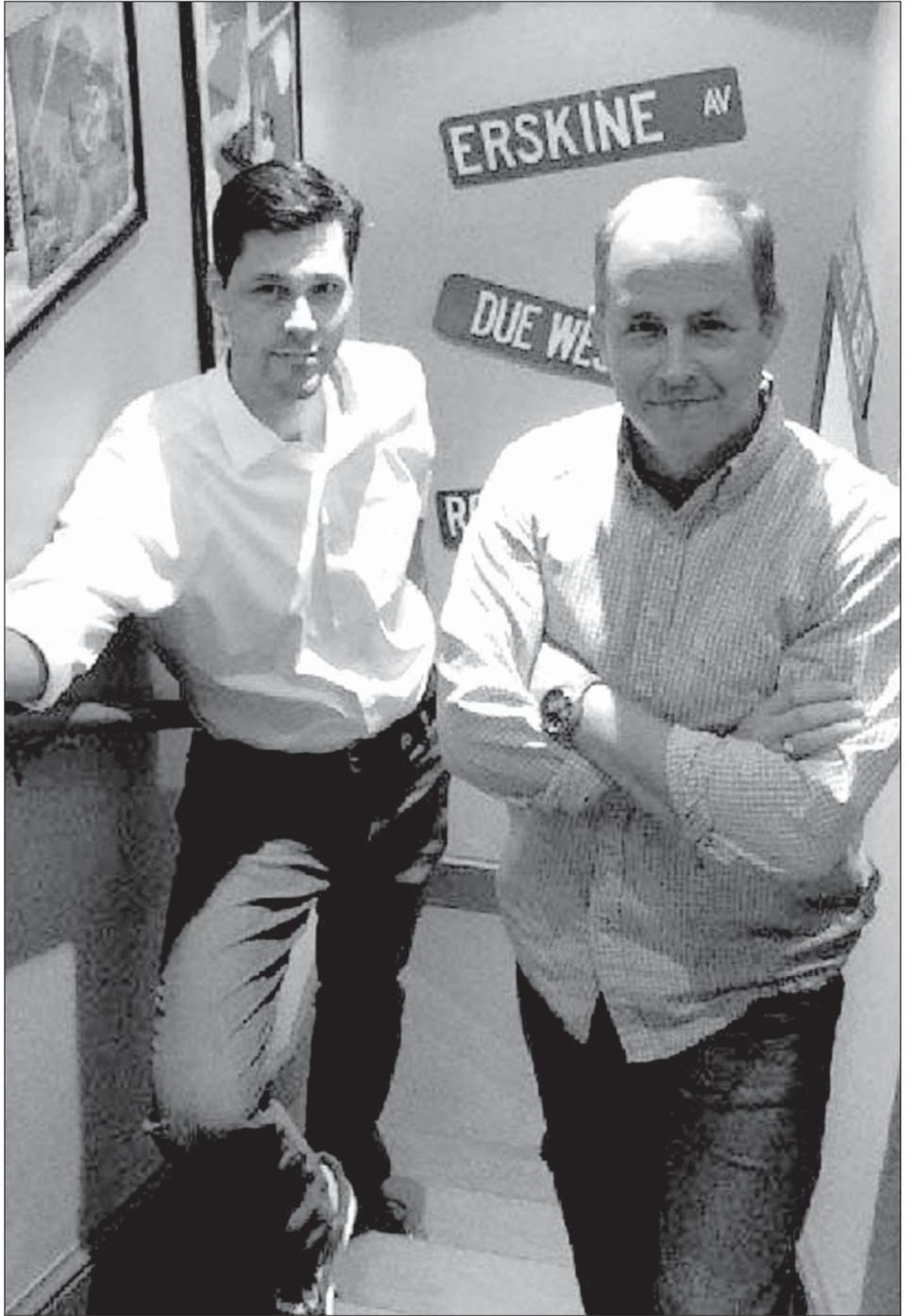


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Mitch Mitchiner and Tripp Boykin, the duo Hints and Allegations, will return to Sumter Opera House on Nov. 2 to perform in Homegrown, a fundraiser for the nonprofit music ministry Sounds of Grace.

will perform on guitar and vocals; violinist Christi Brownlee and Michael Baier on double bass will play with Ackerman.

Jones said he finds it fulfilling to perform with this “talented group of musicians to support a ‘homegrown’ ministry that is of vital importance to our community.”

Donny Floyd and Ackerman will “add some fun” with their numbers, accompanied by pianist Linda Beck.

Ackerman said she will also share some stories of experiences she has had with Sounds of Grace.

“Some are ‘feel good,’ some may bring tears,” she said. “We’ll try to balance that with songs.”

The performers have chosen their own favorites for the concert “that bring them peace and joy,” Ackerman said.

Boykin said that, besides contributing to the Sounds of Grace mission, “Performing with and alongside the truly and incredibly talented musicians is nothing short of humbling and inspiring. ... Mark and I count ourselves as blessed to be a part of the benefit concert and to share these performances with our fellow musicians and hometown. I always walk away from this experience with a little extra smile on my face and my musical heart full.”

For his part, Mitchiner added that supporting the music ministry is important because “music is a great healer. I also enjoy how music shared with other performers recharges me so that I can be a deeper and more giving person.”

Ackerman said the healing

power of music is not just for the physically ill.

“You don’t always have to be in a hospital bed to feel down or feel grief,” she said. “We hope the music we play will be uplifting for the audience, as it is for us.”

Tickets for Homegrown, a benefit concert for Sounds of Grace, are \$25 general admission for the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, concert at the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. They can be purchased at the Opera House box office, Olive Tree bookstore on Bultman Drive or online at [www.SumterOperaHouse.com](http://www.SumterOperaHouse.com).

Tickets for the 6 p.m. special event in the City Centre adjacent to the Opera House are \$50, which includes admission to Homegrown, can be purchased by calling (803) 491-5514.



Performers take the stage for a previous Homegrown concert. This year’s concert is slated for 6 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the City Centre.

## Kathryn Sermak recounts life with former boss, Bette Davis

BY NICK THOMAS  
Tinseltown Talks

It’s been 28 years since the passing of Kathryn Sermak’s former boss, Bette Davis, in October, 1989. Sermak recently published her long-awaited manuscript recounting the years she worked as Davis’s personal assistant in the final years of her life.

While ‘Miss D’ — as Sermak always addressed the Hollywood legend — was in the twilight of her career when the two met, Sermak witnessed the flamboyant actress’s still uncompromising work ethic in her final roles in TV movies and feature films.

“She was a perfectionist and would give 110 percent, sometimes 150 percent, when working on a film,” Sermak said from Los Angeles. “By setting the tone on a set, she let everybody know they all had a responsibility to the producers.”

The 278-page “Miss D & Me — Life with the Invincible Bette Davis” contains 20 (mostly color) photographs (see [www.missdandme.com](http://www.missdandme.com)). But it’s not a biography of Davis’s life. “I lived in her house for years — it was like a mother/daughter relationship — and she became my best friend. I only know my story

and my history with Miss D.”

In fact, Sermak knew very little about Bette Davis before accepting the job in 1979.

“I certainly wasn’t a fan. I was busy studying at college to become a clinical psychologist. The only time I recalled seeing one of her films was when I was 6 or 7 and watching ‘What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?’ in the family room and running out scared.”

She said Davis taught her a lot.

“She explained that if I was working for her, I may be around presidents or royalty and needed to learn protocol. So she became my mentor teaching me how to walk, how to talk, how to dress — all the social graces I would need in her world.”

And what a world it was dashing to movie and TV sets while still finding time to travel the world and entertaining her famous acquaintances. “She could be so elegant, and gracious, and funny, and knew so many interesting people.”

But Davis was beset by health and personal problems throughout the 80s. A breast cancer diagnosis in 1983 led to a mastectomy and, within weeks, a debilitating stroke.

“Suddenly, our roles were reversed,” Sermak said. “Now, I had to help her to walk and talk again.”

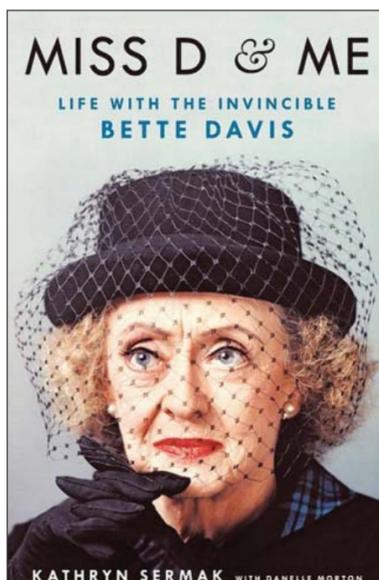


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Kathryn Sermak’s book is “Miss D & Me — Life with the Invincible Bette Davis.”

Then came the unexpected publication of daughter Bede’s brutal book, portraying her mother as a cruel parent. “It was hard enough to get through the stroke. Then, she had to

deal with this book.”

Just how much truth was contained within its pages?

“I don’t know, I wasn’t around then,” Sermak said. “I only know that when I first started working for her, Miss D and Bede were super, super close. Whenever she was on a set, photos of her children would come out for display in the dressing rooms. She was very proud of her family.”

After Davis died, there was considerable interest in Sermak’s connection to Davis. “Publishers were after me, some wanting a salacious book about Bette Davis, the character. But that’s not me. I wanted to take my time, and get it right.”

After Davis, Sermak worked as a personal assistant for Motown record producer Berry Gordy, astronaut Buzz Aldrin, and others.

“But I never wanted to work for another actor or actress,” she said. “After working for Bette Davis, I’d learned from the best.”

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# Family jumps to conclusions about woman's career choice

**DEAR ABBY** — I'm a woman who was honorably discharged from the military recently and am now in an electrical construction apprenticeship. I'm starting a great career in a field I love that can give me a comfortable living without having to rely on a second job.

My problem is my family. Most of them are convinced that I hate men or I wish I were one. The rest are sure that I will emasculate anyone I would start dating.

I'm not a lesbian, and I like being female. I have no problem with anyone who follows different life paths than mine. My family is basing these opinions purely on what I have chosen to do for work. In their opinion, because I chose to work in what is considered non-traditional employment for "nice young ladies," as they put it, and can work on my house and car without extra assistance, it must be true.

I have tried repeatedly to explain that what I have chosen for a living has no bearing on my gender identity or my sexual orientation. They are completely ignoring anything I have to say about my life and life choices. Sometimes I wonder how I'm even related to these people. If I were asked



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*How can I make them listen?*

**DEAR HOW** — It is beyond sad that you would find returning to a war zone more appealing than dealing with the pressure you're receiving because of your career choice. But please try not to blame your family for their outdated thinking. Many people are unaware that women are now being trained — and succeeding in — high-paying jobs once held only by men.

Because your relatives refuse to believe that you're heterosexual, stop wasting your time trying to convince them otherwise. Live your life in an authentic way, and if you meet a nice man and decide to settle down with him, eventually they'll realize they were mistaken.

to deploy back to the war zone, I'd happily leave tomorrow, because it would be easier than dealing with the small-minded, narrow viewpoints

**DEAR ABBY** — I am in my late 40s and live in New York City. I was taught to hold doors open for women and to allow women to exit the elevator first. Problem is, in our lobby there are two separate glass doors that must be opened to walk outside the building. If I let a woman neighbor leave the elevator first, she will then have to open and hold both doors for me. But I always feel awkward if I don't allow them out first, and I sometimes worry they think I'm rude for walking ahead. Sometimes I even want to explain my actions. I just figure holding and opening two heavy glass doors is more polite than allowing someone to exit the elevator first. What's the proper protocol in a situation like this?

*A gentleman in New York*

**DEAR NEW YORK GENTLEMAN** — While it is polite for a man to hold a door open for a woman, it would also be considered good manners if she returns the favor if she's the first to reach the lobby door. As to the rule of etiquette for elevators, the person at the front of the elevator should exit first, if the elevator is crowded.

## CLUB DIGEST

### SUMTER ART ASSOCIATION

The Sumter Art Association met on Oct. 17 at the Parish Life Building of the Church of the Holy Comforter. President Patti Sosnowski welcomed 44 members and three guests.

Rosemary Drakeford gave a devotional based on "The Bright Field" by Ronald Stuart Thomas, encouraging us to take time in this season to enjoy the world around us and be grateful to God.

Exhibits chairman Linda Hogon announced several

cultural events and activities taking place in our community during the coming month.

Following the business meeting, Dottie Lyles introduced Melissa McLachlan, owner of "Creative Delights" catering business. Melissa encouraged hostesses to use their good china and crystal every day as a part of creating memorable meals and occasions. She said her inspiration has always come from her memories of her grandmother's Sunday and holiday meals. She displayed an assortment of her cakes and a flower arrangement and had made delicious in-

dividual puff pastry swans filled with white chocolate pastry cream for each person present. After the business meeting, refreshments were served by Chairwoman Jean White and her committee.

## Honolulu store owners say thieves are targeting Spam

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Cans of Spam have become a common item that's being stolen from Honolulu stores and then sold on the streets for quick cash, according to authorities.

Ra Long, who owns a convenience store in the city, said shoplifters have typically targeted alcohol in the past, but recently more cans of Spam have gone missing, *Hawaii News Now* reported.

"I mean you try to keep an eye on it, but if they run, you just can't leave the counter and chase them," Long said. "So you just got to take the hit."

Honolulu police said they took a report of a man lifting a case of the canned meat from a store earlier this month.

Kimo Carvalho, a spokesman for the Institute for Human Services, said people are stealing Spam because it's

easy to sell. "It's quick cash for quick drug money," Carvalho said.

Hawaiians eat millions of cans of Spam a year, the nation's highest per-capita consumption of the processed meat, which is cobbled together from a mixture of pork shoulder, ham, sugar and salt.

The state's love affair with Spam began during World War II, when rationing created just the right conditions for the rise of a meat that needs no refrigeration and has a remarkably long shelf life (indefinitely, the company says).

Ann Kondo Corum, who grew up in Hawaii in the 1950s and has written several Spam-inspired cookbooks, has attributed Spam's popularity partly to Hawaii's large Asian population. "Asians eat a lot of rice. Spam is salty, and it goes well with rice," she told *The Associated Press* in 2009.

## ENGAGEMENT

### Holland-Mack

Sylvia D. Holland of Sumter and Ulysses Mack of Manning announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Maggie Brantley of Elloree and the granddaughter of Ms. Betty J. Brantley of Elloree and the late Issac Brantley Jr. and the late Carrie Goodwin and the late Arthur Huggins. She graduated from Elloree High School and attended Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College in Orangeburg and Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter. She is employed by Apex Tools in Sumter.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Ms. Veola Mack of Manning and the late George Mack and the grandson of the late Mose and Alma McKinney and the late Rufus and Sue Mack. He graduated from Manning High School. He is employed by Kaydon of Sum-



**MR. MACK, MISS HOLLAND**

ter and has served in the Army National Guard for 12 years.

The wedding is planned for Nov. 25, 2017, at The Cypress Center at McLeod Health (The Zone), Manning.

### ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Engagement, wedding, birth and wedding anniversaries (25th, 50th and above) of local interest are published on Sundays free of charge. The deadline is noon on the preceding Monday. Deadlines vary during holiday weeks.

Forms may be obtained at The Sumter Item, 36 W. Liberty St., or downloaded from [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com). Click on the drop down arrow next to the Lifestyle tab on the navigation bar of the website.

When filling out form, please type or print all information, paying particular attention to names. Do not print in all capital letters.

Photographs must be vertical and of reproduction quality and must be received by the Monday noon deadline.

Email wedding and engagement forms and photos to [brides@theitem.com](mailto:brides@theitem.com). For additional information, call (803) 774-1264. Email birth and wedding anniversary forms and photos to [sandra@theitem.com](mailto:sandra@theitem.com). For additional information, call (803) 774-1226.



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## Central Carolina Technical College

### ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The annual Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce was hosted at CCTC's Health Sciences Center on Oct. 19. Local senators and representatives answered questions and spoke on Sumter issues. CCTC appreciates the dedication of the Legislative Delegation and is honored to host this meeting of delegates and community.

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

To celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness month, CCTC's Phenomenal Women held a Pink Out Day on Oct. 18. Students, faculty and staff wore pink in support and gathered for a group picture. Phenomenal Women is also selling items such as: key chains, hats, lapel pins, pens, buttons, necklaces and bracelets in the Student Center on Main Campus until Oct. 30. Thirty percent of the proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

### HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE

On Tuesday, Central Carolina Technical College will host a Halloween blood drive on Main Campus in Building M400, Room M401, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The only thing scary about donating blood is the amount of people who are in need. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code CCTC. — *Catherine M. Wood*

## Morris College

### ARMY ROTC STRAIGHT TALK

The Straight Talk Presentation, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, is an initiative to help students more effectively transition into the real world. Speakers will discuss how to navigate through life challenges and provide an opportunity to hear about successful leaders. Guest speakers are:

- Col. Thomas L. Hundley, United States Army;
- Sophia Brown, CEO So Dani Designs graphic design company; and
- Tameeka Donald, executive assistant, S.C. lieutenant governor.

### CAMPUS CONNECTION

The College Connection will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is an opportunity for parents and students of Lee Central High School, Manning High School and Scotts Branch High School to receive information about the process of applying to college, applying for financial aid and what students should expect upon starting college.

The day will include campus tours, a cyber security forum, forensics forum, STEM forum, entertainment by the Morris College Dance Team and Morris College Cheerleaders and a 2 p.m. free basketball game. Lunch will be provided.

### HORNETS BASKETBALL

The ladies' and men's Hornets will take on Allen University on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively. The games will be held in Columbia at Allen University.

### SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT

Spring semester enrollment is underway. Prospective students can contact the Office of Admission and Records at (803) 934-3225. — *Anika Cobb*

## Wilson Hall

### FALL FESTIVAL

The PTO's annual Fall Festival will be held Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. on Spencer Field and in the Nash Student Center. In addition to the 15 traditional game booths sponsored by the lower school classes, there will be a haunted house, an inflatable bouncy house, an inflatable rock climb and slide, and a mad scientist table. There will also be a costume contest, a country store featuring homemade baked goods and frozen casseroles, pony rides and concessions.

### CHORAL CLINIC

The members of the high school chorus, directed by Emily Robinson, attended the S.C. Independent School Association's annual choral festival held at the University of South Carolina School of Music in Columbia on Oct. 19. The festival included a clinic for students and teachers as well as a performance by each of the choirs in attendance.

### PHYSICS AT THE FAIR

The seniors in the Advanced Placement Physics class, taught by Micki Harritt, participated in Midway Physics Day at the S.C. State Fair on Oct. 17. Sponsored by the University of South Carolina Department of Physics and Astronomy, the program was created to provide a fun lesson in physics for high school students from across the state. High schools are invited to spend a day with the USC physics faculty and ride the midway rides, discussing the physics of the forces involved. The professors volunteer their time to help explain the physics of the amusement park rides and answer questions, and members of the Society of Physics Students act as "physics mentors" to the high school students as they perform mea-

surements of the amusement rides.

### FIELD TRIPS

As part of their physical education class, eighth-grade students visited Wagon Trail Farm in Gable on Oct. 13 for a course in hunting safety sponsored by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources. The first-grade classes traveled on Oct. 16 and the kindergarten classes on Oct. 18 to Willard Farms in Gable where they picked pumpkins, went on a hayride and walked through a corn maze. The 4-year-old preschool classes visited the Sumter Fire Department Headquarters on Hampton Street on Oct. 16 and the Pumpkin Patch at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Oct. 20. The third-grade classes visited the Sumter County Museum on Oct. 20 for a puppet show, which teaches students about the history of Sumter County, sponsored by the Sumter Junior Welfare League. — *Sean Hoskins*

## Sumter School District

### REACH SCREENINGS SCHEDULED

Sumter School District's REACH program for artistically gifted and talented students offers students in grades three-11 opportunities to develop and enhance their talents in the areas of visual arts, theater and choral music. The program includes three Saturday workshops held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on March 24, April 28 and May 19, 2018 and a three-week workshop at to be held at Crestwood High School, Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 11-28, 2018.

Students must be screened and meet criteria before qualifying for participation in this program. Students are identified for this gifted program in a three-step process under South Carolina guidelines. The first step in the process is a request for screening. Students may be referred by a parent, teacher, administrator or student. These requests must be turned in no later than Dec. 1.

After the request is received, the initial screening will be completed at the school level by Dec. 19. The final screening will be district-level auditions scheduled for Feb. 10, 2018.

During the initial screening, teachers look for students whose interest and ability demonstrate potential in a specific arts area. A student may be screened in one or all three areas. Those who qualify in more than one area will choose one of the areas of focus.

Artistically talented and gifted students display talent beyond that of their peers in one or more arts areas (visual arts, music or theater); show potential for performing at remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to their peers; exhibit high performance capability in intellectual, creative and/or artistic areas; possess an unusual leadership capacity or excel in specific academic fields; and require services or activities not ordinarily provided by the schools.

Referrals or screening are not required for students who met qualifications to participate in the program within the past two years unless the student wants to participate in a different arts area from that which they previously participated. Those students are required, however, to submit the request for screening form if they intend to participate in the program in 2018 so program leaders will be aware of their intent.

Schools will accept requests for screenings from Nov. 6 through Dec. 1. Request for screening forms will be sent home with report cards this week. Forms are also available at all schools and on the district's website.

For more information, contact Heather Clemmons, the REACH program supervisor, at (803) 774-5500, extension 123, or [heather.clemmons@sumterschools.net](mailto:heather.clemmons@sumterschools.net).

### STAR TEACHER NAMED

Cindy Vickers, a third-grade teacher at Willow Drive Elementary School, was named the October Star Teacher of the Month in the program sponsored by Community Broadcasters and Staples. She and Sumter School District Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. John Koumas appeared on the Good Morning Sumter Show on WDXY AM 1240 and FM 105.9 with host Derek Burress.

Vickers was nominated by current and former students Aniyah Adams, Camdyn LeNoir and Laryaih Jenkins, who said she is sweet, funny and kind. The young ladies said, "She is the best teacher ever and an excellent cook!"

In addition to her outstanding reputation as a teacher, Vickers is quite the baker as well. She often brings some of her specialties in for her students, and she cooks frequently for her co-workers and friends at Willow Drive.

Koumas said, in his comments to Burress, "Mrs. Vickers is an outstanding teacher in every sense. Her students consistently show tremendous academic growth. She is a very compassionate person, and that resonates with her students and her peers. Mrs. Vickers goes above and beyond in her classroom and in the school. She never hesitates to pitch in on any project. She must be a great role model for education at home as well because one of her daughters teaches at Millwood."

One teacher, nominated by students, is chosen from one Sumter School Dis-

trict school monthly for the honor of being the Star Teacher of the Month. In addition to appearing on the Good Morning Sumter show, Staples gives a gift bag to the honoree.

### SORORITY PARTNERS WITH ADULT ED

The Eta Zeta Omega chapter of the AKA Sorority Inc. has partnered with students at Sumter Adult Education to make pillow case dresses to send to girls in Africa. Every Thursday, a group of eight to 10 dedicated sorority members visit the school at 905 N. Main St., armed with pillow cases and sewing machines, and they whip up the much-needed dresses for those in need.

The partnership is yet another example of civic, business, faith-based and other local organizations partnering with Sumter School District to make a difference. According to Adult Education Director Sharon Teigue, the sorority members and the students enjoy the fellowship and then sense of accomplishment when they finish the beautiful dresses. They choose different colors of pillowcases, add trim and other decorations and send the finished products to the program.

Adult Education in Sumter provides so many services to its students including GED preparation, literacy, high school diploma programs, help for those for whom English is not their first language and other shorter courses such as computer literacy and more.

For more information on programs offered at Adult Education, call (803) 778-6432. For more information on Little Dresses for Africa, call (734) 637-9064 or visit the website at [www.littledresses-forafrica.org](http://www.littledresses-forafrica.org). — *Mary B. Sheridan*

## University of South Carolina Sumter

### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, DONORS

USC Sumter awarded more than \$80,000 worth of scholarships to more than 50 deserving students at the annual Scholarships Reception on Friday.

USC Sumter Dean Dr. Michael Sonntag also recognized the Crystal Award Winners at the luncheon. The Crystal Awards are presented to individuals, corporations and foundations who have contributed the necessary funds to establish a permanent endowment. These endowments allow scholarships to be awarded in perpetuity to honor the individuals or organizations for which the scholarships are named.

Thank you to the following donors: Mr. and Mrs. B. Keith Poston for the Ditty Poston Alumni Endowed Scholarship and Mrs. Karen Sonya A. Harris-Sweetman and Mr. Mark D. Sweetman for the Karen Sonya A. Harris-Sweetman and Mark D. Sweetman Business Endowed Scholarship.

If interested in creating a scholarship at the University of South Carolina Sumter, contact Vicki Singleton at (803) 775-8727. — *Misty Hatfield*

## Thomas Sumter Academy



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Thomas Sumter Academy students paint railings during TSA's First Service Saturday.

### STUDENTS EXCEL

Thomas Sumter Academy is a family. Faculty, staff, parents, alumni and students come together to support each other and their school. Thomas Sumter students have an opportunity to excel in the classroom, on the field of play and serving others.

Over the last week, students have excelled on the field of play. Our boys cross country came in first in the region, and our girls team came in second. Our football team had a great victory over Williamsburg Academy. We have had a state champion swimmer, Ed Lee, and our varsity girls' volleyball team worked hard through the weekend to win their region and play for the state championship on Oct. 25 at Presbyterian College.



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Clarendon Hall Praise Team leads songs of praise at the school's Wednesday morning chapel.

One of the most exciting and rewarding things at TSA is how parents, alumni, students and faculty work together toward a common goal — to make TSA better. On Oct. 21, that is exactly what happened at TSA's First Annual Service Saturday. Thomas Sumter had about 30 volunteers — parents, students, board members, alongside faculty and staff — accomplishing several projects around campus. These facility improvements included filling in potholes to painting railings and entry ways to modifying benches outside our gym.

Being a part of something bigger than oneself is what Thomas Sumter Academy is all about. Working together to achieve more. I invite you to visit our campus, or give us a call at (803) 499-3378 to see and hear what the TSA Difference is. Speak with our students, parents, faculty and alumni. See what sets TSA apart. Tenacity Supports Achievement. — *Dr. F.L. Martin III*

## Sumter Christian School

On Oct. 14, seventh-grade students, led by their homeroom teacher Mary Hankins, went to Southview Apartments for senior citizens. As part of their community outreach project, they went to the individual residences collecting trash and carrying it to the dumpster for seniors. With the holiday seasons approaching, several other classes are planning more community outreach projects.

Elementary students not only enjoyed learning about fire safety, but also found a greater appreciation for our local firefighters and fire departments on Oct. 19. Local firefighter Chris Mahoney also taught them about the fire truck and its many accoutrements as well as the protective suits. Eighth-grade student Ashtyn DuCom helped by wearing the gear while Mahoney explained the various parts and how the suit helps to keep firefighters safe.

The three SCS Bands and elementary choir performed for family and friends on Thursday at the annual Fall Concert and Parent Teacher Fellowship. The PTF concluded with sophomore Peyton Griffith's induction into the American Christian Honor Society. The ACHS was founded by the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS) in 1979 to honor qualified high school students and to be uniquely Christian in its emphasis. The ACHS seeks to advance Christian scholarship, challenge Christian leadership, honor Christian character and stimulate Christian service.

To be eligible for this prestigious society, a student must be in 10th grade or above, must have maintained at least a 90 average through high school and must have attended high school at Sumter Christian School at least one semester. Selection then is based on Christian testimony, exemplary character, selfless service and servant leadership. Peyton was received by current members Bryson Cornwell, Matthew McIntyre, Annabelle Smith, Andrew Harris, Noah Campbell, Brandon Lee and Erik Langevin-Ziegler. Sumter Christian School is proud to congratulate the members for their hard work, Christian character and dedication necessary to receive this honor. — *Miriam Marritt*

## Clarendon Hall

### SEE YOU AT THE POLE

On Sept. 27 at 7:30 a.m., the FCA sponsored the "See You at the Pole" event. This is an annual gathering across the globe where students gather around the flagpole to pray. This year we had about 60 students gather to pray for our country, government, school, friends, families, churches and our communities. Our students did an amazing job. It was so encouraging to hear them pray and read God's Word. — *Candy Ashba*

### CHAPEL

As with all schools, each week is filled with things to keep students busy. We at Clarendon Hall are no different. The welcomed exception is Wednesday morning when we gather in the gym for our weekly chapel services for grades three-12. Candy Ashba and our Praise Team begin by leading us in one or two songs of praise. Next we hear a message from an inspired speaker who teaches us what God's word says about issues we all face today. They also give us words of encouragement to help us face daily trials. We feel very blessed that our school allows us this time to give back to God for all He has done for us individually and as a school. — *Tammy Cogdill*

A sleeve tattoo on retired Navy SEAL Jimmy Hatch's left arm bears the name of two dogs, Spike and Remco, that he worked with and who died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. This year Hatch started a charity, Spikes K9 Fund, to pay for medical care and gear for working military and police dogs.

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# Retired SEAL wants Bergdahl dishonorably discharged

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Former Navy SEAL James Hatch, whose career as a commando ended when he was shot while searching for Bowe Bergdahl, said his feelings toward the Army sergeant have gone from "I would like to kill him" to thanking the soldier's lead attorney for working so hard to defend him.

Hatch, who testified this week at Bergdahl's sentencing hearing on charges he endangered comrades by leaving his post in Afghanistan in 2009, has had eight years to think about the nighttime raid that ended with insurgent AK-47 spray ripping through his leg.

Sent home, he sank into a depression he nearly didn't survive. Through therapy, charity work with dogs and a cathartic book-writing process, his thinking has evolved on more than a few things — including Bergdahl's fate.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the retired senior chief petty officer said he's still angry at Bergdahl but doesn't envy the military judge who must decide his punishment after sentencing resumes Monday.

### FROM RAGE TO PEACE

"It has gone from 'I would like to kill him' to 'he should go to jail forever,' to where I'm at now, which is far more peaceful. Having spoken to others who are aware of more of the details of his walking off and his treatment once he was captured, I am very happy that I do not have to choose what happens to him," Hatch said.

Still, he said, it's important that Bergdahl not receive an honorable discharge.

"The most important thing to me personally is that I would hope that he would be dishonorably discharged, and therefore ineligible for the benefits that veterans that have served with honor are eligible for," Hatch said.

Bergdahl faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy for leaving his post in Afghanistan in 2009, but the military judge has wide leeway to determine a sentence.

Hatch said he wants Bergdahl to have a fair hearing and appreciates the hard work of all involved — even the defense. He had a cordial encounter with Bergdahl's lead attorney, Eugene Fidell, at breakfast in the hotel where both were staying this week.

"I shook his hand, and I said: 'Thank you for being a good American and taking care of that kid even though I don't care for him,'" he said. According to Hatch, after the two chatted awhile, Fidell "put his arm around me and said: 'Hey, your fly is open.'"

"How can you hate a guy like that?" Hatch said.

Fidell said his interactions with Hatch have been pleasant, calling him a patriot who sacrificed for the country.

"I think it would be wonderful if, after the case is over, Senior Chief Hatch and Sgt. Bergdahl could sit down one on one," Fidell said. "I know Sgt. Bergdahl would like to do that."

### FINDING PURPOSE

During testimony, Hatch spoke stoically about his own wound during a July 2009 search mission and the 18 surgeries he's had. But he cried when discussing the military dog, Remco, who died in the same barrage of gunfire. Hatch credits the dog's handler, another member of his team, with helping to save his life.

"I knew going into that line of work that was a possibility. That dog didn't have a clue," he told AP, explaining his strong

emotions. "It is incumbent upon us to protect them. They provide us with their senses and their courage, but they don't understand bullets. We failed. I, in particular, I failed to protect that dog."

Another military dog, Spike, is the namesake of a nonprofit group Hatch started to support military and law enforcement canines. Hatch was Spike's handler when that dog died on a mission in Iraq.

Hatch, now 50, said the inspiration for Spike's K9 Fund came out of a dark time in the months after he returned wounded from the 2009 mission to find Bergdahl.

"I just was washing down my pain meds with booze," he said. "I wanted to be a zombie, and I didn't want to be alive anymore."

Police in Norfolk, Virginia were called to his house because he was suicidal and "acting a fool with a gun," he said. Officers called men Hatch had served with, who helped get him treated for depression. As a thank you, he helped raise money for the care of a police dog. Now, his charity — which he refers to as "my purpose" — also helps with medical expenses for families who take in retired military dogs.

Writing a book about his life, due out in 2018, with a longtime friend has also been therapeutic.

"It's one thing to go to a psychologist or a social worker and talk to them about things that are troubling you right now," said Hatch, who grew up in Utah. "It's another thing entirely when you're doing it with someone who's known you for 15 years through many of the big trials, so that you have a backstop about where those

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# Companies are looking for diverse advertising teams to avoid blunders

NEW YORK (AP) — CoverGirl executive Ukonwa Ojo was struck when the team from an ad agency entered the room to pitch ideas for revamping the cosmetic company's image. For the first time in Ojo's more than 20-year career in business, she found herself working with a black creative director.

That meeting would ultimately result in a marketing campaign that challenges conventional ideas about beauty. It features celebrity women from a spectrum of races, ages and professions, including Issa Rae of HBO's "Insecure," motorcycle racer Shelina Moreda, celebrity chef Ayesha Curry and dietitian Maye Musk, 69.

"To have an African-American creative director walk in the room and present this to me, I thought, 'Oh, my God, this is amazing,'" said Ojo, who is Nigerian-American. "I think we can see the power of the work because of that."

Diversity in the advertising industry is becoming a higher priority for consumer product companies as they try to reach a new generation of customers with evolving sensibilities on ethnicity, age, gender and sexuality.

Many companies have come to believe that having people with a variety of backgrounds in the room can not only produce a smarter marketing campaign, but also help avoid the kind of blunders Kellogg and Dove were recently accused of in today's politically combustible environment.

Despite efforts by Madison Avenue to ramp up recruiting of minorities, just 7 percent of the 67,000 people working as advertising and promotion managers in the U.S. in 2016 were black, less than 5 percent were Hispanic and about 1 percent were of Asian descent, according to the U.S. Labor Department. Women accounted for about 56 percent of managers in the industry.

In the case of CoverGirl's makeover, which replaced the company's familiar "Easy, Breezy, Beautiful" tagline with "I Am What I Makeup," the team from the ad agency Droga5 had two black creative directors, Shannon Washington and Ray Smiling.

"The team that worked on this idea and this campaign came from very different backgrounds — from a male and female point of view, different races, different ages," Droga5 CEO Sarah Thompson said. "I think that more than before, what's important is getting that narrative, that story, right and really pressure-testing. Is it authentic? Is there anything that is going to be misinterpreted?"

On Wednesday, Kellogg apologized after the artwork on its Corn Pops cereal boxes was attacked as racist. The box shows cartoon Corn Pops hanging out in a mall. The only brown one depicted is a janitor scrubbing the floor.

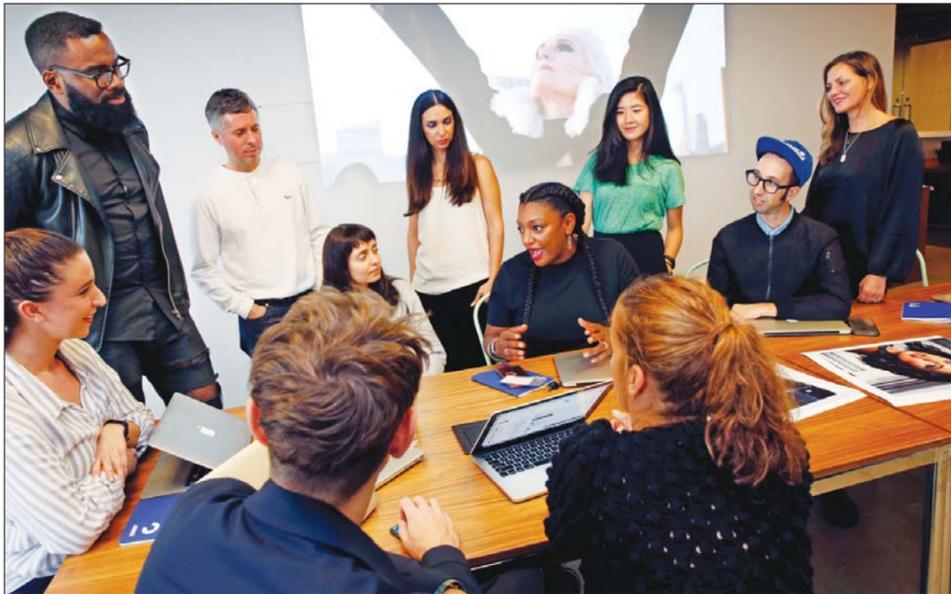
Dove was similarly criticized earlier this month over a commercial for a body wash. A short version of the video on Facebook showed a black woman taking off her shirt to reveal a white woman, who then removed her top to reveal a woman with a brown complexion. Social media users accused Dove of suggesting black skin is dirty.

Dove pulled the video, while Kellogg said new artwork for the cereal box will soon reach stores. Neither Unilever, the company that owns Dove, nor Kellogg has said who was behind the content.

Other brands, including Pepsi, Gap and Nivea, have faced similar controversies.

Ojo, who before joining CoverGirl was senior global director at Unilever, said her former company "always had the best intentions," but "as humans we always have the opportunities to make a mistake." She added: "It can minimize the chances if you have the right people around the table."

Having more diversity around the table is seen as a safeguard at a time when companies are under pressure to produce lots of video and other marketing content quickly and cheaply for Twitter, Facebook,



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Members of the Droga5 team behind the recent CoverGirl campaign talk about that campaign during a meeting at the advertising agency's headquarters in New York. Creative director Ray Smiling, upper left, listens along with other team members as Shannon Washington, also a creative director, seated at center, makes her point.

Instagram and Snapchat, often with no time to test everything out on focus groups.

"In the good old days, you would have the time to take your TV ad or print campaign and do further testing. You would see how they are rating A and B ad," said Gene Fischer, senior vice president of media innovation at Publicis Health Media. "The world of social media doesn't allow for that."

Aside from trying to diversify their own ranks, some marketers are turning for help to

small agencies that cater to specific ethnic groups. Being Latino, a social media marketing company, has crafted ads for Bud Light, Snickers and Coca-Cola.

"My entire company, every employee comes from the culture that we are trying to appeal to," said Being Latino founder Lance Rios. "We know the do's and the don'ts."

Tiffany R. Warren, chief diversity officer at Omnicom, the parent of some of the nation's biggest advertising agen-

cies, got her start in 1997 through an industry program to recruit top minority students out of college. Since then, however, she has often been the only black woman in the room.

"I know my presence in the room had led to a lot of meaningful conversations and led to creative products that were more culturally sensitive," said Warren, who is also founder of the nonprofit group ADCOLOR, which promotes diversity in the creative fields.

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# School honoring Confederate general has a new name: Justice

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — A Virginia school board has chosen “Justice” as the new name for a high school that has honored a Confederate general since the 1950s.

The Fairfax County school board had solicited input from families inside the school’s attendance boundaries after deciding to rename J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church. The community’s top choice was to remove “J.E.B.” and be known simply as “Stuart High School.” Indeed, the board itself had suggested Stuart High as a possible compromise back in July when it voted to remove the J.E.B. Stuart name.

But in a 7-4 vote after a four-hour debate Thursday night, the board opted for its own

idea of Justice High School.

The board considered and rejected two other names suggested by the community — Louis Mendez, a decorated World War II veteran and education advocate; and Thurgood Marshall, the civil rights lawyer who became a U.S. Supreme Court justice.

The board rejected Mendez on a 6-6 vote. Marshall’s name proved problematic because another high school in the Falls Church section of the county is already named Marshall in honor of World War II general and statesman George C. Marshall.

Changing the name could cost as much as \$900,000.

The vote ends a protracted debate that began in 2015, when actress Julianne Moore

and Hollywood producer Bruce Cohen, both Stuart alums, launched a petition demanding the name change.

J.E.B. Stuart High opened in 1959. The school board chose the name in 1958, during the years when Virginia was embroiled in what became known as Massive Resistance to federal desegregation efforts. There’s a dispute as to whether the Stuart name was picked as a jab at integration or whether they simply chose to honor Stuart as a native Virginian who once famously fooled the Union Army into inaction by displaying so-called Quaker cannons — tree trunks that from a distance looked like an array of imposing artillery — at a site near the school.



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The sign for J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church, Virginia, is seen July 20. The school, named after the slaveholding Confederate general who was mortally wounded in an 1864 battle, has been renamed Justice High by the Fairfax County school board.

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# Palmetto Health Tuomey Community Calendar

November 2017

The Tuomey Foundation sponsors several local classes and events such as Joint Camp, CareReach, Safe Kids, car seat installations, Touching Hearts and various Cancer Support efforts. If you would like to help support these initiatives, consider a donation to The Foundation.



[TuomeyFoundation.org](http://TuomeyFoundation.org)

## Women and Children

Please call 803-774-BABY (2229) to register for any of the classes listed below. Fees are waived for moms who deliver at Palmetto Health Tuomey. All baby classes are held in the Women and Infants Pavilion classroom.

### Baby Basics

In this class, you will learn all the basics of caring for your newborn before you deliver.

CLASS DATE Thursday, Nov. 16  
CLASS TIME 9:30–11:30 a.m. and 6–8 p.m.  
COST \$15

### Breastfeeding Class

This informal class offers instruction and discussion time for breastfeeding for expectant mothers. Babies and dads are welcome, too.

CLASS DATE Thursday, Nov. 2  
CLASS TIME 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
COST \$15

### Women and Infants Pavilion Tour

Tours are by appointment only. Come let us show you our Birthplace. Call 803-774-BABY (2229).

### Car Seat Installation

Learn how to properly install your child's car seat for maximum safety. The Tuomey Foundation, working with Safe Kids Sumter County, makes car seats available for pregnant women who attend this free class and deliver at Palmetto Health Tuomey. Discounted car seats are also available.

CLASS DATE Monday, Nov. 20  
CLASS TIME 6–8 p.m.  
COST Free

### Infant CPR

American Heart Association's Friends & Family course for expectant parents. This class does not offer CPR certification.

CLASS DATE Monday, Nov. 27  
CLASS TIME 6–8 p.m.  
COST Free

### Labor and Delivery

Learn what to expect during the labor and delivery process. The class includes a tour of the Palmetto Health Tuomey Birthplace.

CLASS DATE Thursday, Nov. 9  
CLASS TIME 6–8 p.m.  
COST \$15

### Pumping Class

This free class is offered to mothers returning to work and planning to continue breastfeeding. You will learn about the different kinds of pumps and how and when to pump, as well as storage guidelines. You will also learn how to teach your caregivers to gently bottle-feed your baby while you are away. It is best to wait until your baby is 4 weeks old to come to this class. All nursing babies are welcome to come along.

CLASS DATE Wednesday, Nov. 1 and 15  
CLASS TIME 3–4 p.m.  
COST Free

### Sibling Class

Designed for children ages 4 to 11 who will soon become brothers and sisters. They are welcome to ask questions about the expected newborn. This valuable time will help them with changes that will take place at home when baby arrives. Class includes a mini tour of our Birthplace/Women's Center and Nurseries. For November classes, please contact Anna Elmore at 803-774-2229. Free

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### Flu shot facts

- A flu vaccine cannot cause flu illness. The viruses in the flu shot are killed (inactivated), so you cannot get the flu from the shot. Side effects could include soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given; low-grade fever; aches.
- Yearly flu vaccination is the best tool available to protect against the flu and its potentially serious complications.
- Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.
- A flu vaccination does not guarantee protection against the flu. Some people who get vaccinated might still get sick. However, people who get a flu vaccine are less likely to get the flu or have to be hospitalized from flu.
- Getting vaccinated also protects people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people and people with certain chronic health conditions.

## How to avoid overeating at Thanksgiving

- Eat breakfast and normal-size meals pre-feast.
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The deadline to sponsor a tree for the Festival of Trees will be Monday, Nov. 20. All forms must be submitted to the Tuomey Foundation office. The cost to sponsor each tree is \$1,000. Trees will be displayed in shop/office windows along Main St. for the month of December. Brochures with sponsorship forms can be picked up in the Foundation office. For more information, please call 803-774-9014.

## Community Wellness Free Screenings

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**"The Good Life" – A senior health, wellness and better living expo.** Saturday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

USC Sumter Nettles Building (200 Miller Rd, Sumter). This free event will offer information promoting healthy living for those 50 and over. Palmetto Health Tuomey will provide free health screenings for blood pressure, BMI, cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood sugar. The event will feature physicians from Palmetto Health speaking about stroke prevention, heart health, obesity and diabetes.

### 21st Annual Diabetes Fair

Carolina Diabetes & Kidney Center  
Saturday, Nov. 11, noon until 5 p.m.  
Wilson Hall School (520 Wilson Hall Rd).

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Free Prostate & Diabetes Screening  
Tuesday, Nov. 28, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
Palmetto Health Tuomey Classroom 2  
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## Support Groups

### Breastfeeding Support Group "La Leche League of Sumter"

All breastfeeding mothers are welcome to join us. This class is led by a local mom who is also a La Leche League leader. She will be sharing her experiences in breastfeeding. Group meets on the first Monday of each month. Call 803-774-BABY.

GROUP MEETS Monday, Nov. 6  
TIME 10 a.m.  
LOCATION Women and Infants Pavilion Classroom  
COST Free

### Cancer Support

This support group is sponsored by Women's Imaging and the Education departments at Palmetto Health Tuomey to provide educational and emotional support to individuals and their families dealing with cancer. Call Phyllis Buckner at 803-774-8678, Susan Parnell at 803-774-9047.

GROUP MEETS Monday, Nov. 20  
TIME 6–7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION Hospital Classroom One  
COST Free

### Families Fighting Prostate Cancer

This is a community support group for individuals and their families. For information about our next group meeting, call 803-775-1324.

### GriefShare

Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice Services offers this support group for men and women who have recently lost their spouse. For information or to set up an appointment, call Linda Windley at 803-773-4663.

## Education

### Joint Camp

Joint Camp is designed for patients who are scheduled to undergo knee or hip replacement surgery. The camp educates patients on their surgery and expectations after surgery. The camp is run by our Care Management, Rehabilitation and Respiratory Therapy departments. For more information, call Lori Horton at 803-774-8661 or Ty Collier at 803-774-9174.

CLASS DATE Wednesdays, Nov. 8, 15, 22  
CLASS TIME 1 p.m.  
COST Free

### Look Good, Feel Better

This free class is part of the American Cancer Society program. It's designed to help women during cancer treatment with makeup, turbans, skin/nail care, scarves, wigs and hats. For more information or to register for upcoming dates, call the ACS at 1-800-227-2345.

### Diabetes Management Series

Take control of your diabetes. Course offers general information for diabetics and their families to simplify diabetes management and control. Each course consists of two 2-hour sessions. Call 803-774-8680 or 803-774-8678 for more information or to register for upcoming dates. Dates vary. Free



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# Doctors clash over euthanasia for mentally ill

BY MARIA CHENG  
AP Medical Writer

GHENT, Belgium — After struggling with mental illness for years, Cornelia Geerts was so desperate to die that she asked her psychiatrist to kill her.

Her sister worried that Geerts' judgment was compromised. The 59-year-old was taking more than 20 pills a day, including antidepressants, an opioid, a tranquilizer, and two medicines often used to treat bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

But about a year later, on Oct. 7, 2014, Geerts received a lethal dose of drugs from her doctor.

"I know it was Cornelia's wish, but I said to the psychiatrist that it was a shame that someone in treatment for years could just be brought to the other side with a simple injection," said her sister, Adriana Geerts, who thinks society should try harder to accommodate the mentally ill.

Cases like Geerts' reveal how difficult it can be to navigate the boundary between individual freedom and protecting vulnerable patients when it comes to euthanasia.

According to confidential documents obtained by the Associated Press, such cases have fueled a clash between leading euthanasia practitioners that suggests doctors may have failed to meet certain legal requirements in some euthanasia cases — although there is no implication that patients were killed improperly.

Aside from Belgium, euthanasia is also legal in Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Only Belgium and the Netherlands allow it for people with mental illness. In most cases, euthanasia is performed on people with a fatal illness like cancer who have only weeks to live.

Euthanasia is not permitted in the U.S., but six states and Washington D.C. allow assisted suicide, where doctors provide people with a deadly dose of medication. People must be ter-



Psychiatrist Dr. Lieve Thienpont, right, speaks with Amy De Schutter, who received approval for euthanasia about a year ago, in Ghent, Belgium.

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minally ill, and the procedure is forbidden for psychological suffering.

"I always regret that we couldn't do something else," said Dr. Lieve Thienpont, one of the psychiatrists who signed off on Geerts' death. "At the same time, I'm part of the relief for the patient."

Like many in Belgium, Thienpont thinks that when modern medicine can't relieve pain, euthanasia — when doctors actively kill patients — should be an option. But Thienpont appears more inclined than most to approve euthanasia, some colleagues say.

According to figures that she has published, some doctors think Thienpont and colleagues at her clinic may have been responsible for up to 40 percent of euthanasia deaths among psychiatric patients in Belgium from 2007 to 2011. Of the approximately 2,000 euthanasia deaths every year, about 40 are psychiatric patients.

The way she manages her euthanasia requests led to a rift earlier this year with Dr. Wim Distelmans, chairman of Belgium's euthanasia review commission.

Internal correspondence provided to the AP show Distelmans and his fellow practitioners said they were being used as a rubber stamp to approve patients referred by Thienpont.

Belgium requires that people seeking euthanasia for psychiatric reasons get an independent consultation from at least two other doctors. The doctors don't have to agree; the law only says that the objective assessments must be sought.

"We found several times that you had already made promises to patients that were referred to us," Distelmans and colleagues wrote, complaining that such "promises" undermined their own attempts to engage with patients and determine if euthanasia was justifiable.

"We want to distance ourselves from this way of working," Distelmans wrote, adding they would no longer accept patients from Thienpont.

Thienpont said the letter raised problems only about how patients were referred, not how she and colleagues were practicing euthanasia. She also blamed the patients for not describing events accurately.

"These patients are very desperate, stressed," she said. "They say things that are not always correct."

Some experts said the split between Thienpont and Distelmans raises alarms about euthanasia in Belgium, especially since the dispute has not been publicly disclosed by the commission overseeing it.

"That suggests some cases of euthanasia have proceeded that have not met the statutory, legal requirements," said Penney Lewis, co-director of the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics at King's College London. "The idea that this is happening behind closed doors is very worrying."

Distelmans did not respond to repeated requests for an interview.

Mental health experts say balancing the finality of euthanasia with the transient nature of many psychiatric illnesses is extraordinarily difficult.

"I'm convinced that in Belgium, people have died where there were still treatment options and where there was still a chance for years and even decades of (quality) life," said Dr. Joris Vandenberghe, a psychiatrist at the University of Leu-

ven, who is working on new euthanasia guidance for the Flemish Psychiatric Association.

Some patients, though, say that euthanasia can save lives.

Amy De Schutter, who endured years of failed treatment at psychiatric institutions, spent months deliberating the best way to kill herself. She had already picked the day of her suicide, but one month before her intended death last year, she was approved for euthanasia.

"It felt like 10,000 kilos was just (lifted)," De Schutter said. Being cleared to legally die at home was comforting enough that De Schutter didn't set an immediate date for euthanasia.

But for some bereaved relatives, the loss of their loved one is compounded by a belief that doctors should have focused on keeping patients alive.

"I think if the doctors had tried to help (my sister) more or proposed other things, she might have felt there was another solution," said Adriana Geerts, who accompanied her sister to the euthanasia clinic despite her own misgivings.

"I wish there had been another way," Geerts said.

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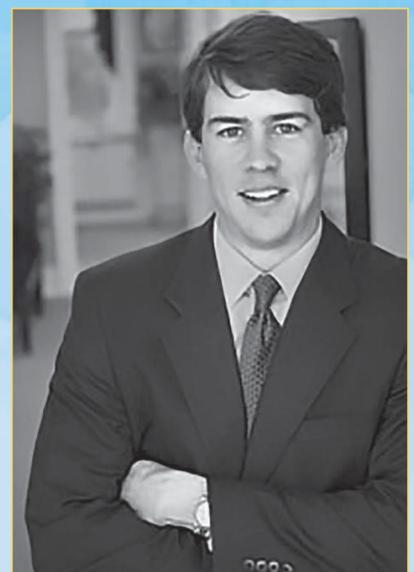
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# Warning of marijuana Halloween candy derided as scare tactic

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey is warning parents to look out for people slipping their kids marijuana-laced candy while trick-or-treating. But with no apparent evidence that's ever happened, advocates for legalizing the drug say it's nothing more than a Halloween scare tactic.

The state attorney general's office published a document being shared by law enforcement agencies across New Jersey and beyond, including a warning about a "significant presence of marijuana candy and other edible forms in New Jersey and nearby states."

"The presence of these edible forms of marijuana poses a great risk to users, especially to children, who may accidentally receive marijuana candy during Halloween," the warning said.

The warning cites the case of a 10-year-old New York boy who police said became ill after eating candy infused with cannabis found in the back seat of his family's car, but that had nothing to do with Halloween.

Advocates say marijuana candy has seemingly become the new "razor blades in the apples" Halloween urban myth, with police across the

*'Cannabis consumers are not looking to dose children with cannabis. That is not something that I've ever heard of anybody ever being interested in doing or wanting to do or would think is ethical.'*

**EVAN NISON**

Executive director of the New Jersey chapter of NORML

country sharing the message despite the lack of any known cases.

"Cannabis consumers are not looking to dose children with cannabis. That is not something that I've ever heard of anybody ever being interested in doing or wanting to do or would think is ethical," said Evan Nison, executive director of the New Jersey chapter of NORML, which is pushing to legalize marijuana. "This is just something that some police officers sometimes say every year, never really comes to fruition, and is just a scare tactic."

Sharon Lauchaire, a spokeswoman for the state attorney general, said there have been

accidents whenever possible, and given the striking similarities between these edible drugs and legitimate candy products, a warning was necessary and appropriate. We want our children to have a safe and happy Halloween," she said.

Cannabis-infused candy can take the form of gummy bears or can be made to look like fruit-flavored hard candy or chocolate bars.

Al Della Fave, spokesman for the Ocean County prosecutor's office, which shared the message this week, concedes that the likelihood of someone giving a trick-or-treater marijuana candy is "very slim."

"But you never know," he said. "All we're saying is check your kids' candy. If something's not in a manufacturer's wrapper ... throw it out. We're

not trying to scare people."

Nison said the idea of police being concerned about cannabis candy being wrapped to look like regular candy is another good reason to legalize and regulate it. Colorado, for instance, prohibits the packaging of edibles from having the word "candy" on it, and it bars edibles from taking the shape of humans, animals or cartoons.

The Democratic front-runner in New Jersey's Nov. 7 governor's race supports full marijuana legalization in the state, which could happen as soon as next year if he's elected and the Democratic-controlled Legislature passes it. His Republican challenger opposes marijuana legalization. New Jersey already has a medical marijuana program.

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## COMMENTARY

# Statuary brawl

**W**ASHINGTON — Latest to the vandals goes Teddy Roosevelt, whose bronze likeness astride a horse in front of New York's American Museum of Natural History recently received a splash of red paint upon its base.

"Now the statue is bleeding," proudly pronounced a group of protesters in claiming credit for the makeover. "We did not make it bleed. It is bloody at its very foundation."

One wonders whether these posters know anything at all about the man they've targeted. The 26th president gave us national



**Kathleen Parker**

parks, industrial regulation and environmental conservationism, among other things. He was also the author of over 40 books, some of which chronicle his expeditions and safaris that provided some of the basis for the natural history housed in the museum where he and his trusty steed keep vigil.

Also, he died almost 100 years ago (1919). When are these self-important moderns going to get over themselves?

The New York vandalism, which isn't directly connected to the recent flurry of protests against Confederate statues, is merely the most recent episode in a protest that gained traction in 2016 by the same groups that also want to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. What apparently triggered the freelance artists were two other figures — an indigenous American and an African — flanking Roosevelt's horse.

The jury is still out about what to do about the statue. Nothing would be a rational option, if a panel created by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio can handle some heat. Roosevelt may not be a civil rights icon like Rev. Martin Luther King, but he was hardly the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, either. Indeed, in 1905, Roosevelt gave a speech at the New York Republican Party Club that paid tribute to Abraham Lincoln and addressed racial inequality, which Roosevelt said he aimed to change. That this radical social transformation didn't occur within his time or tenure doesn't affirm in itself that he was racist.

In the speech, he did abysmally refer to whites as a "forward race." But the focus of his address was to echo Lincoln in calling strongly for the raising of minorities' status, which Roosevelt correctly said would benefit the entire country.

And what about the two non-whites in the statue? Let's take a look.

First, both men are walking in a proud, dignified manner, suggesting a parade in which the Rough

Rider is accompanied by individuals who were part of his life experience. Second, we have to ask, what was the context of the time? Without the historical backdrop, criticism — of politics, art or literature — is meaningless.

In 1901, when this Harvard-educated, wealthy, progressive, worldly Republican New Yorker became president, was he enslaving Indians and blacks? No. Was he hunting extensively in the American West and later in Africa? Yes. Quite a lot. Given this record, is it not possible that the other two figures represent his guides or scouts on his American West hunts and African safaris?

The statue, created as a historical representation of the man and erected to honor his contributions to our knowledge of natural history, may be offensive to a few, but by what imperative are their feelings to be considered superior to the broader citizenry's right to not see public property harmed, defaced or splattered with paint — or some facsimile thereof?

Vandalism, contrary to the group's claim that they're performing "public art," is the artless tantrum of a childish, self-absorbed mind. Defeating a block of stone or bronze hardly requires courage or, obviously, intellect.

Why not come up with something, I don't know, classier?

Make an argument. Present facts. Bring passion but keep a cool head. One could argue, for example, that the protests against Confederate statues are substantively different from the objections to Roosevelt's monument.

Given that most Civil War statues in the South were erected during the civil rights movement, inarguably, they memorialize not Southern courage but Jim Crow, a cowardly, despicable period of state-sponsored terrorism against blacks who had the audacity to insist upon equality under the law.

There. Put that on your plaque, if you care so much about history.

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, who hated the idea of memorials to the war, would likely be happy for his statues to settle in a statuary hall. As for Roosevelt, one only wishes the swashbuckling warrior-president could dismount for a few minutes and teach his vandals some manners. I'm guessing, but I suspect his two companions would lend him a hand.

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## EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

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### THE POST AND COURIER

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## Proposed state legislation on immigration law compliance

There are no so-called sanctuary cities in South Carolina. In fact, existing state law prevents local governments from undermining federal immigration law, and South Carolina is one of just six states that require law enforcement officers to check the immigration status of prisoners.

In other words, the state is far from a "sanctuary," and there is little if any evidence to suggest that any particular county or municipality has refused to comply with state or federal immigration laws.

But that hasn't stopped Gov. Henry McMaster from dragging out a non-issue in an attempt to score political points this week, particularly with voters who support President Donald Trump. Mr. Trump, who carried the state in the 2016 election, recently gave his support to Mr. McMaster's campaign for governor.

Mr. McMaster announced his support on Monday for proposed legislation that would require local law enforcement to somehow prove that they are complying with state and federal immigration law. The mechanism could be as simple as signing a document under oath.

Even if actually certifying compliance doesn't involve a lot of red tape and extra expense, it would be unnecessary given the absence of any evidence to suggest that there are sanctuary cities flourishing in the Palmetto State.

Mr. Trump, too, has waged a war of words against sanctuary cities as president, threatening to cut off federal funds for those who stymie the efforts of federal immigration officers.

And to a certain extent, he is right to do so. Broadly speaking, sanctuary cities refuse to hand over information on immigration status to federal authorities when a person is detained or investigated by law enforcement.

In some cases, that means helping shelter criminals from deportation. This latest effort at nullifying federal law should be strongly discouraged — which the administration is prepared to do, if necessary, by cutting off federal funds.

But Mr. McMaster and Mr. Trump should also be wary of endangering public safety. Immigrants, including those here illegally, should feel that they can contact and cooperate with law enforcement officers as necessary without fear of deportation or harassment. Otherwise, they risk becoming the victims of crimes or hampering criminal investigations.

Of course, much of this would be moot if Congress would finally address immigration reform in a way that would give the estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally a way to move forward out of the shadows.

### THE INDEX-JOURNAL

Oct. 24

## Reporting on white-collar crime seems to be controversial

"Shoot the messenger" is but one response we are getting about our reporting of yet another white-collar crime in Greenwood County. Shame on the newspaper for delving into such details of the accused's case and lifestyle after the arrest.

Others have justified the actions of the accused, nearly painting her as a modern-day Robin Hood; after all, the twisted logic goes, Self Regional Healthcare gets loads of money from patients.

There is a detectable pattern in responses to this newspaper's crime reporting

that gives us pause to consider whether "white-collar crime" has a deeper connotation than its superficial definition. And, given the era when the term was reportedly coined, we suspect we are correct in drawing a parallel to race.

Wikipedia has this to say: "White-collar crime refers to financially motivated nonviolent crime committed by business and government professionals. Within criminology, it was first defined by sociologist Edwin Sutherland in 1939 as 'a crime committed by a person of respectability and high social status in the course of his occupation.'"

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's website contains the following definition: "Reportedly coined in 1939, the term white-collar crime is now synonymous with the full range of frauds committed by business and government professionals. These crimes are characterized by deceit, concealment or violation of trust and are not dependent on the application or threat of physical force or violence. The motivation behind these crimes is financial — to obtain or avoid losing money, property or services or to secure a personal or business advantage."

So, what's the takeaway, again based on some of the commentary we have received on our reporting?

One, it's OK to report criminal activity in our coverage area, but certain people of certain status ought to be treated more delicately — if reported on at all. "He's from a good family," for example, can be heard as if to say that if two people commit the same crime, one's family background is less important than another's.

Two, maybe it's not OK to take money from Greenwood County Sheriff's Office accounts or from Lander University students, but it's OK to take it from a hospital because health care costs are so high.

We remain convinced that those who commit these white-collar crimes ought to have to make reparations, ought to have to at least serve some time behind bars and ought not have their cases shone in a dimmer light.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### KELLY HAS THE SAME TRAITS AS THE FRAUD HE WORKS FOR

Since *The Wall Street Journal's* article last Friday, it has been revealed that White House Chief of Staff John Kelly's unnecessary story about the Congresswoman from Florida was a lie.

Since Kelly has not apologized or made any correction as of the writing of this letter, I guess he has been exposed to be as big a "liar" as the fraud he works for. This behavior explains why he is unable to control the behavior of the man-child president because he has identical traits as his boss.

Whether you agree with her exposing the conversation, everything Rep. Frederica Wilson said was true and trump (small T intended) continuously repeating his lie will not change that. The only false statements uttered last week came from those who work daily in the Oval Office.

Quoting the *Journal*: "John Kelly made a lot of people look small Thursday." (Mainly himself)

"On Thursday, an adult finally stepped into the room." (And another narcissistic brat walked out)

LEE ROY CAMPBELL JR.  
*Kingstree*

# Trump dossier research triggered by website with GOP ties

NEW YORK (AP) — A conservative website with strong ties to the Republican establishment triggered the investigation into Donald Trump's past that ultimately produced the dossier that alleged a compromised relationship between the president and the Kremlin.

The Washington Free Beacon on Friday confirmed it originally retained the political research firm Fusion GPS to scour then-candidate Trump's background for negative information, a common practice known as "opposi-

tion research" in politics. Leaders from the Free Beacon, which is funded largely by Republican billionaire Paul Singer, insisted none of the early material it collected appeared in the dossier released later in the year detailing explosive allegations, many uncorroborated, about Trump compiled by a former British spy.

"During the 2016 election cycle we retained Fusion GPS to provide research on multiple candidates in the Republican presidential primary, just

as we retained other firms to assist in our research into Hillary Clinton," wrote the site's editor-in-chief, Matthew Continetti, and chairman Michael Goldfarb. They continued: "The Free Beacon had no knowledge of or connection to the Steele dossier, did not pay for the dossier, and never had contact with, knowledge of, or provided payment for any work performed by Christopher Steele."

Earlier in the week, reports revealed that the Clinton campaign and the

Democratic National Committee continued funding Fusion's work after the original GOP source lost interest.

Trump this week called it a "disgrace" that Democrats had helped pay for research that produced the document. But the original source of the research remained a secret.

## MORE TO THE STORY

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## OBITUARIES

### WAYNE MCELVEEN

Wayne Millard McElveen, age 76, passed away at the Medical University Hospital in Charleston on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017.

He was born on March 5, 1941, in Clarendon County, South Carolina, to William Earl and Alice Lorelle (Player) McElveen.

Wayne attended Edmunds High School with the Class of 1959 and went on to serve in the United States Army. While in the Army, Wayne was stationed in Bamberg, Germany. After returning to South Carolina, Wayne enjoyed a fulfilling career with the United States Postal Service, as well as principal of McElveen Tax Service in Sumter.

Wayne was the proud father of two sons, William Kevin Wayne McElveen of Jacksonville, Florida and Bryan Robert McElveen and husband Adam of Charleston. Wayne's joy in life were his triplet granddaughters, Emily, Jaime, and Elizabeth McElveen of Jacksonville, Florida.

In addition to his children and grandchildren, Wayne is survived by his wife, Carol Marshall of Sumter, and three step-children, Gina Schaack of Houston, Lisa Bailey of Sumter, and Dee Ann Marshall of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and five step-grandchildren, Kelsie, Keegan, and Krystin Schaak and Sydney and Christopher Bailey.

He is also survived by two of his four sisters, Clarice McElveen Staley of Sumter and Cynthia McElveen Hamilton of Sumter, and his special sister-in-law, Beryl Geddings. He also has many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces and great-great-nephews and great-great-nieces and one special great-niece, Mary Paisley Geddings.

Two sisters preceded him in death, Donna Judith McElveen of Sumter and Marilyn McElveen Hyatt of Sumter.

Wayne truly lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures; attending to his yard and gardens, observing the many birds that lived there, loving his dogs and grand dogs, cheering on his favorite teams, meeting for breakfast with his friends, and spending time with family. With an analytical mind he was a financial advisor to many; above all, he was a man with an ingrained kindness that left an incredible impression on all that knew and loved him. Wayne had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way, and always with a bright sense of humor.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Wayne touched are invited to the Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Baptist Church Road, from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, to reminisce, grieve, and support each other. The memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. in the Bethel Baptist Church Sanctuary. A private family burial will take place at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Wayne's name to The American Cancer Society.

You may go to [www.bullock-funeralhome.com](http://www.bullock-funeralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### JENNIE OVERSTREET

Jennie Rodgers Overstreet, 83, widow of Alf Overstreet, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, at Morningside of Sumter.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Mendel Britton Rodgers and the late Neely Stokes Rodgers. Mrs. Overstreet was a member of Sumter First Church of God.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Dabbs (Guy) of Madison, Georgia; six grandchildren, Patrick Christenbury, Ashleigh Thomas (Tucker), Beverly Gamroth (Ira), Garrett Christenbury, Guy Dabbs IV, and Kyle Christenbury (Ashley); six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lonnie Rodgers (Faye) and Ray Rodgers (Pat), both of Sumter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Christenbury; three brothers, Delgar "Shorty" Rodgers, Lindberg C. Rodgers and Clarence Rodgers.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron Bower officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Kyle Christenbury, Guy Dabbs IV, Tucker Thomas, Mike Overstreet, Bob Rodgers and Joe Guzzi.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Christian Homebuilders Sunday School class.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to First Church of God, 1835 U.S. 521 North, Sumter, SC 29153.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

### STEVE A. GUEST

Steve Anderson Guest, 82, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017.

Steve was born on April 25, 1935, in Ada, Oklahoma. In 1957, he joined the United States Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. While serving in the Air Force, he met

the love of his life, Ursula Vogel. They married in 1957. Together, they raised four boys and traveled and lived all over the world before retiring in Sumter.

Steve was an avid hunter and fisherman. He only fished on days that ended in 'Y'. He was an engaged citizen and supported veterans, the Sumter Elks Lodge and St. Jude's Catholic Church. He served as a Cub Scout leader, athletic coach for football, baseball and basketball and remained an active supporter of youth programs after his retirement. Steve was an avid gardener and an excellent cook. He was also a practical joker and had a great sense of humor. While dining at local diners and restaurants, he always requested a glass of diet water and stuffed hummingbird tongue for his appetizer. He also loved to serve his grandkids his special dish of "alligator soup," which was Ramen Noodle soup.

Steve was a loving husband to his wife, Ursula. He was a proud father to Steve Jr., John (Cindy), Mike (Ritamaría) and Jeff (Lorene). He was the best Opa ever to Becky, Christina (Chad), Bobbie (Arthur), Johnny, Nicole, Cody, Briann, and Holley. And he was an even better Great Opa to Allison, Avery and Izzy.

The family will receive visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home in Sumter. The funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Sumter, and he will be laid to rest at the National Cemetery in Florence.

In lieu of any flowers or gifts, please make a donation on behalf of the Guest Family to the Sumter ASPCA or the Sumter Guignard Animal Clinic.

You may go to [www.bullock-funeralhome.com](http://www.bullock-funeralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### VINIA MAE WILLIAMS

Vinia Mae Williams, 82, widow of Waddell Williams, died Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital. Born Dec. 17, 1934, in Greenville, she was the daughter of R.C. Gamble Sr. and Mary Jane Croft Gamble.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3115 Georgia St., Dalzell.

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

### DANNY J. BAKER

BISHOPVILLE — Mr. Danny J. Baker entered eternal rest on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, at 572 Bowman Road. The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother, Ms. Carolyn Baker, 203 Green Lane, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

### SAMMIE J. BUTLER

Sammie J. Butler, 70, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2017, at his home in Sumter. Born June 9, 1947, in Sumter County, he was the son of Nathaniel and Margaret Gregg Butler.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 610 E. Liberty St.

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

### WILLIAM BENJAMIN

William "Bill" Benjamin, 77, transitioned from this earth into eternal life on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon Hospital, Manning.

Born April 16, 1940, in St. Charles (Lee County) to the late Lonnie Benjamin and Lucille Elizabeth Charles Benjamin. "Bill", as he was affectionately known, received his early childhood education in the public schools of Lee County. He was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and honored as valedictorian of his class. He received certificates in public speaking and Master Electronic Technician, and retired in 1995 from Xerox Corporation, where he held the position of a senior customer service engineer.

In 1997, he received his

Real Estate License from Central Carolina Technical College, Sumter. William was also an entrepreneur, he owned a small used car business, a TV service business and Ben's Handy Man's Service, where he worked until his health began to decline.

William was a lifelong member of Unionville A.M.E. Church, where he served as a steward/chaplain, past district lay president, church school teacher, Son of Allen, choir member, as well as the music ministry.

William was a Mason, Past Master Skyway Masonic Lodge #461, Prince Hall Affiliate, a Shriner, past state president, V.I.P. escort, a holder of the "Thirty Third" and Last Degree of Masonry P.H.A.

William was a veteran of the United States Army and received several medals. A member of Who's Who in the field of high technology, a member of the Commanders of Rites of the State of South Carolina, a member of the NAACP of Sumter County and Public Awareness Association, as well as the Council of Education.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Evangelist L. MacBeth Elizabeth Benjamin; one son, Garrett (Michelle) Benjamin of Snellville, Georgia; three daughters, Michelle (James) Rogers of Bishopville, Cynthia (Micheal) Okonkwo of Mableton, Georgia, Connie (Kristopher) Lester of Sumter; three stepsons, Randy (Laura) Howard of Trenton, Michigan, Clifton (Hamika) Howard of Jacksonville, Florida, Travis (Kimberley) Howard of Fort Mills; two brothers, James (Ella) Benjamin of Sumter, Lee (Renee) of Mayesville; three sisters, Minnie Wells of Jersey City, New Jersey, Shirley (Thomas) Benbow and Edna M. Benjamin, both of Mayesville; eight grandchildren; five step grandchildren; one brother-in-law; three sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 2899 Old Georgetown Road, Manning.

Homegoing services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday from the Unionville A.M.E. Church, 1330 Swimming Pen Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Alvin E. Webb, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1 p.m.

The funeral procession will leave from the home at 1:15 p.m.

Burial will be in the Unionville A.M.E. Churchyard Cemetery

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [wiliamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:wiliamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com). Visit us on the Web — [www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com](http://www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com).

### LEROY DIXON

BISHOPVILLE — Leroy "Kid" Dixon, 63, departed from his earthly life on Oct. 24, 2017, in Bishopville.

He was the son of Ada Bell Dixon Boyd and the late Willie Arthur Sr.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, at Lee Central High School, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, with the Rev. Adeira Black, eulogist.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his daughter, Y'vekia McWarren (Emanuel) Brown of Florence; three granddaughters, Taylor McWarren, ZyLiyah Brown and

Emory Brown of Florence; his mother, Ada Bell (Jack) Boyd of Baltimore; six brothers; eight sisters; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends.

Condolences can be sent to the family at [esquaredaalfun@sc.rr.com](mailto:esquaredaalfun@sc.rr.com).

The family is being served by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

### EDDIE SCARBOROUGH

Mr. Eddie Scarborough entered eternal rest on Oct. 27, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. The family is receiving friends at the home of his niece and nephew, Dorothy and Ronnie Wells, at 3220 S. Darlington Highway, Sumter. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

### CORY ADAMS

DALZELL — Cory Ray Adams, 56, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2017, at home with his family.

Born in Galesburg, Illinois, he was the son of Jean Adams Hall of Galesburg.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and he was a well-trusted, local mechanic. He attended Alice Drive Baptist Church, and he was a member of the Adult II Sunday School class at Springbank Baptist Church.

Survivors, besides his mother include; three daughters, Jennifer Newton (Patrick), Janet Lainé (Etienne), and Julie Moore (Brian); one granddaughter, Paige Moore; one sister, Cheryl Chambers (Robert) of Moline, Illinois; and three nephews, Troy, Andy, and Aaron.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Adams, and his brother, Mark Adams.

A private funeral service will be held for immediate family.

The family will receive friends at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, and other times at the home of Robbie Adams.

A simple thank you is not enough to express how grateful the family is to Robbie Adams, Cory's caretaker, for the last few months of selfless support and compassion. They would also like to thank his nurses, Bridgett, Jillian, and Michelle, for their exceptional care and support during this difficult time.

The care Cory received at the VA hospital had a lasting impact on him and his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center, 6439 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209 or another veterans' organization.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is handling the arrangements.

### VELMA COKER

Velma Johnson Coker, 81, widow of Johnny Lee Coker, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Wells Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home, 221 Broad St.

Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. 803-775-9386.



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LUKE STILTNER FILE PHOTO  
**Luke Stiltner cooks vegetables in a wok at the Island Noodles booth at last year's Sumter Green Food Truck & Craft Beer ... Untapped Festival.**

## FESTIVAL FROM PAGE A1

with everything from gyros, dumplings, crepes, lobster rolls, Cuban sandwiches, Vietnamese and French foods, desserts, donut cone ice cream, Mexican and more.

"There's even a truck called 'Bacon Me Crazy' that has bacon in everything, including dessert," Kennedy said. She advises attendees to "bring cash, because not all of the food truck operators accept credit cards." Beer is sold for cash only. There is an ATM on site, she said.

As the name of the event indicates, said Matthew Morse, webmaster for the City of Sumter, craft beer is an important element of the festival.

The beers will again be located in the Agricultural Building, renamed the Beer Barn for the festival. Budweiser, Bud Light and Michelob Ultra will be available for \$4 each in 16-ounce aluminum bottles to those with tickets at any level, including the \$5 general admission (\$10 at the gate). Craft beers, some with intriguing names such as Holy City Pluff Mud Porter and Catawba White Zombie, will cost \$5.

Those who wish to participate in the Craft Beer Tasting will pay \$25 for advance tickets (\$35 at the gate), which will admit them into the Beer Barn at noon, as well as into the food truck area. This ticket admits the holder to the tasting, scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m., and entitles ticket holders to unlimited 2-ounce servings of the craft beers.

VIP Access tickets, \$20 in advance or \$30 at the gate, will get you into the Beer Barn and the food truck area at 11 a.m., a full hour before others. These tickets are limited. Tickets to the Craft Beer Tasting must be purchased separately.

### WANT TO GO?

Tickets can be purchased in person at Swan Lake Visitors Center, 822 W. Liberty St., or the Sumter Opera House box office, 21 N. Main St., or online at [SumterGreen.org](http://SumterGreen.org) or [SumterOperaHouse.com](http://SumterOperaHouse.com).

For more information, visit the website [SumterGreen.org](http://SumterGreen.org) or the Sumter Green Facebook page.

Morse said there will be several new releases of craft beer "not available in our area before ... some available only one time a year and some available one time only."

The craft beers, he said, are mostly from nearby areas — the Midlands, North Carolina and Georgia.

Among the selections are Palmetto Brewery's Ghost Rider Pale Ale, which is brewed with ghost peppers, one of the 10 hottest peppers known; RJ Rockers' Pool Boy IPA; Thomas Creek Driftwood Series' Boys-en the Hood Bourbon Barrel Sour and Passion of the Fruit Bourbon Barrel Sour; Southern Barrel's Helles Lager and Wild Bramble Berliner-Style Weisse Ale; and Catawba's King Don's Pumpkin Ale.

"We tried to make it as local as possible," Morse said. The only draft beer comes from Local Motion, a new brewery out of Florence that will be on site.

Both Kennedy and Morse asked guests to drink responsibly.

"We will have transportation available for those who do not feel comfortable driving after the event (at their own expense)," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said the entertainment will be outstanding, with Swift Creek band coming back and J.D. and the Breeze playing several sets during the noon-to-6 p.m. festival.

Entry to Untapped will be through West Liberty Street entrance to Sumter County Civic Center. Ample free parking is available. Guests will enter the festival itself through the gate nearest the Potato House. Identification will be checked here. You must be 21 to participate in the beer tastings.

Once admitted, guests will be able to leave and re-enter the festival at any time during the event.

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because she's had no frost this year yet, just as she had none last year at this time either. On the other hand, she said just last week it was too hot and buggy to go out — in late October, near Chicago.

The trend of ever later first freezes appears to have started around 1980, according to an analysis by The Associated Press of data from 700 weather stations across the U.S. going back to 1895 compiled by Ken Kunkel, a meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Centers for Environmental Information.

To look for nationwide trends, Kunkel compared the first freeze from each of the 700 stations to the station's average for the 20th Century. Some parts of the country experience earlier or later freezes every year, but on average freezes are coming later.

The average first freeze over the last 10 years, from 2007 to 2016, is a week later than the average from 1971 to 1980, which is before Kunkel said the trend became noticeable.

This year, about 40 percent of the Lower 48 states have had a freeze as of Oct. 23, compared to 65 percent in a normal year, according to Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private service Weather Underground.

Duncan's flowers should be dead by



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**Fall colors begin to show along Route 209 in Reilly Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on Monday. Across the United States, 2017's first freeze has been arriving further and further into the calendar, according to more than a century of measurements from weather stations nationwide.**

now. According to data from the weather station near her in Ottawa, Illinois, the average first freeze for the 20th century was Oct. 15. The normal from 1981 to 2010 based on NOAA computer simulations was Oct. 19. Since 2010, the average first freeze is on Oct. 26. Last year, the first freeze in Ottawa came on Nov. 12.

Last year was "way off the charts" nationwide, Kunkel said. The average first freeze was two weeks later than the 20th century average, and the last frost of spring was nine days earlier

than normal.

Overall the United States freeze season of 2016 was more than a month shorter than the freeze season of 1916. It was most extreme in the Pacific Northwest. Oregon's freeze season was 61 days — two months — shorter than normal.

Global warming has helped push the first frosts later, Kunkel and other scientists said. Also at play, though, are natural short-term changes in air circulation patterns — but they too may be influenced by man-made cli-

mate change, they said.

This shrinking freeze season is what climate scientists have long predicted, said University of Oklahoma meteorology professor Jason Furtado.

A shorter freeze season means a longer growing season and less money spent on heat. But it also hurts some plants that require a certain amount of chill, such as Georgia peaches, said Theresa Crimmins, a University of Arizona ecologist. Crimmins is assistant director of the National Phenology Network. Phenology is the study of the seasons and how plants and animals adapt to timing changes.

Pests that attack trees and spread disease aren't being killed off as early as they normally would be, Crimmins said.

In New England, many trees aren't changing colors as vibrantly as they normally do or used to because some take cues for when to turn from temperature, said Boston University biology professor Richard Primack.

Clusters of late-emerging monarch butterflies are being found far further north than normal for this time of year, and are unlikely to survive their migration to Mexico.

Kevin Trenberth, a climate scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said natural variability, especially an El Nino, made last year exceptional for an early freeze, but "it represents the kind of conditions that will be more routine in a decade or two" because of man-made climate change.

## STUDIES FROM PAGE A1

condition of the district's schools and a county population demographics study to include short-term and long-term enrollment projections in the district's schools. Facilities Committee members unanimously approved both motions at their initial meeting three days earlier on Friday, Oct. 20. In addition to Byrd, the committee consists of board Vice Chairwoman Karen Michalik and board member the Rev. Ralph Canty.

On Monday night at the meeting, Byrd — a new board member appointed on July 31 — said he wanted to discuss contract bid pricing concerns for the two studies with fellow board members in executive session and behind closed doors before formally recommending them to the board in open session. When told he couldn't change the board's agenda during the actual meeting and add that item to the closed session, the motions basically didn't move forward and weren't discussed any further that night.

After the meeting, Byrd described it as a "missed opportunity" and said the board will discuss the merit of the two studies at its next meeting on

Nov. 13 and decide if it wants to move forward with them.

According to the committee, the studies will be a comprehensive look at existing schools' physical assets and needs and future facility utilization, which could factor into closing certain district schools.

Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm said last week if the board deems the studies a good idea, she will move forward with the formal process of seeking study proposers. If the board thinks the studies are a bad idea — given associated costs or another factor — she said she will not proceed.

Hamm said she thinks the studies can provide necessary facts the Facilities Committee needs in moving forward.

The topic of closing low-enrollment schools has been discussed at least to some degree since a district financial crisis was discovered last year. The fiscal 2016 audit report, released in December by auditor Robin Poston, revealed the district overspent by \$6.2 million that year and had an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2016, of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to Poston.

On Dec. 12, when Poston gave the audit report, she told board members to look at all possible cost-saving measures, including consolidating any of its 28 schools.

In the spring, when the district had an outside financial consultant on staff, he recommended closing two low-enrollment schools at the end of last school year (F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle schools) and two more at the end of this school year to build the district's low fund balance back up.

The consultant, Scott Allan, projected closing the two schools last school year would provide \$3.6 million in cost savings this fiscal year to add to the general fund. He said at the time cost savings would mostly come in the areas of utility costs and insurance for the facilities. Combined enrollment at the two schools last year was about 320 students. The district's current total enrollment is 16,801 students, according to district data.

In late April, the board voted down the motion, in a 4-2 split vote, to close the two schools.

Shortly thereafter, the board voted to form a Development Assistance Committee to gather community input on potentially closing schools. To

date, the DAC has not taken any action.

In the Facilities Committee meeting on Oct. 20, Hamm said she thinks the facilities study and the population demographics study can help the committee properly engage with the DAC. She said she thinks a facilities study could be completed in about three months once started. Hamm said she doesn't think the demographics study

would take an extensive amount of time either.

"Without the right information under our belt, we might make some decisions that aren't the best decisions," Hamm said. "I would hate to involve the DAC in making decisions without the correct information."

Committee members seemed to agree with Hamm's suggestions and later passed the motions for the studies.

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PUBLIC AGENDA

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION Wednesday, 4 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Participate in something you enjoy and

you will make a difference. Your energy and ability to get things done will not go unnoticed. A chance to improve an important relationship is highlighted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be tempted by a joint venture or investment. Look at all the possibilities carefully before you decide to get involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for an opportunity to use your skills in new ways. Keep up with the latest technology and be aware of how others around you are advancing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A day trip will help you relax and reevaluate. A visit with a sibling, relative or friend will be enlightening and give you plenty of ideas that you can implement into the way you want to move forward personally or professionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationships will need your undivided attention. Keep your emotions out of the conversation and the facts and figures at the forefront.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Consider your current position and what you can do to make improvements to your financial situation. Personal improvements or relocating to a place that offers greater opportunity should be considered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in events, entertainment and the things that you enjoy and that make you happy. Children, close friends and your partner should be your priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Offer alternatives to loved ones. An incentive will help you win support and hands-on help to achieve your goals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Say less and do more. Aim to please, but not to use financial means to buy love. Listen carefully and don't believe all that you hear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't make a change or do something because someone else decides to. Try to do something you enjoy, even if it is on your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look inward and figure out the best way to move forward. Less talk and more action will help you turn matters in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Responsibilities will weigh you down. Delegate some of your chores to people you know will help you out.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

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

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

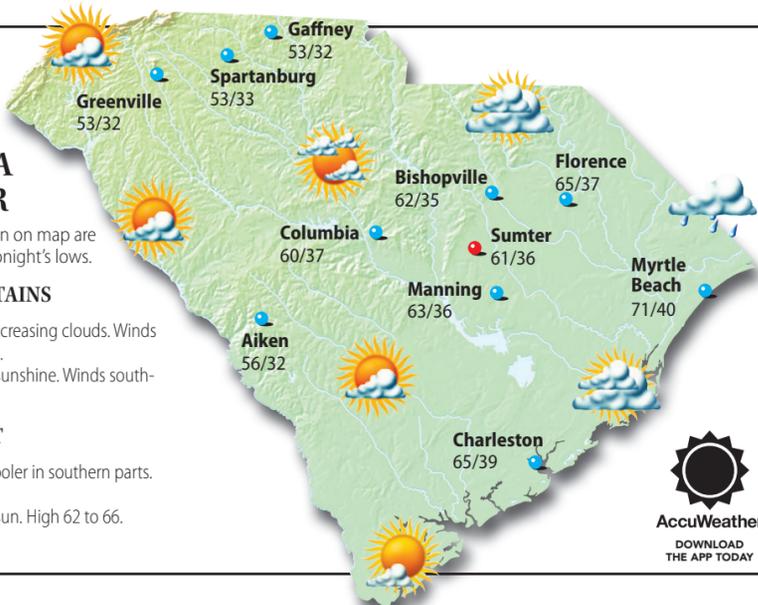
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Cool with decreasing clouds. Winds northwest 6-12 mph. Monday: Plenty of sunshine. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A shower; cooler in southern parts. High 62 to 71. Monday: Plenty of sun. High 62 to 66.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

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

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:39 a.m. Sunset 6:32 p.m. Moonrise 3:24 p.m. Moonset 1:41 a.m.

Table with 4 columns: Full, Last, New, First. Shows moon phases for Nov. 4, 10, 18, 26.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. est., 24-hr chg. Lists rivers like Black River, Congaree, and Saluda.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, High, Low. Shows tide times for AT MYRTLE BEACH.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/Low/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/Low/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, etc.

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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CROSSWORD puzzle grid with numbers 1-111.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword answers: BASE JUMPS, SKOSH, APPLA, TART, TISHA, SIESTA, KEY, OTTER, ICEE, HEIF, UNTIED, CAD, ONSERVE, NTH, SLOTH, URAL, TAPA, WEAR, HABITAT, SBARRRO, MELONS, WANNABE, APED, ETAS, RENU, BASRA, AHI, BOLO, TIE, HOG, ROSARY, NOB, MOTE, JUNTA, FAMILYFANT, ASIAN, AMAZONIAN, RENDS, BETA, WARDS.

SUDOKU

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## USC FOOTBALL



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South Carolina defensive backs JaMarcus King (7) and Rashad Fenton (16) tackle Vanderbilt wide receiver Kalija Lipscomb (16) during the Gamecocks' 34-27 victory on Saturday in Columbia

# Gamecocks bowl eligible, hold off Vanderbilt 34-27

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

COLUMBIA — Quarterback Jake Bentley accounted for three touchdowns and running back A.J. Turner became the first University of South Carolina rusher to go over 100 yards as a late defensive stop preserved a 34-27 Gamecock victory over Vanderbilt on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium.

With the win, South Carolina gained bowl eligibility for the 12th time in 13 seasons, running its overall record to 6-2 while im-

proving to 4-2 in the Southeastern Conference heading into a showdown at undefeated and SEC East-leading Georgia next Saturday.

South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp looked at becoming bowl eligible as more of an expectation than an accomplishment for the Gamecock program and really did not put much emphasis on the upcoming game against Georgia, which ran its record to 8-0 and 5-0 with a 42-7 thrashing of Florida on Saturday.

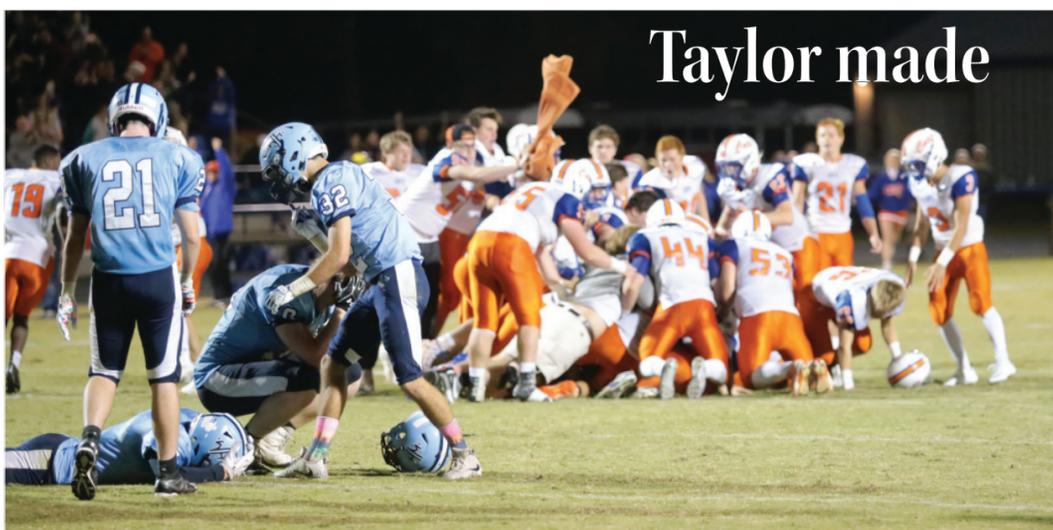
"We'll take it as the next ball game," said Muschamp, a former

walk-on safety for Georgia from 1991-94. "At the end of the day, our guys know that it's an important game. They understand it's a big ball game against a very good team. So I don't think me standing in front of our team and saying it is going to make any difference. At the end of the day, they know it's a big game and that we need to prepare extremely well. That's what we'll do."

Trailing 34-27, Vandy took over at its 33 with 2:48 on the clock. A pass interference penalty against

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## PREP FOOTBALL



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Dejected Wilson Hall players show their disappointment as Laurence Manning celebrates its 14-13 last-second victory over the Barons on Friday at Spencer Field.

# LMA's Lee makes TD grab on final play in 14-13 victory

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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As the final frantic seconds were running off the clock, Laurence Manning Academy quarterback Braydon Osteen got a quick word from his wide receiver — and longtime friend — Taylor Lee.

"Me and Taylor have been playing football together since cub (league), and he came over to me and told me to throw the football to him," Osteen said.

And that's what Osteen did on the last play of the game between the Swampcats and Wilson Hall on Friday at Spencer Field. He threw a jump ball pass right at the goal line and Lee went up and

got over two Baron defenders and fell in the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown pass as time expired to tie the game at 13-13.

Jackson Lee then came on and kicked — not once, but twice — the game-winning extra point for a 14-13 victory in an improbable game with an improbable ending.

LMA came into the game with a 7-2 record and on a 3-game winning streak. WH was 5-4, on a 3-game losing streak and without its top three rushers, all out with injuries.

Yet Wilson Hall was leading 13-7 and had had Laurence Manning starting at its 4-yard line with 2:56 remaining in the game. The Swampcats drove as far as

the Baron 7, but a holding penalty and an illegal procedure call pushed them back to the 27.

With no timeouts and time winding down quickly, Osteen rolled to his right and with pressure coming from his back side, put the ball up for Taylor Lee.

"It seemed like the ball stayed up there forever," Taylor Lee said. "But he (Osteen) threw the perfect jump ball. He threw it just right and I timed my jump right. I don't know how many defenders I had around me, but I just went up and got it."

"There's not a better quarterback (than Osteen)."

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## CLEMSON FOOTBALL

# Tigers throttle Tech

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLEMSON — The seventh-ranked Clemson Tigers, coming off a bye week after suffering a 27-24 loss to Syracuse, bounced back with a 24-10 victory over Georgia Tech on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Georgia Tech received the opening kickoff and picked up a first down. However, running back KirVonte Benson fumbled the ball and the Tigers recovered at the Yellow Jacket 45-yard line.

After a 7-yard completion from quarterback Kelly Bryant to wide receiver Deon Cain, Bryant went back to him for a 38-yard touchdown pass. Alex Spence made the extra point to make it 7-0 with 12:51 left in the first quarter.

After a 52-yard punt by GT freshman punter Pressley Harvin, the former Sumter High School standout, the Tigers were on the move again. Freshman running back Travis Etienne fumbled the ball though and Tech recovered at its 33.

Benson broke off a 65-yard run to the CU 9 on the first play. The Clemson defense stiffened though and limited Georgia Tech to a 25-yard field goal by Brenton King to make it 7-3 with 4:53 left in the first quarter.

Clemson responded with an 8-play, 65-yard scoring drive to go up 14-3 with 1:56 left in the quarter. Running back Adam Choice scored from two yards out.

The Tigers pushed the lead to 21-3 late in the first half with a 10-play, 71-yard drive. Etienne scored from two yards out with 3:26 left in the second quarter.

Clemson limited the Yellow Jackets' run-heavy option offense to just 110 yards of total offense in the first half.

Bryant, who was playing after leaving the Syracuse loss with a concussion while trying to play with an ankle injury, was 14-for-19 for 143 yards and two touchdowns in the first half. He rushed for 62 yards on 11 carries as well.

The Tigers pushed the lead to 24-3 on its first drive of the second half. Clemson started at its 13 and drove all the way to the Tech 19 before Spence booted a 29-yard field goal with 10:32 left in the third quarter.



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Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) is stopped by Georgia Tech defensive lineman Antonio Simmons (93) in the first half of their game on Saturday in Clemson.

## PREP FOOTBALL

# Sumter routs Socastee; will host White Knoll in 1st round of 5A playoffs

BY RYAN ELSWICK  
Special to The Sumter Item

MYRTLE BEACH — Da'jon Butts rushed for three touchdowns and Ontra Harvin was solid under center as Sumter pulled away from Socastee 48-21 on Friday at Braves Stadium.

Harvin, a junior who was making the start in place of 3-year starter Zykiem Jackson, was 13-for-17 passing for 176 yards and one score.

Jackson broke his collarbone in last week's 14-13 loss to Conway.

"Losing Zykiem was a big blow to us, but we were confident with [Harvin] throwing the football. He throws the football really well," Sumter coach Mark Barnes said.

"Our two quarterbacks had different skill sets, so I kind of got caught with my britches down last week when [Harvin] had to go play, because the offense was set up for the other quarterback," Barnes said.

Sumter, which improved to 8-2 overall and finished 4-1 in Region VI-5A, will be a No. 2 seed when the playoffs begin next Friday and will be at home against White Knoll.

Socastee (5-5, 1-4) earned an at-large spot and will travel to Fort Dorchester.

Butts scored on an 8-yard run and Harvin connected with Anthony Dinkins-McCall for a 54-yard score as Sumter jumped out to an early 14-0 lead.



BARNES

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**6 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Erste Bank Open Singles Final Match and Doubles Final Match from Vienna and Swiss Indoors Singles Final Match from Basel, Switzerland (TENNIS).  
**9:20 a.m.** — NFL Football: Minnesota vs. Cleveland from London (NFL NETWORK).  
**9:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Southampton vs. Brighton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**10:20 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Augsburg vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**Noon** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Leicester City (WIS 10).  
**Noon** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series First Data 500 Pole Qualifying from Martinsville, Va. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — NFL Football: Los Angeles Chargers at New England (WLTX 19).  
**1 p.m.** — NFL Football: Carolina at Tampa Bay (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**1 p.m.** — Women's College Volleyball: Nebraska at Michigan (ESPNU).  
**1 p.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Freiburg vs. Stuttgart (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**2 p.m.** — Women's College Soccer: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Match from Orange Beach, Ala. (SEC NETWORK).  
**2:30 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Sanderson Farms Championship Final Round from Jackson, Miss. (GOLF).  
**3 p.m.** — Formula One Racing: Mexican Grand Prix from Mexico City (WIS 10).  
**3 p.m.** — College Soccer: Indiana at Michigan State (ESPN).  
**3 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series First Data 500 from Martinsville, Va. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**4 p.m.** — NFL Football: Dallas at Washington (WACH 57).  
**4:30 p.m.** — Women's College Soccer: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Match from Orange Beach, Ala. (SEC NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinals Leg 1 Match (ESPN).  
**5 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Anaheim at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**5:30 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions PowerShares QQQ Championship Final Round from Thousand Oaks, Calif. (GOLF).  
**6 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Orlando at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: World Series Game 5 — Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston (WACH 57).  
**8:20 p.m.** — NFL Football: Pittsburgh at Detroit (WIS 10, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**11:30 p.m.** — Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix Event from Regina, Saskatchewan — Skate Canada (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MONDAY

**6 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: ATP Paris Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**Noon** — Professional Tennis: ATP Paris Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**3 p.m.** — College Golf: East Lake Cup Individual Championships from Atlanta (GOLF).  
**3:55 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Newcastle United vs. Burnley (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinals Leg 1 Match (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Boston (NBA TV).  
**8 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Memphis (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**8:15 p.m.** — NFL Football: Denver at Kansas City (ESPN, ESPN2, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Golden State at Los Angeles Clippers (NBA TV).

MLB PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
 All Games Televised by Fox  
 Houston 2, L.A. Dodgers 1  
 Tuesday, Oct. 24: L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 1  
 Wednesday, Oct. 25: Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 11 innings  
 Friday, Oct. 27: Houston 5, L.A. Dodgers 3  
 Saturday, Oct. 28: L.A. Dodgers (Wood 16-3) at Houston (Morton 14-7), 8:20 p.m.  
 Sunday, Oct. 29: L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 18-4) at Houston (Keuchel 14-5), 8:20 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, Oct. 31: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 8:20 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, Nov. 1: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 8:20 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	195	166
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	119	101
Miami	4	3	0	.571	92	152
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	137	161
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	3	0	.571	183	110
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	158	173
Houston	3	3	0	.500	177	147
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	119	222
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	147	116
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	170	148
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.333	98	112
Cleveland	0	7	0	.000	103	169
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA

Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	207	161
Denver	3	3	0	.500	108	118
L.A. Chargers	3	4	0	.429	137	131
Oakland	3	4	0	.429	155	156

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	1	0	.857	199	146
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	165	142
Washington	3	3	0	.500	141	147
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	112	156
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	171	133
Carolina	4	3	0	.571	131	139
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	128	132
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	145	151
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	146	119
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	164	161
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	161	149
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	122	151
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	212	138
Seattle	4	2	0	.667	134	94
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	119	191
San Francisco	0	7	0	.000	123	186

THURSDAY'S GAME

Baltimore 40, Miami 0

TODAY'S GAMES

Minnesota vs Cleveland at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.  
 San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
 Chicago at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 L.A. Chargers at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Houston at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.  
 Dallas at Washington, 4:25 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.  
 Open: L.A. Rams, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Green Bay

MONDAY'S GAME

Denver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
 L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Denver at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
 Washington at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.  
 Oakland at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
 Open: Chicago, Minnesota, New England, L.A. Chargers, Cleveland, Pittsburgh

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Detroit at Green Bay, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	3	2	.600	—
Boston	3	2	.600	—
Brooklyn	3	3	.500	½
New York	1	3	.250	1½
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	4	1	.800	—
Washington	3	2	.600	1
Miami	2	2	.500	1½
Charlotte	2	3	.400	2
Atlanta	1	5	.167	3½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	3	2	.600	—
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	—
Cleveland	3	3	.500	½
Indiana	2	3	.400	1
Chicago	1	3	.250	1½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	—
Memphis	4	1	.800	½
San Antonio	4	1	.800	½
New Orleans	3	3	.500	2
Dallas	1	5	.167	4
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	3	2	.600	—
Minnesota	3	3	.500	½
Utah	2	3	.400	1
Denver	2	3	.400	1
Oklahoma City	2	3	.400	1
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	4	0	1.000	—
Golden State	4	2	.667	1
L.A. Lakers	2	3	.400	2½
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
Sacramento	1	4	.200	3½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Houston 109, Charlotte 93  
 Orlando 114, San Antonio 87  
 Denver 105, Atlanta 100  
 New York 107, Brooklyn 86  
 Minnesota 119, Oklahoma City 116  
 Golden State 120, Washington 117  
 Toronto 101, L.A. Lakers 92

SATURDAY'S GAMES

New Orleans 123, Cleveland 101  
 Boston at Miami, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Indiana, 4:30 p.m.  
 Denver at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.  
 Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
 Washington at Sacramento, 6 p.m.  
 New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Denver at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Orlando at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	12	9	2	1	19	45	31
Ottawa	11	5	1	5	15	41	33
Toronto	11	7	4	0	14	45	40
Boston	9	4	3	2	10	27	29
Detroit	11	4	6	1	9	29	33
Florida	9	4	5	0	8	33	33
Buffalo	12	3	7	2	8	29	44
Montreal	11	3	7	1	7	23	42
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	10	8	2	0	16	40	31
Pittsburgh	11	7	3	1	15	34	41
Columbus	10	7	3	0	14	32	23
Philadelphia	11	6	5	0	12	38	31
N.Y. Islanders	10	5	4	1	11	33	33
Carolina	9	4	4	1	9	25	26
Washington	10	4	5	1	9	30	37
N.Y. Rangers	12	3	7	2	8	34	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	11	8	2	1	17	36	27
Nashville	10	5	3	2	12	25	25
Dallas	11	6	5	0	12	32	32
Chicago	11	5	4	2	12	35	28
Winnipeg	9	4	3	2	10	24	30
Colorado	10	5	5	0	10	28	31
Minnesota	8	3	3	2	8	28	27
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	11	9	1	1	19	38	20
Vegas	9	8	1	0	16	34	19
Vancouver	10	6	3	1	13	30	25
Anaheim	10	5	4	1	11	31	30
San Jose	10	5	5	0	10	27	26
Calgary	11	5	6	0	10	26	32
Edmonton	9	3	5	1	7	20	28
Arizona	11	0	10	1	1	26	48

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Vegas 7, Colorado 0  
 New Jersey 5, Ottawa 4, SO  
 Columbus 2, Winnipeg 1, OT  
 St. Louis 2, Carolina 1  
 Nashville 2, Chicago 1  
 Dallas 2, Calgary 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES

San Jose 3, Buffalo 2  
 Los Angeles 2, Boston 3, OT  
 New Jersey 4, Arizona 3  
 Montreal 5, N.Y. Rangers 4  
 Philadelphia 4, Toronto 2  
 Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 1  
 Detroit at Florida, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
 Washington at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Anaheim at Carolina, 5 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
 Washington at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Arizona at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
 Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
 Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
 Arizona at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

PGA SCORES

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Stoddard, Wofford run past ETSU 31-24

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Andre Stoddard ran for 107 yards and his 10th touchdown of the season on 22 carries and Wofford continued its streak of winning close games by holding off East Tennessee State 31-24 on Saturday.

The Terriers (7-1, 5-1 Southern Conference) are now 6-1 in games decided by one touchdown or less. Wofford, which came into the game sixth in the nation in rushing yards per game at 279.1, piled up 302 more on the ground. Lennox McAfee and Blake Morgan also had rushing touchdowns.

**THE CITADEL 21**  
**VIRGINIA MILITARY 3**

CHARLESTON — Grant Drakeford sprinted 71 yards for a first-quarter touchdown and The Citadel defense did the rest in a 21-3 victory over VMI on Saturday.

Grant Clemons' 37-yard field goal staked the Keydets to a 3-0 lead on their first possession of the game. The lead lasted 58 seconds.

**TEXAS STATE 27**  
**COASTAL CAROLINA 7**

CONWAY — Damian Williams threw for 269 yards and two touchdowns and Texas State defeated Coastal Carolina 27-7 on Saturday night in a matchup of teams on six-game losing streaks.

The Chanticleers (1-7, 0-5), in the midst of their longest losing streak since beginning football in 2003, scored when Anthony Chesley scooped up a bad snap on a Bobcats field-goal attempt and returned it 50 yards.

**FURMAN 28**  
**WESTERN CAROLINA 6**

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Antonio Wilcox ran for 202 yards and a touchdown, Kealand Dirks had 119 yards and two scores and Furman defeated Western Carolina 28-6 on Saturday.

The Paladins (5-3, 4-1 Southern Conference), who remained a half-game behind front-running Wofford in the conference race with their fifth straight win, led 7-0 at the half when P.J. Blazejowski hooked up with Andy Schumpert for a 44-yard touchdown.

**KENNESAW STATE 28**  
**PRESBYTERIAN 0**

CLINTON — Chandler Burks threw for 93 yards and a touchdown, ran for three scores, and Kennesaw State wore down Presbyterian College 28-0 on Saturday for a school-record seventh straight win.

**MONMOUTH 23**  
**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 20**

CHARLESTON — Gerron Pendarvis returned an interception 21-yards for a touchdown early in the second half

and Monmouth held on to win its fifth-straight, 23-20 over Charleston Southern on Saturday night.

**HOWARD 28**  
**S.C. STATE 20**

ORANGEBURG — Caylin Newton fired a 94-yard touchdown pass to Jequez Ezzard and Howard made a 21-0 first-quarter lead hold for a 28-20 win at South Carolina State Saturday.

**ACC**  
**(8) MIAMI 24**  
**NORTH CAROLINA 19**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Eighth-ranked Miami is still unbeaten, even if it isn't coming easy.

Malik Rosier threw for a career-high 356 yards with three touchdowns to help the Hurricanes hold off North Carolina 24-19 on Saturday, though they struggled to put away an injury-riddled team despite entering the game as 20-point favorites.

**(9) NOTRE DAME 35**  
**(14) N.C. STATE 14**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — There was plenty of Love in the air and on the ground as No. 9 Notre Dame continued its comeback season with a convincing 35-14 victory over 14-ranked North Carolina State on a blustery Saturday afternoon.

**(13) VIRGINIA TECH 24**  
**DUKE 3**

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Josh Jackson threw for a touchdown and ran for another on Saturday night to lead No. 13 Virginia Tech to a 24-3 win over Duke.

Jackson hit Sean Savoy with a 26-yard pass just before halftime to give the Hokies (7-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) a 17-3 lead. He scored on a 6-yard run in the third quarter, all but cementing Virginia Tech's third victory in a row on a night when it rained for most of the second half and footing became increasingly uncertain.

**WAKE FOREST 42**  
**LOUISVILLE 32**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest's Greg Dortch kept zipping around, finding inventive ways to reach the end zone. For a change, the most explosive player in a Louisville game was someone other than Heisman Trophy-winner Lamar Jackson.

Dortch caught a school-record four of John Wolford's five touchdown passes in Wake Forest's 42-32 victory over the Cardinals on Saturday.

**PITTSBURGH 31**  
**VIRGINIA 14**

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh coach Pat Narduzzi finds every opportunity he can to talk about his team's youth,

often stressing that building a program is a process and as difficult as the growing pains may seem at the time, a tangible payoff awaits if you simply keep at it.

The proof came to life across four soggy quarters at Heinz Field on Saturday, as the Panthers relied heavily on running backs Darrin Hall and Qadree Ollison and a rapidly improving defense in a 31-14 victory over Virginia.

**SEC**  
**(3) GEORGIA 42**  
**FLORIDA 7**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Sony Michel slipped through the line untouched, sprinted past several defenders and then spun into the end zone.

The rout was on, and the losing streak was essentially over.

Michel put third-ranked Georgia up big early and put Florida away late, scoring on two long runs in a 42-7 drubbing Saturday that might have been the final game for Gators coach Jim McElwain. It was Florida's most lopsided loss in the series since a 44-0 shutout in 1982.

**ARKANSAS 38**  
**MISSISSIPPI 37**

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — In an effort to break out of a three-game losing streak, Arkansas coach Bret Bielema said he tried to keep things simple and stick to a mantra of starting fast and finishing strong.

One out of two proved to be enough.

Connor Limpert made a 34-yard field goal with 4 seconds left and Arkansas rallied from a 24-point deficit for an improbable 38-37 victory over Mississippi on Saturday.

**TOP 25**  
**(6) OHIO STATE 39**  
**(2) PENN STATE 38**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — J.T. Barrett hit Marcus Baugh with a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:48 left in the fourth quarter and No. 6 Ohio State rallied from 11 points down in the final five minutes to hand No. 2 Penn State its first loss, 39-38 on Saturday.

**(25) IOWA STATE 14**  
**(4) TEXAS TECH 7**

AMES, Iowa — TCU is no longer unbeaten.

The Horned Frogs have only themselves — and a resurgent Iowa State defense — to blame.

Kyle Kempt threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns and 25th-ranked Iowa State upset fourth-ranked TCU 14-7 on Saturday, leaving the Big 12 without an undefeated team heading into November.

*From wire reports*

PRO FOOTBALL

# Buccaneers, Panthers aiming to heat up for NFC South race

BY FRED GOODALL  
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The surest path to the playoffs is winning a division title.

It's also a journey that doesn't figure to be easy for Carolina and equally inconsistent Tampa Bay in the NFC South, where two games separate first and last place.

Beginning Sunday, the Panthers (4-3) will play five of their remaining nine games within the tightly contested division that produced the past two NFC representatives in the Super Bowl.

The last-place Buccaneers (2-4) play six of their final 10 against Carolina, Atlanta (3-3), and current division leader New Orleans (4-2), which has rebounded from an 0-2 start to win four straight games.

The Bucs and Falcons are riding three-game losing streaks. The Panthers, coming off a 14-point road loss to Chicago in which they failed to score a touchdown, have dropped two straight after winning four of five to begin the season.

As a result, none of the teams have been able to separate themselves from the others.

"For the most part that's the way it is throughout the league," Carolina coach Ron Rivera said of the way the race is shaping up.

"There are just a couple of teams right now that have stepped ahead of everybody else," Rivera added. "Other than that, I think it's the parity the league is looking for."

The Panthers shrugged off a 21-point home loss to New Orleans to beat New England and Detroit on the road to soar to the top of the standings. Losses to Philadelphia and the Bears the past two weeks dropped them behind the first-place Saints.

Tampa Bay, meanwhile, has the league's second-ranked offense but has been a huge disappointment defensively, allowing 30 or more points in three of its four losses.

The way the Bucs played in losing at Arizona and Buffalo the past two weeks, coach Dirk Koetter reiterated his struggling team can't afford to look at the division race beyond playing the Panthers on Sunday.

"The only thing you can do right now is ... get one win," Koetter said.

"I showed the guys the division standings, and we are what we've earned to this point," the coach added. "The fact that some other teams got beat in our division is in our favor, and it is a factor (that) we have not played division games and those games can move you up fast. ... But we have to play better football."



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Carolina quarterback Cam Newton (1) and the Panthers will take on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers today in Tampa, Fla.

COLLEGE SCORES

Arkansas 38, Mississippi 37<  
Benedict 17, Albany St. (Ga.) 12  
Bethune-Cookman 24, Hampton 21  
Carson-Newman 27, Tusculum 7  
Catawba 45, Limestone 28  
Chattanooga 23, Samford 21  
Cumberlands 21, St. Andrews 14  
E. Kentucky 26, Murray St. 13  
FAU 42, W. Kentucky 28  
FIU 41, Marshall 30  
Faulkner 49, Warner 35  
Fayetteville St. 28, Livingstone 26  
Ferrum 19, Methodist 14  
Florida A&M 34, Morgan St. 31  
Fort Valley St. 52, Morehouse 7  
Frostburg St. 35, S. Virginia 3  
Furman 28, W. Carolina 6  
Gallaudet 28, Dean 7

Georgia 42, Florida 7  
Grambling St. 50, Texas Southern 4  
Guilford 49, Bridgewater (Va.) 23  
Hampden-Sydney 38, Emory & Henry 0  
Houston 28, South Florida 24  
Howard 28, SC State 20  
Huntingdon 52, Greensboro 7  
Jackson St. 24, MVSU 5  
Jacksonville 54, Campbell 48, 3OT  
Jacksonville St. 23, SE Missouri 7  
James Madison 21, New Hampshire  
Kennesaw St. 28, Presbyterian 0  
Kentucky St. 32, Lane 5  
Liberty 33, Gardner-Webb 17  
Lindsey Wilson 35, Bethel (Tenn.) 7  
Maryland 42, Indiana 39  
Miami 24, North Carolina 19  
Monmouth (NJ) 23, Charleston southern 20  
NC Cenral 42, Delaware St. 14  
North Alabama 20, Delta St. 7

Point (Ga.) 40, Ave Maria 17  
Reinhardt 44, Pikeville 21  
Rhodes 28, Sewanee 10  
San Diego 48, Stetson 7  
Savannah St. 27, Norfolk St. 9  
Shenandoah 50, Apprentice 15  
South Carolina 34, Vanderbilt 27  
Stony Brook 27, Richmond 24  
Tennessee Tech 30, Tennessee St. 26  
Texas St. 27, Coastal Carolina 7  
The Citadel 21, VMI 3  
Troy 38, Georgia Southern 16  
UAB 30, Southern Miss. 12  
UCF 73, Austin Peay 33  
UNC-Pembroke 14, Lenoir-Rhyne 10  
UT Martin 27, E. Illinois 10  
Virginia St. 26, Chowan 23  
Virginia Tech 24, Duke 3  
Wake Forest 42, Louisville 32  
Wingate 44, Newberry 20  
Wofford 31, ETSU 24

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# TSA falls just short in cross country title meet

BY WORTHY EVANS  
Special to The Sumter Item

COLUMBIA — A state championship was not in the works for the Thomas Sumter Academy girls cross country team, but the Lady Generals got close.

TSA's Bella Crowe took third place, and teammate Aubrey Stoddard finished fifth to lead their team to a third-place finish overall, behind state champion Spartanburg Christian and runner-up Calhoun Academy.

"The weather today was awesome, so that was a blessing," Crowe said about the sunny Saturday morning at Heathwood Hall. "We have a lot of young girls on the team and they're so enthusiastic. They've worked really hard day in and day out."

Crowe finished with a time of 20 minutes, 1.05 seconds. Combined with Stoddard's fifth-place time of 21:00.72, and Jordan Thornton's 16th-place, Addison Thornton's 26th-place, and Contessa Davis' 38th-place finish, the Lady Generals came in with 76 points.

That total was six points more than second-place Calhoun's 70. The Warriors came in with a field-low of 55 points

to win the title.

"It was pretty slow for me today, which was frustrating," Stoddard said. "I had been sick for a while last week. I got a slower time than I usually have, but I was just proud to be able to run and do what I could."

With juniors Crowe and Stoddard returning next year, the Lady Generals are poised to do a lot in the coming years, head coach Rob Coursey noted.

"I'm ecstatic with how the season turned out. We came up a little bit short today, but Calhoun ran the race that we expected," Coursey said. "We've got Bella and Aubrey returning, but we've got Jordan and Addison Thornton returning. We've been recruiting in the halls and have a couple of first-year kids who are athletes coming out. Our goal is to be here in this football field being the last team announced."

The Thomas Sumter boys finished fifth with 155 points. Spartanburg Day won with 36 points.

Josh Fugate led TSA by finishing 13th in 18:16.43. Ethan Robertson was 25th (19:18.70).

In the 3A races, the Wilson Hall girls finished sixth and the boys finished seventh.

The Ben Lippen boys took

the 3A state championship, with Cardinal Newman taking the runner-up and Heathwood Hall in third place. Cardinals runner Palmer Dayhuff was the top finisher in the boys race, while Heathwood Hall sensation Maryah Nasir claimed her third state championship of her career.

Even though the Barons ran just five girls and had an injury among them, the Barons did well, said senior Kirsten Fisher.

"We actually had a really good year," said Fisher, who made the all-state team with a sixth-place time of 20:13.13.

"It was really amazing how we did today and how we finished. I'm really proud of everyone."

Bryce Lyles was the top Barons boys finisher with a 12th-place time of 18:00.63

Wilson Hall, which won the title in 2015, has seen some changes since then.

"After the state title (in 2015) we lost a lot, but we've been rebuilding, trying to build it back up," said senior Layton Creech, who finished 33rd and has been running with the Barons since the eighth grade. "I feel like I got off to a good start. My overall time wasn't my best, but I was satisfied."

## SCISA CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

**3A BOYS Teams**  
1. Ben Lippen (47), 2. Cardinal Newman (52), 3. Heathwood Hall (63), 4. Porter Gaud (119), 5. Pinewood Prep (145), 6. Hammond (147), 7. Wilson Hall (168), 8. Augusta Christian (239), 9. First Baptist (264), 10. Northwood (265).  
**Top 10 Finishers**  
1. Palmer Dayhuff (Cardinal Newman) 16:38.74, 2. Hugh Wilcox (Heathwood Hall) 16:54.22, 3. Julian McCue (Hammond) 17:04.29, 4. Camden Abrams (Ben Lippen) 17:33.98, 5. Jay Diffley (Pinewood Prep) 17:36.65, 6. Bennett Egan (Cardinal Newman) 17:40.48, 7. Nick Basile (Heathwood Hall) 17:42.73, 8. Ben Feldman (Heathwood Hall) 17:43.23, 9. George Baumgardner (Ben Lippen) 17:45.96, 10. Mason Harmon (Ben Lippen) 17:48.17.

**3A GIRLS Teams**  
1. Porter Gaud (37), 2. Ashley Hall (55), 3. Ben Lippen (111), 4. Cardinal Newman (113), 5. Heathwood Hall (122), 6. Wilson Hall (132), 7. Hammond (159), 8. Pinewood Prep (205), 9. Augusta Christian (247), 10. Northwood Academy (281).  
**Top 10 Finishers**  
1. Maryah Nasir (Heathwood Hall) 18:29.66, 2. Bryce Marion (Porter Gaud) 19:14.14, 3. Chloe Elabash (Porter Gaud) 19:20.84, 4. Ailish Ward (Ashley Hall) 19:33.70, 5. Savannah Campbell (Augusta Christian) 20:07.62, 6. Kirsten Fisher (Wilson Hall) 20:13.13, 7. Connor McMahon (Porter Gaud) 20:14.28, 8. Ree Williams Zoller (Ben Lippen) 20:15.37, 9. Ava Evans-Godley (Ashley Hall) 20:18.01, 10. Jasmine Smith (Porter Gaud) 20:19.93.

**2A BOYS Teams**  
1. Spartanburg Day (36), 2. Greenwood Christian (61), 3. Trinity-Byrnes (98), 4. Spartanburg Christian (123), 5. Thomas Sumter (155), 6. John Paul II Catholic (159), 7. Oakbrook Preparatory (168), 8. Shannon Forest (180), 9. Hilton Head Prep (212), 10. Palmetto Christian (314).  
**Top 10 Finishers**  
1. Michael Burgess (Spartanburg Christian) 16:20.97, 2. Rett Faust (Spartanburg Christian) 17:23.76, 3. Garrett Sponenberg (Greenwood Christian) 17:25.06, 4. Joseph Desser (Trinity-Byrnes) 17:35.19, 5. Anthony Ramirez (Spartanburg Christian) 17:41.03, 6. Mark Walsh (Shannon Forest) 17:43.52, 7. Andrew Osborne (Spartanburg Day) 17:46.71, 8. Asa Davis (Spartanburg Christian) 17:48.34, 9. Robert Lyon (Spartanburg Christian) 17:50.55, 10. Matthew Hanna (Greenwood) 17:54.49.

**2A GIRLS Teams**  
1. Spartanburg Christian (55), 2. Calhoun Academy (70), 3. Thomas Sumter Academy (76), 4. Palmetto (111), 5. Spartanburg Day (111), 6. Hilton Head Christian (158), 7. Greenwood Christian (165), 8. Trinity-Byrnes (180), 9. Hilton Head Prep (225).  
**Top 10 Finishers**  
1. Kristen Cherry (Calhoun Academy) 19:18.82, 2. Molly Suttle (Spartanburg Christian) 19:53.23, 3. Bella Crowe (Thomas Sumter) 20:01.05, 4. Kaitlyn Rowe (Oakbrook) 20:49.46, 5. Aubrey Stoddard (Thomas Sumter) 21:00.72, 6. Kelsey Pace (Spartanburg Christian) 21:12.23, 7. Rachel Summers (Spartanburg Christian) 21:19.85, 8. Caroline Tatum (Trinity-Byrnes) 21:25.54, 9. Allison Kammer (Palmetto Christian) 21:30.27, 10. Abbey Summey (Greenwood Christian) 21:34.53.

**1A BOYS Teams**  
1. Covenant Christian (65), 2. Holy Trinity Classical (67), 3. Wardlaw (97), 4. South Aiken Christian (131), 5. Conway Christian (142), 6. James Island Christian (187), 7. Beaufort Academy (194), 8. Newberry Academy (198), 9. Richard Winn Academy (207), 10. Cambridge Academy (249).  
**Top 10 Finishers**  
1. McCallum Senn (Newberry Academy) 17:48.63, 2. Briggs Williams (Wardlaw Academy) 18:20.18, 3. Logan Lawson (Holy Trinity) 18:23.56, 4. Nolan Crawford (Conway Christian) 18:59.02, 5. Ethan Kaufelds (South Aiken Christian) 18:59.48, 6. Re'Quis Johnson (Covenant Christian) 19:13.18, 7. Kobe Franklin (Covenant Christian) 19:15.26, 8. Luke Greene (Holy Trinity) 19:16.07, 9. Trey Hunt (James Island Christian) 19:27.58, 10. Hudson Wade (Richard Winn Academy) 19:44.28.

**1A GIRLS Teams**  
1. Holy Trinity Classical (37), 2. Laurens Academy (40), 4. James Island Christian (48).  
**Top 10 Finishers**  
1. Mills Langehans (Holy Trinity) 20:20.55, 2. Blair Quarles (Laurens Academy) 22:57.05, 3. Lizzy Agudzi-Addo (Covenant Christian) 23:01.55, 4. Faith Lakemacher (James Island Christian) 23:23.56, 5. Maeve Kalady (Beaufort Academy) 23:35.33, 6. Ruthie Moore (Laurens Academy) 23:44.57, 7. Izzy Hipple (Holy Trinity) 24:09.19, 8. Elizabeth Boudreaux (Community Christian) 24:45.19, 9. Virginia Brunson (Holy Trinity) 25:12.71, 10. Chloe Jewell (Thomas Hart Academy) 25:14.59.

PREP FOOTBALL

# Stallions to host Keenan in 1st round

Lee Central High School, sporting its first ever region title in football, will play host to Keenan on Friday in the first round of the SCHSL 2A state playoffs.

The Stallions, who are 9-1 overall and won the Region IV title, will take on Keenan at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders are 2-8.

Scott's Branch and East Clarendon will both be on the road in the 1A playoffs.

Scott's Branch, which lost to C.E. Murray on Friday to drop to 5-5, will play at Green Sea-Floyds. GSF

is also 5-5.

EC, which defeated Creek Bridge 48-0 on Friday, will play at Cross. The Wolverines finished in a 3-way tie for third with Green Sea-Floyds and Hannah-Pamplico, but had to settle for an at-large berth based on the tiebreaker.

East Clarendon is 2-8 while Cross is 5-3.

Clarendon Hall will travel to Winnsboro to take on Richard Winn in the first round of the SCISA 8-man Division II playoffs. The Saints are 6-4 while RW is 7-2.

PREP FOOTBALL

# Cavaliers win shootout over Thomas Sumter 69-44

BY J.B. BRUNSON  
Special to The Sumter Item

BISHOPVILLE — Thomas Sumter Academy's varsity football team was looking to follow up on its 58-27 victory over Williamsburg Academy last week when it traveled to McCutchen Field on Friday to face Robert E. Lee Academy.

However, due to an explosive and productive offensive attack, the Cavaliers quickly took away any hopes of a TSA upset as it won a one-sided shootout 69-44.

"We came out clicking tonight," said REL head coach, whose team improved to 9-2 on the season and finished 5-1 and in second in SCISA Region II-2A. "I was very pleased with our offense tonight."

Thomas Sumter finished 3-8 and 1-5 and will miss the state playoffs. Generals head coach Troy Kessinger expressed gratitude for his seniors playing their final game.

"Our seniors never quit on us, and I can't be more proud of those guys," Kessinger said.

Lee received the opening kickoff and started at its 46-yard line. The Cavaliers struck on the first play from scrimmage with a 54-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Bryce Barrett to wide receiver Nick Laney for a 7-0 lead with 11:37 left in the first quarter.

This connection would find the end zone again when Barrett hit Laney for a 13-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-0 with 5:10 left in the first quarter.

The Generals responded immediately when Dante Linder returned the ensuing kickoff 79 yards for a touchdown to put Thomas Sumter on the scoreboard and cut the Cavaliers' lead to 14-7.

The Cavaliers started at the TSA 41 and was in the end zone in four plays. Barrett scored on a 14-yard run. A failed PAT attempt left the score at 20-7 at the end of the first quarter.

What proved to be a somewhat high-scoring first quarter would be trumped by a second quarter which saw the teams score a combined six touchdowns.

The Generals found the end zone twice, once off of a 13-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Eli Kessinger to wide receiver at the beginning of the quarter and another pass from Kessinger, this time to wide receiver Richard Huntley toward the end of the half.

However, Laney proved to be dominant, scoring three touchdowns, once on a 64-yard kickoff return and twice on TD passes from Barrett. Lee's other score in the quarter was a 1-yard touchdown run from running back Dustin Kennedy. REL went into halftime with a 49-21 win.

Huntley scored two touchdowns in the third quarter, once on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Kessinger and another pm a 5-yard run. Thomas Sumter's defense also picked up a safety.

REL's Hunter McGee scored on both offense and defense in the second half. He had a 53-yard touchdown run and another and returned an interception 70 yards for score to make it 62-37.

TSA's final score came on an 83-yard TD reception by Huntley.

REL, which was the runner-up in 2A last season, will open the playoffs at home on Friday against the passing attack of Hilton Head Christian. When asked what the mindset was for his team going into practice next week, Rankin said, "We have to play better pass defense. (Hilton Head Christian) can really throw the ball."

When asked what his goals for the TSA program were during the offseason, Coach Kessinger said, "(Getting) bigger, faster, stronger, you name it. We also to have make this younger group coming up more committed."

# USC FROM PAGE B1

Chris Lammons and four Kyle Shurmur completions for 33 yards helped to move the ball to the USC 40. The drive stalled there as Shurmur, the Vandy quarterback, missed on his final two pass attempts, turning the ball over on downs with 1:10 to go and sealing the win for USC.

Vandy's beleaguered defense, which came in surrendering more than 240 yards rushing and 413 yards of total offense per game, gave up 386 yards to the Gamecocks, including 212 yards rushing on 37 attempts. The Commodores, behind Shurmur's 333 yards and three touchdowns on 27-of-49 passing, ended with 440 yards total offense.

"I'm really proud of our football team today," Muschamp said. "Vanderbilt did some special things, especially offensively. We didn't play very well defensively, but I'm going to give Vanderbilt some credit on that. They kept us on the edges as far as quick screens and edge run game. That was disappointing. You have to give them some credit, too. Kyle Shurmur competed extremely hard in this game. He had some really nice throws."

Bentley and Turner proved to be a good 1-2 punch for USC, with Bentley finding success through the air and on the ground. The sophomore signal caller hit on 19 of 29 passes for 174 yards and one score, on a 36-yard pass to wide receiver Shi Smith, and ran for 47 yards on six attempts, scoring two touchdowns. Fittingly, No. 19 ran for 19 yards on his first career rushing touchdown and added an 11-yard scoring run.



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South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst (81) is upended by the Vanderbilt defense during the first half of the Gamecocks' 34-27 victory on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

"Offensively, I think we stayed balanced moving the ball," Muschamp said. "I think we ran the ball extremely well, especially there at the end of the game with 1:18 on the clock to finish the ball game. That was really important. That's over 200 yards rushing or right at it the last three SEC ball games. That's a huge improvement from where we've been."

"We need to be more efficient in the throwing game and some things. We had a couple of reads there that were missed, whether it was the receiver or Jake. I have to go back and look at it. I thought

our protection was good. It was a good, hard-fought ball game."

Turner followed up an 86-yard rushing effort in a 15-9 win over Tennessee with another strong outing against the Commodores. The sophomore from Clifton, Va., ran for a career-high 121 yards on 15 carries, scoring on a 1-yard dive, and added four receptions for 24 yards.

"A.J. Turner ran extremely hard, again I'm extremely proud of A.J.," Muschamp said. "You see the power that he has when he's able to run through tackles."

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TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning wide receiver Taylor Lee looks for a lane during a third-quarter punt return in the Swampcats' 14-13 last-second victory over Wilson Hall on Friday at Spencer Field.

**LMA** FROM PAGE B1

Jackson Lee — no relation to Taylor — came on for the extra point and drilled it through the uprights, but LMA was penalized for illegal procedure. With the ball moved five yards back, he still drilled it straight through the middle for the winning point.

"I was a little nervous when I was warming up on the sideline," Jackson Lee said. "When I got in there though I didn't feel that way either time."

For WH head coach Adam Jarecki, it was a bitter pill to swallow, but one he did graciously.

"I'm so proud of my team and the way it battled," said Jarecki, who will have to take his team to Manning next Friday to meet the same Swampcats in the first round of the SCISA 3A state playoffs. "We had a great defensive game plan, but they had a great player (Taylor Lee) go and make a great play."

LMA had 230 yards of total offense for the game, but 101 of it — because of penalties — came on the final possession.

"You have to give Wilson Hall all the credit in the world," said LMA head coach Robbie Briggs. "They came in and had a great game plan on defense. We were a little too impatient on offense and that's on me."

"We made some big plays down the stretch that we had to have to win the game. I'm proud of the way we continued to battle."

It didn't look good for Laurence Manning when Baron defensive back Landon Van Patten intercepted Burgess Jordan — who alternates at quarterback with Osteen — and returned it 15 yards to the LMA 35. While Wilson Hall didn't get a first down, punter Mills Herlong dropped a punt that died at the 4-yard line.

On the first play, Osteen looked as though he might get dropped in the end zone for a safety. Instead, he was able to stay alive and looked to be taking off to run. Instead, he pulled up short of the line of scrimmage and lofted a pass to Jordan, who got behind the secondary and stretched out to grab the ball for a 30-yard reception and get LMA out of the hole.

"I was just trying to keep it alive and make a play," Osteen said. "I felt that pressure and I sure didn't want a safety there. Then I saw Burgess and he stretched out and made a great catch."

Osteen then had consecutive runs of three and 11 yards for first downs. A roughing the passer call moved the Swampcats to the WH 29 and Jordan followed with a 21-yard completion to Lee to set up the frantic final scenario.

Wilson Hall, which is the No. 6 seed in the playoffs while LMA is the No. 3 seed, took the opening kickoff and held the ball for over six minutes thanks to a couple of personal fouls against Laurence Manning. Though the Barons didn't score, it set the tone for the game.

LMA did get a couple of first downs on its opening possession, but it was forced to punt. There was a high snap to Osteen, who also punts. Since WH wasn't rushing anyone hard, he was able to get off the punt, but it went for only eight yards. That set Wilson Hall up at the LMA 47.

On first down, quarterback Jacob Cotton had the ball jarred loose, but it ended up in the hands of offensive lineman, who battled for seven yards. Cotton then had an 8-yard run for a first down at the 32.

Wilson Hall got a first down on fourth and one yard to go on a sneak by Cotton on the final play of

the first quarter. On the first play of the second stanza, Graham Van Patten broke off an 18-yard run to set up first and goal at the 3. Landon Van Patten scored on the net play and Herlong's extra point made it 7-0 with 11:44 left in the second quarter.

LMA tied the game on a 5-yard run by Jordan with 7:19 left. When it got the ball back late in the first half, Laurence Manning went deep to Taylor Lee on the first play and he caught the ball at the Wilson Hall 3. However, it was nullified by a chop block call against LMA.

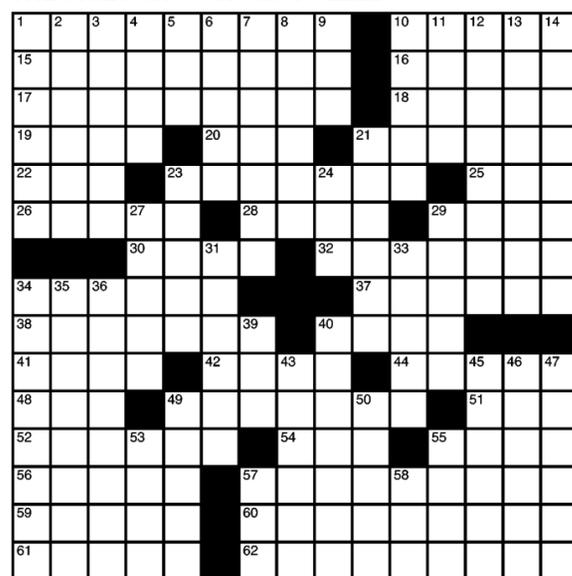
The score was 7-7 at half-time and it remained that way through the third quarter. A 54-yard run by Graham Van Patten though set up Wilson Hall at the Swampcat 16.

The Barons scored on the second play of the final quarter on a 2-yard run by running back Nathan Harris with 11:30 left in the game. The extra point was no good after a Swampcat defender got a hand on the ball and it hit the crossbar and fell to the ground.

"We've got good players, but we're having to play them both ways," Jarecki said. "They run out of gas from doing that."

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Daniel Nierenberg

10/28/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Takes a risky leap
  - 10 Teensy bit
  - 15 Baked fruit dessert
  - 16 Actress Campbell of "Martin"
  - 17 Florida locale whose beach is ranked by TripAdvisor as #1 in the U.S. in 2017
  - 18 Furry fish eater
  - 19 Drink with a polar bear mascot
  - 20 Mag wheel?
  - 21 Let loose
  - 22 Dishonorable sort
  - 23 Without breaks, as a tennis set
  - 25 Degree of uncertainty
  - 26 One hanging around in the forest?
  - 28 Eurasia's \_\_\_ region
  - 29 Cantina snack
  - 30 Tombstone shootout participant
  - 32 Natural home
  - 34 Domino's competitor
  - 37 Fruits often cubed
  - 38 Hopeful
  - 40 Acted like
  - 41 Lighting hrs.?
  - 42 Eye care brand
  - 44 City on the Shatt al-Arab river
  - 48 Hawaiian yellowfin
  - 49 String around the collar?
  - 51 Harley Davidson's NYSE symbol
  - 52 Prayer string
  - 54 British society page VIP
  - 55 Tiny particle
  - 56 Interim ruling group
  - 57 Entertainment for the whole gang
  - 59 Many a Pacific resident
  - 60 Insect world raiders
  - 61 Tears
  - 62 Ceremony with a Best Female Hip-Hop Artist category
  - 8 Choose over, with "to"
  - 9 Farm dwelling
  - 10 It may be skipped
  - 11 Talking Trans Am of classic TV
  - 12 Repeated melodic pattern
  - 13 Bit of bakeware
  - 14 Construction protection
  - 21 Tanning aid, for short
  - 23 "Ten North Frederick" author John
  - 24 Motivational speech component?
  - 27 Beach birds
  - 29 "Michael Clayton" Oscar winner Swinton
  - 31 Whisky cocktail garnished with skewered cherries
  - 33 Early bathysphere user William
  - 34 Curse deterrent
  - 35 Safe haven for cave dwellers?
  - 36 "Delta of Venus" author
  - 39 Sushi fish
  - 40 Early fast-food eatery
  - 43 Unpopular sort
  - 45 Instrument made from a ram's horn
  - 46 Stout
  - 47 Spies
  - 49 Fiber-rich cereals
  - 50 Spanish vacation island
  - 53 Minimally
  - 55 Avian
  - 57 Swell
  - 58 Like a carefully kept profile

Friday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN**
- 1 First things to learn
  - 2 Forming a summit
  - 3 Tight-fitting suit
  - 4 If-then-... programmer's flow
  - 5 Fast flier
  - 6 Roseanne Barr, for one
  - 7 Partner of kisses

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.

CIPYK  
ROGPU  
SMULSE  
MENOYK

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Answer here: [Circled letters: P, R, U, N, E]

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: PRUNE ABIDE SAFETY MUTINY  
Answer: If politicians worked together to solve problems, then they could say — "BYE"-PARTISAN

SUDOKU

**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
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7	8	5	3	2	4	9	1	6
6	2	4	1	5	9	8	7	3
3	6	1	9	8	7	4	2	5
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PREP FOOTBALL

# Crestwood crushes Gators, claims No. 3 seed

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

DALZELL — Two teams. Three spots. Plenty of potential playoff scenarios.

That was the backdrop entering play on Friday as Lakewood High School journeyed to Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium to challenge Sumter School District rival Crestwood with an opportunity to earn a Region VI-4A playoff spot.

While the Gators had to win and hope that a number of tiebreakers fell their way to get in, Crestwood simply had to win to claim the region's No. 3 seed.

The Knights did just that as Anthony Bradley passed for three touchdowns and ran for two more in a 40-14 Crestwood win that ended Lakewood's season.

"The biggest objective tonight was to come out and win," said Crestwood head coach Roosevelt Nelson, who is taking the Knights to the playoffs for the second consecutive season. "Win, play a good, clean game, play physical on all three phases, make plays and I think we did that, for the most part. We had a little botch down there with the extra-point deal so we need to get that cleaned up, but a lot of guys were able to get in and play and get experience."

Bad snaps contributed to trouble on three Crestwood conversion attempts. Gavyn Zimmerman missed on one, never got the kick off on one and had another attempt blocked.

While Nelson has overcome adversity to bring his program to this point, Lakewood head coach Larry Cornelius is in the early stages of attempting to create a similar turnaround with a Gator program that entered this season with 19 losses in its last 20 games. The Gators won their first two under Cornelius but then closed with an 8-game losing streak that included a 14-12 region loss at Lugoff-Elgin and a 38-35 loss at home to Darlington, which earned the No.4 playoff seed by virtue of that win over Lakewood.

"First off, I want to say congratulations to Coach Nelson and Crestwood for making the playoffs," Cornelius said. "They played a great game tonight, they stepped on the gas and we just didn't execute. We've got to do a better job of that. As far as the season is concerned, yes, we made improvements. Like anything, we started off hot (winning the first two games), but it's always going to get worse before it gets better. We had a lot of holds, that's part of the maturation process."

"It takes several years to create a program. You're not going to do it in a matter of months. That's what I've been saying over and over and over. We've had plenty of chances to win games (including a 7-point loss at Manning and an 8-point loss at Colleton County) but we came up just a little bit short."

The game started slowly for both teams as Lakewood



Crestwood wide receiver Joshua Simon (10) is off to the races during the Knights' 40-14 victory over Lakewood on Friday at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium. Simon had six catches for 138 yards and two touchdowns.

MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

managed two first downs in its first two possessions before punting the ball away both times. The Gator defense held for a 3-and-out on Crestwood's opening possession, but the Knights cranked up their offense on the next series.

Four consecutive first downs -- on a 33-yard pass from Bradley to Joshua Simon, an 11-yard Damontae Furman run and passes of 14 and 11 yards to Datrik Neal -- quickly moved the ball from the Crestwood 26 to Lakewood's 5. Bradley then ran for four yards to the 1 and took it in on the next play, giving the Knights a 7-0 lead after Gavyn Zimmerman's PAT kick.

Lakewood answered on its next drive, capitalizing on a 26-yard kickoff return from Tyrek Brown that put the ball at the Crestwood 46. Eight plays later, Trevon Cowell bounced off a few missed tackles and strolled into the end zone from 23 yards out, with Thomas Burkott's PAT kick tying the score, 7-7, at the 11:23 mark of the second quarter.

That would prove to be the high mark of the night for Lakewood as Crestwood added 1-yard scoring runs from Anthony Bradley and Maleeke Bradley for a 20-7 halftime lead. Crestwood took a 40-7 lead as Anthony Bradley completed a 45-yard scoring pass to Montrell White and added connections of 32 and 15 yards to Simon, who also hauled in a 2-point conversion pass after White's score.

The Gators answered that last Crestwood score with one of their own, taking eight plays to go 71 yards. The big play was a 45-yard scamper by Richardson, with a 15-yard facemask penalty advancing the ball to the 13. It took five plays from there, including a 4-yard run by Cowell to the 3

that was just enough to convert on fourth down. Richardson passed to Quentin Hodge on the next play to close out the scoring.

While disappointed that his team came up short of a playoff bid, Cornelius pointed to some statistics that illustrated the strides made by the Gators this season.

"We tripled our scoring offensively over last year. I believe we have now over 3,000 yards offense this year, but the one stat that we're missing is that big stat in the W-L column," Cornelius said. "That's what we work on for 2018. But I want to congratulate these seniors... I'm their third coach in four years. That's got to be awfully difficult on these kids. Each coach brings a different mindset, different personality, so for them to be out here for four years and suck it up and try to adapt to the coach, I've got to commend my seniors for that. They've built the foundation for the future."

Nelson said the improvement is evident for Lakewood, but he was also proud of his seniors for overcoming adversity to create positive change.

"Coach Cornelius has got those guys going in the right direction. I see a big improvement over there at Lakewood High School, but hats off to us tonight," Nelson said as his team closed a 5-5 and 2-2 regular season. "This senior class saw it through some tough times. A couple of guys started with them along the way, didn't make it, but I'm proud of my guys. I'm proud of my team, proud of my coaching staff, proud of my leadership at Crestwood High School and the principal and the athletic director for supporting us along the way. We've got back-to-back playoff appearances and we're excited about that."

## SHS FROM PAGE B1

Socastee answered on its next play when Hunter Illing found Devin Stamp open for a 70-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead in half, but a 7-yard touchdown run from Jonathan Henry in the final minute of the first quarter stopped any momentum the Braves had and kicked off a run of 35 straight points from the Gamecocks.

Already trailing 20-7, Socastee fumbled the ensuing kickoff return and started at its 5. Illing was picked off by Tyrese Witherspoon at the Braves' 23. Four plays later, Butts charged into the end zone for a touchdown and a 27-7 Sumter lead.

The Gamecocks would also get another touchdown run

from Butts, a 34-yard scoring connection from Harvin to Keshawn Croskey, and a 40-yard interception return for a score from Melvin Lundy during the scoring run.

The Braves were able to tack on a pair of late scores, one on a five-yard run from Illing and the other on a 34-yard run by Dashaun Myers, both in the fourth quarter.

Penalties plagued the Gamecocks, who were flagged 11 times for 108 yards.

"We seem to get a lot of penalties when we play at the beach for some reason. I don't know why that is," Barnes said.

Socastee had a slight edge with 345 yards of offense compared to 343 yards for Sumter,

but the Braves also committed turnovers deep in their own territory and turned the ball over on downs three times as Sumter took full advantage of crucial field position.

"It was a good win for us," Barnes said. "We wanted to be more physical tonight and I think we were. That's what we've been known for for three years, and have kind of been lacking in that this year so far, so I was glad to see that tonight."

Henry finished with 100 yards rushing on 15 carries. Dashaun Myers led Socastee with 17 carries for 144 yards.

The Gamecocks improve to 5-0 all time against Socastee and 14-1 in region play in three seasons under Barnes. Sumter had won 13-straight in the region before the loss to Conway.

### PREP FOOTBALL SCORES

**Friday**  
**The Associated Press**  
Abbeville 42, Ninety Six 7  
Andrews 38, Kingstree 21  
Ashley Ridge 41, James Island 7  
Bamberg-Ehrhardt 37, Allendale-Fairfax 0  
Barnwell 42, Silver Bluff 16  
Batesburg-Leesville 48, Calhoun County 6  
Beaufort 41, Hilton Head Island 7  
Beaufort Academy 76, Cathedral Academy 50  
Ben Lippen 52, Cardinal Newman 14  
Berkeley 30, Cane Bay 27, OT  
Bethune-Bowman 48, Branchville 28  
Blacksburg 14, Landrum 0  
Blackville-Hilda 48, North 0  
Bluffton 50, Ridgeland-Hardeeville 22  
Boiling Springs 58, Clover 17  
Burford 45, Andrew Jackson Academy 42, 3OT  
C.E. Murray 15, Scott's Branch 8  
Camden 37, Columbia 26  
Carolina Academy 27, Williamsburg Academy 7  
Carvers Bay 46, Latta 7  
Central 56, North Central 36  
Chapin 29, Airport 17  
Chapman 61, Broome 21  
Chesterfield 38, Cheraw 21  
Christ Church Episcopal 38, Chesnee 36  
Christian Academy of Myrtle Beach 33, Greenwood Christian 19  
Clinton 41, Woodruff 21  
Colleton County 56, R.B. Stall 18  
Conway 42, Carolina Forest 21  
Crescent 29, West Oak 3  
Crestwood 41, Lakewood 14  
D.W. Daniel 24, Pickens 7  
Dillon 42, Lake City 0  
Dillon Christian 48, Florence Christian 29  
Dixie 31, Ware Shoals 0  
Dorchester Academy 54, Palmetto Christian Academy 24  
Dorman 32, James F. Byrnes 3  
Dreher 42, A.C. Flora 21  
Dutch Fork 49, Irmo 0  
Easley 55, J.L. Mann 7  
East Clarendon 48, Creek Bridge 0  
Eastside 70, Wren 7  
Emerald 42, Berea 6  
Fairfield Central 14, Indian Land 13, OT  
First Baptist 66, Northwood Academy 0  
Fort Dorchester 34, Summerville 13  
Francis Hugh Wardlaw Academy 67, Calhoun Academy 0  
Gaffney 42, Spartanburg 21  
Georgetown 48, Waccamaw 0  
Gilbert 56, Pelion 20  
Gray Collegiate Academy 47, C.A. Johnson 6  
Green Sea Floyds 22, Hannah-Pamlico 6  
Greenville 42, Belton-Honea Path 38  
Greenwood 34, Laurens 11  
Greer 68, Blue Ridge 3  
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Lamar 77, McBee 12  
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Lewisville 54, Great Falls 0  
Lexington 13, White Knoll 0  
Loris 49, Aynor 27  
Lower Richland 21, Orangeburg-Wilkinson 20  
Manning def. Lake Marion, forfeit  
McCormick 20, Whitmire 6  
Mullins 37, Marion 7  
Nation Ford 20, Fort Mill 13  
Newberry 38, Mid-Carolina 6  
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North Myrtle Beach 41, St. James 7  
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Northwestern 31, Rock Hill 21  
Orangeburg Prep 44, Oceanside Collegiate Academy 0  
Palmetto 55, Powdersville 41  
Pee Dee Academy 63, King's Academy 20  
Pinewood Prep 24, Porter-Gaud 17  
Richard Winn Academy 36, W. Wyman King Academy 6  
Ridge Spring-Monetta 43, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler 0  
Ridge View 35, Lancaster 17  
Robert E. Lee Academy 69, Thomas Sumter Academy 44  
Saluda 37, Fox Creek 7  
Seneca 42, Pendleton 21  
South Aiken 62, Midland Valley 21  
South Pointe 41, York Comprehensive 27  
Southside 48, Carolina High and Academy 6  
Southside Christian 40, Liberty 0  
Spartanburg Christian 46, Oakbrook Prep 17  
Spring Valley 28, Blythewood 0  
St. John's 48, Charleston Charter 6  
Stratford 27, Goose Creek 7  
Strom Thurmond 14, Brookland-Cayce 13  
Summerville Faith Christian 27, Coastal Christian Prep 16  
Sumter 48, Socastee 21  
Swansea 34, Edisto 0  
T.L. Hanna 39, Westside 7  
Thomas Heyward Academy 29, Colleton Prep 14  
Timberland 28, Bishop England 6  
Trinity Byrnes School 46, Augusta Christian, Ga. 25  
Union County 58, Travelers Rest 21  
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Wagner-Salley 40, Estill 13  
Walhalla 42, St. Joseph 0  
West Ashley 28, Wando 20  
West Florence 20, South Florence 10  
Westwood 39, Richland Northeast 10  
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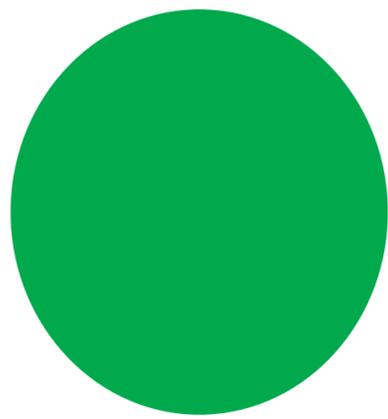
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# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

## THIS WEEK

**60% of Millennials** who are limiting how much they spend each month are doing so in order to save more money (ahead of other concerns such as stagnant income, debt and worries about the economy and job security), according to a new Bankrate.com report. Others who cite saving as the number one reason to limit spending:

- ▶ 33% Gen Xers
- ▶ 21% Baby Boomers
- ▶ 12% Silent Generation



## ON THE MOVE

### STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

#### BLACKROCK

The diversified investment management services company downgraded U.S. credit to neutral from overweight. It said it saw more downside potential and preferred to take a risk in equities.



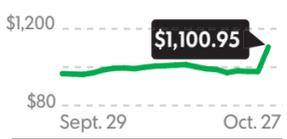
#### FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES

The automaker's Maserati plans a second, smaller SUV to increase its global sales to as many as 80,000 a year. The smaller vehicle will share underpinnings with Alfa Romeo's Stelvio, but the powertrain is expected to be unique.



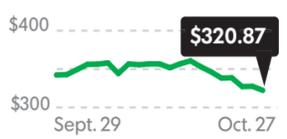
#### AMAZON

The e-commerce company plans to deliver packages inside homes. The new service, Amazon Key, incorporates a smart lock on doors. Only verified drivers will be able to open smart lock doors, and security cameras will be recording the movements.



#### TESLA

The electric car maker reportedly has won permission to build a factory in China. It has agreed to a deal in Shanghai, and it will own 100% of facilities, which means it won't have to hand over intellectual property to a joint-venture partner.



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### Business best sellers



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<b>Principles: Life and Work</b> Ray Dalio	10.0
<b>StrengthsFinder 2.0</b> Tom Rath	9.1
<b>How to Win Friends &amp; Influence People</b> Dale Carnegie	6.0
<b>Nudge</b> Richard H. Thaler, Cass R. Sunstein	4.7
<b>Blue Ocean Shift</b> W. Chan Kim, Renee Mauborgne	4.5

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#### DOLLAR GENERAL

Through Oct. 31, find savings on select Halloween candy, costume accessories, pumpkin carving kits and more. Go online to check the ad circular for allocation.

# Snag last-minute Halloween sales

Courtney Jespersen | NerdWallet

Halloween is just days away, but you may still be hunting for the perfect costume or scrambling to find candy for the trick-or-treaters — not to mention also searching for ghostly decorations for the front porch.

### FINAL WALLET TREATS

These last-minute sales will help make the final countdown to Halloween a little bit easier and cheaper. Offers may vary by location; be sure to check with your local store. If you're shopping online, remember to select the correct shipping option so your items arrive in time for your spooky celebration.

#### BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB

Save up to 50% on select Halloween home decor items through Nov. 8. Savings will be automatically applied at checkout.

#### DOLLAR TREE

Some costume accessories and trick-or-treat buckets are \$1 in stores. Selection may vary by location.

#### GROUPON

Browse deals in your area for activities like haunted houses and escape rooms.

#### HALLOWEENCOSTUMES.COM

From Oct. 27 to Oct. 30, email subscribers get one-day shipping for \$7.99 (regularly \$17.99) with a \$75 minimum purchase. The cutoff is 3 p.m. CT Oct. 30.

#### KIRKLAND'S

Get 75% off Halloween and harvest decor in-store and online through Oct. 31. No code is required.

#### PIER 1 IMPORTS

Halloween decor is up to 50% off. Check your local store or go to pier1.com for the current deals.

#### SEARS

Through Oct. 31, Shop Your Way rewards members get up to 20% cashback in points (up to \$50) on everything, including seasonal and Halloween purchases.

#### WILLIAMS-SONOMA

In store and online, all Halloween items are 50% off.

#### PETSMART

Through Oct. 29 in-store, PetPerks rewards members can save up to 40% on the entire stock of Halloween apparel, beds, collars, toys and dog treats. Select Halloween items will be part of clearance sales on and after Halloween.



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### TASTY DEALS TOO

And if all that shopping makes you hungry, here are a few edible deals.

**CHIPOTLE** is offering a \$3 burrito, bowl, salad or order of tacos for customers who arrive at a Chipotle location in costume beginning at 3 p.m. on Halloween. Also, you can text BOORITO to 888222 through Oct. 31 to be entered for a chance to win free burritos for a year.

**CICIS** is featuring a free kid's buffet on Halloween with purchase of an adult buffet and regular-size drink (or larger) when kids are dressed in costume.

**MIMI'S** is offering a free kids meal with the purchase of an adult entree on Oct. 31. No coupon is required.

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## Holidays bring out online shoppers

It's more bad news for chains, but there's a silver lining

Daniel B. Kline

The Motley Fool

Not only will more people be shopping online this holiday season, those that do will be spending more than people who elect to shop in brick-and-mortar retailers.

In fact, the average U.S. consumer plans to do 40% of their holiday shopping online in 2017, up from about 33% last year, according to the a new report from NPD Group's 2017 Holiday Purchase Intentions Survey. On top of that consumers who plan to shop online will spend 70% more than those only shopping in physical stores.

Online only shoppers expect to spend an average of \$793 during the holiday shopping season. Their brick-and-mortar-only counterparts plan to spend an average of \$467.

"Online is going to play an increasingly critical role in the 2017 holiday shopping season," said NPD's Chief Industry Analyst Marshal Cohen.

Online retailers have benefited from consumers making more digital purchases while their shopping frequency in physical stores has declined, according to data from NPD's Checkout Tracking.

"Home improvement, beauty, apparel, and technology were among the faster-growing categories in terms of e-commerce purchase frequency," according to NPD. "Beauty was one of the few categories which experienced purchase frequency growth at brick-and-mortar stores."

Nearly 75% of U.S. consumers planning to shop for the 2017 holiday season will do at least some of their shopping online, according to NPD.

Amazon, eBay, and Etsy were named by 66% of respondents on the 2017 Holiday Purchase Intentions survey. After those three digital destinations, the next-most popular choice was the website of discount retailers, followed by national chains and department stores.

Just because less shopping takes place in brick-and-mortar stores does not mean that all hope is lost for retailers with a large physical presence. The challenge in competing with Amazon is leveraging that advantage of having a physical presence.

For most retailers, the days of a store just being a store are over. But, if physical locations are part of your strategy along with a robust, well-integrated digital operation, it's possible to thrive in the new retail world.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲0.5% week ▲4.9% month   ▲7.3% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲0.2% week ▲3.0% month   ▲4.4% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲1.1% week ▲3.8% month   ▲5.1% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲0.2% week ▲2.7% month   ▲4.3% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▼0.7% week ▼1.2% month   unch. 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▲4.7% week ▲3.4% month   ▲8.4% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro (week) ▼0.0181 ▼0.0157 month   ▼0.0161 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▲0.31 week ▲1.06 month   ▲3.21 3 months
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## PETE THE PLANNER

# Financial planning is like a marathon

With a little fortitude and honesty, you can make it all the way through the race

**Peter Dunn**  
Special for USA TODAY



As I watched my wife finish the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., this past weekend, I began to think about why each person chose to run the race. Sure, a relatively few were running to win, but the vast majority were running for something much more personal — much more important. They were racing themselves, pushing their bodies and minds to the limit and relishing a level of success that can't be measured with a first-place trophy.

The totality of your financial life isn't much different.

There are a few people who choose to make their financial lives some sort of contest against others, competing to have the most, the best, the shiniest. The rest of us? The stakes are higher, more personal, more important. There is one big difference between those who choose to run a marathon and each one of our financial lives — we don't have a choice. We're in the race whether we like it or not.

As much as you'd like to abstain, you can't. You're in some strange event that gives you a finite amount of resources over the course of your career, and you have to make the money work as you earn it and also make the money work for you when you no longer can work.

Observing financial lives over the last two decades has brought some fascinating consistencies, just as watching my wife run numerous marathons has. For instance, mile 22 seems to punch a large number of runners in the gut. The running terminology is to "hit the wall." The runners don't seem to have anything left in the tank. They begin to question everything about their lives, decisions and mortality. Yet



somehow they keep going. They offer themselves a little piece of information — just over 5K to go.

You might be wondering what mile 22 is for our financial lives. Anecdotally, I believe a person in their 50s is their mile 22. Today's average 50-year-old paid off their own student loans, raised a family at a time in which youth travel sports and ever-increasing higher education expenses have left them holding student loan debt for their children in the form of Parent PLUS loans and are much closer to the end of their career than the beginning.

These factors and more are reasons why retirement account balances aren't healthy enough to step away from the workforce in the next 15 to 20 years. A 2015 Transamerica retirement survey suggests the average account balance for 50-year-olds is \$117,000.

Fifty-year-old, meet the wall. Thud.

You've probably figured out the

metaphorical difference between hitting the wall on a 26.2-mile journey and a person's financial life. Upon hitting the wall in the marathon, you can grab your hamstring, screech like a barn owl and a Marine will drive you back to the finish line in a modified golf cart.

While we're clearing up metaphorical parallels, you should know retirement isn't the end of the race. While the wall is when you know you might be in trouble, the remaining miles are the hardest. In your financial life, your 50s are when you figure out you might be in trouble, and the race doesn't end until you enter post-retirement (death). This means your realization signifies the beginning of the hard part.

A great deal can be gleaned from these observations of reality. First, don't assume your financial life will organically get easier. It's virtually impossible. You have to purposefully make your future

easier for it to get easier. I very rarely see people do this.

With so many elements working against you — such as disappearing pensions, low retirement account balances and increased cost of your kids' education — your 50s require a great deal of mental fortitude and introspective honesty. The days of "I'll figure it out later" have passed.

Hopefully you're in the minority and you've prepared to make the rest of your financial life easier. In practice, this looks like ever-increasing retirement account contributions, a mortgage on track to be paid off by retirement and a plan to not personally borrow for your kids' education. I'm asking you to train harder, thus making miles 22 through 26.2 possible.

If you simply try to deal with your 50s as they naturally occur, you'll be left screeching like that barn owl with no one there to help you.

**The totality of your financial life isn't much different than running a marathon.**

JOSE LUIS MAGANA, AP

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

## Work less and get more done (yes, it's possible)

**Marc Saltzman**  
Special for USA TODAY

Be honest: how many times have you wished there were more hours in a day?

You're not alone.

Like many of us, you simply can't get on top of your workload, no matter how hard you try to find shortcuts, master efficiencies, or, at the expense of your sanity, sleep less every night.

But at the risk of dropping a cliché like "work smarter, not harder," it is true you can get more done in less time — with some help from technology.

The following are a few examples that might be able to shave some time off your work day.

## EMAIL TIPS

According to Adobe Systems, the average worker spends more than 30 hours a week checking email. Yes, that's 6.3 hours a day checking email — and this doesn't even include reading or replying to email.

While there are entire books on how to best manage your email, a few tips:

► **Quickly scan through your inbox** to see whom the emails are from, what the subject line is, and glance through the first bit of the message to get the gist of it. If it requires a reply, do so while you're there instead of coming back to re-read the email. If you need more time to draft a reply, flag it with a bold color, and return to it.

► **Make sure your emails are synchronized on your multiple devices**, so you don't need to re-read the same emails on another machine.

► **Many email clients let you prioritize emails with various filters**, therefore more important mail is seen first. And if you're still seeing spam in 2017, you need to change email clients or bump up your filter to catch more unwanted junk mail.

► **Never use your main work email for personal**

You can increase your productivity, but work fewer hours

emails or things like newsletters, contests and other non-work-related feeds, as it will take time out of your day to read and reply to. Click "unsubscribe" if it's been four years since you read an emailed recipe blast from the Food Network.

► **Don't write an essay in your emails.** Less is more.

► **Many have dropped email for real-time communication tools** — like Slack, Spark, Skype, Teams, Google Hangouts, or Chatter — that support group chats, collaboration, private messaging, media sharing and more.



**Apps can help you get more done in less time, and help you remain organized, such as this Post-It Plus app.** POST-IT PLUS

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## EMBRACE THE CLOUD

While it's good to have important files safely backed-up offline — such as on external hard drives, SSDs, or USB flash drives — trust the cloud for its speed, convenience, and reliability.

Even personal cloud services like OneDrive, Google Drive and Dropbox can save time off your workday as you can access all your files from virtually anywhere, on any device, instead of taking the time to manually copy documents over to portable media, or having to call or email someone to send you a file you need.

The cloud also lets you collaborate with others on documents in real time.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



The aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. GETTY IMAGES

## Jobs report likely to show rebound from hurricane losses

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USA TODAY

The October employment report, out this week, is expected to show a strong bounce-back after hurricane-related job losses in September. The payroll survey highlights a busy week of economic news that also features a Federal Reserve meeting and data on consumer spending and confidence, and manufacturing and service sector activity.

Steady job and income growth have led to robust household consumption in recent months. Spending likely picked up further in September as consumers replaced vehicles damaged by Hurricanes Harvey in Texas and Irma in Florida, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. Economists estimate the Commerce Department will report **Monday** that consumer spending jumped 0.8% in September.

On **Tuesday**, the Conference Board weighs in with its reading of consumer confidence, which often foreshadows spending. The measure has retreated only modestly after reaching a 16-year high in March. It's been bolstered by the strong labor market and gasoline prices that have fallen again after Hurricane Harvey-related refinery closures drove pump costs higher. Economists figure

**Steady job and income growth have led to robust household consumption in recent months.**

consumer confidence rose modestly in October, approaching its March high water mark.

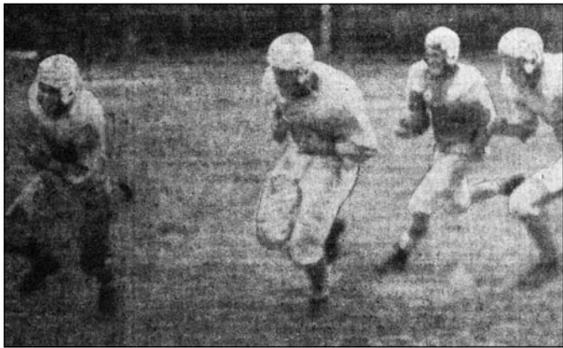
The Fed is expected to take a breather at a two-day meeting that ends **Wednesday**, leaving its key interest rate unchanged. In June, Fed policymakers raised the rate by a quarter percentage point. And in September they announced they'll begin to shrink the Fed's \$4.5 trillion asset portfolio, a move that's expected to gradually push up long-term rates. Yet the Fed is expected to leave the door open to an anticipated rate hike in December, which would be the third in 2017 amid an improving economy.

A closely-watched index of manufacturing activity hit a 13-year high in September, in part because of a strong global economy that's boosting exports. The measure was also pushed up by longer supply delivery times after the hurricanes, Alexander says, leading to a decline in October.

The Labor Department releases its closely watched employment report for October on **Friday**. In September, the economy lost 33,000 jobs as the two storms and related power outages kept workers at home. Economists expect a big rebound in October that accounts for the return of those workers as well as additional hiring. Labor on Friday is expected to report that employers added 310,000 jobs in October.

# REFLECTIONS

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Sumter High's backfield rehearses a play before the season opener against Conway. From left are: Dale Garrison, left half; Mac Dabbs, fullback; Gus Pringels, right half (carrying the ball) and Hugh Humphries, quarterback.



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Sumter High's football team elected Francis "Sugar" Cain, quarterback, at left, and Robert Brunson, center, as co-captains for the season.



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Football plays are planned by, from left, Hutch Hutchinson, head coach, and assistants Earle J. Moore and Barney S. Haynes.



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The senior players of the 1949-50 Sumter High School football team are seen in this group photo. Top row, from left are: Hugh Humphries, Marion Cain, Laverne Hill, Mac Dabbs, Welly Bradham, Russell Sutton, Dale Garrison and Coach Hutch Hutchinson. Bottom row, from left are: Wilson Parham, Frank Moses, Billy Timmons, Robert Brunson, Joe Parish, Homer Morris and Perry Biddle.

## Super season for Sumter's '49 team

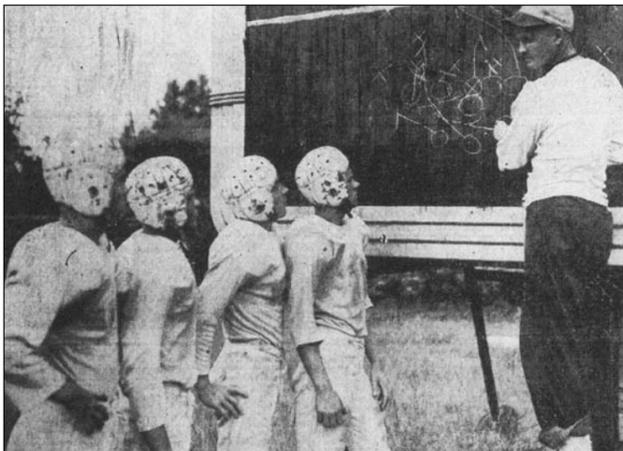
The 1949 football season began with a heightened sense of optimism. With fourteen returning seniors featuring a seasoned quarterback, veteran linemen and an outstanding running back, many fans eagerly anticipated the season opener.



Sammy Way  
REFLECTIONS

The coaches of the '49 squad were Hutch Hutchinson, Earle J. Moore and Barney S. Haynes. They anticipated 45 young men would turn out for the early summer drills. The Gamecock co-captains elected by their peers were Francis "Sugar" Cain, quarterback, and Robert Brunson, center.

After a series of intense practices, the coaches announced the starting lineup before the opening game with Conway. The lineup consisted of Dale Garrison, right half; Laverne Hill, fullback; Marion "Sugar" Cain, quarterback;



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

"Skull practice" is an important part of the pre-season football training for backfield men of the Sumter High squad. Getting inside dope on a new play from Coach Hutch Hutchinson, right, are left to right, Dale Garrison, right halfback; Laverne Hill, fullback; Russell Sutton, left halfback; and Marion "Sugar" Cain, quarterback.

and Russell Sutton, left half. In the line were Gene Shorter, right end; Horace Boykin, right tackle; Joe Parish, right guard; Robert Brunson center; Edwin "Ting" Commins, left guard; Homer Morris, left tackle; and Frank "Buck" Strange, left end."

The team was successful in reeling off eight consecutive victories before suffering a heartbreaking loss to Chester High 13-12 in a rain storm at the Sumter fairgrounds. The Sumter team capped off its magical season by defeating Florence High 21-0 for their 10th victory. This marked "the 20th-straight time that Florence had failed to gain a victory over a Gamecock eleven. The teams have come up with several ties, and one year a tie was played off, the Birds coming out on top in the extra contest."

Following the season, Sumter would dominate the *Charlotte Observer's* All-South Carolina high school football team. Missing by one



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

From left, Sugar Cain, Robert Brunson and Russell Sutton hoist Hutch Hutchinson to their shoulders and carry him off the field in celebration of the Gamecocks 21-0 victory over Florence and the completion of a successful football season.

vote of being selected co-captain was the center for the Gamecocks, Robert Brunson. Also selected were Russell Sutton, fleet Gamecock back, and Frank Strange, end, the only junior selected to the team. William Timmons, guard, and Marion Cain, quarterback, received honorable mention. Much to the surprise of the Sumter populace, Robert Sutton was not selected to participate in the Shrine Bowl. In its final poll, the *Charlotte Observer* listed

the unbeaten Greenwood Emeralds as the No. 1 AA team in South Carolina, awarding them 88 points Sumter and Chester, each received 87 points and finished tied for second with identical 10-1 records.

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Fullback Laverne Hill makes a touchdown during the Sumter High game against Orangeburg.

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# YESTERYEAR

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## Sumter to undergo its 1st countywide blackout

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Diane Lawson, first-grade pupil, was the high collector of tin cans the past week. She brought 1,198 of the vital containers to school to top the rest of the field by a wide margin. Alvenia Winegard, second grader, was second with 723 cans.

• Bestowing an honor well deserved, the University of South Carolina will confer an honorary "doctor of law" degree upon General Emile P. Moses, native of Sumter, in his youth a student of the university. His father, the late Altamont Moses, of Sumter, was a long useful and able member of the South Carolina general assembly, serving as chairman of the house committee on ways-and-means.

• A pair of tonsils, or rather the absence of same, have made a lightweight champion out of Bob Montgomery, and now that he's traded in those throat troubles for the title, he's figuring on showing who is the boss of the 135-pounder from coast to coast. Having won the New York and New Jersey titles by bouncing Beau Jack all over the premises for the better part of 15 rounds in Madison Square Garden and being virtually assured of Pennsylvania's "blessing" Bobcat Bob is thinking of taking his crown for a quick swing around the circuit from Washington to Portland, Oregon.

• Staff Sgt. Craft McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.F. McCormick of Sumter, has been awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Pacific, according to an Associated Press Dispatch from Australia. Announcement of the award came only a little more than a month after it was made that he had won the Soldier's Medal for bravery. That decoration was accorded him in April, and the report of it came through on April 18. The Silver Star was given to members of the crew of a Flying Fortress, which put a Japanese seaplane tender out of action in New Britain's Rabaul harbor Feb. 25 and young McCormick was an aerial engineer on the airship.

• Three officers and six enlisted men who served with a Marine Corps parachute battalion during the initial assaults in the Solomon Islands on Aug. 7 have received letters of commendation, Marine Corp headquarters announced. One of them, Marine Gunner Marion R. Lenoir, 37, of Sumter, rescued a companion from a sector under heavy enemy fire. His parents live in Sumter. His citation read: Marine Gunner Marion R. Lenoir: "For meritorious conduct in action against the enemy while serving with a Marine parachute battalion during the attack on Gavutu Harbor, Solomon Islands, August 7th, 1942. During the attack Lenoir and a comrade showed courageous initiative and complete disregard for their own safety in facing strong enemy strong enemy fire by volunteering to rescue their platoon sergeant who was critically wounded. Upon finding him dead, Lenoir continued to advance in the face of enemy fire and saved another wounded Marine desperately in need of

first aid. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval service."

• Sumter will undergo its first countywide blackout from 9:25 until 10 p.m., the seventh to be conducted in the city. The blackout will be part of the Florence district test. The blue signal, warning lights off, will be sounded at 9:25 and ten minutes later the red signal will be blown. At 9:50 the blue signal will be repeated and at 10 p.m. the all-clear will be issued by radio announcement and the blowing of the Williams Furniture Co. whistle. Civilian defense workers will be warned at 9:15 p.m. by the yellow (telephone) signal that a raid may be in the offing.

• Vacations are fine, but there will be no extra gasoline for vacation travel for South Carolinians this year, say State OPA officials. Both rubber and gasoline supplies are too critical to allow motorists and "luxury" gasoline rations.

• Lois Ann Dollard, who comes naturally by her newspaper abilities, has been named editor-in-chief of *Sumter High News* for the coming year. Lois Ann is the daughter of R. Mood Dollard, for several years circulation manager of the *Sumter Daily Item*. A faculty committee selected her to succeed Mary Alice Pritchard, who will graduate. Judith Ann Sargent was chosen managing editor for the 1943-44 term.

• Scriven Brunson, student body president, was awarded the Riley medal for service at the annual class day exercises at Edmunds High School. The medal is given each year to the student, who, in the judgment of his teachers, possesses the outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership, service and sportsmanship.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968  
Jan. 21-27

Emergency foods and other supplies were received at the Sumter County courthouse to stock the public fallout shelter there. Sumter Civil Defense Director Ashby W. Bradford revealed that among supplies received were six cartons of carbohydrate supplement candy, 24 cartons of bisquit crackers, five sanitation kits and four medical kits, as well as a radiological monitoring kit.

• Flashing an aggressive defense, Hillcrest's surging Wildcats grabbed an early lead and never lost it as they stunned Southside's rugged Falcons, 68-63, in a conference 6-A contest here. Joe Burch, in his best effort of the season, sparked the Hillcrest cause with 19 points followed by Roger Smith and Carl Sprouse who had 16 and 14 points respectively.

• Carol Catoe scored 20 points and Sumter's girls won their fourth game of the year against two defeats by defeating Lancaster, 37-27 at the Edmunds gym. The Lady Birds fell behind, 7-3, after the first period but came back to nab a 16-10 half-time advantage.

• Voter registrations continue to lag in Sumter County, where only 8,364 persons had signed up out of an estimated possible total of 25,000. Harold Chandler Jr., chairman of the Sumter County Registration



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1968 — Cindy Dion practices with her band instrument as Martha Craft and Anne Hinson hold the music for her. All three girls, including Fran Wells, who is not in the photo, are members of the Manning High School Band. They were selected recently by auditions to participate in the current All-State Band. George Olin is the director of music at Manning High.

Board, emphasizes that potential voters would be wise to sign up now before the last-minute rush begins. To be eligible to vote in the June primary election, Sumterites must be registered by the end of April.

• The Sumter Street widening project is expected to come up for reconsideration again when Sumter City Council meets. Wade Kolb, city manager, said the project would be re-evaluated in light of recent opposition expressed by the Downtown Sumter Improvement Association and the Tuomey Hospital board of directors. No recommendation has been received by council from the city planning commission.

• Rep. James Cuttino Jr. of Sumter, who has been a long-time advocate of a four-lane expressway (Highway 378) from Columbia to Myrtle Beach via Sumter, Turbeville, Lake City and Conway, said the proposed project faces serious problems. "If we don't get something done very soon, Sumter stands to lose its east-west and vice-versa traffic, and that would mean a loss of a daily annual average of 3,719 vehicles."

• Mayor Robert E. Graham, past president of the first Sumter Jaycees Chapter from 1941 to 1942, has proclaimed Jan. 21-17 as Jaycee Week in Sumter and asked local organizations to cooperate in the observance. He said the purpose of the week is to focus attention on young men and the work they are doing, and emphasized that the Sumter Jaycees have done an outstanding job in the field of community service.

• Two impressive victories by Sumter boxer Alva Locklair may bring the young fighter an invitation to the Golden Gloves tournament in Charlotte. "There's been nothing official yet," says Burke Watson, coach of the local Optimist-sponsored boxing club, "but they were interested in Alva after his showing there last week."

• Army Chief Warrant Officer Donald E. Graham, son of Mrs. John Gibson, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in Vietnam. The citation reads: "For heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: Chief Warrant Officer Gra-

ham distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as aircraft commander on a CH-47A helicopter at Cu Chi, Republic of Vietnam.

• Woodrow M. Nesbitt, 24, of Sumter, received the silver wings of an Army aviator and was appointed a warrant officer recently upon graduation from the Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Alabama. During the 16-week course, he was taught various fire techniques and tactical maneuvers for helicopters supporting ground troops in combat. He also received instruction in helicopter maintenance and survival techniques.

• Johnny Parker, an accountant for the Peoples National Gas Co., was named recipient of the 1967 Distinguished Service Award at the Jaycees annual Bosses Night held at the American Legion Home. The award, first started in Sumter in 1949, is presented by the Jaycees to the young man who has best demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service to the Sumter community during the past year.

• Tuomey Hospital Administrator Ralph M. Abercrombie Jr. was named president-elect of the S.C. Hospital Association at the 47th annual meeting of the organization. A native of Charlotte, Abercrombie and his family reside in Sumter where he is active in hospital affairs and community affairs.

• Mrs. Myrtis Logan of Sumter was elected secretary of the South Carolina School Boards Association at the organization's annual meeting recently. The longtime resident of Sumter ascends to the position with extensive experience in community affairs, especially those related to schools and children. Since 1958 she has served on the School District No. 17 board of trustees and thereby, the state association.

25 YEARS AGO — 1992  
Sept. 23-29

Sumter County residents caught boozing it up on public property may now face additional fines and jail time. Sumter County Council gave unanimous final approval to prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverages on publicly owned land — streets, sidewalks and public parks. The law is designed to rein-

force existing laws like open container and public drunkenness, county attorney Henry Richardson said.

• It's homecoming week at Sumter High and while the rest of the student body are celebrating, Sumter head football coach Tom Lewis is trying to figure out a way to keep his Gamecocks from being stung. The Gamecocks have got to have the worst luck of any Region IV-4A team this season. Instead of the usual weak homecoming opponent Sumter will be entertaining Irmo — ranked third in this week's state football poll.

• Black and white Sumter School District 17 trustees say they supported efforts to attract more white students to Wilder Elementary School, although the plan produced some classes of all-black students. District 17 Superintendent Dr. Andrena Ray announced the 3-year-old practice of grouping the school's white students in the same classes will stop.

• Sumter County Master-in-Equity William Reynolds said he will decide before the end of the month if the Sumter City-County Planning Department must process promoter Bobby Sisson's building permit application for a new race track. Sisson wants to build the track on U.S. 76/378, but Sumter County's zoning law, which was passed in December 1991, prevents the track from being built without special permission from Sumter County Council. Sisson maintains that he applied for the permit before the zoning law went into effect, so his application should be processed.

• In 1874 William and Mary Rogers donated a tract of land on which the Paxville Methodist Church now stands. The church was completed and chartered in 1892. To celebrate the first hundred years, a homecoming will be held Sunday. The first homecoming was held in April of 1844 with 209 people registering. Various articles commemorating this event, along with the deed and grant, will be on display.

• Gov. Carroll Campbell wants YOU to elect Rudy Singleton to the state Senate. In a letter addressed "Dear Friend," Campbell sings the praises of Singleton, a Sumter County councilman who is seeking the state Senate District 35 seat currently held by Phil Leventis, D-Sumter. Singleton said he was surprised when he received the letter. Singleton wrote Campbell in August requesting a letter of recommendation.

• Students in Dr. Susan Hendley's "Dynamics of American Public Education" class at USC Sumter are exploring cooperative learning techniques they may use once they become teachers. A teaching concept that is gaining widespread acceptance at all educational levels throughout the country, cooperative learning involves the students in the teaching process rather than relying solely on an instructor who presents the material in a lecture format, according to Hendley, assistant professor of education at USC Sumter.

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# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## The longest pull back to the truck

The text from my son Clayton read “just shot a nice buck ... having to track blood.” I answered that I was just driving around and could come help. It was 9:20 a.m. Saturday.

I don't sleep in very many Saturday mornings, but I had needed the rest. My intention was to slip into one of our stands about 10 o'clock and sit through the middle of the day. The weather is cooler now, and the white-tail rut is kicking in, so deer movement could happen any



**Dan Geddings**

time.

Clayton sent another text. “I'm going to need a hand dragging, once I find him.” I answered “Okay” and headed that way. In a few minutes, I got another text. “He jumped up and ran again...lots of blood.” What does he mean — again? That can't be good.

I answered “Stop! Back out for a while.” I realized that he was anxious to get his hands on the deer and was pushing him too quickly, so I responded, “If you keep pushing him he will get away ... give him some time to lie down.” He answered, “Okay, I just don't want to lose him.”

When I got to the land I met Clayton walking out from the stand. He told me about the hunt as we walked back to the truck.

He had went in early — about six o'clock, wanting to be in the stand well before daylight. On up in the morning, he had three does come in to the corn pile, just down the hill from his stand. They never knew he was there and eventually wandered down the hill toward the creek.

By nine o'clock, he was getting restless and decided to get down. At the bottom of the ladder, he stopped to look over the woods one last time. He heard a grunt and saw a nice buck coming toward the stand. He squatted down and brought his rifle up to his shoulder. The buck walked up to within 20 yards and stopped facing him straight on. At the shot, the buck



Clayton Geddings takes a turn pulling his 9-point buck out of the woods.

wheeled around and ran down toward the creek.

Clayton couldn't believe the buck hadn't dropped in his tracks, but there was a good blood trail, and he followed it carefully for about 150 yards. At the creek, he stopped to look for a crossing. The buck jumped

up from the other side of the stream and crashed away through the brush. He waded across the creek and went on after the deer.

He trailed blood for another 300 yards and jumped the buck again in a thicket. That's when he stopped and texted me that he had jumped him

again. He took my advice and backed out.

Back at the truck, we decided to give the deer a little more time to expire and rode around for a while just talking. I was concerned about how far the buck had gone after the shot, but I was hopeful that we could find him.

We returned to the land and walked in to Clayton's stand. We took a shotgun with us in case the buck wasn't down for good. The blood trail was easy to follow, and soon we were at the spot where Clayton had jumped the buck and backed out.

Clayton took the lead following the blood trail. We went another 100 yards and headed into a thick cut-over. The blood ended, but the deer had been following a faint trail, and we were able to find running tracks in the soft ground. We stopped in a small clearing, and there ahead of us was the buck. Dead.

It was a good buck. A 9-pointer with a 16-inch antler spread. We guessed his weight at about 175 pounds. He had been shot straight in the chest, and the bullet had come out through his ribs. He had managed to go nearly 600 yards and left a blood trail that you could follow without bending over. It was amazing. And now we had to get him out. There were no trails, roads or fields nearby, so we had to go back the same way we came in.

We took turns pulling him back through the cut-over to the more open woods where we could each grab an antler and pull together. I told Clayton that it would take us two hours to get him back to the truck, and it did. We would pull for 50 yards, then stop and rest. It was approaching midday, and it was heating up.

Clayton called his wife, Kristy, to bring us some bottled water. He said that she knew how to get to his stand. We took a long break near the creek while we waited on Kristy. She brought the water and even helped us drag the buck back up the hill to the stand. We still had about 200 yards to go to get to the truck. There was just no other way to do it. It was the longest pull.

## Enjoy the outdoors with a friend

It wasn't long after my husband and I sat down around last Friday night's bonfire and weenie roast with my parents that Mom said, “I just saw one!” and pointed at the sky right above us.

Dad immediately said sarcastically, “You did not!”

She insisted he had seen a comet, a beautiful one that streaked across the sky, she said.

I had just told them about the Orionid meteor shower, remnants of Halley's Comet, and that the shower was supposed to peak that night about midnight.

They both wanted to stay up a bit to catch more, and I said I probably would too.

About 1 a.m. I debated going outside into the chilly fall air and lying on that wet grass. My bed was calling. I had been listening to music on my computer and working on a project.

Finally about 1:10 a.m. I grabbed my colorful cotton blanket I picked up in Mexico a few years ago, quickly flicked off the deck light and walked outside. My yellow Labrador Max was rustling around in his doghouse and came bounding out to meet me on my deck ramp. He knew this song and dance from when we watched the Perseids earlier in the year.

I spread the blanket in the middle of the backyard, and Max became even more excited. As I settled and started watching the sky, he

started gobbling the grass around my viewing spot. When he's excited and we're outside with him, which is his favorite thing, he nibbles grass in the yard or fallen leaves on the deck. I laughed, and he shifted some, searching for a bit of a greener pasture I suppose. He was lying down to my right, just off the blanket's edge, as I was on my back.

A few minutes passed, and from my spot, I saw one too — a large comet making its way across the sky directly where I was looking.

“I just saw one, Max,” I told him (like he really knew what I was talking about), and he got up and bounced around to my left side, then wandered off for about two minutes before coming right back to me and lying down again. My protector. The grass chomping continued in the still darkness. I could hear his thick, rudder-like Lab tail thumping on the lawn next to me.

Some time later, after I had seen a few more smaller comets, he got up and snuffled my face and hair while standing over me, all 85 pounds of him, tail wagging the whole time.

“I wish I were as happy as you always are every day,” I told him. He truly is the happiest dog I've ever known. I scratched his ears and talked to him a bit more, still searching for comets in the October sky.

Chomp, nibble, chomp. Eventually he had his fill and put his huge, square head on his paws and just stared at me in the darkness. My loyal protector.

I heard what I suspected was my neighbor's ducks

twice and what I imagined to be a hungry, bedraggled possum rummaging through my other neighbor's backyard. There was still plenty of traffic zooming down toward and away from Second Mill.

By this time, it was about 1:30 a.m., and I began shivering in my red flannel pajamas and navy blue Iditarod hoodie. Max became more concerned about me, getting up and pawing me to get up too.

“It's bedtime, human,” I could practically hear him begging me.

We had seen six comets in about half an hour but none as spectacular as the first. That one was worth the soggy grass, the hot Lab breath in my face and staying up far too late. Max stayed next to me the whole time except for those few minutes of wandering.

We made our way back to the house together, Max walking just ahead but making sure I was still coming, looking over his shoulder. He curled up on his plaid comforter in the laundry room, and I made my way to bed. 1:40 a.m.

There's not much better than convincing yourself to go outdoors to enjoy the cool, still night, especially if you have a buddy along for the adventure and a few comets to spot.

Chomp chomp.

*Melanie Smith works as an editor and designer for The Sumter Item. In her spare time, she enjoys trying to tame her yard, spending time with her husband and pets and taking photographs with Sumter Digital Camera Club.*



AP FILE PHOTO

A large bison blocks traffic in 2016 as tourists take photos of the animals in the Lamar Valley of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The National Park Service is floating a proposal to increase entrance fees at 17 of its most popular sites next year.

## U.S. considers higher entry fees at 17 parks

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — The National Park Service is considering a steep increase in entrance fees at 17 of its most popular parks, mostly in the U.S. West, to address a backlog of maintenance and infrastructure projects.

Visitors to the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Yellowstone, Zion and other national parks would be charged \$70 per vehicle, up from the fee of \$30 for a weekly pass. At others, the hike is nearly triple, from \$25 to \$70.

A 30-day public comment period opened Tuesday. The Park Service says it expects to raise \$70 million a year with the proposal at a time when national parks repeatedly have been breaking visitation records and putting a strain on park resources. Nearly 6 million people visited the Grand Canyon last year.

“We need to have a vision to look at the future of our parks and take action in order to ensure that our grandkids' grandkids will have the same if

not better experience than we have today,” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in a statement. “Shoring up our parks' aging infrastructure will do that.”

Annual \$80 passes for federal lands would not change, though fees would go up for pedestrians and motorcyclists. The higher fees would apply only during the five busiest contiguous months for parks; for most that's May through September when many families are on vacation.

The proposal would not affect several free weekends and holidays at parks throughout the year.

It comes not long after many of the parks that charge entrance fees raised them. The rationale is the same this time around — to address a backlog of maintenance and infrastructure projects.

The Park Service estimated deferred maintenance across its parks at \$11.3 billion as of September 2016, down from \$11.9 billion in 2015.

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Date: October 29, 2017

The Industry listed below has requested an amendment of their Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit that authorizes a discharge to the City of Sumter sewer system. The Industry has requested that limits for an eliminated Rinse Line be removed from its Permit. This request complies with the General Pretreatment Program and the City of Sumter's Sewer User Ordinance.

**Industry Name:**  
Eaton Corporation, Inc.  
Permit No.: 021  
Address: 845 Corporate Circle  
Sumter, SC 29154

This notice will remain open for thirty (30) days for public comment. Please submit to City of Sumter / P.O. Box 1449 / Sumter, SC 29151 / Attn: Charles Glascho.

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### Summons & Notice

#### SUMMONS AND NOTICES

(Non-Jury) FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2017-CP-43-01420**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Bank of America, N.A.,** Plaintiff,  
v.  
**Betty G. Horton,** Defendant(s).

**17-009110 TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450, Columbia, SC 29201, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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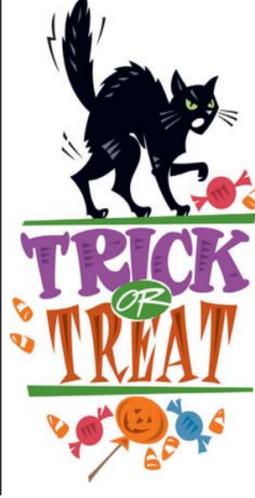
### Summons & Notice

**NOTICE** that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage and the Complaint attached hereto.

#### NOTICE

**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED: YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Orangeburg County, South Carolina on July 21, 2017.

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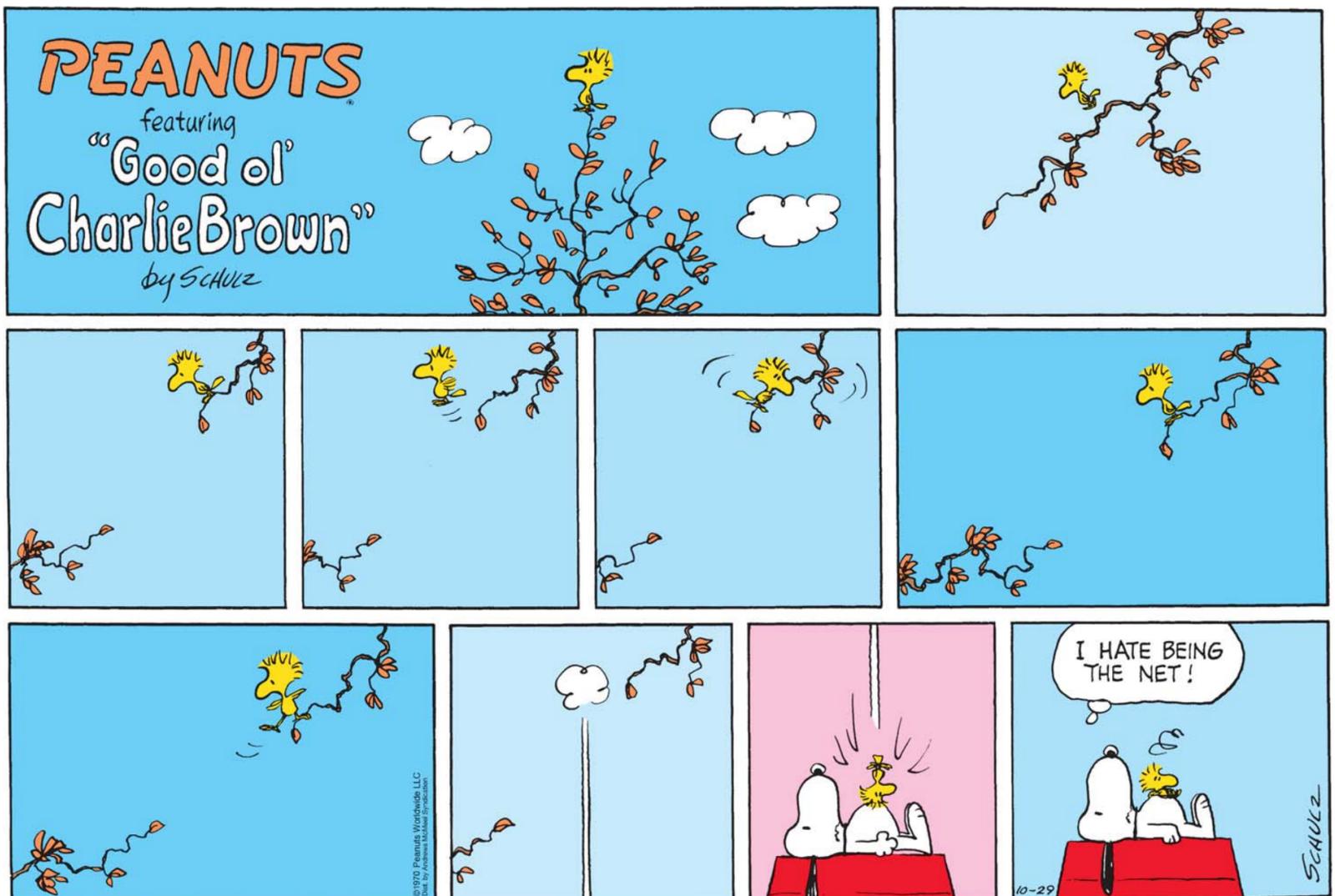
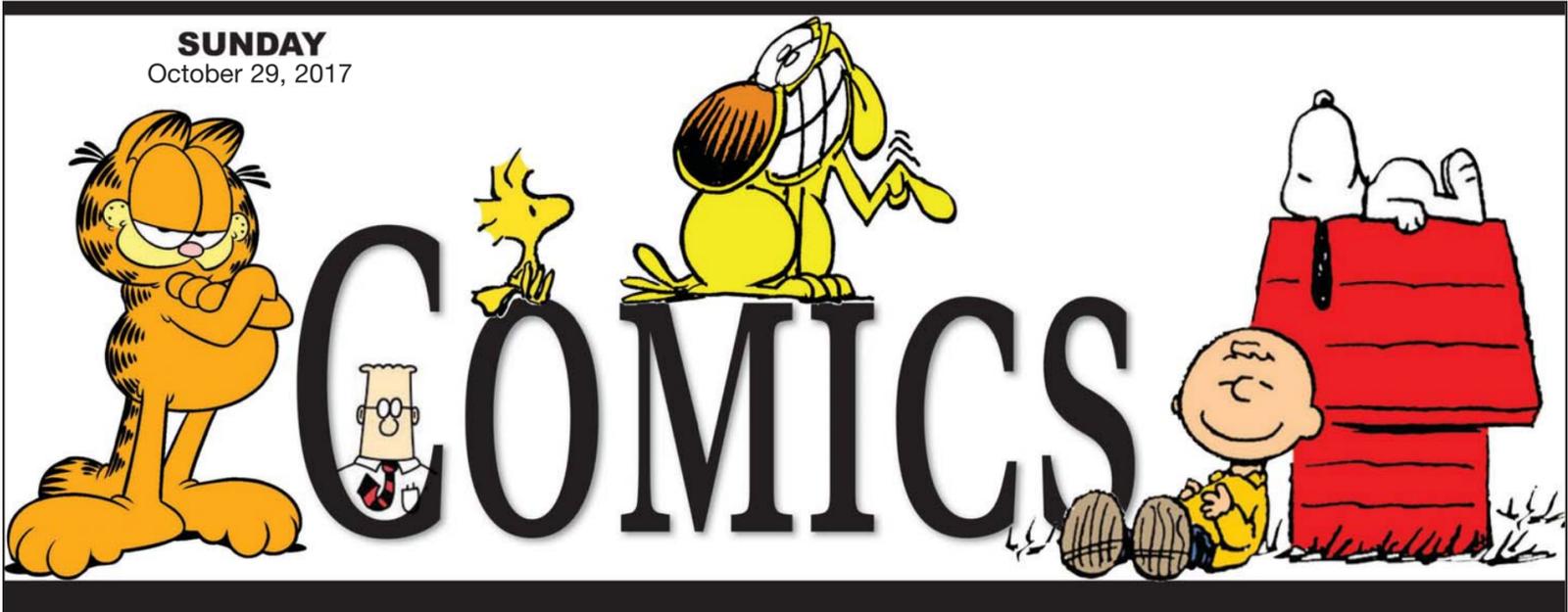
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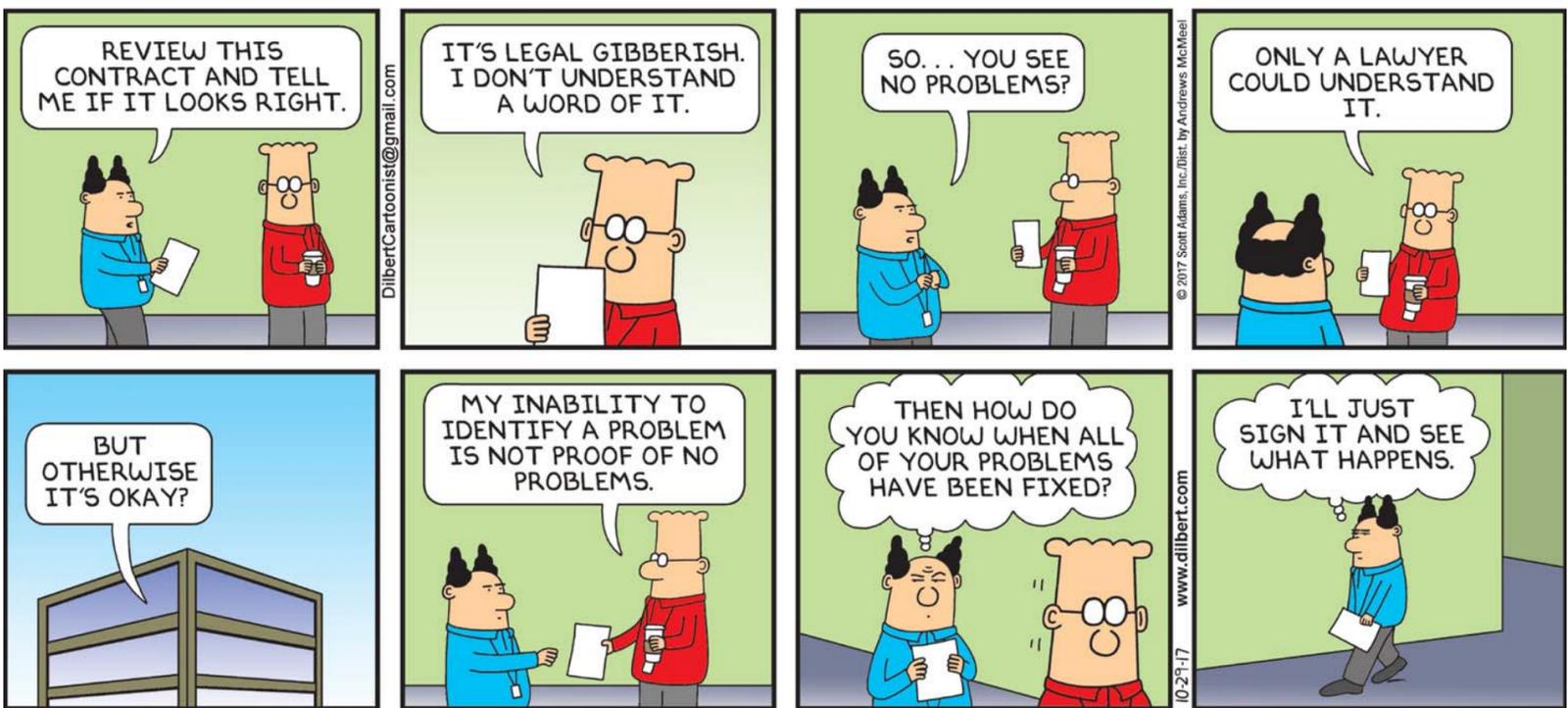
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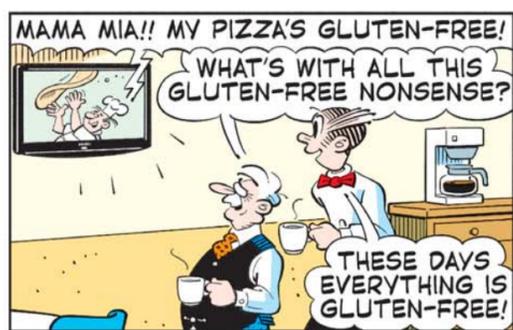
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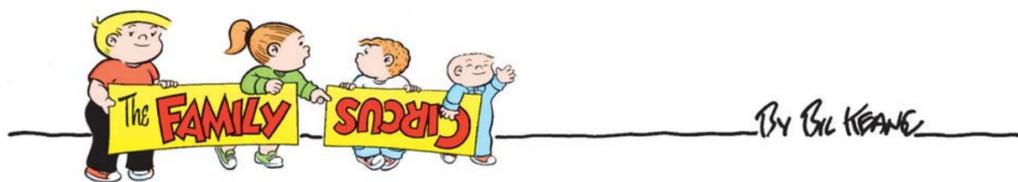
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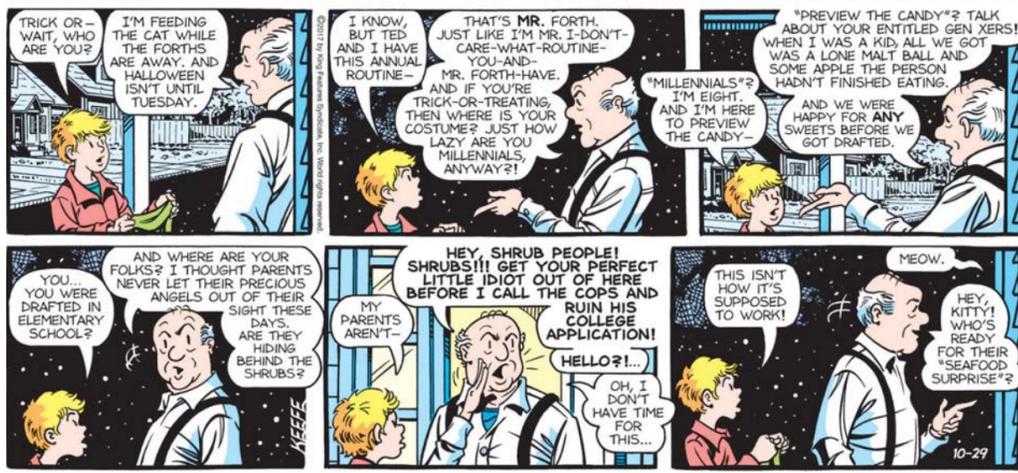
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**DOODLES** By Foote & Sacko

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

HELP IS ON THE WAY... IT'S SUPERDOODLE TO SAVE THE DAY!

FIND EIGHT OF SUPERDOODLE'S SUPERPOWERS!

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

I DRESSED MY DOG AS A MAILMAN FOR HALLOWEEN AND HE BIT HIMSELF.

**DRAW!!** DRAW A SKYSCRAPER!

**RIDDLES!!!**

Q. MOMMY, WHY DO ALL THE OTHER KIDS CALL ME A HAIRY WEREWOLF?  
A. STOP TALKING AND COMB YOUR FACE.  
Dale Erikson, Spooner, WI

Q. WHEN IS IT BAD LUCK TO BE FOLLOWED BY A BLACK CAT?  
A. WHEN YOU'RE A MOUSE.  
Kalle Redmond, Alexandria, VA

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Napkin dispenser is larger. 3. Hair is different. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Counter is wider. 6. Collar is missing.

**FRANK AND ERNEST**

THIS HALLOWEEN, USE PROPS TO CREATE A UNIQUE JACK-O-LANTERN. FITNESS BUFFS MIGHT LIKE A JUMPING JACK. OR YOU COULD CARVE A LUMBERJACK.

IN COLDER CLIMATES, JACK FROST MIGHT BE A NICE CHOICE. AND FOR SOMETHING FUNCTIONAL, BUILD A JACK!

**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art & Chip Sansom

WATCHING TV WAS DIFFERENT WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WASN'T IT?

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM** BY MIKE PETERS

MUST YOU ALWAYS CALL 911 WHEN THE TV GOES OFF?

YES, IT WAS VERY DIFFERENT BACK THEN.

**Wizard of ID** by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

IT'S ALMOST HALLOWEEN

BOO

BOO

BOO! YEEAAAAAAA!

BOO!

THE TV SCREENS WERE MUCH SMALLER, THE PICTURE WAS FUZZY, THE COLOR WAS BLURRY AND THE SOUND WAS TINNY.

ALSO, THERE WERE ONLY THREE NETWORKS AND A COUPLE LOCAL CHANNELS TO CHOOSE FROM.

**GET FUZZY** BY DARBY CONLEY

YOU'VE BEEN WRITING ALL DAY. WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

I'M TRYING MY PAW AT POETRY.

WELL, AS THE POET HOUSEATE, I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT IT.

on the sidewalk, but not walking, seen, but avoided. you feel uneasy and cross the street our eyes meet. DON'T LOOK AT ME! I DIDN'T DO IT!

SACHEL, THIS POEM MAY VERY WELL BE THE GREATEST TRAVESTY IN THE HISTORY OF THIS DINING TABLE.

IT MOCKS THE VERY NAME OF YOUR PEN, SIR, FOR YOUR WRITING IS NEITHER SHARP NOR WILL IT BE PERMANENT.

FURTHER, YOU HAVE SELFISHLY DENIED AN INNOCENT SHEET OF PAPER ITS COSMIC RIGHT TO BECOME SOMETHING OF WORTH - A PIZZA MENU OR CREDIT CARD OFFER.

I ALSO HAVE ONE ABOUT EATING DIRT.

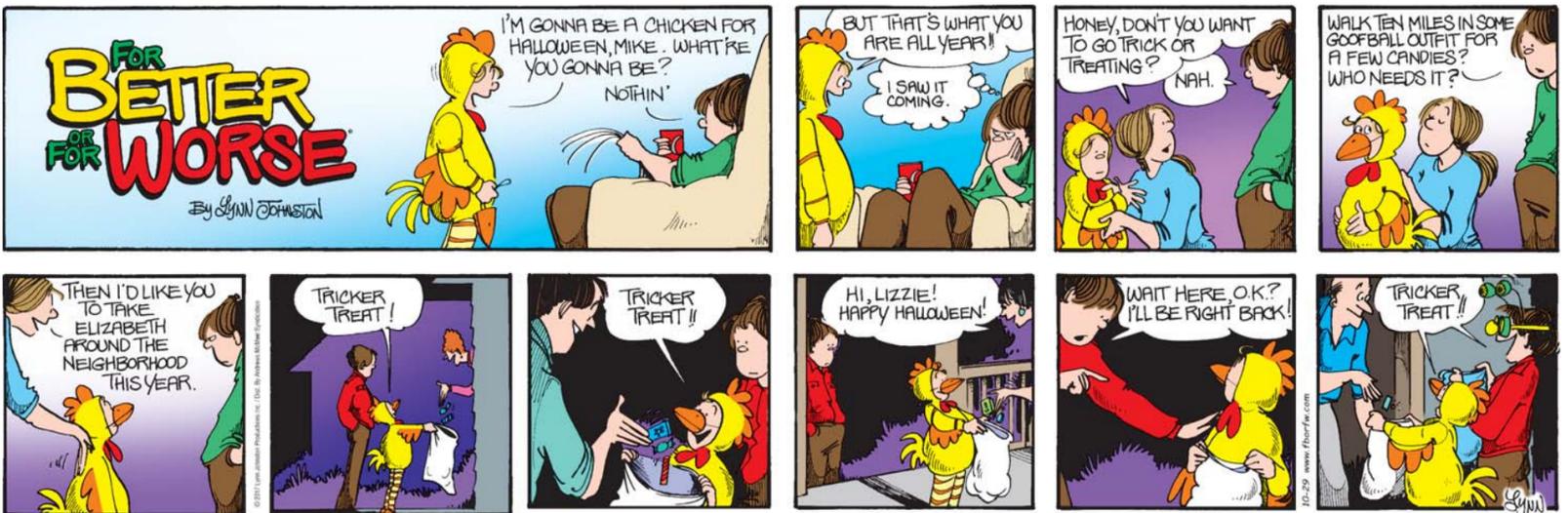
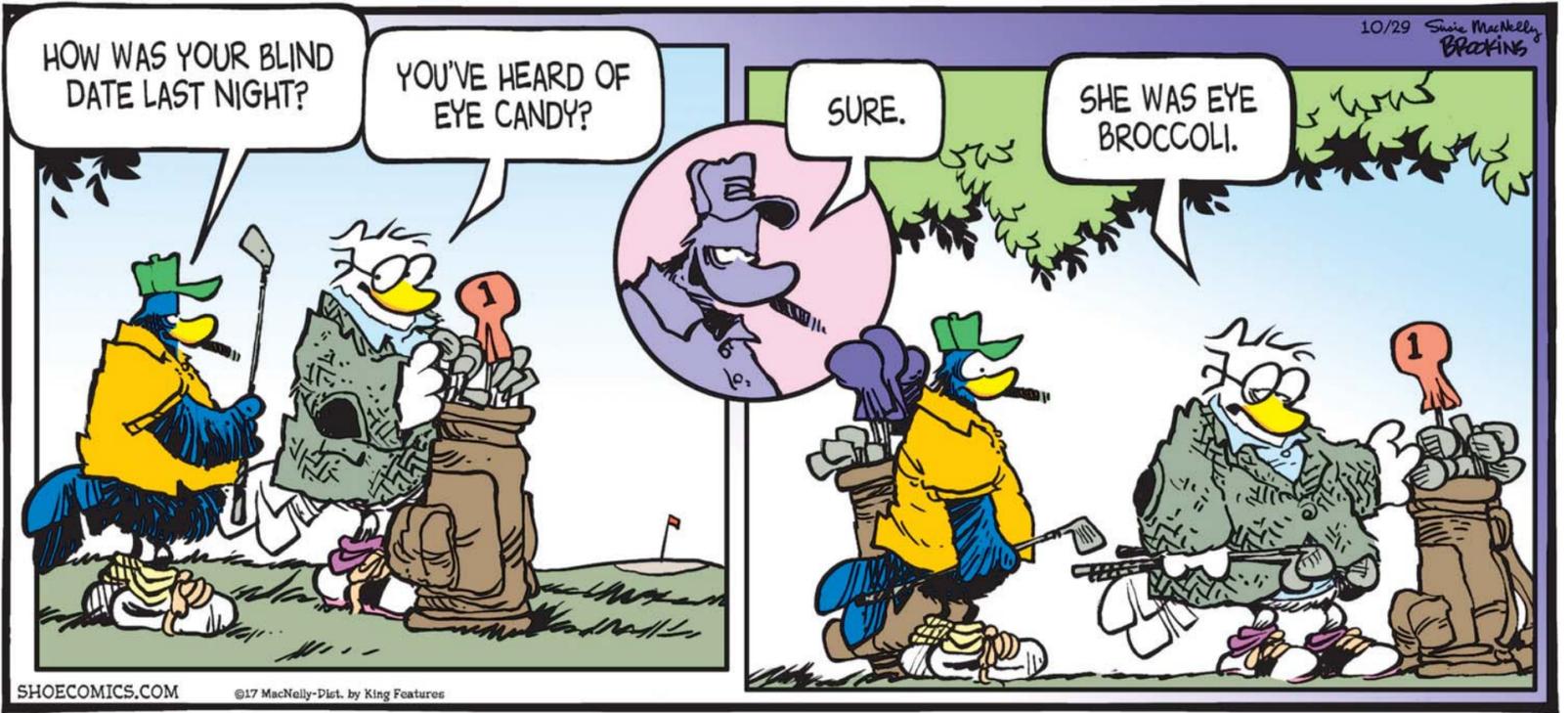
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN' ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT.

DID YOU HAVE A REMOTE TO CHANGE CHANNELS?

YUP-YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIM! POP HAD ME CHANGE CHANNELS FOR HIM!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

